

Believers מאמינים

Kehilat Zion Jerusalem

For the past three years, the community and leadership of Kehilat Zion of Jerusalem has fostered relationships with Muslim and Christian partners and communities, building the backbone of our largest multi-faith prayer in Jerusalem's public sphere: Believers. Initiated and led by Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum, Believers, or *Ma'aminim*, has become a tradition in Jerusalem. From across the city, hundreds gather to be with one another- to hug, to listen, and to pray. This year, in preparation for the combined joy and complexity of Jerusalem's 50th year, Kehilat Zion will join the *Yerushalmit* Movement's "Family March" which concludes at the popular First Train Station. From there, Jerusalemites of varying faiths, ages, and religious denominations will gather for listening circles and hear unique stories and experiences lead by members of Kehilat Zion. Then we will join together, young and old, religious and secular, to pray.

Our prayer this year will be focused on listening to one another, and the holiness found in each other and in Jerusalem. Community leaders, Muslims, Jews, and Christians speaking Hebrew, Arabic, and English will share their *kavanot* (intentions) for the day in pairs- their dreams for what Jerusalem can be. They will be accompanied by our *paytanim* and Jerusalemite ensemble's music from eastern and western traditions and parts of the city. Throughout the evening, participants and passerby will have the opportunity to write their prayers and dreams for Jerusalem. At the conclusion, everyone will receive a special Jerusalemite Dictionary with phrases in Hebrew and Arabic to begin to really meet and know one another.

Especially this year, we will join together to listen. Especially this year, we will join together to pray.

Join us in Jerusalem on "Facebook Live" on Wednesday at 1:30pm EST on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/KehilatZionJerusalem/>

