

# Guiding Principles for Development of a Unified Reform Jewish Congregation in Baton Rouge

1. We are committed to building one congregational family within the next 12 months.
2. We aim to build a relevant and vibrant Reform congregation inclusive of a spectrum of practice and observance.
3. We will create multiple opportunities for members to worship, study, and socialize together as we move through this process.
4. We will respect each other's traditions and religious practices.
5. We will build a community rich in social, educational, and programmatic offerings for all generations.
6. Our process will be transparent and will include as many people as possible.
7. We are committed to building a Jewish community dedicated to acting for social justice while acknowledging the need to respect many different viewpoints.
8. We commit to a true 50-50 partnership throughout this process.
9. We are open to compromise on all issues.
10. We believe it is important to work with an outside consultant.
11. We will be fiscally responsible.
12. We welcome interfaith households as an integral part of our community.\* (See addendum)

\*Addendum: JSEC recognizes the requirement that the rabbi of our new congregation will officiate at interfaith weddings subject to their parameters.