



Deeply rooted.  
Boldly relevant.

## New Identity

After a grassroots brainstorming process that gathered input from 1,000 people in the movement—including rabbis, community lay leaders, plenum representatives and members of Reconstructionist communities—we officially adopted a new organizational identity which expresses who we are and what we do more clearly and powerfully.

## Camp Havaya

Our summer camp, formerly known as Camp JRF, changed its name to Camp Havaya. “Havaya,” which means “being” in Hebrew, expresses the camp’s goal to provide a welcoming community where kids can be who they are and explore Judaism in their own ways. Our brand-new summer arts camp in California, called Havaya Arts, will open in summer 2018. Havaya Arts offers kids a place to discover themselves and explore their connection to Judaism through the prism of the arts.



## Sinagoga Ner Tamid del Sud

In 2017, the Sinagoga Ner Tamid del Sud in Serrastretta, Italy became the latest congregation outside of North America to affiliate with the Reconstructionist movement. Founded in 2006, the synagogue offers special outreach to the descendants of Inquisition-era forced converts who seek to explore their Jewish roots.

## Pacific Northwest

Reconstructionist Judaism is swinging in the Pacific Northwest. Last May, more than 120 people participated in a regional Shabbaton. Our synagogues in Olympia, Salem, and Eugene built on their strong foundations. In Seattle, Kadima continued to grow, and Havurah Shalom in Portland hired a new rabbi. And Temple Emek Shalom in Ashland, Oregon, became our newest affiliated congregation!

