

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION OF REAFFIRMATION

*Whereas* The Rabbinical Assembly has historically spoken to national and international social justice concerns throughout its history, and

*Whereas* several issues on which we have spoken previously, while matters of historic record, nevertheless seem to be appropriately in need of formal reaffirmation as an expression of our current state of concern,

*Therefore Be It Resolved* that The Rabbinical Assembly in Convention assembled in the month of May 1990 does hereby reaffirm

- a) its fundamental support of legislation designed to control the outrageously easy access to weapons of violence in our society, especially handguns and semi-automatic firing arms;
- b) its passionate belief in the duty of government to address with considerably more commitment and funding the needs of the homeless;
- c) its support for programs designed to combat the pernicious influence of drugs in our society, consistent with a proper regard for the protection of civil rights; and
- d) its belief in the urgency for the eradication of the apartheid system still regnant in South Africa; and
- e) our commitment to urge, through the offices of the government of the United States, a negotiated settlement in the civil war in El Salvador; and
- f) our continued agony over the sufferings of Jews in Arab lands; and
- g) our deep concern for Jews who remain in Ethiopia and who seek to fulfill their destiny in the land of Israel, and
- h) our support of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger and of its efforts to galvanize the synagogue community in efforts to respond to the plight of the hungry and the homeless.

*Passed by The Rabbinical Assembly Plenary on May 15, 1990.*