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We recognize that racial segregation is not a problem which applies to one section of the country only, but that it presents a moral challenge to every community in America with varying forms and intensity. One of its serious and widespread expressions is in residential housing. In the North, as well as in the South, the continuing pattern of segregation in private housing threatens to invalidate much of the progress which has been made in civil rights in recent years and, also, to impair the spiritual values of religion and democracy alike. We, therefore, commend those Christian denominations which have recently met this challenge with boldness and courage by calling upon their members to open housing on a non-discriminatory and non-segregated basis. By their action these church groups have pointed to the path of religious duty.

In this spirit, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here-with pledges its support to the principle of equal housing opportunities for all and urges the members of its constituent congregations to follow non-segregated practices in the selling, buying, and leasing of residential housing. By such action, we will contribute significantly to the strengthening of democracy, to the moral health of our communities, and to the realization of the prophetic principles of our faith.