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# DOMIM-aLike

## CONNECTING ISRAELI & WORLDWIDE PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITIES

In 2015, the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) launched the **DOMIM-aLike** project in cooperation with the Israeli government. The project seeks to promote direct contacts between Reform communities in Israel and around the world.

**DOMIM-aLike** believes that the leaders and members of Reform Jewish communities in Israel and in the Diaspora are key for strengthening their mutual bonds in an era of growing distance and rifts. The leadership correspondence will naturally enhance the relationship Jews around the world maintain with Israel.

The project's main focus of activity is the creation and nurturing of a network of contacts between 37 Reform communities in Israel and over 120 twinned communities around the world.

Each of the Israeli communities engaged in the project works to develop tangible, ongoing, mutual and grassroots connections with 3-4 communities in other countries. The contacts are based on educational themes and two-way community activities.

## The Network of Communities

**DOMIM-aLike** aims to deepen existing connections as well as develop new bonds between Reform communities in Israel and around the world and to include them in the **DOMIM-aLike** network of communities. The project emphasizes the importance of regular and ongoing discourse in different circles within the participating communities.

Deepening ties of friendship, understanding and mutual responsibility, as well as highlighting the common fate and destiny of both sides, are a key component in the connection.



## Face-to-Face Meetings

**DOMIM-aLike** recognizes the importance of face-to-face meetings as an essential building block of the relationships between the communities. **DOMIM-aLike** provides funding for rabbis and community leaders from the Israeli communities to visit their partnering communities in the world, and helps with the cost of hosting visitors from the overseas communities. **DOMIM-aLike** encourages and guides additional encounters during international seminars and conferences in Israel and abroad.



## Educational and Community Materials

Frequent contacts in the **DOMIM-aLike** project are the responsibility of the participating communities and they are not regulated by the **DOMIM-aLike** team. The Jerusalem-based leadership provides resources and materials and ongoing support implemented in accordance with best practices in the field. The use of New Media and technologies are the key to ensuring and strengthening ongoing contacts.

# Continuity in Jewish Leadership

**DOMIM-aLike** works to include Reform young people and students from abroad, participating in short and long term programs in Israel, within its Israeli Congregations.

## Pooling Resources and Encouraging Cooperation

The **DOMIM-aLike** office forms strategic and ongoing cooperation between the Israeli Reform movement and other bodies in Israel and abroad involved in the Israel-Diaspora arena.

## Diaspora-Israel Day

**DOMIM-aLike** initiated and launched a new landmark day on the Hebrew calendar (7th of Mar-Cheshvan) - **Diaspora-Israel Day**. The day celebrates the profound bonds that have existed for thousands of years between Jewish communities around the world and with Israel.



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