



Masorti Foundation

Building Religious Pluralism in Israel

Traditional | Egalitarian | Modern



The Masorti Movement in Israel

- Inclusive and welcoming
- 80 egalitarian, traditional kehillot (see map)
- Life cycle ceremonies outside the control of the State Rabbanut
- More than 850 Israeli b'nai mitzvah each year
- Bar and bat mitzvahs through Adraba, the Shirley Lowy Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities; more than 4,000 to date
- About 1,000 egalitarian minyanim a year at Robinson's Arch at the Kotel
- Jewish Pluralism Watch – keeping tabs on religious pluralism at the Knesset
- 20 NOAM youth groups throughout Israel; Ramah/NOAM summer camp
- Hannaton Mechina – Pre-army education and volunteer program
- Marom – program for young adults

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- Masorti congregations
- ▲ Adraba – The Shirley Lowy Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
- NOAM Youth Movement Branches
- ▲ Marom Pluralistic Beit Midrash for students and young adults



To learn more about Masorti, please visit www.masorti.org or call 212.870.2216

Our link with Israel is strengthened when Israel is a welcoming home to all streams of Judaism

Masorti is on the map, literally and figuratively

Members of Masorti kehillot can be found in positions of leadership and responsibility throughout the country. Indeed, one reason the ultra-Orthodox are now fighting so hard is precisely because they see how much Masorti is growing.

Masorti growth comes in large part from Israelis who participate in a Masorti service at a bar or bat mitzvah, or who are guests at a wedding, and who like what they see (and what they feel) and then want to organize their own community.

Masorti is family friendly and egalitarian

There is the notion that Israelis are either "dati" (religious) or secular. In popular parlance, dati has come to mean identified with the official religious establishment, and that is what many Israelis do not want. Instead, they want what Masorti has to offer – a traditional approach to Jewish life which is both egalitarian and non-judgmental.

Programs for all

Unlike most Orthodox synagogues in Israel, Masorti kehillot are much more than just places for prayer. In addition to lectures and study for adults, Masorti's NOAM youth group has 20 Chapters throughout the country. At the three week Ramah/NOAM summer camp, 650 young Israelis participated. The camp experience is as significant for Jewish life in Israel as it has been in the United States. Many of today's Masorti leaders are graduates of NOAM and Ramah/NOAM.

Jewish Pluralism Watch (JPW)

Modeled after groups in the United States who report on government events, JPW tracks and reports on developments in the Knesset relating to religious pluralism, conversions, marriage and divorce, burial rights – and all things which impact the daily lives of Israelis.

Religious Affairs Bureau

Masorti offers an alternative to the official State Rabbanut for all life cycle events – and Israelis come to Masorti even when, with marriage, for example, the wedding is not legally recognized.

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