



Masorti Foundation News Service



The Masorti Foundation News Service is a *content resource for your synagogue.*

MFNS gathers and curates news about the Masorti/Conservative movement in Israel. We're your reporters on the ground, providing content on the dynamic, growing Masorti community in Israel for you to share with your congregants:

- **800,000 Israelis now identify with Masorti (or other liberal streams) per the Jewish People Policy Institute research study**
- **1,000's of egalitarian services held at the Kotel with more than 100,000 participants**
- **Over 80 vibrant kehillot all over Israel**
- **Rapidly expanding Camp Ramah program**

MFNS keeps you up-to-date on Masorti Israel--its kehillot, its work to promote pluralism in religion and civic life, its support of the LGBTQ community, programs for children with special needs and, of course, its celebrations--so that you can share the information through your own congregational communications.

However you choose to communicate--through emails, online newsletters, printed flyers, website or social media, our ready-to-use content in a variety of formats makes it easy and convenient to pick-up stories to use in your online and print communications:

- **Editable word documents**
- **PDF's**
- **Photos and images in jpeg format**
- **Video clips**

I'd love to hear your thoughts about this pilot **Masorti Foundation News Service**, so please email me your ideas and comments at garonoff@masorti.org.

Gideon Aronoff, Executive Director

P.S. If you're not responsible for synagogue communications, I'd be grateful if you would forward the email to the person who is.

Ambassador Dani Dayan Celebrates Masorti Israel's Creation of First Siddur for Children with Disabilities



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Israeli Consul General opens his home for a celebratory evening to honor Masorti's publication, the first and only egalitarian siddur for people with disabilities, Among the speakers--Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, Senior Rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue, and Yizhar Hess, CEO of the Masorti Movement in Israel. Full story in the word document.

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Share in a Hasidic *and* Masorti Rosh Hashana



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This unusual Rosh Hashana exemplifies the best of the Masorti Movement — the combination of traditional Jewish practice with the values of inclusion, pluralism and modernity. It's the fulfillment of a Masorti rabbinical student's dream--to participate in a Hasidic Rosh Hashana as an equal at the "tish."

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Crucial Report on Status of Pluralism in Israel



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Masorti's Jewish Pluralism Watch works to keep Israelis informed about the actions of the Knesset on key issues of concern to Conservative Jews: laws of marriage and conversion, comments about Diaspora relations and more. Full story in the word document.

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Support for LGBTQ in Masorti Israel



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Members of the LGBTQ community are common within Masorti's youth movement, NOAM. People find in NOAM a safe, supportive and friendly place. NOAM members accept each and every member as they are. The movement's professional staff encourage youth group participants to talk openly about their sexual identity and see members of the LGBTQ community as a natural part of NOAM. It's fully consistent with the values of inclusion and pluralism that are central to Masorti and the reason more Israelis are identifying with Masorti every year. Full story in the word document.

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Sharing Summer Fun Masorti-Style at Camp Ramah-NOAM



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Share this video of Israel kids at Camp Ramah-NOAM. Congregants will be lifted up listening to the song--a little bit hip-hop, a little bit Israeli folk--they'll feel the excitement of these kids, connecting and reconnecting and enjoying their summer of camping, of roughing it, of gaining leadership skills and of absorbing the values of Masorti Judaism.

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