Anne Fay Feibelman

Anne was born in Cincinnati, OH. She graduated with honors from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in French. Anne earned her Master of Arts in documentary filmmaking from Stanford University. She worked as a film producer in California and abroad. Her avocation was videotaping the stories of Holocaust survivors. Each one is a gift.

After 25 years in the film industry, Anne decided to become a rabbi. While at RRC, she had the opportunity to work at Abramson Center for Jewish Life, Paul’s Run Retirement Community, Martins Run Senior Living Community, Reconstructionist congregation Or Hadash and Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Greater Philadelphia. She also completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and spent two years studying in Israel and the United Kingdom.

Anne had the honor of serving as the Multifaith Graduate Student Fellow at RRC. She received the A. Walter Socolow Writing Prize, the Reconstructionist Student Association Prize for Tikun Olam in the Community, the Dorothy and Sidney Becker Hebrew Essay Prize (2009, 2010 and 2011), the Sidney Becker Prize for Study in Israel, a John Bliss Chaplaincy Scholarship and a Carpenter Internship.

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It is not up to you to complete the task. Nor are you free to desist from it.
—Pirkei Avot 2:16

In this wise text, the Mishnah responds to a human dilemma—our desire to serve, tempered by the knowledge that we may never see the fruits of our labor. We all want to mend the world, to act responsibly and lovingly, to plant trees and to leave the world a better place both physically and spiritually. And yet God grants us limited powers and a finite time on this earth.

As human beings, we are challenged to act from our hearts and have faith in the results. The seed of an oak tree cannot imagine the magnificent tree it will become. In our lives, we have the opportunity to plant small seeds with great love. May God grant each of us the wisdom to discern our task in this moment and the courage to act on what we know in our hearts to be true.