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Jewish, Muslim, & Christian schools joining our coexistence project

This is what you made possible in 2025

Reform-Jewish spiritual, educational, and community-building programming that protects Israel's democratic and pluralistic foundations

20

public schools using our Reform Jewish curriculum to teach thousands

250+

egalitarian Bnai Mitzvot & weddings centering girls & women in Judaism

150+

young immigrants to Israel finding their spiritual home with us

300

new Jews through our State-recognized conversion school

5

Tel Aviv-Jaffa congregations serving the diverse needs of Israelis

100+

Diaspora spiritual leaders taking part in our bridge-building programming

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My Dear Friend,

Since 1991, the Daniel Centers have been a beacon of pluralism, inclusion, and spiritual renewal in Israel. When Reform Judaism thrives in Israel, so does democracy, women's and LGBTQ rights, religious freedom, and social justice.

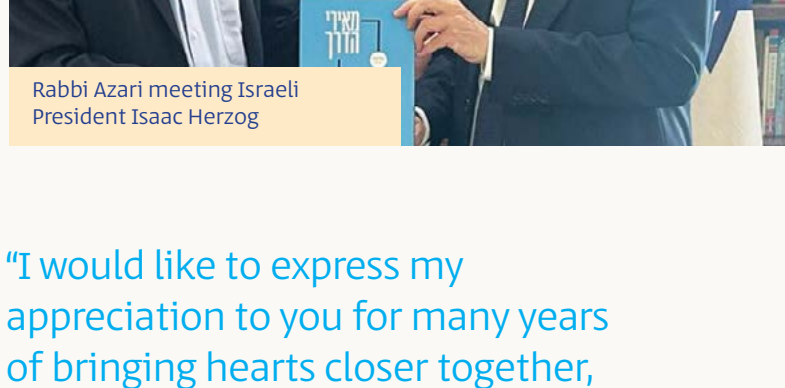
Next year we celebrate our 35th year of being a lighthouse for progressive Judaism in Israel. We have endured two painful and devastating years, and now Israel, and the Jewish people, must begin to heal, rebuild, and work for a better future.

The need to reinforce the democratic and pluralistic foundations of our State has never been more urgent. The Daniel Centers play a vital role in this work.

We bring together Israelis from every background to learn, pray, and build community through the inclusive lens of Reform Judaism. We stand with those fighting for the soul of our country.

From Hostage Square, where our rabbis and community members gathered daily to pray and advocate for the return of hostages, to pro-democracy rallies, we are unwavering.

Alongside our work in Israel, we continue to deepen our commitment to global Jewish peoplehood, supporting Reform rabbis across the Diaspora as they guide their communities through the challenging times.



Rabbi Azari meeting Israeli President Isaac Herzog

"I would like to express my appreciation to you for many years of bringing hearts closer together, of fostering Israeli unity, of building bridges while lowering walls, and of your activity in the fields of renewed Judaism, rooted in faith in the spirit of the people." - President of Israel Isaac Herzog

Our initiatives help communities wrestle with complexity, engage authentically with Israel, and bring forward a more nuanced, human, and hopeful understanding of Israel and its Reform Jewish life.

As we enter 2026, I wish us all peace, understanding, and connection.

Sincerely,
Meir Azari, Senior Rabbi

Supporting Our Community: Living Our Reform Jewish Values

Since the beginning of the war with Hamas on October 7th, we have opened our guesthouse, Mishkenot Ruth Daniel, to displaced families from southern Israel and soldiers in need of rest. The June war with Iran was yet another traumatic chapter in Israeli life.

Tel Aviv and surrounding areas were hit by the largest ballistic missiles ever fired at Israel, forcing families into shelters multiple times a day.

The apartment building of Leah and Roni, recent immigrants from Panama and Turkey, was struck just two weeks after Leah had begun our conversion program. Thanks to the generous support of our global community, we provided them with emergency resources that became a lifeline.

While most of our spiritual and

educational programming moved online, Rabbi Galia Sadan came to Beit Daniel daily to keep our doors open for neighborhood families so, while playing in the nearby park, they could seek refuge in our bomb-proof basement when sirens sounded.

"The Daniel Centers has truly been a blessing. They've helped us so much with money, food, and helping replace some of the many things we lost." - Leah

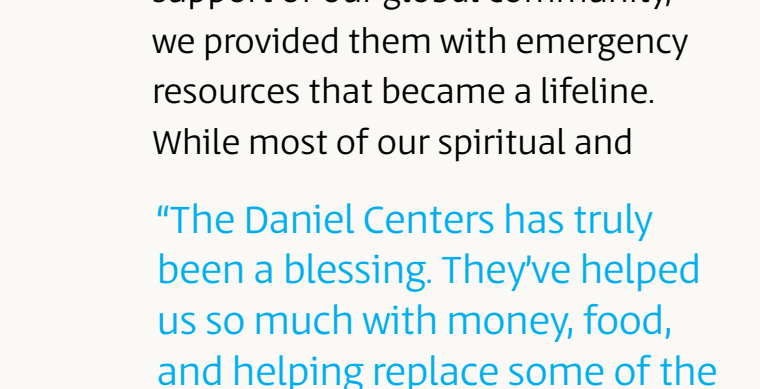
Our emergency fund also allowed us to offer rooms at Mishkenot Ruth Daniel in Jaffa at highly subsidized rates, along with vouchers for food, clothing, and other essentials to those who lacked access to shelters.

Judaism can be expansive - embracing curiosity, dialogue, and change - and we work tirelessly to show that to Israelis. That's why we are honored that the

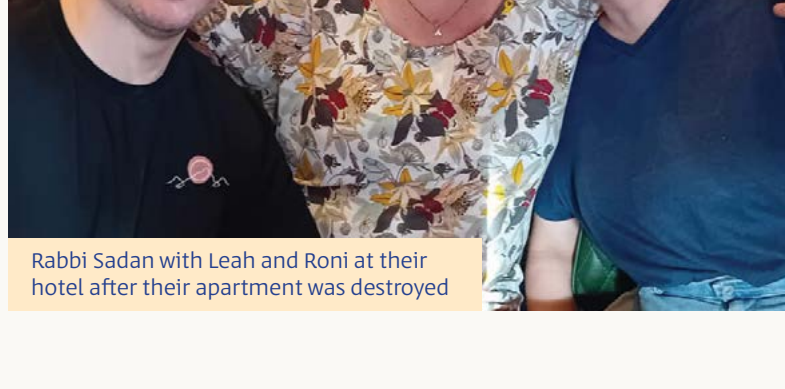
Municipality of Tel Aviv-Jaffa partners with us to host Jewish holiday celebrations open to the public because they value our reputation.

One beautiful example: the community sukkah at the Tel Aviv Port, which the Municipality invited the Daniel Centers to host this year that drew thousands.

"I didn't know this was possible in Judaism. I was deeply touched and honored to participate fully."



Rabbi Rodrigo hosting an egalitarian Sukkot celebration in the park



Rabbi Sadan with Leah and Roni at their hotel after their apartment was destroyed

Immerse + Connect: A Resource Bank for Deeper Engagement

We often hear from rabbis and Jewish leaders that they lack the resources to more deeply connect their communities to Israel. That is why we created the "Immerse + Connect Resource Bank," a curated collection of articles, podcasts, videos, and more to reflect the complexity and vitality of Israel.

Rabbi Emeritus Alan Londy from Kansas City shared that the resource bank was

an invaluable tool for rabbis who want to understand the spiritual, social, and political life of Reform Judaism in Israel.

"I use this site often, and highly recommend it to colleagues seeking meaningful engagement with Israel today." - Rabbi Londy

[Click here to look at the resource bank.](#)

Conversions: Growing the Jewish People

For the second year in a row, we've proudly maintained our record high-welcoming 300 individuals into the Jewish faith. As the largest non-Orthodox conversion school in Israel- and one of the largest in the world- the Daniel Centers' program does more than teach; it transforms.

Our program strengthens the legitimacy of pluralistic Judaism in Israel, with our conversions recognized by the Ministry of Interior.

Many of our converts become active contributors to Jewish life. After converting a few years ago, Elsie began learning to read Torah during her mourning period following her mother's passing. Today, she tutors our B'nai mitzvah students.

In late October, the Board of Hebrew Union College joined us for Friday night services and participated in our Kabbalat Shabbat celebration for them. Gathered under a new Jewish "tent," we welcomed 15 new Jews and their families with joy, love, and community.

Launching Our Inaugural Spiritual Leaders Seminar: Repairing Frayed Diaspora-Israel Bonds

A 2020 Pew Research Center survey showed a steady decline in support for Israel among younger U.S. Jews. A poll in 2021 found that 20% of U.S. Jewish voters under 40 believed "Israel doesn't have a right to exist." The war deepened these tensions.

Given this troubling trend, we decided to strengthen the discourse about Israel through a program for current and future Diaspora Reform rabbis and leaders.

Speakers included Mika Almog, MK Gilad Kariv, Professor Manuel Trajtenberg, Dr. Ruth Calderon, and MK Mansour Abbas.

Participants in this program responded enthusiastically.

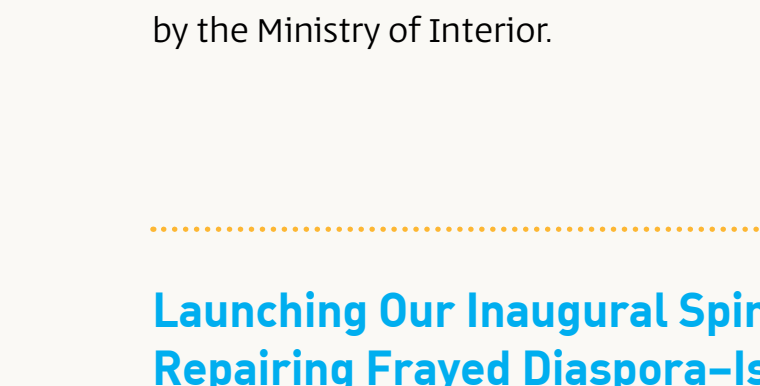
Inspired by their time with us,

"Beit Daniel and HUC's program reminded us that the Jewish people are built for crisis- and that our tradition gives us many tools to respond creatively to the opportunities that crisis brings." - Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Central Synagogue, New York

participating rabbis have sent us copies of sermons and podcasts that they have given. We plan to repeat this program annually and to reach out to increasing numbers of clergy.

"I came home feeling more hopeful than when I arrived in Israel because of the speakers and studies you helped to coordinate." - Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz, Beth Sholom, Miami

Take a listen to participant [Rabbi Nikki Greninger's video](#) about her experience:



Rabbinical participants in our Spiritual Leaders Seminar

In July we partnered with Hebrew Union College to launch a week-long intensive seminar, serving twenty clergy who joined us at our guesthouse and community center, Mishkenot Ruth Daniel in Jaffa. Mornings were devoted to study sessions with leading HUC professors and rabbis, including Rabbis Michael Marmor and Dalia Marx. Afternoons featured cultural experiences and conversations with Israeli thought leaders, journalists, and politicians exploring Israel's challenges and opportunities.

These journeys go beyond sightseeing, featuring meaningful dialogue with educators, leaders, and activists focused on pluralism, Jewish identity, and Israel-Diaspora relations, and include Friday or Shabbat services at the Daniel Centers. Planning a visit? Contact Tamara Golan at development@beit-daniel.org.il

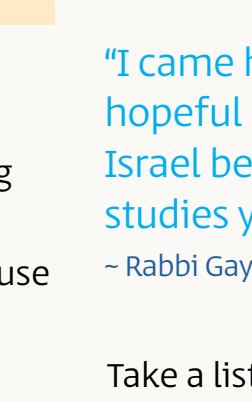
The Return of Tourism - Experience Israel and the Beauty of Reform Judaism With Us

COVID and the wars on multiple fronts dealt an overwhelming blow to Israel's tourism. Today, we are thrilled to see visitors fill our streets, beaches, and cafés! The Daniel Centers has partnered with Authentic Israel (via Tlalim, one of Israel's largest tour providers) to offer customizable tours that explore modern Reform Judaism and foster deep connections with Israeli society.

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