

The Cantorial Vaad of

OHALAH אהלה

Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal
אגודת הרבנים להתחדשות היהדות

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Dear Leaders of Israel,

As cantors, we, the Cantorial Vaad of OHALAH: Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal are deeply connected to the prayers of Am Yisrael, and as Jews, we love and believe in the State of Israel.

Because of this love and connection, we are heartbroken that women in Israel who wish to pray at the Kotel are kept in silence, while men may use their voices as they wish. While sometimes, like Chana, a woman or a man may wish to pour out her or his heart to G-d quietly, at other times, again like Chana, one may feel inspired to praise G-d out loud with the fullness of her or his being. To silence the prayers of women is an error and a diminishment of the dignity of all Jews.

On behalf of the Cantorial Vaad of OHALAH, we respectfully demand equal rights for Women of the Wall and all Jewish women who wish to pray at the Kotel.

L'shalom,



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