

Program Overview Page

Our 2026 Convention – **וקראתם דרוֹר: Many Voices, One Assembly** – is designed as a dynamic and immersive experience of learning and connection. Across four days in Philadelphia, participants will engage in substantive *limmud*, practical skill-building, and meaningful relationship-building with colleagues from across the globe.

At the heart of our Convention is a commitment to ensuring that our most pressing conversations are not only explored, but engaged with in deep and respectful dialogue that showcases our ability to be a united Rabbinical Assembly.

Structure of the Program

The Convention program features a rich mix of plenaries, breakout sessions, and experiential learning opportunities. Sessions are designed to be interactive, thoughtful, and immediately relevant to the most urgent questions that rabbis are navigating today. These sessions will engage a central framework of **Topics** and **Lenses**.

Topics and Lenses

Our core conversations will not take place in a vacuum. Each topic is paired with a distinct lens that provides context, depth, and practical orientation. This structure ensures that conversations move from generative and well-meaning conversation toward meaningful application.

Each session is designed so that you leave with a new skill, framework, or perspective to help you think about and act on these issues in your work.

Lenses

- Torah at the Center and the Work of Changing Hearts
- The Moral Posture of Leadership
- Listening, Relationship, and Engagement Across Difference
- Systems, Context, and Leadership in Times of Anxiety

Topics

- Responding to Antisemitism: Rabbinic Leadership in Challenging Times
- Democracy, Our Sacred Responsibility
- Israel and Zionism: Complexity and Courage
- Inter marriage: Navigating Relational, Communal, and Practical Realities

Beyond the Framework: *Limmud* and Nourishing Our Souls and Relationships

In addition to sessions built around Topics and Lenses, our Convention will include a wide range of *limmud* opportunities that create space for colleagues to engage Torah together. These sessions will strengthen our shared learning, deepen relationships, and nurture our spiritual lives.

There will also be opportunities to step beyond the Convention space and explore Philadelphia itself. Philadelphia is a city rich with American history, Jewish life, culture, and vibrant energy. Through organized excursions, participants will be able to experience the city in ways that enhance both the Convention and their personal connections with colleagues.

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