WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOU
Are you a leader who looks beyond the bounds of the community you serve? A connector who brings together colleagues to act? A lifelong learner committed to building your skills and knowledge? This is your moment. Start a T’ruah cluster.

We hear from our *chaverim* how important it is to be part of this network of 1,800 rabbis and cantors. Many of you have told us that you feel safer taking on challenging issues knowing that your colleagues across the country have your back. And many of you have told us the power of saying that you’re part of this network, which is much more powerful than any one of us. And we have heard from you, especially this year, how important it is to be connected to each other, to gain strength from one another, and to work together to organize and to speak. We have also heard from many, many Jews how crucial and affirming it is to them in this moment to hear rabbis and cantors speaking in a moral voice out of the depths of our tradition.

WHY CLUSTERS NOW? KOHELET 4:12
"A threefold cord is not easily broken." T’ruah speaks nationally and internationally with the voice of 1,800 of our colleagues. But we also need to be present on the local and state level, bringing our moral rabbinic voices to protect human rights everywhere in the country. A T’ruah cluster provides that threefold cord to stand up for justice locally, nationally, and for Israel.

A MOVEMENT MOMENT: ELDAD AND MEIDAD
The election brought to the surface the divisions, hatred, and bigotry that we too often try to ignore. In this moment of uncertainty and fear, we have an opportunity to transform our rabbinic moral voice into collective action. “If only all the people were prophets!” Moses responds to Joshua’s dismay.

WHAT YOU GET OUT OF IT: PIRKEI AVOT 1:2
**TORAH:** Learn with your cluster. Try out ideas that are new or a little unfamiliar, before you try them out on your congregation. Or explore texts in various group modalities that you can’t do alone. T’ruah will help with materials and staff support.

**AVODAH:** Live out your divine service through powerful and effective action with colleagues. Join local coalitions, plan or take part in protests and actions, meet with state and local leaders, and network your communities together.

**GEMILUT CHASADIM:** The work of justice can be tough and tiring. Regroup and reinvigorate with your cluster colleagues. Model the kinds of loving relationships you want to see more of in the world.
TACHLIS
Shoot us an email or give us a call at office@truah.org or (212) 845-5201. We’ll start you off by connecting you with other T’ruah chaverim in your area. We’ll also provide materials to support your work, staff time to help with cluster organizing, program and action planning, training and leadership development. And most importantly, you will be able to say that your group is part of a national network of rabbis and cantors bringing our moral voices, and the wisdom of our tradition, to advancing human rights.

WHAT SHOULD MY CLUSTER WORK ON?
First and foremost, your cluster should work on a campaign about which you feel passionate, on which there is the opportunity to connect with other local communities, and in which rabbis, cantors, and the Jewish community can make a difference.

This may mean taking on one of T’ruah’s campaigns, which currently focus on:

• Ending mass incarceration in the U.S.
• Ending slavery and trafficking in U.S. labor
• Protecting immigrants through offering sanctuary (in multiple forms)
• Creating a just and secure future for Israelis and Palestinians through ending the occupation and establishing two states.
• Protecting the human rights of Bedouin Israeli citizens.

If you choose one of these campaigns, we will help you find the local angle and structure a campaign that we can win locally.

Your cluster may also work on another campaign that you identify. We will still provide resources as possible, support in organizing, training, and other assistance in making your work succeed.

T’ruah clusters may not take on campaigns or state public positions that are at odds with T’ruah policy.

We also want to hear from you! Let us know what you’re hearing on the ground—what your colleagues, congregants, students, and other community members are talking about. The T’ruah clusters serve as eyes—and hands—on the ground, and help us in the main office understand better how the world might look from your perspective.

WHAT RESOURCES CAN T’RUAH PROVIDE? Aside from staff time to consult and advise, check out:

• “The Other Side of the Sea,” T’ruah’s Haggadah on fighting modern-day slavery
• The Handbook for Jewish Communities Fighting Mass Incarceration—170 pages of background information, text studies, and strategies for action
• Mikdash: A Jewish Guide to the Sanctuary Movement
• Holiday text studies, sermon sparks, and activities
• Timely material intended for use by our clusters, delivered to you every couple of months
• Plus weekly divrei Torah and many other resources at www.truah.org/resources

BUT YOU DON’T HAVE TO TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

“The work of T’ruah is inspiring, but here in Philadelphia it can feel distant. T’ruah is providing our area the opportunity to use the resources, passion and knowledge of T’ruah to find sparks of that work here in our community.”

—Rabbi Peter Rigler, T’ruah cluster leader