



## ITIM Newsletter

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### Dear Friends,

The new year brings new challenges and new opportunities. In this issue, you can read how ITIM is expanding its role in the Jewish experience of a wide range of Israelis - from ultra-Orthodox to ideologically secular. ITIM sees these times of reflection as moments of hope and optimism.

We wish you and your family a year of health, meaning and goodness. May all of our wishes for a better place be realized in the coming year.



Sincerely,  
Rabbi Seth Farber, Director  
Rivi Bin Noon, CEO

### Comments... Questions...

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### ITIM's professional staff branches out

In addition to servicing the hundreds of clients who turn to ITIM each month, ITIM has now begun offering its services on other professional lifecycle websites. ITIM's staff now answer questions on Bar and Bat Mitzvah on the [Bar/Bat Mitzva Portal](#), and also serve as an address on the [Mitchatnim](#) website for engaged couples. ITIM also publishes daily answers on the [Moreshet](#) website.



### ITIM at Hakhel

At the upcoming Hakhel Conference in Tel Aviv on Sukkot, ITIM's founder, Rabbi Shaul Farber, will be participating in two seminars dedicated to the future of Jewish life in Israel. The first session will be a dialogue about Secular, non-Orthodox and Orthodox marriage in Israel. The second will be a discussion about new directions for conversion in Israel. In addition, ITIM's Yael Yechieli will be chairing a session on the Israeli experience of Bar and Bat Mitzvah through the prism of ITIM's Drasha project.



To view the full program, click [here](#).

### New fees for burial in Israel



In anticipation of the New Year, the Religious Services ministry published new fees for pre-purchasing plots in Israeli cemeteries. Over the past year, ITIM has received tens of complaints from individuals

who were pressured into paying exorbitant sums for plots, despite the fact that national insurance may be required by law to subsidize these payments. ITIM is now attempting to initiate a hearing in the Knesset about this delicate matter.

To read more in the Jerusalem Post, click [here](#).  
To read more from the Maariv Website, click [here](#).

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