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Pluralism in Action

Promoting

Religious Pluralism in Israel

Israel's Declaration of Independence includes a commitment to civil rights and freedom of religion, but historical precedent and present-day politics leaves marriage and divorce in the exclusive realm of the State-funded, ultra-Orthodox Rabbinate. As a result, religious coercion has become an inseparable part of life for many Israeli citizens, and Orthodox religious services receive an annual state allocation of 3 billion NIS (nearly 860 USD).

IRAC has set a landmark precedent for Reform and Conservative rabbis in Regional Councils to be recognized as "rabbis of non-Orthodox communities," and Reform and Conservative congregations now receive city tax exemptions. We now have State-sponsored funding for new synagogues, rabbis' salaries, and celebrations in public spaces.

IRAC works with congregations to apply for building allocations, continues to use Israel's court system and advocates in the Knesset and government to extend state funding to cover more Reform and Conservative services and activities.

Ensuring that Israel remains a democratic and pluralistic society, as enshrined by law and Jewish tradition, is thanks to our work and your support. Have the courage to care and commit to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state for all.

