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PLEASE JOIN  
OUR

*Virtual*  
ANNUAL DINNER

SUNDAY EVENING  
**MARCH 7, 2021**  
7:00 PM

RABBI CHAIM KOHN *OPENING REMARKS*

RABBI Y.Y. JACOBSON *GUEST SPEAKER*

Plus an inspiring, informative program featuring: **Rebbetzin Leah Kohn | HaKivun Teachers | JRC Students**



*Dear Friend,*

The Jewish Renaissance Center, like so many other organizations in these trying times, is facing challenges. True to our tradition, we are facing the challenges head-on. Although in-person classes cannot take place, we have put much time and effort into finding ways to teach, guide, encourage and help many to gain clarity.

Our online Zoom classes have drawn close to 400 people, and have allowed students as well as HaKivun teachers from around the globe to benefit from the unique learning we offer. Many are new to the JRC, some are students from years, even decades ago. We are consulting with experts so that, G-d willing when in-person classes restart, they will be on Zoom as well.

We are working on many new JRC and HaKivun projects. Among them, we have created the HaKivun website (HaKivun.org) to help promote the program, and to serve as a portal for enrolled teaches to access all the material they need, including training videos. Our Jewish Foundations curriculum is fully developed and being taught in over 50 schools, and we are now developing online courses for Chumash teachers to be included on the website.

We hope, with G-d's help, we will be able to be together again soon, to share and learn with each other. In the meantime, I hope we can continue to rely on your generous support.

All the best,  
Leah Kohn

## ABOUT THE JEWISH RENAISSANCE CENTER

Jewish souls come in many different shapes and sizes. Igniting them requires creativity and a commitment to connect with Jewish women in their own unique and modern language. The JRC responds to the changing face of Jewish womanhood with programming that reveals the relevance of Torah in today's times, teaching methods that are sensitive to individual needs and instructors who are sophisticated and compassionate. The women who participate in our programs come from all backgrounds; they study at the JRC because they know it is here that their intellect will be engaged and their souls nourished.

## ABOUT HAKIVUN

While a great deal of attention is being given today to reaching out to the unaffiliated, it is as essential to address the superficial connection to Judaism prevalent among many of our youth. The HaKivun Program has, and continues to respond to these challenges. We have created a groundbreaking 2-year curriculum where the foundations of Jewish philosophy are taught systematically, and students are guided to explore sources and discover for themselves the richness, wisdom and relevance of Judaism. While we are continuing to train teachers in how to disseminate the philosophy material, we have also been developing a Chumash curriculum and the response has been enthusiastic. The HaKivun Program allows our high school students to internalize the material. They don't just practice Judaism: Judaism is the core of who they are.

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