

Rabbi Elan Babchuck



Rabbi Elan Babchuck is a rabbi and entrepreneur who spends much of his time exploring the rich intersections between these two traditions. Ordained as a rabbi in 2012, he received his MBA that year, as well. He's committed to leaving behind a world that is more compassionate, connected, and just than the one he found, and – in pursuit of that commitment – he is the Executive Vice President at [Clal](#), the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and the Founding Executive Director of [Glean Network](#), an incubator, and network for entrepreneurs who are building new models of faith in action, which partners with Columbia Business School.

He has incubated over 150 successful startups over the past 10 years and built four of his own during his 20 years of entrepreneurship. A sought-after keynote speaker, he publishes regularly on [The Wisdom Daily](#), creates content for [Ritual](#), contributed to [Meaning Making – 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generations](#) (2020) and is the co-author of *Renewable Energy* (2023, Fortress Press), a book exploring emergent leadership models for legacy religious organizations.

He also serves as:

- a [Founding Partner](#) of [Starts With Us](#) - a movement to counteract polarization and dehumanization,
- a member of the [Research Advisory Board](#) of [Springtide Research Institute](#) – which focuses on spirituality, mental health and Gen Z,
- a founding board member of the [Beloved Network](#) – a network of startup, home-based Jewish communities,
- a member of the Board of Advisors of the [Changemaker Initiative](#), and
- a [Leadership Team](#) member of [RiseUp](#) - a grantmaking initiative supporting innovative models of social justice in the Jewish community and beyond.