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Convention 2017 - "I Have A Dream"

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Convention 2017 Keynote Speaker

Rabbi Dr. Analia Bortz is married to Rabbi Mario Karpuj. They have two daughters, Tamar and Adina. She and her husband are the Rabbis at Congregation Or Hadash, Sandy Springs, Georgia, a congregation that they founded in 2003.

Rabbi Bortz has twenty-five years of experience as a pulpit rabbi. She was the first Latin American female rabbi to complete her rabbinical ordination in Jerusalem, as a student of the Seminario Rabinico Latino Americano "Marshall T. Meyer". Dr. Bortz graduated from the University of Buenos Aires Medical School, and the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. As a medical doctor, Rabbi Bortz has served in various hospital and private clinics in Buenos Aires, Jerusalem, Valparaiso, Chile and Atlanta, GA. In addition, Rabbi Bortz is a fiber artist, creating tallism for her Bat Mitzvah students. Merging her vocation as a rabbi, a medical doctor, and a bioethicist allows her to see the human soul/body as a holistic concept.



In her own words, "I decided to become a rabbi when I was eighteen years old. There were no women rabbis ordained in South America at that time. There were many barriers and prejudices to conquer and overcome. At that same time I was a medical student at Universidad Buenos Aires. I realized that I wanted to help people in a holistic way. My goal was to penetrate to the essence of the wholeness and find the Divine spark in each human being, body and soul."

The following words of Abraham Joshua Heschel were her inspiration:

"Medicine is Religion in acts and Religion is Medicine in prayers"

Rabbi Bortz will address our Convention on Sunday evening, May 21, 2017