



May Newsletter

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

Speaking Out on Behalf of Converts



In the wake of the rabbinical decision to challenge the integrity of the conversion authority in Israel, ITIM has responded in multiple arenas. On Tuesday, May 6, ITIM director Rabbi Seth Farber appeared at the Knesset Law

Committee to discuss the role of the Israeli parliament in protecting converts. In addition, Rabbi Farber has been interviewed on the issue in a wide range of media.

To read the interview from the Jerusalem Post, click [here](#)

To read the interview from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, click [here](#)

To read the interview in the New York Jewish Week, click [here](#)

To hear the interview on National Public Radio, click [here](#).

ITIM Responds to the Conversion Crisis



The recent decision of the Supreme Rabbinical Court in Jerusalem to retroactively annul conversions performed in Israel has had ITIM's phones ringing off the hook. Together with the MetroWest Federation, ITIM has launched

an advertising campaign to counter this latest attempt to undermine confidence in the conversion authority.

To see a copy of the ITIM ad that ran in papers around the country, click [here](#).

Going to the Knesset



On June 3rd, the Knesset Education committee will award the second annual Legacy Heritage award for outstanding sixth graders who wrote drashot in honor of their bar or bat mitzvahs. In 2008, more than 11000 students

participated in the drasha program in Israeli public schools, supported by a generous grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation Limited. In addition, the Jewish Funders Network has provided support for

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Dear Friends,



The celebrations surrounding the sixtieth year of Medinat Yisrael were clouded by political events that rocked the country on the national level. ITIM was invited to the Knesset to appear at a special hearing related to the conversion annulments (see story), and one can only hope that some of the statements issued around the world will help Israeli society embrace converts and respect their conversions.

ITIM continues to count on your support to help others. Please consider supporting our work. Checks can be made out to American Friends of ITIM and sent to ITIM, POB 4724, Jerusalem, Israel, 91046

Sincerely,
Rabbi Seth Farber, Ph.d.
Director, ITIM

this program.

To see the 2007 awards ceremony, click [here](#).

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