Dear Friends,

Over 800,00* Israelis are thirsting for deeper connections to their Judaism, to tradition and spirituality that accommodates modern life. We’re proud to report that Masorti is key to meeting those needs. Masorti is egalitarian, diverse, and inspiring. The proof of that is the vibrancy of Masorti’s 80+ kehillot and minyanim. And the outpouring of response to our Community Growth Campaign.

Young and old, families, singles, children with challenges, LGBTQ, immigrants, and Jews by Choice—all find a warm and welcoming home in Masorti Israel.

And while there are significant challenges, Masorti will persist in advocating for and building an Israel that is true to its Declaration of Independence:

“The State of Israel will...uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture.”

With your continued strong support, Israel will be a true home for all Jews. The home we are helping to create for all Israelis for generations to come.

Heidi Schneider
Chair

Gideon Aronoff
Executive Director

* Rising Streams, a 2018 report by the Jewish People Policy Institute, an independent research organization established by the Jewish Agency for Israel.
With Grateful Thanks to All Our Supporters

Thanks to our thousands of generous supporters -- individuals, Federations, and foundations -- Masorti’s impact on the lives of Israelis grows stronger every day. Their generosity and commitment to an egalitarian, inclusive, and spiritual Judaism in Israel makes possible Masorti’s accomplishments:

Over 1,000 egalitarian services at the Kotel, serving 100,000 people, and a new tradition: Kabbalat Shabbat without mechitza at the Kotel.

Hundreds of children with special needs are given the chance to fully participate in Jewish experiences at the Jack Roth Camp Avivim. In addition, over 150 teens experience the joy of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah thanks to Masorti’s ADRABA Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities.
Masorti makes possible an inclusive Judaism for all – welcoming LGBTQ Israelis and supporting Jewish converts in Israel.

Masorti rabbis’ values and spirituality inspire 80+ communities; the Movement supports and trains new rabbis in underserved areas where a growing number of Israelis are seeking out Masorti Judaism.

Continued strong growth in NOAM Youth Movement--where 1600 members will get leadership and life-skills through Masorti.
Professor Carmel Chiswick comes by her strong commitment to Israel and to Zionism naturally, from her parents, Morris and Cynthia Ullman. They were early and ardent Zionists. It was the example of her parents that inspired her, together with her husband, to generously support programs for young Israelis in their gap year—before their service in the IDF.

**M:GEN Gap Year Programs--the Hannaton Mechina and the Shin-Shin**
program-- focus on maintaining and expanding the Jewish education provided by NOAM, the Masorti Movement’s Youth Program.

**Hannaton Education Center’s** Mechina program, taking place at Kibbutz Hannaton in the Galilee, provides teens with leadership training, with exploration of Jewish-Israeli identity, and with opportunities for participation in community service before serving in the Israel Defense Forces.

During their gap year, young Israelis also participate in the “Shnat Sherut,” known colloquially as “Shin Shin,” where they acquire leadership skills in order to promote their pluralistic values in the army and afterward in Israeli society.
Both programs form a vital part of Masorti’s strategy to reach out and serve the growing numbers of Israelis—from the secular to the Orthodox and everything in between—who are increasingly attracted to Masorti’s message of inclusion, egalitarianism, and spiritual, traditional Judaism.

The capstone of the M-GEN program year is an intensive 5-day Religion & State Seminar in Jerusalem, facilitated by Jewish Pluralism Watch, the Masorti Movement’s organization tracking the Knesset’s actions concerning religion, state, pluralism, and equality. This year the seminar will be held in honor of Morris and Cynthia, and will be made possible by a fund created by Carmel and Barry’s gift.

Given Professor Chiswick’s upbringing and the devotion of her parents to Zionist principles it’s easy to see why she and her husband chose to honor her parents by funding the M-GEN Gap Year Programs.
Spotlight on Supporters: 
Janice Shafran Roth z”l & Family

We mourn the recent and untimely passing of Janice Shafran Roth, who did so much to preserve the family’s commitment to organizing the Roth Run and funding the crucial programs it supports.

The extended family of Jack Roth z”l have long demonstrated deep commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity through their ongoing support of programs to enable young Israelis with disabilities to participate fully in Jewish life.

Each year, the family comes together from around the United States to organize the Jack Roth Run in Columbus, Ohio and continue his advocacy initiatives on behalf of these young Israelis.
Through their efforts, these young people can study for and celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and have the opportunity for the Israeli pioneering experience of summer camp, at the Jack Roth Camp Avivim, in the forests of the Galilee.

Both programs put fundamental values of inclusion, compassion, and the dignity of every person into practice.
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Financials
From 2018 Unaudited Statement

Contributions Total: $1,955,373
- 42% Unrestricted
- 49% Restricted
- 9% Designated

Expenses Total: $2,410,506
- 83% Program
- 10% Fundraising
- 7% Management & Admin

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Masorti Foundation
for Conservative Judaism in Israel

The Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism supports the work of Israelis in building a Judaism that preserves observance and tradition while recognizing how modern life in Israel is lived... Through education, ideas, advocacy, and crucially important financial support, the Masorti Foundation bolsters the essential work of the Masorti Movement of Israel.

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