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Do you know anyone who can benefit from our services? Please forward this newsletter to them and let them know that we can help.

ITIM's work receives International Attention



Having helped hundreds of individuals in the past two years prove their Jewishness to rabbinical courts, ITIM received international attention through an extensive article in the New York Times Magazine. "The issue of

Jewishness certification is complicated and ITIM has only begun to understand its implications," says Rabbi Seth Farber, director of ITIM.

The article traces the story of two of ITIM's clients who sought to be married within the Israeli rabbinate, and who were immigrants or children of immigrants from the United States.

To see a copy of the article, click [here](#).

Systemic Changes in the Religious Establishment



ITIM continues to play a role in transforming the religious establishment. In the past two weeks, ITIM has testified before the State ombudsman on issues of conversions and burial, and has been invited by the Cabinet Secretary to

convene a forum of Non-Governmental Agencies to facilitate the reorganization of the Conversion Authority. ITIM's added value is its access to the Israeli street, and the thousands of queries ITIM has received over the past year. In addition, ITIM's Supreme Court battle related to convert's rights received national attention.

To read about ITIM's Supreme Court case from the Jerusalem Report, click [here](#).

An Academic Analysis of ITIM's Work



A leading Jewish sociologist and historian from Bar-Ilan University published an academic paper this month surveying ITIM's work and analyzing the transformation of the religious establishment in the past few years in Israel.

Within his analysis is a detailed description of ITIM's activities and an analysis of the long-term

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Dear Friends,



This newsletter focuses on some of ITIM's activities within the rabbinical courts and the attention ITIM has received as a result of its programs. The NY Times article brought ITIM hundreds of new clients. ITIM continues to count on your support and encouragement and we hope that you will continue to support our important work transforming Israeli society.

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significance of ITIM's website, www.itim.org.il

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