

Video – Podcasts: "Bar-Tikun"

Episode 4 | The Middle Path: The Necessary Decision for the Traditional Parent

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For decades, since the establishment of the state, parents who define themselves as traditional have been forced to choose for their children between two educational systems—state and state-religious—each of which seeks to define them in a way that does not truly represent who they are. Must it be this way? And how can we integrate a Judaism that preserves the core cultural assets of our heritage while also upholding universal values?

Tikkun CEO Ronny Erez and Prof. Yoram Harpaz speak with Elin Malul about the Israeli education system—its advantages and disadvantages—and, above all, the opportunities it presents.

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Episode 5 | The Distress of the Liberal Jew

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Liberal Jews, in Israel and around the world, face a fascinating clash of identities, as their liberal identity often confronts their Jewish identity head-on, appearing to demand a choice between the two. But is it possible to be liberal while maintaining a connection to the unique Jewish roots that sometimes differ significantly from their surrounding environment?

Prof. Avinoam Rosenak and Prof. Meir Buzaglo, together with Elin Malul, discuss this compelling identity tension—past, present, and future—and examine an ideal test case: intermarriage among American Jews.

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Episode 6 | A Restart for Public Discourse in Israel

Facebook views (over one minute): 1,433

How can the diverse traditions of Israel, shaped by thousands of years of history, be integrated with Enlightenment and liberal values? Are they inherently contradictory, or can they coexist?

In a fascinating conversation between Prof. Meir Buzaglo and Prof. Yoram Harpaz,

they explore these and other questions, concluding that it is possible to create a conceptual “restart” for Israeli society—generating a new discourse that bridges the inherited identities of different sectors with the enlightened and liberal state Israel aspires to be.

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Episode 7 | Between Liberalism and Traditionalism, Between Universalism and Localism

Facebook views (over one minute): 14,552

The automatic adoption of Western modes of thought, research paradigms, and central values often ignores the unique characteristics of our region—its traditions, history, and cultural climate. For this reason, the Tikkun Movement, the Van Leer Institute, and the Shoham Institute established the Jerusalem Circle: a platform for addressing essential questions in the humanities and social sciences, enabling dialogue between the universal liberal concepts of the West and the heritage-based perspectives that characterize Israeli reality.

In this episode, we discuss the compelling philosophical and practical tensions between the local and the global, East and West, liberalism and conservatism. Participants include Prof. Nissim Mizrahi, Prof. Erica Weiss, Dr. Eli Pitkovsky, and Prof. Meir Buzaglo. Interviewer: Elin Malul.

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Episode 8 | Why Do They Vote Against Themselves?

Facebook views (over one minute): 2,778 | YouTube views: 1,900

Instead of wondering why disadvantaged populations choose what appears to be an “illogical” path, Prof. Nissim Mizrahi suggests directing the suspicion toward the researchers and commentators themselves. Are they the ones misreading reality? The central insight: alongside liberal values of freedom and equality, there exists an even stronger value—belonging. The need to be part of something greater than oneself—a community, a tradition, an identity—is the true driving force, even when it does not align with classic models of “self-interest.” A conversation that reshapes the way we view Israeli society.

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