



# News Update

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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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