



The Israel Religious Expressions Platform
(IREP) and Amplifier@JFNA Present:

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN ISRAEL GIVING GUIDE

TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR GIVING
TO ENSURE EVERY JEW CAN FEEL AT
HOME IN ISRAEL



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STORIES OF PLURALISM



Liat and Itai had conflicting views regarding their wedding ceremony. Liat was searching for something more traditional, and Itai did not connect with that at all. They had met with a few rabbis, and then called Reform Rabbi Tamar Gur, who took them through a process of learning about the ceremony, deciding which parts they connected with, what reflected their personalities and their future as a couple. The ceremony was a bridge between Liat and Itai, and it suited their diverse families and guests as well.

"When you understand what the ceremony is, and learn that you can choose which elements you incorporate, you become surprised at the many things you connect to." — Itai

Rabbi Yael Vorgan is the rabbi of the Regional council for the 9,000 residents of Sha'ar Ha'negev (SH) and a part of the Israeli Reform movement.

"The population in SH is very secular. Many families that I meet have a need and a desire to connect to Judaism but they don't want to be forced to do anything that compromises their liberal values or way of living. I feel that my role is really to offer them a connection to Judaism in a way that suits them, to make it accessible and inviting, for them.... When I prepare a life-cycle event with a family, I allow them to choose and to feel owners of their culture, and to feel that they are my partners in designing this event."
— Rabbi Yael Vorgan

BINA - The Jewish Movement for Social Change, hosts pluralistic educational programs for Israelis and Americans, including secular "yeshivas."

"BINA's Mechina program made me realize that I can be very Jewish even if I do not observe the Sabbath and Mitzvot and that there are many ways to be Jewish — not only the ways that are demonstrated to us by the religious or ultra-Orthodox. The Mechina made me love my religion more — not out of necessity but out of my own desire."
— Bina Mechina participant

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

These stories, of love, connection, and educational experiences will likely feel familiar to many in North America. Yet, in Israel, where the only legally recognized Jewish marriage is through the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate and where many Israelis have only experienced either Orthodoxy or secular life, they are examples of a movement to grow and expand religious diversity.

Israel is a melting pot of Jewish populations from different regions and varied backgrounds. This wonderful diversity also manifests itself in a variety and plurality of Jewish expression, yet many forms of that expression aren't recognized by the government and public funding flows mainly to Orthodox programs and institutions.

Religious pluralism means that everyone who wants to be Jewish in Israel will have a way to be Jewish, and that there will be recognized, valid forms of acceptance and alternative lifecycle events.

Using the backdrop of the Israel Religious Expression Platform (IREP), this guide will explore religious pluralism in Israel, its connection to Jewish values, and ways to give to help ensure that choice in Jewish expression and Jewish practice is the norm throughout Israel.

WHAT IS PLURALISM?

In Israel, many laws including rules relating to marriage, divorce, and kashrut are under the sole purview of religious authorities. For the Jewish population that religious authority is the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate. This situation impacts forms of non-Orthodox Jewish education and expression, and women's and LGBTQ rights, limiting the ways that many people can express their Judaism and live Jewishly.

In contrast to this, an increasing number of grassroots organizations today provide a range of options for experiencing Judaism and lifecycle events. Throughout this guide, the term pluralism refers to creating legitimacy around diverse forms of Jewish expression.



COMING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT GRASSROOTS CHANGE

Coming Together to Support Grassroots Change: The Israel Religious Expression Platform (IREP)

Jewish Federations have supported diverse Jewish practice in Israel for decades. Recognizing the opportunities inherent in increased collaboration and investment, the Israel Religious Expression Platform (IREP) of the Jewish Federations of North America was created in 2015.

IREP empowers Israelis who work on the ground to promote Jewish diversity and enables Federations to collaborate strategically with Israelis from all sectors who share the vision for a more inclusive Israel. IREP's initial focus on marriage equality in Israel has grown to include supporting a range of issues related to

increasing religious diversity in Israel. IREP's unique consortium advancing pluralism and freedom of expression in Israel brings together diverse Israeli organizations—Orthodox, Reform, Conservative/Masorti and secular—to collaborate in addressing the issues.

IREP provides a platform for Federations to collaborate on shared interests and leverage their support collectively, while offering opportunities for North American Jewish leadership to learn about the complexity of Israeli society, the progress that has been made over the past few decades, and the challenges that still lie ahead.



Investment in organizations promoting religious pluralism in Israel is growing: In the past six years 27 Federations and three Jewish foundations have invested in IREP. Additional organizations promoting pluralism are also supported by Federations.

AND IT'S WORKING!

Since IREP's founding in 2015 there has been a significant increase in support among the Jewish public in Israel for recognition of Reform, Conservative and civil marriage options.

70%

OF THE JEWISH CITIZENS
OF ISRAEL NOW SUPPORT
RECOGNITION OF ALL FORMS
OF MARRIAGE INCLUDING
CIVIL, REFORM AND
CONSERVATIVE WEDDING
CEREMONIES.

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GETTING INVOLVED: HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





STEP 1

Consider Jewish Values

Text 1

Asking hard questions and reckoning with values is at the heart of Jewish life and central to the practice of *tzedakah*. As you consider where and how to give to increase religious pluralism in Israel, Jewish values and philanthropic strategies can guide you. Jewish tradition, from midrash to Talmud, offers considerable insight on the question of pluralism. Consider these texts. What insights do they offer on how you might support religious pluralism in Israel?

Abbaye said, "This is learned from the verse, 'One thing has G-d spoken, these two have I heard, that strength belongs to G-d.' Psalms 62:12. [This verse teaches us] that one verse can produce many laws, while one law could not be derived from more than one verse." The interpretation of this verse in Psalms 62:12 is that one statement from G-d ("One thing has G-d spoken"), can have various interpretations ("These two have I heard"), where G-d would not use extraneous words to express one concept or thought.

The Academy of R. Yishmael taught: "[pertaining to the verse] 'as a hammer that breaks the rock into pieces,' 7Jer. 23:29. The complete verse is, 'Behold, My word is like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that shatters a rock.' Just as a hammer can produce many sparks, the Netziv translates 'nitzotzos' as sparks... So can one verse [be interpreted] to produce many laws."

(Haamek Sheilah on Sheiltot d'Rav Achai Gaon, Kidmat HaEmek, Part II 9:5: Sefaria.org)

- ? What might Abbaye and R. Yishmael's wisdom that multiple laws can originate from one source mean for religious pluralism?
- ? North America Jews have seemingly endless choices for celebrating their Judaism. How might more choice enrich Israeli Judaism and bring more people inside the tent of Jewish practice and engagement?

Text 2

Bemidbar Rabbah 13:16

"One silver basin" was brought as a symbol of the Torah which has been likened to wine, as it says "And drink of the wine which I have mingled" (Mishlei 9:5). Now because it is customary to drink wine in a basin, you may gather from the text, "that drink wine in bowls" (Amos 6:6) – he on that account, brought a basin. "Of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary" (Bamidbar 7:19). Why? As the numerical value of yayin (wine) is seventy, so there are seventy modes of expounding the Torah.

- ? If you take seriously that there are many (seventy!) ways to explain a single story, what might this mean for religious pluralism in Israel and its impacts on everyday life?
- ? How can we help lower barriers and help more Israelis find their portal into Jewish life and practice in ways which respect the full spectrum of diversity that this text implies?

Text 3

Pirkei Avot 5:17

"Any disagreement that is for G-d's sake, it will yield something that lasts. Any disagreement that is not for G-d's sake, it will not yield something that lasts. What is a disagreement for G-d's sake? The disagreements of Hillel and Shammai. What is a disagreement not for G-d's sake? Korach and his congregation."

- ? Whether you are familiar with the disagreements of Hillel and Shammai and Korach and his Congregation or not, note the emphases on disagreement for G-d's sake. Our tradition does not shy away from disagreement – how can we bring an understanding of disagreement for G-d's sake into our giving to support religious pluralism?
- ? Diversity includes traditional Judaism and Jewish practice. Without seeking to limit options for those who choose this path, how can we work together to ensure that all Jews feel welcome and respected in the Jewish State?



STEP 2

Learn about approaches

There are dozens of nonprofit organizations in Israel working on issues of religion and state, promoting religious diversity or freedom of religion. One way to group them is through those organizations that provide services, organizations that do advocacy work, and research organizations. Which of these areas of work are you most interested in supporting?

ADVOCACY

Advocacy focuses on efforts to change, behaviors, attitudes, and/or policy. Advocacy efforts target specific audiences. Often, the strategy includes different steps, sometimes with intermediate changes, and even different target audiences in each phase.

If you are interested in advocacy, learn about how these organizations work. Are they focused on legislative change? Are there specific attitudes and behaviors they are working to increase/decrease or otherwise shift? Or perhaps they are focused on creating greater societal and cultural awareness about alternative approaches to Judaism?

Since advocacy is about creating change in beliefs, awareness, or behavior, it's important to be clear who the target audience is. Here are some of the audiences Israeli advocacy organizations work to impact:

- **THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

The general public or a subset of the general public according to age, geographic location, country of origin (Russian, Ethiopian) or belief (National Orthodox, ultra-Orthodox, secular, traditional).

- **SOCIAL INFLUENCERS**

Journalists, educators, leaders in civil society or intellectual leaders, rabbis/religious leaders or social media influencers.

- **POLICY DECISION MAKERS**

Members of Knesset, leaders of political parties, top government officials (civil servants), heads of municipalities or members of municipal council, courts, officials in the State religious establishment.



SERVICE

Service organizations focus on grassroots programming and making changes on the ground in order to provide alternatives. These organizations provide or enhance lifecycle services including marriage, divorce, bar/bat mitzvah, and funerals. Many of them offer informal education and programming to individuals and families.

Service organizations include both non-Orthodox congregations including Reform; Conservative/Masorti, secular, Humanistic, Reconstructionist and organizations that provide alternative Orthodox services such as

kashrut certification and marriage outside of the Israeli Rabbinat.

The programs provided by service organizations give Israelis an opportunity to experience alternative approaches to Jewish life. If you are interested in service organizations, questions to ask include: who is the audience they are targeting and how are they reaching that audience? What does their data show about the impact they are having on their participants? If they are using educational frameworks and curricula, what are these?

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Research institutions and projects provide the data and analysis to better understand the landscape of religious pluralism in Israel. There are fewer stand-alone research organizations, with some organizations engaged in both advocacy and research. Research organizations:

- Assess the impact of service and advocacy programs;
- Benchmark the current situation and measure impact over time;
- Map the field to identify gaps in services and funding; and/or:

- Identify trends in societal developments, analyze them and make recommendations on policy.

In analyzing research frameworks, you might consider the broader institution, their methodological approaches, the institutions they are affiliated with, the credentials of their professionals and advisors, and other studies they have done in the past.



STEP 3

Learn about
the work of
organizations on
the ground

Learn about the work of organizations on the ground and decide where and how much to give. Then give. The following organizations have all been supported by IREP and IREP's Jewish Federation partners. Use them as a starting point for your consideration.

Want to impact many issues at once?

Overwhelmed by the choices?

Reach out to your local Federation to find out about joining IREP and become part of a community of committed changemakers.

[>> jewishfederations.org/federation-finder](https://jewishfederations.org/federation-finder)

ORGANIZATIONS GIVING GUIDE

This guide has been developed as a community resource. Please note that IREP does not specifically endorse or vet the work of the organizations below, and any direct donation made to them is at your own discretion.

SERVICE ● | ADVOCACY ■ | RESEARCH ▲ | EDUCATION ★ | LEGAL REPRESENTATION ◆

Alma ★

Founded in 1996 by Dr. Ruth Calderon, Alma is a Tel Aviv based cultural and intellectual center that blends Jewish and Israeli Culture and general, universal culture through text and learning. Alma seeks to make this cultural blend a meaningful element in the identity of Jews in Israel and abroad. Alma's learning methods are interdisciplinary, pluralistic and dialogue-based.

www.alma.org.il/?lang=en

Atid Bamidbar ● ★

Atid Bamidbar strengthens social solidarity and Jewish peoplehood and builds bridges across gaps in Israeli society by fostering mutual acquaintance and respect around a common denominator of Jewish and Israeli culture, in an open, pluralistic, and egalitarian approach.

www.bamidbar.org/?lat=en

Beit Hillel

Beit Hillel, Attentive Spiritual Leadership, is a Torah leadership organization comprised of over 170 Religious-Zionist Rabbanim and Rabbaniot in Israel. Beit Hillel believes that the Torah's way is relevant in every generation, and that the depth and complexity found in the Torah should guide Jewish Israelis in dealing with the new reality and the complexities of our generation. Their focus is on three main areas: society and democracy, the status of women, and education.

eng.beithillel.org.il

Beit Prat Israeli Midrasha ●★

Beit Prat – Israeli Midrasha is a network of *Batei Midrash*, houses of Jewish learning. The Batei Midrash are operated by and for Israeli young adults from across the religious spectrum and promote Jewish learning, activism and community building.

beitprat.org/en-homepage

Beit Tefilah Israeli ●

Beit Tefilah Israeli is a young and fast-growing, liberal and independent community in Tel Aviv, which offers a meaningful context and venue for Shabbat and holiday services, lifecycle events, and Jewish-Israeli Identity exploration for a broad range of Israelis who seek a place for spiritual quest in prayer and activism in a communal and friendly environment.

btfila.org/?lang=en

BINA ●★

BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change, is the leading organization at the intersection of Jewish pluralism and social action in Israel. BINA strives to strengthen Israel as a democratic pluralistic society, by emphasizing Judaism as a culture, through Jewish values of *Tikkun Olam*.

www.bina.org.il/en

Center for Women's Justice ■◆

The Center for Women's Justice is a cutting-edge public interest law organization that leads in fostering the basic human rights of Jewish women in Israel to equality, dignity and justice within Jewish law.

www.cwj.org.il/en

Dor 1.5 - Young Russian Speakers ■

Generation 1.5 is made up of Russian-speaking young men and women, most of whom immigrated with their families during the large wave of the 1990s. They work to incorporate aspects of their Russian history into their current identity as Israeli.

www.facebook.com/dor1vahetsi

Elul - Elu v'Elu ★

Elul is an egalitarian *beit midrash* whose name is derived from the words of the "voice of G-d," which according to the Talmud intervened in the conflict between Beit Hillel and Beit Shamai, proclaiming that "both these and those are the words of the living G-d." And accordingly, since it was established, Elul has given expression to the diverse voices within Israel out of a belief that all are worthy of being heard.

www.elul.org.il

Gesher ★

Gesher builds a cohesive Israeli society that embraces the vibrancy, diversity and shared heritage of the Jewish people. Gesher facilitates respectful and effective dialogue between the religious, secular and Haredi sectors in Israeli society. Through Leadership Institute, educational programming in the Israeli school system and in the Israeli Defense Forces and national cultural programming, Gesher fosters a society based on mutual respect, dialogue, acceptance, and co-existence.

www.gesherusa.org

HaMidrasha at Oranim ★

HaMidrasha is an educational center working towards the renewal of Jewish life in Israel. It was established in 1989 by Israeli educators and activists to help non orthodox Jewish Israelis address issues of personal and collective Jewish identity and to create a pluralistic cultural and spiritual landscape in Israel. HaMidrasha promotes Jewish renewal in Israel by using the Israeli-Zionist experience as a platform for reconnecting to Jewish heritage.

www.hamidrasha-israel.org

Hashgacha Pratit/Chuppot ● ■

Hashgacha Pratit provides Orthodox religious services in Israel independent of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate in order to enable a more pluralistic and diverse Israeli society. The organization was established in Jerusalem in 2012 by Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz, and successfully led the struggle to open the kosher food market in Israel to competition. Today the organization, under the brand Chuppot, provides Halachic weddings independent of the Chief Rabbinate.

chuppot.org.il/en

Hebrew Union College ★

The Jerusalem campus of the Hebrew Union College has grown since 1971 to serve as the center of HUC-JIR's Israel experience for stateside students, including the Year-In-Israel Program, and prepares Israeli students for leadership in the Israel Rabbinical Program, M.A. Program in Pluralistic Jewish Education with the Melton Centre of Hebrew University, and the Blaustein Center for Pastoral Counseling's Mezorim Program.

huc.edu/campus-life/taube-family-campus-jerusalem

Hiddush ■ ▲

Hiddush for Religious Freedom and Equality is an organization that is committed to the advancement of freedom of religion and conscience and full equality as promised in Israel's Declaration of Independence. Hiddush conducts polling and works to educate and create public awareness on issues of religious freedom and democracy.

hiddush.org

IRAC ● ■ ◆

The Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) is the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. IRAC's mission is to advance pluralism in Israeli society and to defend the freedoms of conscience, faith, and religion. IRAC's objectives are to curtail religious extremism and gender segregation in the public domain, fight racism and advance a shared society between Jews and Arabs in Israel, advance religious freedom and dismantle the ultra-Orthodox rabbinate's monopoly and to secure equal status for all streams of Judaism in Israel.

www.irac.org

Israel Association of Community Centers ●

The Israel Association of Community Centers (IACC) is the leading national organization in Israel dedicated to the promotion of communities and of Israeli society as an empowered civil, just, and egalitarian society, which encourages social responsibility and involvement.

www.matnasim.org.il

Israel Hofsheets ● ■

Israel Hofsheets (Be Free Israel) is a civil, nonpartisan movement that works to change the relationship between religion and state, ensuring freedom in the public sphere and establish a free, pluralistic and democratic society in the spirit of Zionism and the Declaration of Independence. Israel Hofsheets runs activist training and the Havaya Center for Secular Jewish Life-cycle Ceremonies.

bfree.org.il/english

Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism ● ★

IMPJ is the umbrella organization of Reform communities and institutions in Israel. They believe in the right of each individual to shape their own Jewish way of life through a process of study and reflection and seeks to integrate Jewish tradition with the realities of modern life.

www.reform.org.il/Eng

ITIM ● ■ ◆

ITIM (Jewish Life Information Center) helps individuals navigate the bureaucracy associated with dealing with various religious authorities in Israel. ITIM provides information and offers free advocacy services to simplify the process and find solutions to complex problems. ITIM's *Giyur K'Halacha* program provides an inclusive, supportive, Orthodox conversion process for Israeli citizens, particularly children under bar/bat-mitzvah age.

www.itim.org.il/en

JCC Global ★

Building on the uniqueness of each Jewish Community Center (JCC), JCC Global connects more than 1,000 JCCs worldwide that serve millions of individuals each week. JCC global shares best practices and resources, offers joint learning and collaboration to benefit local communities.

www.jccglobal.org

Jewish Pluralism Watch ■ ★

Jewish Pluralism Watch, operated by the Masorti Movement in Israel, is a non-partisan institute that monitors, interprets and publicizes the positions, statements, and voting records of Knesset members and other elected officials on all issues related to democracy, religion and the state. JPW's goals are to increase the general electorate's involvement in, and influence on, the political system, enable the Israeli public to make informed votes and demands of MKs regarding democracy and religion and state, and to enrich the public discourse about democracy, religion, and state.

masorti.org/jewishpluralismwatch

Kol Ami Mechina ★

Kol Ami is a gap year program that connects Israelis and Jewish peers from across the globe. Kol Ami's unique educational experience combines the best of two worlds and offers a holistic experience for all participants: exploration of Jewish identity which emphasizes the uniqueness of different Jewish communities and ideologies across the globe as well as the common thread connecting all Jewish people – love for Israel.

www.kolami.org.il

Kol Israel Haverim - Kiah ("Alliance Israel") ★

Kol Israel Haverim - Kiah ("Alliance Israel") seeks to promote a tolerant Judaism, to nurture general education, to promote social responsibility and to foster respect for the "other" in society.

www.kiah.org.il

Kolech ■

Kolech is the first Orthodox Jewish feminist organization in Israel which aims to increase public awareness and bring about change in Israeli religious society. It seeks to disseminate the values of gender equality and mutual respect, to encourage equal opportunities for women in the public arena, including the advancement of women's rights in religious and halachic spheres.

www.kolech.org.il/en

Kolot ● ★

Kolot's vision is to create a moral, value-based society in the State of Israel that can be an example to all nations. Utilizing its own custom-designed curricula, its mission is to train networks of leaders throughout Israel to use Jewish ethical principles as the basis for creating a values-driven vision for the Jewish State.

kolotbaam.wixsite.com/website-4

Masorti (Conservative) Movement ● ★

Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel: The purpose and mission of the Foundation is to support the work of Israelis in building a Judaism that preserves observance and tradition while recognizing how modern life in Israel is lived. The Masorti Movement in Israel has more than 80 congregations all over Israel, led by rabbis that represent an equal, Halachic and egalitarian Judaism, and that work towards a Zionist and democratic Israel.

masorti.org

Mavoi Satum ● ■ ◆

Founded in 1995, Mavoi Satum is a non-profit organization providing legal and emotional support to women who have been refused a Jewish divorce (*get*).

mavoisatum.org/en

Meitarim-Mirkam Network ★

The Meitarim Network was established with the objective of enabling diverse populations to live and study together in an educational climate that welcomes each and every individual. The network assists in establishing and accompanying mixed (religious, traditional and secular) communities and inclusive educational frameworks.

meitarim.org

Melitz Centers for Jewish-Zionist Education ★

Melitz Center for Jewish-Zionist Education Melitz is transforming Jewish concepts of identity, community and Israel through inclusivity, experience and education. Melitz programs are carefully designed with the intention of provoking curiosity about Jewish Peoplehood and contemporary expressions of Jewishness.

melitz.org

Ne'emanai Torah Va'Avoda ■

Ne'emanai Torah Va'Avoda is a religious Zionist movement that strives to strengthen the integration of religious society into general society, in order to promote tolerance, equality and justice, and in order to shape the Jewish-democratic character of Israeli society. The Movement is committed to halakha, to creating an open religious culture that encourages a courageous halakhic discourse to address the challenge of modern times.

toravoda.org.il/en

Panim ■

Panim for Jewish Renaissance in Israel was founded in 1998 and serves as an umbrella organization for 60 nonprofits who work to advance Jewish-Israeli identity and culture across Israel. Panim provides training and advocacy tools aimed at increasing public funds channeled to pluralistic organizations in order to create a more democratic and pluralistic Israel.

www.panim.org.il/en

Project Keshet Israel ●★

Project Keshet Israel (PKI) develops women leaders in the Russian-speaking community (RSC) and creates a supportive network of activists by providing the opportunity for women to connect to each other and access the resources they need to change their lives, the Jewish community and society as a whole. PKI's advocacy includes: marriage freedom, the promotion of the status of women, building a more inclusive, diverse Israel, economic literacy, and Jewish education for immigrants.

www.projectkeshet.org

Rashut Ha'Rabim

Rashut Ha'Rabim is an umbrella organization for the renewal of Jewish life in Jerusalem. Working in partnership with more than 35 Israeli and Jewish institutions across religious denominations, it promotes pluralism, tolerance, and a Jerusalem open to all.

rashut-harabim.org/en

Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center ■ ▲ ◆

The Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center was founded in 2001 as part of Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Law aims to promote the status of women in matters of family law and seeks to end gender discrimination and inequality in Israel. The Center translates academic knowledge and research into practical activities. It runs a legal aid program for women in family law and engages in promoting legal and social change for women and women empowerment.

rackmancenter.com/en

Schechter Institutes for Jewish Studies ★

Associated with the Conservative Movement, the Schechter Institutes for Jewish Studies connects Israelis with their Jewish heritage through educational programs which nurture values of tolerance, pluralism, and dialogue.

schechter.edu

Shabbat Unplugged/Shearim ● ★

The Shabbat UNPLUGGED initiative works to introduce different sectors of the Israeli public to the concept of Shabbat in a way that is sensitive to differing views and lifestyles.

shabbatunplugged.org

Shalom Hartman Institute ★

The Shalom Hartman Institute is a leading center of Jewish thought and education, serving Israel and North America. Our mission is to strengthen Jewish peoplehood, identity, and pluralism; to enhance the Jewish and democratic character of Israel; and to ensure that Judaism is a compelling force for good in the 21st century.

www.hartman.org.il

Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli ●

Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli provides educational, social and volunteer activities to empower young Russian speakers and strengthen their sense of belonging to their new home in Israel.

en.shishi.co.il/about

TALI Education Fund ★

The TALI (Hebrew acronym for "Enriched Jewish Studies") network of schools provides a pluralistic Jewish Studies program to approximately 50,000 school children in 325 public schools and pre-schools throughout Israel.

schechter.edu/programs/tali

The Jewish People Policy Institute ▲

The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) is an independent policy planning think tank. The mission of the Institute is to ensure the thriving of the Jewish People and Jewish civilization by engaging in professional strategic thinking and planning on issues of primary concern to world Jewry. jppei.org.il/en

The Joint Council of Pre-Military Academies (Mechinot) ★

The Joint Council of Pre-Military Academies (*Mechinot*) is the representative organization of fifty-four mechinot in Israel. The mission of the council is to help these institutions, whether oriented toward the secular, traditional, or Orthodox population, turn their common educational vision into practical reality. The Joint Council coordinates shared educational projects and new initiatives, including training on pluralism and Jewish diversity in the mechinot. mechinot.org.il/en-us

Tikun ■ ★

The Tikun Movement for Social and Cultural Renewal in Israel promotes the voice of Mizrahi-originated Masorati Judaism. It promotes democratic values, solidarity and social engagement in order to heal society's fractures. www.facebook.com/Tnuat.Tikunisrael

Tmura – Israeli Judaism ● ★

Tmura – Israeli Judaism operates the Institute for Training Secular Humanistic Rabbis and Jewish Leadership in Israel. Tmura provides training and materials for rabbis and leaders who promote Secular Humanistic Judaism in Israel. Tmura also operates a network of secular humanistic congregations across the country. www.israeli-judaism.org.il

Tzohar ●

TZOHAR's mission is to guarantee the Jewish future of the State of Israel. Over the past two decades TZOHAR has become one of the most prominent brands of Jewish identity in Israel, directly impacting hundreds of thousands of families, nurturing moderate rabbinic leadership and shaping public policy. TZOHAR operates a growing alternative *Kashrut* service that currently serves hundreds of business. tzohar-eng.org

Women of the Wall ● ■

Women of the Wall is a group of Jewish women from Israel and around the world who strive to achieve the right to wear prayer shawls, pray and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall (*Kotel*) in Jerusalem, Israel. www.womenofthewall.org.il



Yaacov Herzog Center ★

The Yaacov Herzog Center is an educational center that works to bridge gaps in Israeli society through Jewish culture and discourse on Jewish identity, with the goal of understanding one another better and cultivating a more respectful society.

www.jewishfoundationla.org/grant/yaacov-herzog-center

929 ★

929 is a social initiative offering the 929 chapters of *Tanach* as a tool to feature different and broad perspectives among Israeli society. 929 seeks to restore a sense of ownership of Tanach, offer accessibility to its text and encourage study and engagement across Israel.

www.929.org.il/lang/en/today

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About The Jewish Federations of North America | www.jewishfederations.org

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) represents 146 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, which raise and distribute more than \$3 billion annually and through planned giving and endowment programs to support and enable vibrant Jewish life in North America and around the world. The JFNA supports the building of diverse Jewish expression options in Israel through the Israel Religious Expression Platform (IREP) and in other means.



About Amplifier@JFNA | www.amplifiergiving.org

Amplifier@JFNA ignites, strengthens, and informs giving to transform and grow philanthropy inspired by Jewish values and wisdom. Since its inception, Amplifier@JFNA has helped to create 120 giving circles that bring people together to talk about their values, pool their charitable contributions and decide together how to allocate funds.

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