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Dear ARJE Member,

The past many months have seen dramatic shifts in Jewish education. The ARJE, as a community of colleagues, has been at the forefront of those shifts as the voice for Reform Jewish education. We have experienced the loss of our work as we knew it and have found the silver linings and opportunities in the changed landscape. We have been able to do this because our members are bold, thoughtful and because we support one another. We have continued to provide professional learning that helps us navigate these new times while committing ourselves to the sacred values that guide our holy work.

Last year at membership renewal time, we told you about how we had streamlined our membership and dues structure to reflect our more inclusive vision of all types of educational leaders that are bringing learning experiences to our communities. This year, we have simplified our online renewal form so that it will only take you a few minutes to complete.

We are aware that many of your positions have changed as well as your salaries or, for those of you that receive them, that your professional development lines have been affected in some way. As we affirm our commitment to you as part of our ARJE community, we are pleased to announce that we are not implementing our planned dues increase this year. Instead, dues will calculate at this past year's percentage or flat amount. As well, if your circumstances have changed, we invite you to share that information on the form rather than having to reach out to the office. We continue to be deeply committed to maintaining our policy that no individual will be denied membership due to finances. And in this lean year, please be assured that our ARJE board is doing its best to make sure your dues dollars are being used efficiently to continue to provide the quality and support you have come to expect from the ARJE.

Please visit the [ARJE Membership webpage](#) to renew your individual or group membership and submit your dues payment, by check or credit card. Please email the ARJE office if you prefer to pay or request payment to an invoice.

We look forward to seeing all of you in our upcoming virtual learning opportunities, in our Facebook group, or for the occasional ARJE online happy hour or other pop-up event. We truly value your membership and look forward to continuing our sacred work together.

L'shalom,

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