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Dear Rabbi Bergman and Carole,

I was so sorry to learn of the recent passing of Rabbi Richard Hirsch z”l. The entire Jewish world, even beyond the Progressive Movement, is mourning the passing of this passionate and brilliant man. The voice of the “architect of Reform Zionism” may have been silenced, but his many good deeds live on in Israel and in the Diaspora.

On commenting on the future of the Reform Movement in Israel, Rabbi Hirsch z”l stated that “we are challenged to find wholeness and unity of purpose.” That is our challenge to expand the work of this extraordinarily creative and prescient man.

Rabbi Hirsch’s memory will surely be for a blessing.

On behalf of all of us at Women of Reform Judaism, please accept my deepest condolences,

Sara Charney
WRJ President

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