Community Report 2021
Widening Circles of Impact
March 2022

Image: Kibbutz Ketura, near Eilat
Dear Friends and Supporters,

First let us say how grateful we are to have your on-going support, especially during this difficult second year of COVID-19.

The Foundation's purpose is to support Masorti Israel in its vital work of building resilient, dynamic, growing Jewish communities throughout Israel.

The Masorti Movement's uniquely Israeli character is reflected in its diversity, inclusivity, and its openness to change while remaining firmly rooted in halacha.

With the help of the Foundation, the Movement recovered from COVID-19 and expanded its community-based work, reaching Israeli Jews of all backgrounds and all regions of Israel.

This resilience is reflected in Masorti continuing to make Bar and Bat Mitzvahs possible for young people with disabilities, in pursuing justice for Ugandan Abayudaya and other Masorti converts, in continuing the NOAM camping and leadership-building programs, and in advocating for equality for Masorti Judaism through Jewish Pluralism Watch.

Looking ahead, we're gratified that Israel's new government has been open to dialog with Masorti about on-going issues including the status of the Kotel Agreement.

As we emerge from these last two years of separation, we look forward to planning exciting events, including Masorti Missions to Israel as part of the Movement's expanding impact on ever widening circles throughout Israeli society. We're grateful for your ongoing and generous support.

Heidi Schneider
Chair

Gideon Aronoff
Executive Director
Putting Pluralism into Practice

- Enabling young people with disabilities to fully participate in Jewish life through the work of the Shirley Lowy ADRABA Center for People with Disabilities

- Enriching the lives of the elderly with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia through Masorti’s innovative K’sharim program

- Supporting the rights of Masorti converts, including the Abayudaya community of Uganda

- Embracing LGBTQ people in all aspects of Jewish society in Israel

- Pursuing the implementation of the 2017 Kotel Agreement so that all Jews have a place to pray peacefully at the Kotel
Growing Dynamic, Young Communities

- Expanding points of entry to Masorti Judaism for people aged 20 – 40, in and beyond the kehilla

- Amplifying the impact of Masorti rabbis in the Movement and throughout Israeli society

- Developing new training frameworks to build the vibrant, professional and lay leadership of the future

- Expanding the NOAM youth leadership programs and summer camping experiences

- Building the future leaders of Israel through the service programs of Mechina and Shin Shin (similar to gap year programs in the US)
The important work of building Masorti Judaism in Israel would not be possible without the support of our valued partners and donors.

Notwithstanding the exceptionally difficult circumstances during these past two pandemic years, the Foundation received over 7,300 gifts, totaling $4,467,635.

Our donors make possible the continued expansion of our kehillot -- now numbered over 90 across Israel. Likewise, they make possible the work of Masorti’s lay and professional leadership who foster a love of Judaism while advocating for Jewish values of inclusion, diversity, and egalitarianism.

We especially wish to acknowledge the crucial support of the many Federations, private foundations, congregations and other organizations that have provided generous funding for Masorti Israel’s activities.

Equally, we thank every single donor who has chosen to help Masorti build the Israel we all dream of for ourselves and for future generations.
Contributions Total: $2,539,376

- Unrestricted: 42%
- Restricted: 49%
- Designated: 9%

Expenses Total: $2,357,574

- Program: 83%
- Fundraising: 10%
- Management & Admin.: 7%

* 2020 financials unaudited.
Audited Financial Statements are available on request at info@masorti.org.
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