



Rabbi **Dina Brawer** was born and raised in Milan, Italy and studied in Jerusalem and New York. Her undergraduate degree is in Hebrew and Jewish Studies and she has an MA in Education and Psychology. She is also the first woman to address a British Orthodox congregation at Kol Nidre.

Her interest and passion in Orthodox feminism was seeded at the 2003 Kolech conference in Jerusalem and nurtured through JOFA (Jewish Orthodox feminist Alliance) conferences and events. She served as JOFA's first UK Ambassador and she has recently founded JOFA UK. In this role, she has initiated a feminist movement within Orthodox Judaism, organized conferences and engaged the community in discussions around religion and gender.

One of her goals is to try and narrow the gap between the high number of women occupying influential leadership positions in the secular, compared to the limited opportunities in religious worlds. This is the reason she enrolled in a four-year orthodox semikha (rabbinic ordination) course at Yeshivat Maharat in NY.

She has been selected to take part in Gamechangers, Lead's innovative Senior Lay Leaders' Programme for the Jewish Community. The Jewish Chronicle recently listed her in its Power 100 List of Individuals who are most influential in shaping the UK Jewish community.