CCAR’s Continuing Rabbinic Education Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The CCAR’s new Continuing Rabbinic Education program requirements are articulated in Article X of the CCAR Bylaws.

In response to a number of questions from CCAR members, we are providing this FAQ to provide clarification and information related to the program.

1. **When is the first year of the program?**
   The first year of the program begins on July 1, 2019, and ends on June 30, 2020.

2. **When do I report my hours for the first year of the program?**
   Rabbis will be asked to affirm that they have completed the July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020 hours on our 2020 Dues Form.

3. **When do I start taking classes that apply to those hours?**
   Any time after July 1, 2019.

4. **Is there anything I need to do under the program prior to July 1, 2019?**
   No. Under Article X, it is not yet mandatory. However, we do ask that every member of the Conference read the CCAR Code of Ethics during this calendar year. There will be a place on the 2019–2020 Dues Form to check a box to indicate that you have read it.

   Separately, as part of the Continuing Rabbinic Education program for this year, we are offering classes on ethics education, because of the importance of the ethics education in the life of CCAR rabbis.

5. **When the program begins as of July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020, what content and how many hours of CRE must I complete?**
   Article X states that in the first year, rabbis should complete two hours of study, and that those hours will be in the area of ethics education.

6. **How many hours of CRE must I complete in future years?**
   Article X states that in year two (2020-2021) rabbis should complete three hours of study. After that, the requirement is four hours annually.

7. **Does this include my reading of the Code?**
   No. The expectation that we have of one another is that we will read the Code in addition to the hours of study. (This is explicitly stated in Article X.)
8. **What do I need to do if I become a new member of the CCAR after July 2019?**
   In the first year of membership, each newly admitted rabbi is expected to complete two hours of ethics education as part of the overall requirement.

9. **Who will provide the content of a qualified ethics program?**
   CCAR will annually provide qualified ethics education classes as part of our Continuing Rabbinic Education program.

10. **How do I access those classes and programs?**
    You can participate in any of the ethics programs offered by the CCAR in 2019–2020. This includes webinars, convention, and in-person seminars. In addition, you may access any ethics programs that have been presented in prior years as webinars.

11. **Are there other educational providers from whom I can access my ethics education?**
    Yes. Rabbis may complete their ethics education with any of the Reform Movement professional organizations in which a rabbi is a member and where ethics education is offered (ACC, ARJE, NATA, PEP-RJ, etc.); through ethics education offered by the CCAR’s two constituent organizations, Women’s Rabbinic Network (WRN) and National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis (NAORRR); and ethics education from HUC-JIR.

12. **May I study with other educational centers and providers of continuing education?**
    Yes, for everything outside of the ethics education requirement.

13. **Will the CCAR have a list of “approved” providers?**
    At the outset of the formal CRE requirement, the Conference will not be providing a list of “approved” providers. If there are concerns that rabbis need additional guidance to access the best and highest quality learning, the CCAR Board and CRE Committee will review this issue and make recommendations.

14. **If I have question about CRE, where do I go?**
    If you have questions, please contact Betsy Torop, Director of Rabbinic Engagement and Growth, btorop@ccarnet.org.