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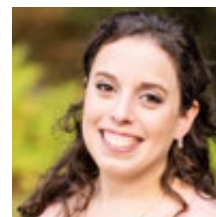
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You Cannot Do It Alone Parshat Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

By Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin, Rab` 11
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As a rabbi and organizer for social justice, the past 15 months have been a moral nightmare and an organizer's dream come true. As our government increasingly hurts communities of color, poor people, and religious minorities, thousands of concerned citizens—of diverse backgrounds—are coming out of the woodwork, eager to fight back. Many are entering the political fray for the first time.

For years, leaders in the PICO/Faith in Action national organizing network, where I am privileged to work, have dreamed about bringing our faith-based organizing efforts to scale. And yet, when thousands of new people appeared in November 2016, we weren't ready. We agreed on the scope of the problems, but at least on the local level, we did not yet have the infrastructure to launch a sustained response on the scale our increased numbers now made possible. We still have masses of people showing up for rallies and actions, but we do not have a way to absorb them into our organizations, to offer sufficient training, and build the necessary relationships to enable us to act together effectively.

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