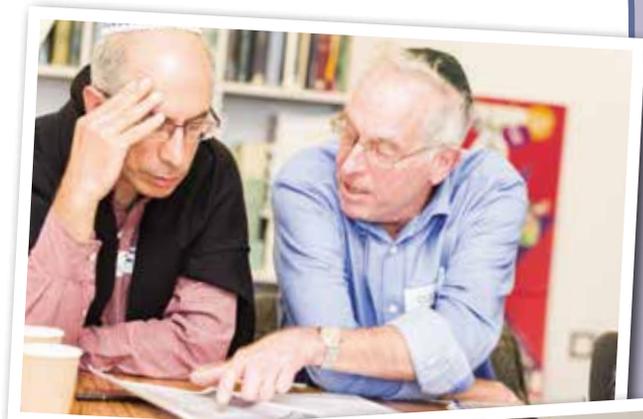


Community Starts Here:

Building for the future together



Welcome

Masorti Judaism's purpose is to nurture thriving communities where people can connect to each other, explore a vibrant, outward-looking form of Judaism and live out their deeply-held traditions and values.

By growing our communities, developing leaders, and training inspirational rabbis we are building a Jewish home for ourselves and future generations. But it has become clear to us that much more is at stake: if we succeed, think of the positive contribution we can make to the world.

As you're about to read, Masorti Judaism has a powerful effect on people's lives. Thank you for your involvement and support.

Shirley Fenster & Nick Gendler
Co-Chairs

Matt Plen
Chief Executive



Making a difference in the world

"Masorti is a community of action as well as a community of belief, and I've been privileged to spend most of my life with people who make things happen in the world.

When I was invited to be part of the Safe Passage UK group, responding to the rising xenophobia in this country and the current refugee crisis, I knew I would find people to work alongside from within the Masorti community.

Masorti embodies a living Judaism that allows us to live out timeless values. There was never any doubt that the community would respond to an issue that was relevant right now and resonates with our families' – and the Jewish people's – recent history."

"The Masorti movement's effort in uniting the UK Jewish community for the Safe Passage campaign was invaluable for helping us reach our goal of bringing child refugees to the UK. This work has made a real difference in these young people's lives and will no doubt have a lasting impact in the future."

– Charlotte Fischer, Citizens UK



Nic Schlagman grew up at New North London Synagogue and in Noam. This past summer, Nic spearheaded a Masorti-led campaign which raised £200,000 for Safe Passage (a Citizens UK project) and enabled the rescue of 100 unaccompanied children from the Calais refugee camp.

Building new communities

“Most members of the Bristol Masorti Community have never belonged to an established Jewish community before but, together, we have found a place that fits with our way of life. When I’m with my community, I feel like I’m at home. I feel comfortable talking about – and practicing – my kind of Judaism.”

There was no Masorti community before us in Bristol, and people are very involved in the synagogue – it’s something they want to put their energy into. Right now, our aim is to look ahead and create a space where our children and grandchildren can express themselves as Jews.”



Yaakov (JJ) Martin, a retired psychology lecturer, is highly involved in the Jewish community of Bristol and serves as president of the newly established Masorti congregation, which celebrated its 1 year anniversary in August.

Fostering future leaders



Hannah Arnaud is 18 and has been involved with Noam Masorti Youth since 2014.

“I first got involved with Masorti Judaism when I went on Israel Tour with Noam. My experience with Noam has been completely transformative.”

Like Masorti Judaism, Noam is a community where you can achieve astounding things. I went on Tour during a particularly difficult period of my life and Noam gave me a space in which to learn and grow.

Today, I am part of the Noam community which extends far beyond the residential Summer Camp: it’s a world-wide movement – a way of viewing the world that is not confined by borders.”



Linnet Kaymer grew up in New Essex Masorti Synagogue and has been a member of both Noam and Marom – Masorti’s organisation for students and young adults.

“I got involved with Marom when I was at Oxford. Marom showed me that communal life is much more powerful than just experiencing things on our own.”

Two years ago, a group of us started *Ohel Moed*, an egalitarian community made up of students and young people. This has been a really exciting grassroots opportunity to try new things, pray and learn in a way that suits us, and make new friends. *Ohel Moed* represents the perfect balance between looking back to our heritage and tradition and looking forward to how we can live meaningful Jewish lives in the modern world.”

Help us build the future of Masorti Judaism

We rely on generous donors to invest in our future. Any gift you make will have a direct impact on our work for the year ahead.

Here’s a look at what your donation could help us achieve:

- Help new communities like Bristol Masorti grow, and provide them with much-needed rabbinical support
- Offer Noam and Marom programmes like summer camps, Israel tours, Jewish education and leadership training for our young people
- Build partnerships with leading humanitarian organisations, helping our members put Jewish values of charity and giving into action
- Train the next generation of leaders by funding tuition fees for student rabbis and providing scholarships for young people to study at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem

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