

ALLOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS STREAMS 2025 DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

Reform

Israeli Rabbinic Program

Organization: HUC (Hebrew Union College)

2025 Budget: \$50,402

The Israeli Rabbinic Program trains Israeli-born and educated rabbis to lead the growing Progressive Movement in Israel, responding to the need for liberal Judaism in the country. The program focuses on Israel's identity as a Jewish and democratic state, exposing students to diverse perspectives and fostering a society that values both individual and collective rights. A central challenge for Israeli rabbinic leadership is developing a language, culture, and lifestyle that integrates secular Zionism with Jewish renewal. The program addresses this challenge by incorporating a liberal religious worldview, creating inclusive communal spaces grounded in justice, equality, and human rights.

The program's impact extends to life-cycle ceremonies, including weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs, as well as Shabbat and holiday events, Jewish study, conferences, and social activism. It also maintains a strong presence in media and public discourse. Through these activities, the program aims to revitalize Jewish values and embed them within contemporary democratic frameworks.

Rikma (New)

Organization: HUC

2025 Budget: \$30,402

Rikma (Tapestry) is an HUC-JIR leadership program in Pluralistic Jewish Education that includes two years of study toward a master's degree in education, offered by the Melton Center at Hebrew University. Through a combination of coursework, site visits, symposia, and retreats, both established and emerging educational professionals learn how to incorporate the principles of strengthening Jewish Peoplehood through pluralistic acceptance and mutual responsibility into their personal and professional lives. As a result, these enhanced leaders, working in schools and communities, become key partners in the renaissance of Jewish culture. They anchor education in communal contexts and build bridges between the diverse sectors of Israeli society and the broader Jewish People.

U'Faratztah- A start up initiative for building new pluralistic Jewish congregations

Organization: IMPJ- The Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism

2025 Budget: \$67,000

Across Israel, many seek new ways to engage with Judaism and develop their Jewish-Zionist identity. In most areas, the only available option is the established Orthodox framework. To address this need, the IMPJ launched the innovative U'Faratztah model in 2010 to create new congregations, primarily in Israel's northern and southern periphery. These congregations foster pluralistic Jewish communities, attracting young families and individuals seeking a meaningful, non-Orthodox Jewish experience. This initiative promotes diverse Jewish expression, reaches previously unengaged Israelis, and strengthens unity within the Jewish people.

Youth and Young Leadership

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$110,000

The IMPJ aims to strengthen the connection between Jewish purpose—rooted in heritage, ethical responsibility, and a commitment to building a just and inclusive society—Israeli identity, democracy, and social activism, engaging youth in a liberal and meaningful practice of Judaism. The IMPJ works to cultivate Jewish identity among Israeli youth and young adults while fostering social awareness—Tikkun Olam—alongside a commitment to pluralism, tolerance, civic responsibility, and Jewish peoplehood.

This mission is carried out through a broad range of multi-age informal education programs and leadership development initiatives. These programs, designed for youth ages 8-19 within the Reform Movement and the wider Israeli public, focus on identity, values, and active community engagement in Israel's civil society.

Pluralistic Education Outreach

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$253,000

To nurture the Jewish-Zionist identity in the next generation of Israelis and foster a meaningful dialogue with their peers in the diaspora, the IMPJ operates the “Pluralistic Educational Outreach – Israel and World Jewry” program. This program is implemented within both formal and informal educational frameworks, inspiring participation in Jewish rituals, practices, community involvement, and Tikkun Olam.

Kahal v’Kehilla – Nurturing Jewish pluralistic practice, tolerance, and peoplehood

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$380,000

The Israeli Reform Movement promotes Jewish culture and heritage by enabling Israelis to explore their Jewish-Zionist identity through dozens of Kahal v’Kehilla Reform congregations, which offer accessible pluralistic Jewish activities and practices. These congregations connect progressive Jewish study, pluralistic services, and life-cycle events with liberal values and social activism.

This program addresses the needs of hundreds of thousands of secular and traditional Israelis nationwide, providing an opportunity to enrich their Jewish-Zionist identity in a pluralistic manner, while embracing liberal values, social responsibility, tolerance, leadership, and Jewish peoplehood. Offered through IMPJ congregations and institutions, the program caters to both individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on outreach to young families through innovative and “out-of-the-box” programming.

Developing Jewish Identity for Russian and Ukrainian-speakers in Israel

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$57,241

The IMPJ, as a religious and social movement dedicated to ensuring the continuity of Israel and the Jewish people, is committed to fostering a progressive Jewish-Zionist identity among Russian and Ukrainian speakers in Israel—especially at this critical time for this target audience. This program seeks to empower this unique population by providing opportunities for Jewish renewal, learning about Jewish practice, developing community ties, and nurturing lay leadership, all tailored to their native language, culture, and mentality. Through these efforts, the program enables participants to be inspired by, engage in, contribute to, and strengthen Israel as a democratic Jewish nation.

Tlamim – Jewish Leadership for Young Adults

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$40,000

The goal of the IMPJ is to strengthen the connection between Jewish purpose, Israeli identity, democracy, and social activism, engaging young adults in a liberal and relevant practice of Judaism. IMPJ strives to foster the next generation of Jewish leaders who will shape the future of liberal Israeli society and continue the legacy of the Reform movement in Israel. Tlamim is designed for young adults, from the age of military service up to 35, offering leadership programs, opportunities for involvement in a young, liberal Jewish community, and participation in special outreach events tied to the Jewish calendar.

Pluralistic Jewish Community for Women with Disabilities (New)

Organization: IMPJ

2025 Budget: \$20,000

A core principle of Reform Judaism is the strong belief that all were created in the image of God and that all people are equal—regardless of gender, ability, or other differences. Therefore, people with disabilities should have the same access to Judaism, both physically and spiritually, as anyone else. This issue is particularly pressing, as only the pluralistic and egalitarian streams of Judaism fully acknowledge people with disabilities as part of a Minyan and allow them to participate fully in Jewish life-cycle ceremonies, such as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and to be called to the Torah. These egalitarian streams of Judaism also recognize someone who is both a woman and a person with a disability.

This program addresses this critical need by providing an embracing, inclusive, and pluralistic Jewish community for women with disabilities.

Conservative

NOAM Nationwide Activities

Organization: Masorti Movement

2025 Budget: \$149,000

NOAM is the youth organization of the Masorti Movement in Israel, offering a unique experience that unites children from all religious backgrounds and traditions. The pluralistic environment provided by the Movement strengthens the Jewish and Zionist identities of children and youth through educational activities, leadership training, and social events, while engaging a new generation that is devoted to and appreciates Judaism. NOAM participants take part in local bi-weekly activities, Shabbatonim (weekend events), trips, educational seminars, volunteer Tikkun Olam projects, and an annual overnight summer camp. Each year, over 2,300 young people participate in 21 NOAM branches across the country, along with nationwide activities and summer camp.

Israeli Judaism: Masorti congregations

Organization: Masorti Movement

2025 Budget: \$177,000

The "Israeli Judaism" program supports 88 Masorti congregations across the country, providing training and support to community leaders and assisting its rabbis. This program also enhances congregational activities for Israelis who are interested in pursuing a pluralistic and egalitarian approach to Judaism that upholds values of diversity and equality.

The Role of Masorti in Israeli Society

Organization: Masorti Movement

2025 Budget: \$41,000

This program aims to strengthen the Jewish identity of both Israelis and Jews in the Diaspora who are drawn to traditional Judaism. Through Jewish study, celebrating life-cycle events, egalitarian prayer opportunities, and conversion courses, the program provides religious services to those in Israel seeking an alternative to the State-run Rabbinate and the official Orthodox establishment. We also offer counseling and guidance on matters such as marriage, conversion, Brit Milah, burial, Kashrut, Jewish divorce, Zeved HaBat, Aliyah, and egalitarian prayer at the Kotel. Additionally, the Masorti Movement is responsible for facilitating prayer arrangements at the Ezrat Yisrael egalitarian section of the Kotel. We assist individuals with their Aliyah process, particularly in cases where the Ministry of the Interior has created obstacles. The materials we prepare for the holidays and liturgical offerings are used by a wide audience throughout Israel.

"M:GEN Plus" - Pluralistic Young Leadership Development Program

Organization: Masorti Movement

2025 Budget: \$111,821

"M:GEN Plus" aims to strengthen young Jews' connection to pluralism and democracy, recognizing them as the next generation of leaders and builders of Jewish pluralism in Israel. During high school, NOAM participants are trained in a variety of leadership activities, which include community contribution, counselor training, and skill-building. After high school, youth have the option to volunteer within a range of pre-army frameworks for one year. Following their service in the army and after, NOAM graduates can take part in community contribution initiatives and help form new young communities. The program offers unique frameworks with a pluralistic, social activist agenda, seeking to bridge the widening divides in Israeli society. It focuses on topics such as Zionism, leadership skills, Judaism, pluralistic values, inclusion, and social activism tools, while also emphasizing intensive community involvement and volunteer opportunities.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program for Children & Teens with Disabilities (New)

Organization: Masorti Movement

2025 Budget: \$30,000

Education, training, and practice for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah are seldom offered to children with disabilities across all streams of Judaism. The Masorti Bar and Bat Mitzvah program for children with disabilities addresses an unmet need in Israel, particularly within Orthodox communities, where there is a widely held belief that children with disabilities are neither obligated nor capable of performing mitzvot. On the other end of the spectrum, this program allows secular parents to learn together with their children, introducing them to Jewish rituals and Masorti Judaism. Recognizing the profound emotional impact the program often has on parents, we also provide spiritual care support services, including group meetings and individual sessions at each family's home.

Midreshet Schechter Contemporary Jewish Art Gallery

Organization: Schechter

2025 Budget: \$30,000

The Neve Schechter Gallery is Israel's only venue where modern Israeli art engages with its Jewish sources, fostering an ongoing dialogue with Jewish tradition. Professionally curated exhibitions offer an opportunity for visual expression, focusing on various aspects of Jewish holidays or themes. These exhibitions provide fresh interpretations of ceremonies, cultural heroes, and established customs. By exploring the dilemmas and cycles of contemporary Israeli life through the lens of Jewish sources, the gallery involves art in the evolving meaning of Jewish identity.

'Ashira Tehilot' – Liturgic and Hazanut program, Schechter Rabbinical Seminary

Organization: Schechter

2025 Budget: \$35,000

The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary offers programs that train both professionals and lay leaders in Jewish religious pluralism and renewal within Israel. One of the most popular programs is Ashira: Musical Bet Midrash, a Jewish Israeli musical liturgy program for prayer leaders and musicians from renewal communities. Ashira is a Beit Midrash-based initiative that teaches Nusach to adults. The program brings together community activists, cantors, prayer leaders, and musicians who wish to deepen their work by exploring liturgical texts. Additionally, it aims to become a dynamic forum for artists and practitioners in liturgical music.

Pluralistic Jewish Education for the Secular Public School System

Organization: Schechter Institute - TALI Education Fund

2025 Budget: \$333,420

TALI is Israel's largest pluralistic in-school Jewish Studies program, providing educational resources and programs to teachers, parents, and children in highly diverse communities across the country. TALI's mission is to cultivate a positive connection to Jewish heritage and values within the secular public school system. By working closely with principals and teachers, publishing textbooks and online resources, and conducting informal educational activities, TALI offers a platform and essential pedagogical tools for pluralistic education, which are crucial to Israel's identity and future as a Jewish and democratic state.

M.A. Degrees for Community and Educational Leadership

Organization: The Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies

2025 Budget: \$30,000

The Schechter Institute plays a key role in shaping a pluralistic Jewish identity within Israeli society by offering Jewish studies to Israeli community activists and educators. Schechter provides M.A. degree programs with significant scholarships (40%) for teachers working in the periphery, underprivileged neighborhoods, as well as community center workers and professionals across the country. Since 2004, approximately 1,500 educators and community workers from all over Israel have earned an M.A. degree through these subsidized Schechter programs. At Schechter, participants gain exposure to an open, pluralistic approach to Judaism and Jewish peoplehood, which they then bring back to their schools, organizations, and communities.

SKILL- strengthening kehillot in Israel through leadership and learning (New)

Organization: Schechter Institute

2025 Budget: \$20,402

Effective spiritual and communal work in Israel requires extensive professional knowledge and training. This program equips community members, coordinators, and leaders with the skills and expertise necessary to strengthen their communities. The training covers both the administrative aspects—such as operations, budgeting, marketing, and nonprofit management—as well as the integration of a communal and spiritual approach to these responsibilities. Participants will gain the tools to help communities across Israel become more stable, organized, and sustainable.

ZAMRU

Organization: Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center (FJC)

2025 Budget: \$50,402

The ZAMRU (formerly Meshorerim) program at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center (FJC) trains new, creative, and charismatic community leaders and musicians to use musical integration as a tool for community development. A cohort of nine fellows meets regularly for a year, gaining the knowledge, understanding, and fellowship needed to revitalize their communities through music and prayer. Fellows organize events at the FJC campus to gain practical experience and inspire attendees. By integrating diverse musical traditions, the program provides Jews at all levels of engagement with a rich musical and communal vocabulary, bringing people of various ages, backgrounds, and traditions together in a meaningful way.

Orthodox

NCSY in Israel

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$30,000

Makom Balev is a unique informal Jewish educational program for youth from diverse communities and backgrounds throughout Israel, highly integrated into the school network. Makom Balev chapters offer a positive leisure framework, and its programs foster an environment of embracing others and mutual respect while instilling Jewish values. The movement builds confidence, ownership, and leadership skills in Israeli youth (ages 12-18) from Israel's socio-economic periphery, strengthening their self-identity and sense of belonging.

The Zula

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$126,000

For 20 years, the Zula Outreach Center, founded by Harel Chetzroni, has supported over 4,500 Jerusalem youth annually—many from ultra-Orthodox and national religious backgrounds—who face a crisis of faith and have become disconnected from their families, communities, and schools. Zula provides a welcoming, nonjudgmental space five nights a week, fostering belonging and self-belief. Its creative programs—including artistic and musical activities—inspire and engage, while spiritual guidance helps youth reconnect with Judaism in a way that resonates with them. With the goal of empowering 5,000 youth, Zula nurtures personal growth, self-confidence, and a renewed sense of identity.

D'Oraita

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$35,810

D'Oraita Clubs provide an empowering and exciting informal setting for teenagers in Israel's periphery. Many of our youth lack role models and feel uninspired in school. We offer them role models, support, and opportunities to help them succeed in life. D'Oraita Clubs are equipped with snooker tables,

kitchenettes, and areas for informal study. Everything in the Clubs, from the snooker tables to the way food is served, is designed to teach life lessons while incorporating Jewish and Torah values. The D'Oraita Clubs target youth exposed to street culture, offering them a safe place and a steppingstone toward independent living.

Liba (New)

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$25,000

"Liba" operates in Jerusalem, offering a warm and welcoming space around a bonfire with music, refreshments, and meaningful connections. Youth gather to talk, laugh, play music, and make new friends, guided by mentors and musicians who foster a supportive atmosphere. Bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds, Liba provides a safe and engaging alternative to the city's nightlife, where many are exposed to negative influences. It offers a comfortable space for self-expression, where youth can ask questions and connect with mentors outside of formal frameworks. Liba meets a real and essential need by creating a safe, inclusive, and dynamic environment where youth can enjoy social interactions while staying grounded and supported.

Gesharim

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$10,000

Gesharim is a program that helps youth prepare for and celebrate their Bar or Bat Mitzvah in a meaningful and lasting way. Boys and girls from diverse backgrounds—including Ethiopian, Russian, religious, secular, and unaffiliated communities—participate in a 20-session structured informal education course. The program explores Jewish identity, fundamental concepts in Judaism, personal growth, tolerance, and responsibility toward oneself, mitzvot, family, and community. In collaboration with parents and local schools, participants prepare for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony, held in Jerusalem or at Masada—settings that powerfully underscore the significance and beauty of Jewish unity.

Achim (New)

Organization: OU

2025 Budget: \$25,201

Achim provides aid to refugees who arrived in Israel following the war in Ukraine. Activities take place in several centers throughout the country. Achim supports approximately 100 families through various programs designed to offer stability and facilitate their integration into Israeli society. The program is expected to directly engage 300 participants. Activities include nightly women's empowerment programming for mothers, youth groups for teenagers, family hospitality programs, and support for the elderly and Holocaust survivors.

Counterpoint Israel

Organization: YU (Yeshiva University)

2025 Budget: \$25,201

Counterpoint Israel empowers at-risk youth in the Negev by providing English language skills through an educational camp and personal meetings. In addition, the program promotes values of tolerance and inclusion while strengthening each participant's self-esteem, social skills, and Jewish identity.

Connecting on Campus

Organization: WFOZO (World Federation Of Zionist Organization)

2025 Budget: \$75,603

The Connecting on Campus program provides a broad range of opportunities for university students to connect with each other, with Israel, with diverse ways of life, and with their Jewish identity. Based at Hebrew University, Haifa University, and the Technion Institute of Technology, the program offers activities for semester-abroad students, local Olim, and native Israelis. These activities help students develop a sense of community on campus, centered around the Jewish calendar, life-cycle events, weekly learning opportunities, and special events.

Agunah & Get-Refusal Prevention Project

Organization: IYIM (International Young Israel Movement)

2025 Budget: \$66,206

This project addresses the critical issue of agunot (Jewish women denied a get) and male victims of get-refusal in Israel and the Diaspora through two key approaches. The first is prevention through education, which focuses on raising awareness and promoting the use of prenuptial agreements to prevent get-refusal. The initiative empowers young people, students, and couples to spread the message and volunteer, reinforcing Jewish identity and strengthening the Jewish family unit. Additionally, the project supports organizations worldwide in developing and implementing similar agreements to further this cause.

The second approach is support and advocacy, which aims to assist agunot and male victims by influencing Rabbinical Court proceedings. This provides a vital lifeline to those awaiting a get. By combining grassroots education with legal advocacy, the project works to eliminate get-refusal and protect the rights of both Jewish women and men.

Judaic Heritage Program for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Organization: IYIM

2025 Budget: \$85,000

This program helps Israel's Deaf and hearing-impaired community connect with Jewish traditions and strengthen their Jewish and Zionist identity through interactive activities, open dialogue, and celebrations of Jewish life milestones and festivals. For 18 years, it has enriched thousands of participants by fostering a sense of belonging, encouraging personal achievement, and promoting inclusivity.

The program also builds social networks for Deaf youth and young adults, empowering them to reach their full potential. Key objectives include strengthening Jewish and Zionist identity; introducing participants to Judaism and Jewish rituals; promoting inclusivity and diversity; instilling a love for the Land of Israel; celebrating Jewish life milestones; and boosting self-esteem through experiential learning. Implemented nationwide in partnership with various organizations, the program runs year-round, focusing on Jewish festivals and informal educational and social activities.

Haredi

Bringing Worlds Together

Organization: HLTU (Hatnua Leman Tora Umesora)

2025 Budget: \$80,000

This unique program fosters meaningful connections between young Jews from Israel and the Diaspora through workshops, group activities, and experiential conferences. Participants, at critical junctures in their lives, will explore diverse Jewish identities, traditions, and worldviews, ranging from secular to Haredi communities. By engaging in open dialogue and shared experiences, they will broaden their perspectives, gain valuable insights into social and personal challenges, and develop a stronger, more informed sense of identity. These encounters promote understanding, unity, and hope, celebrating the rich diversity of the Jewish people.

Giving a Chance

Organization: HLTU

2025 Budget: \$80,000

This program is designed to address the unique challenges faced by new immigrant families with children who have special needs. These families often struggle with language barriers, cultural differences, and a lack of knowledge about Israeli governmental systems, making it difficult to fully integrate and access their entitled rights. As a result, they may feel disconnected from the rich cultural experience and sense of belonging that life in Israel offers. The immigration process can be especially challenging for these families, and without proper support, some may even feel compelled to return to the Diaspora. This program provides comprehensive support, offering guidance, access to rights, and

dedicated programs tailored to their specific needs. The goal is to help these families integrate into Israeli society and experience the depth and richness of life in Israel, both culturally and socially.

Brothers at Heart

Organization: HLTU

2025 Budget: \$40,000

The "Brothers at Heart" program is an innovative initiative designed to strengthen connections between Jewish students from diverse backgrounds by fostering understanding and familiarity with the range of Jewish streams and identities present in Israeli society. In collaboration with the "Nefesh Yehudi" organization, the program will provide students from different social segments of Israel with the opportunity to deepen their Jewish identity and broaden their understanding of the various meanings of Judaism in the modern world. This will be achieved through dialogue with peers from different traditions, backgrounds, and perspectives.

The program will establish unique collaborative learning and discussion groups, bringing together students from various Jewish streams. In these groups, participants will engage in guided discussions that focus on Jewish identity, heritage, and tradition, while remaining open to exploring diverse narratives and listening to a variety of viewpoints.