

I want to tell you that I am still glowing from the Biennial... even though it has been weeks... and I must tell you why:

One of our congregants, who attended the biennial, joined us on the bima on Saturday morning for the aliyah... and the gentleman cried throughout the whole blessing! He was so touched by the invitation to the bima, and so proud to be included in the service! His wife was also at the biennial, and when we returned to our seats, she and everyone around her were in tears!

This gentleman, who converted about 8 years ago, has involved not only himself in the practice of his Judaism, but has re-involved his wife, and his in-laws -- all of whom are pillars of this community! We Jews-by-choice have a great role in this world -- and I am proud to be one!!

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