

# Neo-Hasidism

“For many people, Hasidism is identified almost exclusively with the ultra-orthodoxy. . . But we believe that Hasidism is actually something larger, something perpendicular to a continuum that stretches from the farthest reaches of liberal spirituality to the most strictly defined orthodoxy. That is to say, there is a dimension of holy sincerity and piety associated with living in the authentic presence of God, nokhah p’nai ha-Shem, that applies equally to all, whether one is a Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, or Orthodox Jew . . . balancing the spiritual needs of men and women, welcoming the wisdom that flows behind and through all spiritual traditions.”

Zalman Schachter-Shalomi & Netanel Miles-Yépez, *A Heart Afire*

