



26th Annual OHALAH Conference and *Shabbaton Shalshelet haKabbalah: A Lineage of Innovation*

Pre-conference *Shabbaton* January 5 - 7, 2024

Aleph *Smicha*/Ordination Ceremony, January 8th, 2024

OHALAH Conference, Sunday, January 7th- Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

Sheraton Denver West Hotel, Lakewood, Colorado, USA

Welcome!

How To Care for Ourselves and Others in Community

To protect the most vulnerable, masks must be worn in all public spaces.

*A negative COVID- test is required before entry into the *Shabbaton* AND conference.*

If you are attending both, we ask you to re-test for the conference.

*Due to increased security, we ask that everyone **always** wear their name tags.*

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

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

Refrain from wearing perfume or using scented grooming products

*during the *Shabbaton* and conference to protect those among us with severe allergies.*

Place your cell phones on "sacred mode" —vibrate or off—during all events.

Pace yourself. Drink plenty of water and take space when needed. The conference program is

very full. Please respect presenters and arrive at all sessions on time, even early! Please use

recycling receptacles as available. Finally, 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, JANUARY 7

Sunday, Jan. 7	Description	Location
7:45 am - 6 pm	Registration and conference information	Lakewood- Pre-function
8 am - 8:45 am	<i>Shacharit Davvenen</i> (Bring your own <i>siddur</i>), led by AOP students	Golden/Bergen Park
8:30 am - 2 pm	Breakfast/Brunch on your own (hotel restaurant)	
9 am- 11 am	<i>Shuk</i> Vendors Set-Up	Morrison
9 am - 12 pm	ALEPH Student Body activities (students & faculty only)	
11 am - 1 pm	<i>Shuk open</i> for your shopping pleasure!	Morrison
11:30am – 2 pm	Lunch on your own (see on-site restaurant hrs)	
2:00 - 2:30 pm	<i>Mincha- Musmachimot</i> only	Green Mountain
2:30 -2:55 pm	Doors open for <i>smicha</i> /ordination ceremony. Please be seated by 2:55 PM to welcome the <i>musmachim</i> .	Golden/Bergen Park
3 pm - 5 pm	<i>Smicha ceremony</i> – Ordination of ALEPH rabbis, cantors and rabbinic pastors	Golden/Bergen Park
5 pm - 6 pm	<i>Smicha reception and freilach celebration</i>	Morrison & pre-function Area
5:00 - 7:30 pm	<i>Shuk open</i> for your shopping pleasure!	Morrison
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Dinner	City Lights
6:00 – 10:30 pm	Memorial Room	Red Rocks
7:30 pm - 8 pm	Meet and Greet w/ Online Conference Participants	Registration Desk
	<u><i>OHALAH Conference Begins</i></u>	
8:00 – 9:00 pm	<i>Maariv:</i> Ariel Hendelman, Caitlin "Shira" McLaughlin, Dan Yolles, Kevin McEntyre	Golden/Bergen Park

9:00 -10:00 pm	Opening Circle: Welcome from OHALAH President Rain Zohav Teaching from Keynote Speaker Laura Duhan Kaplan & Sofer Kevin Hale	Golden/Bergen Park
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MONDAY, JANUARY 8th

Monday, Jan. 8	Description	Location
7:15 am - 6:30 pm	Registration/Information materials	Lakewood pre-Function
7:15 am - 7:30 pm	Memorial Room	Red Rocks
7:15 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast RPA Member Meeting <i>An Intimate Workshop for Clergy Couples Only: The joys and complexities of working together at home and in clerical roles</i> with Rabbi Phyllis Berman and Rabbi Andi Kuti	City Lights Genesee Jefferson Boardroom
8:30 - 9:45 am	Shacharit - Reb Laura and Friends	Golden/Bergen Park
10 am- 12 pm	Keynote Plenary: <i>Beyond Deep Ecumenism</i> with Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan	Golden/Bergen Park
12 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch	City Lights
1:10 – 1:30 pm	ALEPH Report and <i>Birkat HaMazon</i>	City Lights
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<i>B'nei Kodesh - Raising Children & Working as Clergy Affinity Group</i> w/ Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein	Genesee
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<u>Workshops: Concurrent Sessions</u> 1) <i>The Song of Moshe and Miriam-</i> Hazzan Jalda Rebling & Rabbi Shawn Zevit 2) <i>Spirit & Resilience: A Personal Journey of the Survival of The Abuyadaya Jews of Uganda -</i> Rabbi Leila Gal Berner 3) <i>Innovating Shabbat-</i> Rabbi Evan Krame w/ Rabbi Jennifer Singer	1) Green Mountain 2) Golden/Bergen Park 3) Mount Vernon

	4) A Meditative Alef-Bet Journey- Rabbinic Student Elizheva Hurvich w/ Rabbi Elizabeth Goldstein	4) Lookout Mountain
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Snack	Pre-function area
3:30 - 5:00 pm	<u>Workshops: Concurrent Sessions</u> 1) <i>The Barefoot Sofer: Sacred Craft of Emergency Torah-</i> Sofer Kevin Hale 2) <i>Clergy and the Ethics of Power-</i> Charna Rosenholtz 3) <i>Co-Convening our Shalshelot Neshamot: An Experience of Deep Ecumenism-</i> Rabbi Dr. Tirzah Firestone w/ Rabbi Dr. Chava Bahle 4) <i>Trop-informed Torah Declamation-</i> Hazzan Diana Brewer	1) Mount Vernon 2) Green Mountain 3) Golden/Bergen Park 4) Lookout Mountain
5:15 - 5:45 pm	Mincha: Hazzan Evelyn Gould, Rabbi Reuben Modek Mincha: Cantor Lisa Levine- Calling all Angels, <i>Kabbalah</i> Healing Embodiment	Golden/Bergen Park Mount Vernon
5:45 - 6:15 pm	Jack Kessler's Birthday Celebration	Golden/Bergen Park
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Dinner ALEPH Alliance Communities	City Lights City Lights
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Shuk open for your shopping pleasure! Last Call!	Morrison
8:00 - 9:30 pm	Ethics Plenary – Holy Communications	Golden/Bergen Park
9:30 - 10:15 pm	Maariv: Hazzan Leah Frey-Rabine, Hazzan Steve Klaper and Friends	Golden/Bergen Park
10:15 pm - ???	Wave Dancing with Dan Yolles	Union Square
10:15 pm - ???	Late night schmoozing, music and singing	

TUESDAY, JAN 9th

Tues, Jan. 9	Description	Location
7:15 am – 7:30 pm	Memorial Room	Red Rocks

7:3 am - 6:30 pm	Registration/Information materials	Lakewood pre-function
7 am - 8:15 am	Breakfast OHALAH Cantors Breakfast	City Lights Genesee
8:15 - 9:10 am	Shacharit - Rabbi Shawn Zevit <i>Hashpa'atic Davennen</i> Shacharit - Hazzan Shayndal Adler Sound Healing	Golden/Bergen Park Mount Vernon
9:10 - 10:50 am	Integral Halakah Panel: We Honour Our Ba'al Tikkun/Master of Repair, Rabbi Daniel Siegel, for His 50 Years of Sacred Service	Golden/Bergen Park
10:50 – 11:00 am	Break	
11:00- 12:30 pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions 1. Rethinking Hilchot Lashon Hara for the #MeToo era- Rabbi Jeremy Sher 2. Jewish Guide to Caring for the Caregiver- Rabbi Deni Deutsch Marshall 3. Reshape American Jewry as a Spiritually Rooted, Liturgically Flowering Activist Movement for Eco/Social Justice- Rabbi Arthur Waskow 4. SpeakChorus Torah Flash Mob Community Midrash- Rabbi Melissa Wenig w/ Hazzan Abbe Lyons	1) Mount Vernon 2) Green Mountain 3) Union Square 4) Lookout Mountain
12:30 - 1:45 pm	LUNCH Tikkun Olam Sharing Circle- Rabbi Jeremy Sher	City Lights Genesee
2 pm - 3:15 pm	Workshops: Concurrent Sessions 1. Extending the Chain of Tradition via Writing as Personal Expression- Rabbi Ken Rosenstein w/ The OHALAH Writers Group 2. What does 'The Niggun of Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev'- say to us?- Rabbi and Spiritual Director Chaya Gusfield 3. Money: Torah's Competing Theories- Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan	1) Mount Vernon 2) Green Mountain 3) Golden/Bergen Park

	4. <i>Your Eyes Shall See Your Teachers: Exploring Kaddish D'Rabbanan-</i> <i>Rabbi Sherril Gilbert, Rabbi Schachar Orenstein, Rabbi Andrea D. Lovel</i>	4) Genesee
3:15 - 3:45 pm	<i>Snack</i>	
3:45 - 5:15 pm	<u>Workshops: Concurrent Sessions</u> 1. <i>While My Guitar Gently Davens-</i> <i>Steve Klaper</i> 2. <i>Falafel Kabbalah-</i> <i>Rabbi Rueben Modek</i> 3. <i>Refining Ourselves as Instruments for Blessings Baal Bracha-</i> <i>Chaplain, Maggid Leon Olenick, w/ Baal Bracha Barry Barken</i> 4. <i>Back to the Future: Reexamining the Emergence of Chavurat Shalom for Perspective on the Future of Jewish Renewal</i> w/ Rabbi Jeff Foust	1) Mount Vernon 2) Genesee 3) Green Mountain 4) Lookout Mountain
5:15 - 5:45 pm	<i>Mincha-</i> Hazzan Cindy Freedman, Cantor Sharon McCord & Rabbi Jessica Shimberg	Golden/Bergen Park
5:45 - 7:00 pm	Dinner ALEPH Canada Report	City Lights
7:00 - 8:30 pm	Plenary Panel: Healing & Innovating in Israel/Palestine by the <i>Tikkun Olam</i> Committee	Golden/Bergen Park
8:30 pm - 10 pm	<i>Ma'ariv-</i> Hazzan Abbe Lyons, Rabbi Emily Stern and Rabbi Jan Salzman, Hazzan Diana Brewer Closing Circle	Golden/Bergen Park

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10th

7:15 - 8:15 am	Breakfast	City Lights
7:15 - 8:15 am	ALEPH Ethics Committee Breakfast	Genesee
8:15 am - 9 am	<i>Shacharit</i> : Hazzan Jalda Rebling & Hazzan Leah Frey-Rabine	Golden/Bergen Park

9:15 am - 3 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Immersive Wednesday Programs <i>pre-registration required</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hot Springs Spa and Massage: <i>U'shavtem mayim b'sasson mimaynai hayeshua-</i> Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein 2. Encounter Indigenous Arts and Culture- Rabbi Julie Danan w/ Rabbi David Seidenberg 	<p><u>Indian Hot Springs, Idaho Springs, CO</u></p> <p><u>Denver Art Museum</u></p>
9:15 am - 12 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Precursors who called for Renewal of Judaism-</i> Rabbi Victor Gross</p>	Lookout Mountain
12 pm	Lunch available on and off-site	

HOTEL RESTAURANT HOURS

Breakfast: M - F 6:30am – 10:30am, Sat & Sun 7:00am – 11:00am

Lunch: M - F 11:00am – 2:00pm, Sat & Sun 11:30am – 2:30pm

Dinner: Sun - Sat 5:00pm - 12am (kitchen open 5pm - 10pm)