



Rabba Sara Hurwitz

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Rabba Sara Hurwitz, Co-Founder and President of Maharat, the first institution to ordain Orthodox women as clergy, also serves on the Rabbinic staff at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale.

Rabba Hurwitz completed Drisha's three-year Scholars Circle Program, an advanced intensive program of study for Jewish women training to become scholars, educators and community leaders. After another five years of study under the auspices of Rabbi Avi Weiss, she was ordained by Rabbi Weiss and Rabbi Daniel Sperber in 2009.

In 2013 Rabba Hurwitz was awarded the Hadassah Foundation Bernice S. Tannenbaum prize, and the Myrtle Wreath Award from the Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah in 2014. In

2016 she was the Trailblazer Award Recipient at UJA Federation of New York. She was named as one of *Jewish Week's* 36 Under 36, *the Forward's* 50 most influential Jewish leaders, and *Newsweek's* 50 most influential rabbis. In 2017 Rabba Hurwitz was chosen to be a member of the inaugural class of Wexner Foundation Field Fellows.

She and her husband, Josh Abraham, are parents to Yonah, Zacharya, Davidi and Natan.

About Maharat

Maharat is the first institution to train and ordain Orthodox women to be clergy, and was founded in 2009 after the ordination of Rabba Sara Hurwitz by Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabbi Daniel Sperber. Now in its 10th year, Maharat has graduated 26 women who are serving in clergy roles in synagogues, schools, hospitals, universities, and Jewish communal institutions. There are 31 more students in the pipeline, preparing to change the landscape of Orthodox Judaism and the community at large.