

Mission of OHALAH: Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal

Ohalah brings together rabbis and cantors from a wide spectrum of the Jewish people to participate in the transformation and renewal of Judaism and the Jewish people. Ohalah provides a network of collegial support as well as opportunities for sharing in all areas of Jewish learning, life and practice. Until Jewish renewal cantors may elect to form their own association, Ohalah brings together cantors in addition to rabbis.

We intend to reawaken a vibrant Judaism that encounters the mystery we call God and that takes as its pillars prayer and meditation, sacred study and creativity.

We are committed to Tikkun Olam, which encompasses healing the earth; struggling to create a society that places at its center not the ethos of greed, but love and caring; and bringing about the full participation and empowerment of every human being, especially those previously excluded.

Our roots are in the teachings of our ancestors and in the continuing self-disclosure of the Divine. Through study of Torah and prayer, we seek God's help and guidance in our work and in our lives.

As rabbis and cantors, we are aware that our actions affect others in our communities. We therefore expect our members to maintain in their personal and professional lives the high ethical standards established by Ohalah.

We respect and honor a diversity of Jewish expression in our membership and activities. We believe that we — together with all other forward-looking Jewish leaders — are participating in the evolution of the role and function of the rabbi and cantor as spiritual and religious leaders.