



25th Annual OHALAH Conference and Shabbaton *“Kol Koreh Bamidbar: Hearing the Call”*

Pre-conference *Shabbaton* January 6 - 8, 2023

***Hashpa'ah* Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, January 7th, 2023**

Aleph *Smicha*/Ordination Ceremony, January 8th, 2023

OHALAH Conference, Sunday January 8th- Wednesday January 11th, 2023

Sheraton Denver West Hotel, Lakewood, Colorado, USA

How to Be Healthy Together

Please wear masks in all public spaces.

Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer before entering the dining room.

If you're not feeling well please confine yourself to your room and inform the registration desk.

Please refrain from wearing perfume or using scented grooming products during the Shabbaton and conference to protect those among us with severe allergies.

Put your cell phones on “sacred mode”—vibrate or off—during all conference events.

Pace yourself. Get plenty of sleep. Drink water! Drink water!

The conference program is very full. Take breaks as needed!

Please respect presenters and arrive to all sessions on time, even early!

Please use recycling receptacles as available.

Finally, this is a new space for us, please be patient and kind!

Let us know how we can best support you.

SUNDAY SMICHA AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The *Shabbaton* is entirely planned and led by students in the ALEPH ordination programs. Over the years, our beloved Rebbe, Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l, had high praise for the quality of the *davvenen* leadership provided by these future rabbis, cantors, and rabbinic pastors.

Sunday, Jan. 8	Description	Location
7:45am-6:00pm	Registration and conference information	Lakewood- Pre-function
8:00-8:45am	Shacharit Davvenen (Bring your own <i>siddur</i>), led by AOP students	Morrison
8:30am-2:00pm	Breakfast/Brunch on your own (hotel restaurant)	
9:00-11:30am	ALEPH Student Body activities (students and faculty only)	
9:30-11:15am	Earth Based Judaism Graduation Ceremony	Golden/Bergen Park
10:00am-3:00pm	<i>Shuk</i> set-up time for vendors	Morrison
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch on your own	
2:00pm-2:30pm	<i>Musmachimiot</i> leads <i>mincha</i> (private)	
2:30-2:55pm	Doors open for smicha/ordination ceremony. Please be seated by 2:55pm to welcome the <i>musmachim</i> !!	Golden/Bergen Park
3:00-4:45pm	Smicha ceremony – Ordination of ALEPH rabbis, cantors and rabbinic pastors	Golden/Bergen Park
4:45-6:30pm	Smicha reception and freilach celebration	Morrison and pre-function Area
4:45-7:30pm	Shuk open for your shopping pleasure!	Morrison

OHALAH CONFERENCE BEGINS

6:30-7:30pm	Dinner	City Lights
7:40 – 8:00pm	Ma'ariv: Hazzan Steve Klaper	Golden/Bergen Park
8:00 – 8:50pm	Opening Circle: Welcome from OHALAH President, Jan Salzman and Teaching from Keynote Speaker Rabbi Jill Hammer	
9:00pm-?	Late night schmoozing, music and singing	Club Lounge, 12th Floor

Monday, Jan. 9	Description	Location
7:15am-6:30pm	Registration/Information materials	Lakewood pre-Function
7:15-8:15am	Breakfast Rabbinic Pastors Networking Breakfast ALEPH Ethics Committee Breakfast Meeting	City Lights
8:30-9:45am	Shacharit - 2021 <i>Musmachimot</i> : Rabbinic Pastor Chaya Lerner, Rabbi Charna Rosenholtz, Rabbi Irwin Keller, Rabbi Lex Rofeberg, Hazzan Sharon McCord, Rabbi Sharona Grinsteiner, Hazzan Stephanie Weishaar, Hazzan Steve Margolin	Golden/Bergen Park
10:00am- 12 Noon	Keynote Plenary: “Sacred Shrine, Sacred Wild: Wilderness as the Twin of Sanctuary” Rabbi Jill Hammer	Golden/Bergen Park
12:15pm-3:00pm	AOP VAAD meeting	Genesee
12:15-1:30pm	Lunch	City Lights
12:15-1:45pm	<i>Shuk</i> open!	Morrison
1:45-3:15pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>“Yored Lifnei HaTeyva: Humility and Hutzpah in Tefila”</i> Rabbi Deborah Sacks-Mintz 2) <i>“From Wilderness a Gift”</i> Rabbi Zelig Golden 3) <i>“Stringing Pearls: How to Renew the Old and Make the New Holy”</i> Rabbi Natan Margalit 4) <i>“Toward a Jewish Ecological Culture”</i> Rabbi Ellen Bernstein 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Union Square 2) Lookout Mountain 3) Green Mountain 4) Genesee

3:15-3:30pm	Snack	
3:30-5:00pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>"Sefer Yetzirah: The Book of Creation and the Forming of Inner Space"</i> Rabbi Jill Hammer 2) <i>"Seasons of Our Joyful Justice: Creating an 'Actifest' Practice for Earth & Social Justice for the Whole Festival Cycle"</i> Rabbi Arthur Waskow 3) <i>"Spiritual Leadership for the Long Haul: Converging streams of Wisdom to Guide Us"</i> Rabbi Shawn Zevit and Rabbi Simcha Zevit 4) <i>"Right Use of Power for Clergy"</i> Rabbi Charna Rosenholtz 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lookout Mountain 2) Genesee 3) Golden/Bergen Park 4) Green Mountain
4:00-5:00pm	New Book Talk in the Shuk - <i>"Understanding Jewish Liturgy: A Guide for Everyone"</i> Hazzan Abbe Lyons	Morrison
5:15-5:45pm	Mincha: Rabbi Aura Ahuvia	Golden/Bergen Park
6:00-7:15pm	Dinner RPA Members Meeting OHALAH/ALEPH Board Meeting	City Lights
6pm-8pm	Shuk open for your shopping pleasure!	Morrison
7:30-7:50pm	Maariv: Hazzan Jack Kessler & friends	Golden/Bergen Park
8:00-9:30pm	Musician-in-Residence Plenary: Rabbi Deborah Sacks-Mintz	Golden/Bergen Park
9:45pm-late	Late night schmoozing, music and singing	Club Lounge 12th Floor

Tuesday, Jan. 10	Description	Location
7:30am-6:30pm	Registration/Information materials	Lakewood pre-function
7:15-8:15am	Breakfast RP Student Breakfast OHALAH Cantors Breakfast	City Lights
8:15-9:00am	Shacharit - Cantor Abbe Lyons	Golden/Bergen Park
9:00-9:15am	Break	
9:15-10:45am	Integral Halakhah Panel: "Hevu metunim ba-din... Let Us Be Balanced, Considerate, Temperate, Careful, Patient, (and, yes,) Loving in our Judging" Moderators: R. Simcha Daniel Burstyn & R. SaraLeya Schley Presenters: R. Deni Marshall, R. Alan Levin, R. Cat Zavis	Golden/Bergen Park
11am-12pm	Short Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Music/CD Release: "<i>Sleep, Angels and Kabbalah</i>" Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff 2. "<i>Shacharit Sound Healing</i>" Hazzan Kohenet Shayndel Adler 3. "<i>Ukraine and Poland- Our values and history in tension-Answering the Call</i>" Rabbi David Levin 4. "<i>Psychedelics and Judaism: Promising Possibilities, and Why We Should Care</i>" Rabbi Aura Ahuvia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mount Vernon 2) Green Mountain 3) Golden/Bergen Park 4) Lookout Mountain
12noon-2:00pm	LUNCH available at hotel restaurant or local shops	
12pm-2:00pm	Shuk open for your shopping pleasure!	Morrison
2:00-2:20pm	ALEPH Board Chair and Executive Director Report with Aura Ahuvia and SooJi Min-Maranda	Golden/Bergen Park

2:20- 3:15pm	OHALAH/RPA Member meeting (open to all members)	Golden/Bergen Park
3:15-3:30pm	Mincha – Rabbi Louis Sutker	Golden/Bergen Park
3:30-3:45pm	Snack	
3:45-5:00pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions 1) " <i>Wisdom for Travelers from the Baal Shem Tov</i> " Rabbi Nadya Gross and Rabbi Lori Klein 2) " <i>Creating Shalom Bayit: Navigating Premarital Issues for People Remarrying or Marrying Later in Life</i> " Rabbinic Pastor Carl Viniar 3) " <i>Bat Kol - Hearing the Voice of Mama Shekhina</i> " Rabbi Hanna Tiferet Siegel 4) " <i>Kabbalah and Davvenology</i> " Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits	1) Green Mountain 2) Lookout Mountain 3) Mount Vernon 4) Golden/Bergen Park
4:00-5:00pm	New Book Talk in the Shuk - " <i>The Pearl and the Flame: A Journey into Jewish Wisdom and Ecological Thinking</i> " Rabbi Natan Margalit	Morrison
5:15-6:30pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions 1) " <i>The Call of Love: Re-imagining Religion with Love at the Center</i> " Rabbi Shefa Gold 2) " <i>Psalm & Spirit</i> " Hazzan Steve Klaper 3) " <i>Ritual Of Resistance: Fasting, Prayer, And Chalk Outlines</i> " Rabbi Irwin Keller 4) " <i>Hearing Her Voice: Mother Eve</i> " Rabbi Jennifer Singer	1) Lookout Mountain 2) Green Mountain 3) Mount Vernon 4) Union Square
5:30-6:30pm	New Book Talk in the Shuk - " <i>Embodied Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism for All People</i> " Rabbi Matthew Ponak	Morrison
6:30-7:30pm	Dinner OPEN HOUSE: ALEPH Network Communities	City Lights

7:30-8:45pm	"Completing the Circuit: Bringing the Shefa down to Assiyah; Rededicating ourselves to Tikkun Olam" Plenary hosted by the Tikkun Olam Committee, facilitated by Rabbi Jeremy Sher and Rabbi Fern Feldman. Panelists include Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, Rabbi Deb Kolodny, and Rabbi David Seidenberg	Golden/Bergen Park
8:55-9:15pm	Ma'ariv: Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein	Golden/Bergen Park
9:30pm-?	Live at the Late Night: Schmoozing, music and singing facilitated by Rabbi Jack Gabriel	Club Lounge, 12th floor

Tuesday Lunch is available at the hotel Restaurant or Area Shops

- **Beau's Kitchen and Tavern-** at Sheraton Denver West Hotel
- **240 Union-** .2 miles, same block as hotel, upscale dining serving everything from wood fired pizzas to fresh seafood.
- **Jose O'Sheas,** across the street from the hotel, Fine Mexican restaurant featuring burritos, enchiladas and Mexican specialties. Eat in or take-out.
- **ThukThuk Thai Grill-** .2 miles, same block as hotel, Thai recipes that awaken all your taste buds. Eat in or take-out.
- **Chipotle Mexican Grill-** .6 miles
- **Old Chicago-** .6 miles, American options with an Italian twist.
- **Noodles and Co.-** across the street from hotel. Get a dish that is hand-made to your specifications.

Area Hiking

- **Bear Creek Lake Park-** [Trail map here.](#)
- [William F. Hayden Park on Green Mountain](#)

	<p>3) <i>"Hearing the Call (And The Response): An Introduction to What I Have Learned about Service Leading from Eighteen Years of Kirtan Practice"</i> Rabbi Andrew Hahn, Ph.D.</p> <p>4) <i>"Surfside Tragedy – One Year Later: Answering the Call"</i> Rabbinic Pastor Chaya Lerner</p>	<p>3) Green Mountain</p> <p>4) Golden/Bergen Park</p>
2:00-3:00pm	New Book Talk in the Shuk - <i>"Poetry as Midrash: Hearing Your Inner Voice"</i> Rabbi Mark Elber	Morrison
3:00-3:15pm	Snack	
3:30-3:45pm	Mincha: AOP Rabbinic Student Elizheva Hurvich and Rabbi Jan Salzman	Golden/Bergen Park
4:00-5:15pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions <p>1) <i>"Daavening with the Sefirot and Full Breathing"</i> Rabbi Louis Sutker</p> <p>2) <i>"Hearing the Call Differently: In Dialogue with Neurodiversity"</i> Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein</p>	<p>1) Lookout Mountain</p> <p>2) Golden/Bergen Park</p>
5:15-5:30pm	BREAK	
5:30-6:30pm	Short Sessions <p>1) New Music/CD Release: <i>"Doing The Canine Horah: Puns, Stories, and Songs in Contempo Yiddishkeit"</i> Reb Jack Schechtman Gabriel</p> <p>2) New Book Talks: <i>"Seven Sacred Circles"</i> Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits</p> <p>3) <i>"Yoga Prayer for Self-Care"</i> Rabbi Moshe Halfon</p>	<p>1) Green Mountain</p> <p>2) Mount Vernon</p> <p>3) Union Square</p>
6:30-7:30pm	Dinner	City Lights
7:30-7:50pm	Ma'ariv: Rabbi Jack Schechtman Gabriel	Golden/Bergen Park
8:00-9:45pm	The Most Awesome Cabaret Ever! MC: Steve Kaper	Golden/Bergen Park

