

With its new strategic plan, JTS has artfully succeeded in wresting the creative possibilities of tomorrow from the challenges of today.

Such work is not for the faint of heart. To do this, JTS had to find a way to bring the ubiquity of choice within the call to covenant; the individual ability to re-craft personal identity within the ancient claim of peoplehood; the increasing porousness of all sorts of boundaries—such as those between disciplines, between the public and the private, between Jewish and non-Jewish communities—within the necessary bounds of structure.

Both the goals and the details of the new plan offer ways to do just that. And in doing so, they offer excitement, leadership, and hope, as well as a sharper vision of the continuing, sacred unfolding that defines our cherished tradition.

—Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Director, Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network