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Dear Colleagues,

While my installation as president, which was supported by Naomi Levy, was installed and receive a blessing from Naomi Levy in my installation [here](#)]. This unusual transition of RA leadership is occurring exactly in a moment like this that rabbis are most

As we celebrate Rosh Hodesh Nissan we are reminding ourselves of the creation of a yearly calendar, time takes on new meaning. What might be different from all other nights? Because we are celebrating Passover. We will help our people find new ways of connecting with the idea of feeling that we were personally redeemed from slavery to freedom. Families will plug into the anxiety and uncertainty of the

We, as rabbis, must help our people see the potential of this moment when all they can only focus on is the *lechlaf*. We must see that Elijah can still enter with the hope and assurance of the

Our people need rabbis now more than ever. Let us be that light. I am - "*la'yehudim hayta ora*" - let us be that light. I am grateful for this sacred vocation.

Hazak v'amatz - Wishing you the strength and courage to lead.

-Stewart Vogel

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