**Who are we?**

The World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities, headed by Mr. David Ben-Na’eh, was established in 2007 and is recognized as the organization representing Orthodox shuls and communities in Israel and abroad before the National institutions: KKL-JNF, the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. The organization partners with Rabbis, academics and educators who have extensive experience in Jewish education, shuls and Jewish communities in the Diaspora. With the exception of the office manager and CEO, all of our workers volunteer their time and expertise.

**What do we do in Israel?**

Thus far, most of our work has focused on Israel, where we support synagogues in a variety of ways. With the goal of making Israeli synagogues accessible to everyone, we assist synagogue boards in making their premises handicap accessible and host conferences with relevant professionals on the topic of disabilities and synagogues. During the Covid pandemic, we have advocated on behalf of synagogues with government ministries. The World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities was among the first to publish and explain the guidelines for tefillah during the pandemic and partnered with the government in making official decisions. We also work with converts to Judaism throughout the conversion process, helping them acclimate with host families and communities. Finally, we assist synagogues that service communities of olim in Israel.

**What do we do abroad?**

The World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities runs “Connecting Communities,” a program designed to create personal relationships between communities and synagogues in Israel with those in the diaspora. Currently, there are over 30 communities in the program, running joint activities and strengthening personal bonds with one another. Each year on Yom HaZikaron, we run a powerful program called “Mishnah Leiluy Neshama,” in which thousands of students worldwide join together to study Mishnah in memory of those who gave their lives defending our land. The learning is coordinated through the World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities’ website and is translated into five languages.

In celebration of Yom Yerushalayim, we run a “Worldwide Shabbat” that focuses on bringing peace to Jerusalem. The program includes the global recitation of a special prayer for peace in Jerusalem that was compiled, published, translated and sent to Jewish communities across the Diaspora. We recently concluded the “World Gabai Conference” focusing on “Back to Shul After Covid” and conducted in both Hebrew and English. The conference discussed a variety of halachic and social issues related to the new reality following Covid.

We have also recently published an English translation of our “Luach Dinim U’Minhagim” (Booklet of Laws and Customs). The prayer guide is the only one printed with Israel-related tefillot and is being distributed free of charge to communities abroad. We also send a monthly ‘Law and Customs’ email with the laws of each Jewish month in Spanish, French and Russian to thousands of readers in the Diaspora.

Finally, we combat acts of terror against synagogues throughout the world by advertising support and encouragement for affected communities.

**What are your future plans in the Diaspora?**

The World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities intends to strengthen its activities and ties with many other communities in the diaspora, assist them in relevant matters, and be an address for them to connect with the State of Israel and with Israel as a whole. To help accomplish this goal, the World Organization has recently partnered with World Mizrachi to further our reach across the Diaspora community. If your shul or community would like to be in regular contact with us or receive the monthly “Laws and Customs” in English, Spanish or French, please email info@unisyn.org.il or visit our website at www.unisyn.org.il.