

Rabbis  
Without  
Borders  
Portfolio Of  
Innovation  
2018



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**The Following Innovative Programs Are Listed  
Alphabetically By Project Name:**

**(401)J** 

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<http://401j.wordpress.com>

Co created by Rabbi Elan Babchuk and community members, (401)J is a collaborative organization for Jews in their 20s-40s in Rhode Island everything from an a cappella group to a "d'var in the Bar" group, and a blog

**Rabbi Elan Babchuck 2013**



**70 Faces and The Velveteen Rabbi**

<https://velveteenrabbi.blogs.com>

Named one of TIME magazine's top 25 bloggers, Rabbi Rachel Barenblat's written works, including her collection of Torah poems and four chapbooks of poetry, cross myriad cultural, religious, and political borders. Her writings capture the interest of thousands of online and print readers, and her rabbinate embodies much of that creative, courageous spirit.

**Rabbi Rachel Barenblat 2012**



**Bayit: Your Jewish Home**

<https://yourbayit.org>

Brings together people committed to building a soulful, inclusive and meaningful Jewish life for all ages and stages. Partnering broadly with individuals and communities, Bayit develops, tests, refines and distributes tools for a Jewish future always under construction.

**Rabbi David Evan Markus 2011**

**Rabbi Evan Krame 2011**

**Rabbi Rachel Barenblat 2012**



**Be'Chol Lashon**

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/after-pittsburgh-why-they-wont-win/>

Programming for Honeymoon Israel -based on RWB principles and has now been invited back and to teach other rabbis how to rethink their roles. Helped shepherd a piece by a JOC about Pittsburgh on our blog which was syndicated. It was about me making space for other voices (our blog has reached over 3/4s of a million people in 5 years) and this piece was powerful

**Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder 2009**



## Because Jewish

<http://www.becausejewish.com>

Rabbi Dan Ain, presenting his latest project Because Jewish, which creates opportunities for religious perspectives to be in genuine dialogue with artists, thinkers and our everyday lives

**Rabbi Dan Ain 2009**



## Central MA Connections in Faith

<https://www.facebook.com/CentralMAConnectionsinFaith/>

Network of individuals, places of worship, & community organizations from many Central MA towns. Creating connections between people; learning together. Led the creation of Central MA Connections in Faith. Now 1 year old, we have brought people together from Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and other faith backgrounds to learn about each other. Each event has brought in over 100 participants and there are over 200 on our mailing list. We have a very participatory organizing model and each event brings together 15-20 people to plan and 20-30 people to act as facilitators for small group conversations that follow a shared set of questions. It has put my community on the map as bridge-builders and a partner with local civic organizations as our next event is to launch an annual MLK Day of service for our area in partnership with the schools and other civic organizations

**Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz 2009**



## Chai Tech Hebrew Academy

<https://www.findyourish.com>

Chai Tech Hebrew Academy – founded by Rabbi Andrew Jacobs in partnership with FYI Online Learning and Ramat Shalom Synagogue,

Chai Tech combines cutting-edge internet technology and meaningful Jewish wisdom. The result is a dynamic, online classroom that is available wherever and whenever you are. [Chaitechlearning.com](http://Chaitechlearning.com)

Merged to <https://www.findyourish.com> in 2016.

**Rabbi Andrew Jacobs 2013**





## Deborah's Palm

Center for Jewish Learning & Experiences

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<https://www.facebook.com/deborahspalm/>

Founded by Rabbi Amy Small (RWB 2009) it is an adult Jewish learning center without walls in suburban New Jersey, "helping Jews and fellows travelers access Jewish wisdom for meaningful spiritual living.". In January, 2018, Deborah's Palm merged with Bay Area Cancer Connections.

**Rabbi Amy Small 2009**



Glean

for the entrepreneurial spirit

## Glean

<https://www.gleannetwork.org/>

Investing in spiritual entrepreneurs and new models of faith in action.

**Rabbi Elan Babchuck 2013**



## Jewish Collaborative of OC

<https://jewishcollaborativeoc.org>

The Jewish Collaborative of Orange County

(jcooc) develops innovative and substantive

Jewish programs and offers them on an a-la-carte basis to anyone who wants to explore what ignites their "joy of Jewish."

**Rabbi Marcia Tilchin 2013**



## Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington at Adas Israel

<https://www.adasisrael.org/jmcw>

Built into Adas Israel by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf to incorporate Jewish mindfulness, meditation, and yoga to reclaim a spiritually vibrant Judaism with body, heart, and soul.

**Rabbi Gil Steinlauf 2010**

## Jewish Relationships Initiative



### *Jewish Relationships Initiative*

*Helping Seekers find Meaning*

**<http://www.jewishrelationshipsinitiative.com/>**

Using technology we have a portal to connection, linking ancient wisdom with modern understanding, and you with me. We remain as we have always been, seekers, looking for meaning in a challenging world. I hope that I can assist you in that process. As a modern rabbi, I believe we are facilitators or guides to light your path as you seek answers to your questions. Judaism contains much wisdom distilled over the course of centuries with a deep understanding of who are and what it means to be human. We can create meaningful connection by accessing this wisdom to understand and craft meaningful celebrations, bereavements and challenges or to expand our learning and knowledge.

**Rabbi David Levin 2010**



**Jewish Studies Initiative of North Texas**  
**<http://jewishstudiesinitiative.org/>**

Jewish Studies Initiative of North Texas – Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger teaches interfaith groups from around the world to foster peace, understanding and connection. This work happens from Dallas, Texas, to the West Bank in Israel

**Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger 2011**



**Just Love**

**<https://www.facebook.com/JustLoveOhio/>**

A Multifaith Movement Provoking Love and Action.

**Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp, 2017**



### **kinoborderinitiative**

**<https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org>**

Charles Arian Organized a group of ten Jewish educators (eight of them rabbis, three of them rwbs) to work with the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona and Sonora, serving migrants and learning about the

border situation.

**Rabbi Charles Arian 2010**



### **Kol Tuv Sefarad**

**<http://koltuvsefarad.com/index.html>**

An online website and community easily accessible for Jews and conversos in Latin America.

**Rabbi Juan Meija 2010**



### **KOL ZIMRA**

**<http://www.rabbishefagold.com/about/kolzimra/>**

Is a spiritual chant and leadership training program. The goal of kol zimra is to create a vehicle of mutual support for leaders who long for adventure, ever-expanding awareness, and ever-deepening meaning through text, sound, beauty, connection and energy.

**Rabbi Shefa Gold 2010**



### **Light House Kosher**

**<https://www.lighthousekosher.org/>**

Kosher food doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. It ought to create a thoughtful connection to food and community. It's about our relationship to each other and the land that feeds us. That's the spiritual mission!

**Rabbi Barry Dolinger 2015**



### **Lost in the wilderness**

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/lost-in-the-wilderness/id1278481043?mt=2>

Every week Karl Stevens (the priest) and Daniel Bogard (the rabbi) engage in Chevruta study of scripture. We started with the Book of Exodus in 2017, and will be moving on the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles in 2018. Lost in the Wilderness is made possible by generous contributions from Christ Church Cathedral and the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

**Rabbi Daniel Bogard 2017**



### **Makom**

<http://www.makomdallas.com>

We build Jewish community that is open, caring and dynamic. We engage in learning that is rigorous and relevant. We dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of justice and a better world. Our values are manifest through delicious Shabbat dinners and davening, through parties, through Jewish study which is timely and timeless, through Israel engagement and learning, and much more.

**Rabbi David Singer 2015**

*(Currently inactive)*



### **Makom NY**

<https://www.makomny.org/>

Makomny was founded as a New Model for Jewish Community, one with exceptional programming, yet without traditional membership dues or building fund.

**Rabbi Debbie Bravo 2015**



### **MAKOMnj**

<http://www.makomnj.org/>

Makomnj is a new, independent, religiously liberal, Jewish community. We offer warm, and accessible Jewish experiences that help everyone to feel connected and find meaning in their own way. Makomnj is the perfect place for anyone who would like to be part of a Jewish community and does not wish to affiliate with a congregation at this time. Makomnj is also the perfect place for people who belong to a congregation and are looking for more, meaningful, Jewish experiences.

**Rabbi Ellie Miller 2018**



**Mishkan Chicago**  
**[www.mishkanchicago.org](http://www.mishkanchicago.org)**

Founded by Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann, engaging, educating, connecting, and inspiring Chicagoans through dynamic experiences of Jewish prayer, learning, and community building.

**Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann 2011**



**Mosaicverse**  
**<http://www.mosaicverse.com>**

Founded by Rabbi Doug Heifetz (RWB 2011), a website which will give users access to the sacred writings of a wide variety of religions and the ability for the users to interact and dialogue online.

As Rabbi Heifetz branched out into his amazing metalsmithing work, **<https://lostandforged.com/>**, the Mosaicverse closed.

**Rabbi Doug Heifetz 2011**



**Move2CINCY**  
**<http://move2cincy.org/>**

Is growing the Modern Orthodox population in Cincinnati through encouraging families and individuals to consider living more of a family-friendly pace of life and affordability than one would experience in major metropolitan areas. Move2cincy is an initiative of the Cincinnati Modern Orthodox Growth Project, which envisions a strong, vibrant, and sustainable Modern Orthodox community in Cincinnati. The mission of the Cincinnati Modern Orthodox Growth Project is to build on existing resources and create new resources vital to sustain the Cincinnati Modern Orthodox community well into the future.

**Rabbi Drew Kaplan 2011**





**Online Jewish Learning**  
<https://onlinejewishlearning.com/>

Onlinejewishlearning's mission is to make Jewish learning an easy and experience for every student, regardless

enjoyable of background or prior knowledge. Our experienced teachers use interactive and innovative online teaching methods to bring Jewish education into the home, providing a convenient option for families far from synagogues or overbooked with hectic schedules.

**Rabbi Dani Eskow 2017**



**OpenSinai.com**  
[www.opensinai.com](http://www.opensinai.com)

Brings together diverse Jewish wisdom with digital sophistication. The initiative creates online interactive Jewish learning

opportunities for individuals around the world. The platform has a cohort of 15 educators representing a spectrum of Jewish backgrounds and approaches to Jewish texts

**Rabbi Ben Greenberg 2010**

*(Currently inactive)*



**OurJewishCommunity.org**  
[www.OurJewishCommunity.org](http://www.OurJewishCommunity.org)

Rabbis Laura Baum and Bob Barr, Rabbis of Congregation Beth Adam and ourjewishcommunity.org founded an online

Jewish community that reaches people where they are and celebrates a Judaism that is bold, intellectually honest, and ever-evolving.

**Rabbi Robert Barr 2011**

**RABBI DANNY BURKEMAN  
ONLINE**

**Rabbi Danny Burkeman Online**  
<http://www.rabbidanny.com/>

Listen to his weekly Podcast "2 Minutes of Torah," and follow his blog. He was a member of the inaugural cohort of the UJA Federation of New York's Rabbinic Fellowship for Visionary Leaders and he is a Rabbis Without Borders Fellow. Alongside this he is a husband to Micol, a father to Gabby, a Liverpool supporter, Fantasy Football fan, Englishman in New York, and a dedicated Doctor Who Nerd.

**Rabbi Danny Burkeman 2013**



## **Rimon Berkshires**

<http://rimonberkshires.org/>

Founded by Rabi Kaya Stern-Kaufman is a resource center for Jewish spirituality which offers classes, services, and spiritual experiences

**Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman 2009** (*Currently inactive*)



## **Roots/Shorashim**

<http://www.friendsofroots.net>

Led by Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Ali Abu Awwad, the Roots project draws Israelis and Palestinians who, despite living next to each other, are separated by walls of fear—not just fear of each other, but even of the price of peace. In order to bring the two people's together, the project's outreach program includes monthly meetings between Israeli and Palestinian families, a women's group, work with school children, engaging local leaders, a summer camp, language learning, and cultural exchanges.

**Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger 2011**



[SecularSynagogue.com](http://www.SecularSynagogue.com)

## **Secular Synagogue**

<https://www.secularsynagogue.com/>

An online community for secular/cultural Jews. Jewish, Jew-ish, Intermarried, In married, Unmarried, Secular, Cultural, Atheist, Agnostic, Seeker, Spiritual... YOU. Create and foster a deep and rich Jewish life - in 5 - 10 minutes a day.

**Rabbi Denise Handlarski 2018**



## **Selah**

<http://www.selah-austin.org/>

Founded by Rabbi Rachel Kobrin and currently led by Rabbi Gail Swedroe, Selah was born out of a desire to re-imagine Jewish life in South Austin. We seek to create a living Judaism that is experienced through vibrant music, soulful prayer, transformative study of Torah, and purposeful engagement with our wider world. We are progressive and yet traditional, informal, creative, and committed to social justice.

**Rabbi Rachel Kobrin 2010**

**Rabbi Neil Blumofe 2011**

**Rabbi Gail Swedroe 2010**



**Shtiebel**

**<http://www.shtiebel.net/>**

We are committed to creating a meaningful, creative, and fun Jewish experience with low barriers to engagement for everyone— LGBT folks, interfaith families, and

seekers of all flavors.

**Rabbi Ben Newman 2017**



**Sinai and Synapses**

**<http://sinaiandsynapses.org/>**

Bridges the religious and scientific worlds, offering people a worldview that is scientifically grounded and spiritually uplifting.

**Rabbi Geoff Mitelman 2009**

**sixth&i**

**Sixth & I Historic Synagogue**

**[www.sixthandi.org](http://www.sixthandi.org)**

Rabbi Scott Perlo, Associate Director of Jewish Programming at Sixth & I, helps direct this multi-denominational and membership-free historic synagogue focused on engaging young adults in their 20s and 30s through impactful, entertaining, and thought-provoking programs that span Jewish and secular traditions

**Rabbi Scott Perlo 2013**



**T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights**

**[www.truah.org](http://www.truah.org)**

Combines a variety of tools to introduce Jewish Wisdom to an increasingly global, religious village. Director of Programs Rabbi

Rachel Kahn-Troster mobilizes rabbis to bring a Jewish moral voice to human rights in North America and Israel through advocacy, education, and direct action.

**Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster 2009**

<http://ejewishphilanthropy.com/changing-communal-culture/>

The “Just Show Up” initiative was designed to transform the culture of Temple Beth El from that of having significant implicit and explicit barriers to entry, to one of totally reexamined rules around Shabbat attendance, dress code, and social dynamics. The message is -- we are about community, but you cannot create community if we do not JUST SHOW UP and see one another. It has become the tagline of the shul.

**Rabbi Amy Walk Katz 2011**



### **Temple Emanu-El's Gift of the Heart**

<http://templemanuelprovidence.wordpress.com>

Rabbi Elan Babchuck instituted a transformed membership/dues model called "Gift of the Heart" at the synagogue. Much research has already been done on these initiatives, where the total costs to run the synagogue are transparent, and members pay what they wish. The model was rolled out for new and potential members, and in that year, brought in an addition 40 new households, the largest spike in membership in the shul's last 25 years.

**Rabbi Elan Babchuck 2013**

*(Site is still up as an archive, but “Gift of the Heart” closed in 2015, as Rabbi Elan Babchuck began developing the Glean Network with Clal)*



### **The Epichorus**

<http://theepichorus.com/>

Created and curated by Rabbi Zach, is an ensemble stirring the sounds of Judeo-Arabic retro-folk. We play original music, interspersed with repertoire from 1930's Egypt, the religious songs of Syrian and Iraqi Jews, Sufi and classical Arabic tunes. We are creating new sounds in world music, returning listeners to the ecstatic states of the desert, the harem and the marketplaces of the Middle East. The Epichorus released their debut album One Bead on March 5th, 2013.

**Rabbi Zach Fredman 2009**



### **The Jewcurious Show**

<http://www.jewcurious.show/>

<https://rabbijohncarrier.com/>

Are you Jewcurious? I teach Jewish wisdom and practices that can help anyone, anywhere, regardless of where you're coming from or what you believe.

**Rabbi John Carrier 2017**



### **The Jewish Studio**

<http://www.thejewishstudio.org/>

Our mission is to connect Jewish adults to a meaningful and inspiring Judaism. Our vision is to craft a renewed Judaism that is

soulful, relevant and exciting.

There is a growing edge to Judaism. As Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l taught, we can only participate in that growth when we stop driving Judaism by looking in the rearview mirror. You don't move forward without knowing where you started. But you can't move forward unless you have the vision to see where you should be going. It is time now to look ahead. Our mission is to connect Jewish adults to a meaningful and inspiring Judaism. Our vision is to craft a renewed Judaism that is soulful, relevant and exciting.

**Rabbi Evan Krame 2011**



### **The Kirtan Rabbi**

<http://kirtanrabbi.com/>

Combines a variety of tools to introduce Jewish Wisdom to an increasingly global, religious village. Kirtan Rabbi's music is characterized by great energy, passion and melodic flow.

**Rabbi Andrew Hahn 2009**



### **The Rabbi's Manual**

<https://therabbismanual.com/>

I launched my project, The Rabbi's Manual, to assist rabbis in becoming better teachers, leaders, and rabbis. Now a blog with a future podcast planned and future in-person sessions/classes/retreats. RWB pushed me over the edge in verifying the need I had identified.

**Rabbi Jeremy Markiz 2018**



**The Snap Chat Rabbi**

<https://www.sandrajlawson.com/>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/hineni-here-i-am/id1193065871?mt=2>

I'm a rabbi, a sociologist, personal trainer, food activist, weightlifter, vegan, writer, public speaker, and musician.

I've also been known as the *Snapchat Rabbi* and featured in the *JTA as one of 10 Jews you should follow on Snapchat*. You can also learn more about me by listening to *Judaism Unbound Episode 34: The Snapchat Rabbi*.

**Rabbi Sandra Lawson 2013**

**The Tasman  
Center for Jewish  
Creativity**

**The Tasman Center**

<https://www.tasmancenter.org/>

Offering in-person and online opportunities for those seeking meaningful, accessible, and personalized Jewish learning, community classes & gatherings, spiritual coaching and rabbinic support. Programs and events incorporate various modalities of expression and engagement with Jewish practice and creative expression, including writing, mixed-media art, meditation, yoga, poetry, rabbinic and modern texts and participant offerings. We welcome participants who are exploring Judaism, new to Jewish practice, part of an interfaith Jewish couple or family, or if you have been Jewish your whole life and are looking to deepen your practice.

**Rabbi Sara Tasman 2017**



**TL; DR = Too Long, Didn't Read**

<https://soundcloud.com/user-838118>

Keep moving forward. Listen to the latest episode of my podcast here: 60 SECONDS TO WISDOM. Short teachings on the weekly Torah portion. Suitable for all who seek.

**Rabbi Seth Goldstein 2011**



## Torah Of Life Podcast

<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/ilan-glazer/torah-of-life>

### glazer/torah-of-life

The Torah of Life podcast, your home for transformational wisdom from a Jewish lens.

Wisdom & Inspiration for the Journey Ahead, from a Recovery Point of View

**Rabbi Ilan Glazer 2010**

## Writing on the Wall

"Now let Daniel be called, and he will declare the interpretation" Dan. 5:12

We see the divide growing between us and our neighbors. We see the rancor, built of anonymity, which can only be resolved by community building. And so, if you'll excuse me for a moment, I'm going to preach to the clergy. We have to do more together. We have to come together more than once per year, or in the wake of tragedy. If we come together, and build relationships, then our houses of worship can begin to come together.

**Rabbi Daniel Bar Nahum 2010**

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Sacred Slogans

RABBI JOSH YUTER

## Yutopia

<https://joshiyuter.com/>

Rabbi Yuter is an award winning blogger and writes and lectures on various issues pertaining to law, theology, and society through the unique perspective of a second-generation Rabbi with diverse personal and professional experiences and interests. In 2012

Rabbi Yuter was acknowledged by the National Jewish Outreach Program as one of the Top Ten Jewish Influencers for "creative and strategic use of social media to positively impact the Jewish community" and in 2014 was named one of PC Magazine's Top 100 People to Follow. He has also guest blogged for jdate and contributed to Jewish Values Online.

**Rabbi Josh Yuter 2012**

“While I have felt grounded in pluralistic Judaism via AJR, it was the RWB learning that was the foundation of the work I do at the hospital with Jews from the full spectrum of belief and practice and every possible background. Through compassionate and non-judgmental conversation about their theology (most have never considered the concept), and facilitating their exploration of what is essential to their souls, so many have entered serious exploration of what Jewish life and wisdom has to offer to them.

I am now the Full Time rabbi of the hospital. How wonderful.”  
**Rabbi Eliana Falk 2011**



<https://youtu.be/JSDnpa25rxc>

Rabbi Jason Miller, 2009

<https://elitalks.org/getting-ritual-making-meaningful-jewish-moments>

Rabbi Lisa Greene, 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ0xKysFzPs>

Rabbi Elan Babchuck, 2013

<https://elitalks.org/al-shlosa-dvarim-power-simplicity>

Rabbi Adam Grossman, 2013

<https://youtu.be/7Bm7NFVQlfc>

Rabbi Rebecca Eisenstein Schorr, 2011

<https://youtu.be/a2lp0RLHY8s>

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass, 2017

<https://www.pechakucha.org/presentations/i-dont-believe-in-god>

Brent Chaim Spodek, 2012

<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/mourners-kaddish-shoulders-more-meaning-in-days-after-synagogue-shooting>

Rabbi Rachel Kobrin, 2009 on Colorado's Public Radio, after the tragic Pittsburgh shooting.

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FOUNDER, GUITARIST, MANAGER OF TWISTED SISTER

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpeiLIXjc6Y>

Rabbi Darby Jared Leigh, 2009

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