As you have heard in recent weeks, there has been a great deal of discussion surrounding the pending Iran deal (the “Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action,” or JCPOA). In the run-up to the upcoming vote by the U.S. Congress, public officials in the U.S. and Israel and a multitude of American Jewish organizations have staked out positions supporting or opposing the plan. The Reform Movement has taken a very deliberative approach, learning from experts on both sides of the issue and considering carefully the appropriate leadership position for our diverse Reform institutions.

Earlier today, the URJ, RAC, CCAR, and ARZA issued a statement, wisely noting that while there is no clear consensus among our membership on the deal itself, there are many points of agreement on which we can exert leadership. It begins:

*Whether the JCPOA is approved or defeated, there will be a day after. It is essential that this debate not be allowed to create a lasting rift between Israel and the U.S., between North American Jews and Israelis, or among American Jews.*

Please feel free to forward this position statement to your members and others. In the concluding words of the statement: *As always, we pray for peace. We pray that 5776 and the years to follow are a time of peace for all people.*

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