



CALL for PAPERS: ISRAEL ON ITS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

May 14, 2018 (5 Iyyar, 5778) culminates a series of significant anniversaries: beginning with June, 2017 – the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War.

August 28 – the 120th anniversary of the first World Zionist Congress

November 2 – the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration

November 29 – the 70th anniversary of the ratification of the UN resolution that formally established a Jewish State.

Paul Golomb, Editor of the *Reform Jewish Quarterly*, along with Josh Weinberg and Neal Gold, guest editors, invite you to contribute an article for the Spring issue of the RJQ, expressing your thoughts and insights on the Israel, the land, its people, and the idea of a Jewish State.

We especially invite you to consider the following topics:

*Israel and Jewish tradition: In Scripture, Israel is a national entity with Zion at its heart. The Biblical narrative essentially culminates with the rebuilding and rededication of the Temple. Judaism, however, is centered on a text – Torah – first revealed in the wilderness (well outside the borders of the Land) and portable enough to be carried anywhere in the world. Just what is the Jewish attitude toward *Eretz Yisrael*, in Scripture, rabbinic literature, or classic Jewish thought?

*Israel then and now: Compare your attitude toward the Jewish State today with your thoughts, as expressed in a sermon or some other writing of yours on the occasion of its 60th, 50th, 40th, 25th or another significant birthday.

*Israel and Reform Judaism: What, for you, is Reform Jewish Zionism? How are political considerations (Two-State solution, settlements, occupation, etc.) informed by your understanding of Jewish values in a Reform context? How do you assess the status of Progressive Judaism in Israeli society today; what is its prognosis?

You are warmly invited to submit proposals on these or any other appropriate topic related to the Jewish State, by the end of December, to journaleditor@ccarnet.org.