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Dear Friends,

We write today at a moment that marks not merely the passage of time, but the closing of one of the most difficult chapters in Israel's modern history. Since October 7, 2023, the unity and moral strength of Israel and the Jewish people have been tested in ways few have ever experienced. From prolonged conflict and national exhaustion in Israel, to the anguish felt for the hostages being held captive, and the overwhelming surge in antisemitism and violent attacks happening across the world, we have carried an extraordinary burden as a people. Yet, on the eve of Simchat Torah in October 2025, we experienced profound joy when the remaining hostages finally returned home. We now wait for the final hostage, Ran Gvili, to be returned for the proper burial he deserves, so this painful chapter for our nation can be brought to a close.

Throughout this period, Kol Israel continued to move forward with purpose. In early 2025, we brought supporters together to explore General Zionism's vital role in shaping the Jewish future and its voice in the World Zionist Congress. That energy carried into a highly engaged global election campaign that demonstrated how deeply Jews around the world care about renewing the Zionist movement. At the 39th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in late October 2025, we came prepared for meaningful dialogue and to produce concrete solutions to challenges faced by global Jewry.

While the Congress disappointed many with its focus on internal power struggles, Kol Israel remained focused on impact - successfully passing two resolutions addressing trauma and mental health support, and expanding educational resources to combat antisemitism. The Zionist Congress must refocus on mission and values. And we will be here, continuing to fight for what matters most to the Jewish people.

Beyond the Congress, we worked closely with our global partners to strengthen diaspora Jewish communities, providing both solidarity and practical assistance.

This work reflects who we are and why we exist. Israel remains the nerve center and Jerusalem the beating heart of the Jewish people - a source of identity, creativity, and purpose connecting Jewish communities across generations. Our destinies are woven together, bound by a profound sense of shared responsibility to one another, to Israel, and to the vibrant Jewish future we are building together. Kol Israel stands at this intersection, strengthening these bonds through action and meaningful partnership.

Israel must continue to recover and rebuild. The next generation needs Zionism to be proudly articulated as Jewish self-determination, and diaspora communities need tangible support.

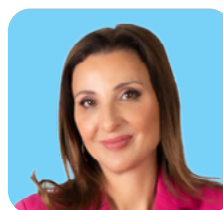
This is the work ahead - and it's not optional, it's essential. Kol Israel will meet this moment with the same resolve, vision, and responsibility we brought to this past year. Because the Jewish people deserve leadership that is principled, courageous, and forward-looking.

Yours in determination and hope.



David Yaari

Chairman, Kol Israel



Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

Secretary-General, Kol Israel



The year 2025 marked a pivotal moment in Kol Israel's development as we mobilized supporters across the globe for the World Zionist Congress elections and subsequent gathering in Jerusalem. Our efforts centered on building an informed, engaged constituency committed to centrist, pluralistic Zionism - one capable of ensuring that diverse diaspora voices maintain meaningful influence within the institutions that shape Jewish life and Israel's future.

Elections and Voter Mobilization

The spring 2025 elections represented the culmination of extensive organizing efforts combining virtual and in-person programming, social media campaigns, one-on-one relationship building, and regional coordination. The results validated our approach: Kol Israel increased its vote total in the United States by over 300% compared to the previous election cycle and doubled our number of American delegates. We secured representation from 18 countries, reflecting the genuinely international character of our movement and demonstrating that General Zionism speaks to Jews across geographical and ideological divides.

Educational Programming and Community Building

Our educational initiatives informed participants about the Congress, its importance to the Zionist movement, and its structure. We convened three webinars addressing critical challenges. In February, *From Defense to Offense: The Battle for Campus Life in the US* brought together campus advocates to discuss strategies for combating antisemitism. In April, Professor Shai Davidai and Rabbi Leor Sinai explored identity and belonging in *Trading Places: Coming to America vs. Going to Israel*. Later that month, Kol Israel delegates Adela Cojab Moadeb, Sabrina Soffer, and Brendan Rosenblum joined StandWithUs for *Student Leaders & Advocates: Standing Up To Hatred*. Weekly coordination meetings and locally-run events maintained momentum and

fostered the necessary motivation needed for effective organizing.

Campaign Launch Retreat

In March, we gathered delegates, partners, students, and supporters for an intensive weekend retreat integrating Shabbat observance with practical campaign training. Rabbi Leor Sinai led services and facilitated discussions of our platform and four organizational pillars - combating antisemitism, strengthening youth movements, fostering innovation, and deepening diaspora-Israel relations. Professor Shai Davidai addressed contemporary challenges facing Jewish students. Practical sessions covered campaign strategy, social media outreach, and voter mobilization. Partnerships with StandWithUs, Young Judaea, Hanoar Hatzioni and others, demonstrated the breadth of our coalitional approach.

The 39th World Zionist Congress

In late October, Kol Israel came to Jerusalem with a delegation of 60 from around the world to participate in the 39th World Zionist Congress. This gathering represented the fruition of our year-long efforts and provided our delegation with the opportunity to engage in critical deliberations about the future direction of Zionist institutions and resource allocation.

Supporting Innovation and Educational Initiatives

Beyond the electoral cycle, Kol Israel advanced longer-term institutional priorities. We served as a catalyst for





the Office of Zionist Innovation (OZI), having passed the founding resolution in 2023 and subsequently collaborating with the Israel Innovation Institute to support groundwork for establishing this new entity. OZI represents our vision for revitalizing the Zionist movement through support for bold new ideas. We also supported the creation of Campus Israel, an initiative designed to offer English-language degree programs at Israeli universities, creating transformative educational opportunities that strengthen diaspora-Israel bonds.

Israel Food Rescue Partnership

Kol Israel maintained its partnership with Israel Food Rescue, which began in 2023 to address critical labor shortages in Israeli agriculture following October 7. The collaboration created meaningful opportunities for diaspora engagement through hands-on agricultural work, enabling volunteers to support Israeli farmers through essential tasks including harvesting, planting, sorting, and packing. The partnership facilitated direct connections between diaspora Jews and the land of Israel, embodying mutual responsibility through practical action. Israel Food Rescue also supported Israeli small businesses through initiatives such as a Chanukah collaboration featuring products from farmers and artisans, and planted 750 plum trees dedicated in December to honor fallen soldiers.

Strategic Partnerships and Looking Ahead

Our 2025 work reflected a consistent strategic approach: building coalitions with organizations across the Zionist spectrum, investing in personal relationships with delegates and supporters, and maintaining visibility at significant communal gatherings. As we move forward, our focus shifts to deepening relationships forged during the election cycle, sustaining engagement among our global community, continuing educational programming, and advancing the platform priorities that guide our work. The challenges facing the Jewish people and the State of Israel demand institutions worthy of our history and adequate to this moment. Kol Israel remains committed to building such institutions through principle, consistent action, and unwavering dedication to the Zionist ideal.





When hundreds of delegates from across the globe gathered in Jerusalem in late October 2025 for the 39th World Zionist Congress, there was a feeling of hope and promise. The theme of the Congress, Zionism 20.48, invited delegates to envision the State of Israel at its 100th birthday. This was the Zionist movement's first major democratic gathering since October 7th, and a chance to discuss the crises facing Jewish communities and chart a path forward together.

What unfolded over the next two weeks revealed both the best and worst of our institutions.

What Happened

The Congress opened with plenary sessions tackling topics such as surging antisemitism on campuses and in cities across the world, the weakening relationship between Israel and diaspora Jewry, and how to reach young Jews questioning their connection to Zionism.



Alongside the main proceedings, the World Zionist Organization hosted a 500-person Youth Congress where young people from movements across the Zionist spectrum engaged in substantive debate. Adina Frydman, CEO of Young Judaea Global, captured what many felt: the gathering often seemed like "split screen: the cynicism of some adults on one side and the idealism of youth on the other."

The Congress would also allocate leadership positions within the National Institutions - the World Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund (KKL), Jewish Agency for Israel, and Keren Hayesod - based on proportional representation from democratic elections. There was hope that, in this moment, the Congress would rise above the partisan divisions that had plagued previous gatherings.

When it Fell Apart

That hope didn't last long. An initial power-sharing agreement collapsed just before its signing when Israeli Culture Minister Miki Zohar announced plans to nominate Yair Netanyahu to a senior WZO position. This was widely viewed as a purely political appointment. For many delegates, this captured everything wrong with how Zionist institutions currently operate. The Congress was then extended by two weeks while negotiations continued.

What emerged exposed the full extent of institutional dysfunction. The eventual agreement shifted the WZO chairmanship to rotate between World Likud's Yaakov Hagoel and a Yesh Atid representative - sidelining Rav Doron Perez from the position. More troublingly, the deal expanded the WZO's departmental structure from fourteen to twenty-four departments, raising serious questions about institutional bloat and the responsible use of communal resources.

As Fleur Hassan-Nahoum wrote in the Jerusalem Post, what was once "the beating heart of Jewish political imagination" had devolved into "a cheap political bazaar." David Yaari reflected the pain many felt: "It was painful to see how the narrow spirit of Israeli politics has seeped even into this sacred forum - tired bloc politics where many sought power at all costs rather than focusing on how to best unite and address the challenges facing the Jewish people."

The political games weren't limited to the top. Hanoar Hatzioni, Kol Israel's partner leading up to the Congress, broke agreements and stole delegates in pursuit of their own interests.

Kol Israel: Substance Over Politics

While the political chaos dominated discussion, Kol Israel focused on substantive work. Working with StandWithUs, the Israeli American Council, Young Judaea, Dorshei Torah v'Tzion, and our other partners, our delegation successfully passed two important resolutions: The establishment of a national mental health taskforce to support terror victims and soldiers suffering trauma after October 7th.

Expansion of support for educational efforts to combat antisemitism and deepen understanding of Israel among young Jews facing hostility on campuses. This resolution was developed with StandWithUs.



Beyond these resolutions, the Congress yielded other victories. Rav Doron Perez was elected President of the World Zionist Organization, where his integrity and vision will help to shape the movement's direction. Avi Bledi's appointment to a leadership role at KKL-JNF ensures principled voices remain in key decision-making bodies.

The Congress also advanced commitments to establish the Office of Zionist Innovation that will provide mentorship, support, and funding for groundbreaking initiatives, strengthen investment in youth movements and summer programs, and coordinate K-12 Israel education across Jewish communities.



Connecting Beyond the Congress

Beyond our work on the Congress floor, Kol Israel created opportunities for our delegation to engage with Israeli leadership and explore how innovation strengthens the Israel-Diaspora relationship. On Monday, prior to the opening of the Congress, we hosted a special briefing with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sharren Haskel and Lior Haiat, Deputy Director-General and Head of the North American Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both



offered powerful insights into Israel's diplomacy and the shared responsibility of world Jewry in this defining era.

On Wednesday evening, October 29, we held an inspiring evening at the Friends of Zion Museum in partnership with the Israel Innovation Fund, showcasing how technology, AI, and new media can strengthen Zionism in the modern age. The event featured a museum tour and the launch of Terry Newman's new book, *The Jewish Century*, which examines the relationship between Israel and global Jewry. A panel moderated by Fleur Hassan-Nahoum highlighted innovative Israeli organizations building deep connections between Israel and Jews across the world.

The Road Ahead

David Yaari reflected on what the Congress revealed: "After October 7, we are expected to act differently. Let us remember those early days after the tragedy, when we were one people with one heart."

But disappointment isn't a reason to walk away. As Aya Shechter of the Israeli American Council wrote: "You can't fix a broken system by sitting on the sidelines." Adina Frydman put it similarly: "Zionism, at its core, is an activist stance - not a spectator sport."

Though the 39th World Zionist Congress exposed real problems that threaten the effectiveness of Zionist institutions, it also showed that principled work still produces results. The resolutions we passed address urgent needs. The partnerships we built prove collaboration remains possible.

The work continues: building bridges, strengthening education, supporting those who serve, insisting that our institutions reflect our values.



Over the past year, Israel Food Rescue focused on supporting Israeli farmers facing acute labor shortages following the events of October 7, which significantly reduced the availability of foreign agricultural workers. In response to this gap, the organization coordinated volunteer missions that brought both international and local participants to farms across multiple regions of Israel. Volunteers assisted with essential agricultural work, including harvesting, planting, sorting, packing, and general field maintenance, helping farmers maintain operations and reduce crop loss during a critical period.



A central component of the organization's work during the year was enabling and empowering diaspora Jews to come to Israel and contribute directly through hands-on agricultural labor. By facilitating structured volunteer opportunities, Israel Food Rescue created a meaningful avenue for engagement, allowing participants to support Israel in a tangible way while building a direct connection to the land and to Israeli farmers.

Throughout the year, Israel Food Rescue worked closely with farmers to assess evolving labor needs and deployed volunteers accordingly. The organization managed volunteer onboarding, scheduling, and placement, ensuring support was directed to farms experiencing the most immediate workforce shortages. Programs ranged from short-term placements of several days to longer missions lasting weeks, enabling flexibility in response to seasonal agricultural demands and changing conditions on the ground.

Since October 7, Israel Food Rescue's efforts have been supported by a partnership with Kol Israel, which has assisted in strengthening and sustaining

the organization's work. Through this partnership, Kol Israel has helped amplify Israel Food Rescue's mission, support volunteer mobilization, and reinforce connections between diaspora communities and on-the-ground agricultural needs in Israel.

In addition to field-based work, Israel Food Rescue supported Israeli agriculture and small businesses through targeted initiatives. During Chanukah, the organization partnered with Esek on a curated gift box collaboration featuring Israeli-made products, including olive oil from Kibbutz Erez near the Gaza border, lavender soap produced in memory of a victim of the Nova festival attack, honey sourced from bee farms around the country, and additional locally made goods. Proceeds from each purchase were directed toward supporting Israeli farmers and small businesses affected by the ongoing crisis.

Israel Food Rescue also advanced longer-term agricultural and commemorative efforts. The organization planted 750 plum trees, contributing to agricultural renewal while also creating a space for remembrance. In December 2025, these trees were dedicated during a ceremony honoring those who gave their lives defending the State of Israel: Staff Sgt. Itay Chen, Capt. Omer Neutra, Maj. (Res.) Moshe Yedidiah Leiter, and Capt. Daniel Perez, son of Rav Doron Perez, newly elected President of the World Zionist Organization.

Collectively, these activities supported food security, strengthened the resilience of Israel's agricultural sector, and combined practical assistance with meaningful opportunities for diaspora engagement, partnership, and commemoration through non-political, hands-on action.





The Jewish Agency's Global Aliyah Center serves as the central hub for facilitating Jewish immigration to Israel.

2025 Operational Expansion

The Jewish Agency's Global Center has extended operational hours and increased staffing capacity to process the surge in Aliyah applications. The center continues operating 22 hours daily, six days weekly, handling 150,000-200,000 phone calls and online requests annually in multiple languages.

Post-October 7 Immigration Trends

More than 50,000 new immigrants have arrived in Israel since October 7, 2023, according to figures released by the Jewish Agency ahead of Rosh Hashanah 2025. However, the immigration landscape presents a complex picture. According to demographer Sergio Della Pergola, Israel faces a net migration deficit as Jews from around the world move to Israel while many Israelis left the country amid ongoing conflict, economic challenges and an increasingly polarized society.

Strategic Goals and Projections

Jewish Agency chairman Doron Almog predicted a potential wave of immigration of up to one million Jews in coming years, largely driven by rising global antisemitism, with the Board of Governors setting a target of bringing 300,000 immigrants in the next five years. This builds on the successful absorption of over 200,000 immigrants between 2019 and 2023.

Regional Initiatives and Growth Areas

Western Countries: In 2024, immigration from non-Russian-speaking countries showed a 47% increase over 2023, with nearly 11,000 arriving compared to 7,500 the previous year, and Israel is on pace to top 10,000 new immigrants from these countries in 2025.

France: French Aliyah increased 55% from 2024, which was itself up 99% over 2023, with surveys indicating that 38% of French Jews—representing nearly 200,000 individuals—are actively considering making Aliyah. Antisemitic incidents in France soared by 1,100% following October 7.

North America: US immigration rose from about 3,000 in 2023 to 3,200 in 2024, with Nefesh B'Nefesh expecting

2025 to end with as many as 4,000 immigrants from the US. The organization facilitated over 1,000 new immigrants in August 2025 alone, marking its busiest month in 23 years.

Germany: Pre-immigration seminars were held in Hamburg, Munich, Duisburg, Leer and Magdeburg, with Aliyah inquiries and file openings increasing compared to previous years.

Application Surge

Tens of thousands of Jews attended in Aliyah fairs held worldwide since October 7, and more than 60,000 people opened immigration files. There has been a 300% increase in Aliyah applications from France, 150% from Canada, 100% from the United States and 40% from the United Kingdom.

Support Programs and Services

The Jewish Agency operates 22 Absorption Centers nationwide, with 17 specifically serving Ethiopian immigrants. Services include temporary housing, intensive five-month Hebrew language instruction (Ulpan), professional licensing and training programs, and employment preparation.

Through Masa Israel Journey, a Jewish Agency program in partnership with the Israeli government, roughly 20,000 young people from Jewish communities abroad came to Israel to volunteer and support the country since October 7.

Crisis Response and Community Support

Since October 7, the Jewish Agency provided tens of millions of dollars in aid, with more than 22,000 victims of terrorism and war receiving support through immediate grants, rehabilitation programs and resilience-building. The Communities2Gether program created roughly 30 new partnerships between southern and northern Israeli towns and Jewish communities abroad.

Housing Development

The Jewish Agency will build around 1,000 new housing units in the Tekuma region in the Gaza Envelope, aiming to attract new families and encourage demographic growth.



Report of the Chair

Olga Deutsch

The establishment of the WZO Committee on Zionist Federations stands as one of the most consequential achievements of Kol Israel within the World Zionist Organization in recent decades. Created following sustained and determined advocacy by Kol Israel in 2023, this committee addressed a historic structural gap: despite being the cornerstone of Zionist organizational life worldwide, Zionist Federations had never before been granted a dedicated, recognized forum within the WZO to meet, coordinate, deliberate, and jointly advocate for their shared interests.

Since its inception, the Committee has fundamentally changed this reality. For the first time, Zionist Federations have enjoyed a formal seat at the table - one that allows them not only to be heard, but to actively shape policies, priorities, and decision-making processes that directly affect their work and their communities. It has been my honor to chair this Committee on behalf of Kol Israel during its formative period and to help lay the foundations for what we believe will be a lasting and growing institutional framework.

Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Committee served as a central platform for substantive discussion and coordination among Federations from across the globe. These deliberations addressed core issues of governance, status, budgeting, registration, and accountability - matters that are essential to the strength, legitimacy, and independence of Federations within the WZO structure. By bringing transparency, professional input (including from WZO legal advisors), and open debate into these discussions, the Committee empowered Federations with information and agency that had long been absent.

One of the Committee's most tangible achievements has been its success in securing additional budgetary allocations for Zionist Federations. Through

persistent effort and careful negotiation, unspent operational funds were redirected toward Federation-led programming, based on concrete applications and measurable impact. This achievement reflects a broader principle championed by Kol Israel: that Zionist Federations should be recognized not as peripheral actors, but as central engines of Zionist activity worldwide. It is our hope - and clear recommendation - that allocating all remaining WZO operational budget surpluses to Federation activities will become a standing norm in the years ahead.

The year 2025 brought a different but no less critical focus. As Federations prepared for elections and the upcoming Zionist Congress, safeguarding their institutional role became paramount. One of the most significant accomplishments during this period was the successful effort - led together with my colleagues in Kol Israel - to prevent the creation of an online registration platform that would have enabled individuals to join the WZO while bypassing the Federations altogether. This initiative, had it proceeded, would have undermined the Federations' status, authority, and democratic role. Preventing it was a decisive moment in defending the principle that Zionist representation must remain rooted in strong, accountable communal frameworks.

As I conclude my term as Chair, I do so with pride in what has been built and with confidence in the Committee's future. The true success of this initiative will be measured by its continuity and growth: by the ability of future chairs and committee members to expand its influence, deepen cooperation among Federations, and further strengthen their position within WZO structures and decision-making processes.

Kol Israel set this process in motion out of a deep belief in the centrality of Zionist Federations to the Zionist project. I look forward to seeing this Committee continue to flourish, ensuring that Federations remain empowered, united, and firmly anchored at the heart of the World Zionist Organization.



Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (KKL)

For decades, Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael has stood as a symbol of Jewish connection to the land of Israel, cultivating the physical landscape of Israel whether through planting forests or building infrastructure. But, as the needs of the Jewish people evolved, KKL's priorities remained largely unchanged. Educational programs received minimal funding. Youth movements operated on shoestring budgets. Zionist organizations worldwide struggled to engage the next generation due to inadequate resources.

As Vice Chair of KKL, David Yaari, Kol Israel's Chairman, brought Kol Israel's vision into the heart of this historic institution. He led efforts to encourage KKL to utilize their vast resources to address the urgent challenges facing the diaspora Jewish community - educational erosion, weakening diaspora-Israel bonds, rising campus antisemitism, and the development of Zionist leadership for tomorrow.

The work began in 2023 with a reconciliation. For twenty years, KKL and JNF-USA had remained locked in organizational impasse - two institutions born from the same mission, divided by governance disputes and competing visions. Yaari, together with KKL Board Member Daniel Avigdor, mediated this decades-long conflict, achieving a historic agreement that produced a 200 million NIS joint fund to reconstruct and rehabilitate communities devastated in northern and southern Israel. This restored partnership created the foundation for everything that followed.

In 2025, KKL's educational budget tripled from 80 million NIS to 260 million NIS annually. Kol Israel, together with our (now former) partners at Hanoar Hatzioni, advocated for and secured the establishment of a dedicated Zionist Youth Movements Department with a \$1 million annual budget. This ensures organizations like Young Judaea, FZY, and Hechalutz Lamerchav receive sustained institutional support, marking the first

such move in KKL's history. We also succeeded in doubling the Youth Counselor Training Budget from 3 million NIS to 6 million NIS and launched the Zionist Leadership Academy with 1.5 million NIS in funding.

Major Zionist initiatives that had never benefited from KKL funding secured historic investments: Masa received 30 million NIS, March of the Living 3.5 million NIS, Nefesh B'Nefesh 9 million NIS, and the annual Israel Day on Fifth in NY received meaningful support of \$100,000.

The shifting landscape of antisemitism demanded institutional evolution. When hatred against Jews metastasized on college campuses worldwide, Yaari's advocacy drove KKL to act beyond its traditional borders. The organization issued a 10 million NIS tender to combat antisemitism on campuses - KKL's first-ever initiative outside of Israel. These efforts also advanced a 20% increase in KKL's budget for Zionist Federations worldwide.

We continued to support the work of Israel Food Rescue, established immediately following the events of October 7, which brought volunteers from the diaspora to work alongside struggling Israeli farmers.

Kol Israel will continue working with KKL to ensure these investments continue to deepen. The budgets secured must translate into sustained programs, and these institutional shifts must remain priorities. KKL's historic mission of connecting Jews to the land of Israel now encompasses connecting Jews to each other, to their heritage, and to the leadership capacity required to defend both.



Dorshei Torah v'Tzion

Dorshei Torah v'Tzion (DTT) is our sister movement in the USA, representing a wide range of liberal orthodox organizations and unions. In the past year, DTT expanded to include eight organizations from its original four. These included the first Orthodox LGBTQ+ organization (Eshel) to ever run for a seat in the Zionist Congress and Shalsholet Shivyoni, a network of partnership minyanim on college campuses.

Our partners continued to expand their work in Israel and about Israel. YCT Rabbinical School ran a kollel for psak (halachic decision making) for Israeli Rabbis. Rabbi Michael Schultz continued training Israeli clergy in pastoral care through YCT's Livyat

Chen program based at Rambam hospital in Haifa. YCT and Maharat concluded its 5th cohort of the Rikmah program which provides professional training common in the American Rabbinate to Israeli Rabbis and Rabbaniyot.

This was of course an election year for the Zionist Congress. DTT increased its vote total by 50% over the last election. Additionally, despite being small in size, DTT was often approached to try to broker compromises between other parties on the election committee. We are proud to fill that role as bridge builders and look forward to working in partnership with Kol Israel in forging a bright Zionist future.





Federation of Zionist Youth UK (FZY)

In 2025, FZY placed a strong and deliberate focus on its commitment to Israel and on developing the future leadership of both the movement and the wider Jewish community. Across all its activity, FZY prioritised immersive Israel engagement alongside leadership development rooted in Zionist values, resilience, and responsibility.

The centrepiece of FZY's year was its largest programme: Israel Tour. In the summer, FZY brought almost 400 16-year-olds to Israel on a three-week educational journey designed to foster love, understanding, and connection to the country, its people, history, culture, and contemporary reality. Participants travelled widely across the country, engaging with Israel's diversity through experiential learning, outdoor challenges, and facilitated educational conversations, while building lifelong friendships. What made this programme particularly remarkable was that it began just days after the end of the war with Iran. Despite the proximity to conflict, there were minimal withdrawals, reflecting the high level of trust families and participants placed in FZY to deliver programming that was both safe and meaningful. FZY's ability to run such a large-scale programme under these circumstances was a defining achievement of the year.

Alongside Israel Tour, FZY delivered a range of additional Israel programmes across multiple age groups. In January, FZY brought a group of 17–18-year-



old high school students to Israel for a volunteer-focused programme, combining hands-on contribution with educational exploration. During the summer, approximately 50 university students spent around 18 days in Israel, volunteering, engaging deeply with Israeli society, and developing a more nuanced understanding of the country and its challenges. In parallel, FZY's gap year programme continued throughout the year, providing long-term immersive experiences that combined learning, volunteering, and personal growth, further strengthening participants' connection to Israel and Jewish life.

Beyond Israel-based programming, FZY maintained a robust calendar of leadership and educational initiatives in the UK and internationally. Weekly leadership courses engaged around 100 trainee madrichim, equipping them with the skills, values, and confidence to lead younger members and act as role models within their communities. FZY also ran an international social-action programme in Thailand, offering participants the opportunity to develop leadership through service and values-based engagement. For university-aged members, a four-day seminar in Budapest explored Jewish identity, community, and belonging in a European context. Together, these programmes ensured that FZY supported Jewish young people at every stage of their journey, combining leadership development with meaningful engagement in Jewish and Zionist life.





StandWithUs

Student Leadership Programs Around the World

The StandWithUs student leadership programs reached hundreds of thousands of students in the last year. While the lion's share of our work is concentrated in the United States, we work with students throughout Canada, the UK, Brazil, the Netherlands, South Africa, and Australia as well as across Israel – in high school and on campus. We empowered students with the pride, information, and confidence they need to stand tall for Israel and against antisemitism. Our young leaders, and the peers they reach through their work, will be the next generation of proud, engaged Zionist leaders and voters.

Legal Efforts & Center for Combating Antisemitism

StandWithUs provided legal assistance for middle school, high school, and university students who are bullied for their Jewish identity, which includes their love and connection to Israel. We are also there to help faculty and community members. Through our staff and pro bono network of over 250 attorneys, we have dealt with thousands of incidents.

Middle School Curriculum

Jewish children, at 11, 12, and 13 years old, do not necessarily feel connected to Israel. To address this, we created IsraelLINK, a curriculum now in hundreds of schools, which trains teachers to inspire thousands of young students to develop and feel a connection to Israel.

Holocaust Education in the Classroom

StandWithUs brings Holocaust education into the classroom for Jewish and non-Jewish students. Research has shown that the level of information about the Holocaust is so low that most young people cannot name even one of the over 40,000 concentration camps and ghettos used in the systematic murder of Jews during World War II.



Digital Media

Social media has become a tool for education as well as misinformation about Jews and Israel. Thankfully, StandWithUs' social media has grown exponentially across all of our platforms, reaching millions of people every single week with reliable, solid information about Israel, Jews, and antisemitism. With 2.2 billion interactions across digital platforms in 2025, we are leading the conversation on social media. In 2025, StandWithUs introduced SWUBot, an innovative, free AI Assistant to help provide quick and accurate answers to questions relating to Israel and antisemitism.

Educational Resources

We have distributed millions of booklets on a variety of topics and in different languages. You can find them online at standwithus.com/booklets.

Rabbis United

Through our Rabbis United division, we support rabbis who care about Israel and want to work with their synagogues and communities to fight antisemitism. We provide educational materials, resources, conferences, and other opportunities throughout the US and Canada.



Young Judaea

Young Judaea has been a long-time partner of Kol Israel, serving as a strong General Zionist voice in the Jewish youth movement landscape in the USA. One of Young Judaea's signature programs is Year Course, a gap year in Israel. 150 participants from Year Course spent half the year at the Machon L'madrichei Chutz La'aretz. Here they received intensive youth leadership training that they will take back to their college campuses and home communities in North America and the UK.

Kol Israel played a crucial role in assisting Young Judaea in securing the funds necessary for its participation in the program, as part of our ongoing dedication to promoting the Zionist youth movements and training the next generation.





Germany

2025 was a very turbulent year for us.

Elections to the 39th World Zionist Congress

From January through the end of July, we were focused intensely on the extensive planning and organization required to plan for the elections for the 39th World Zionist Congress. This is the first time we conducted such widespread elections in Germany for the monumental gathering. This experience presented unique challenges for the election officials and party representatives, but we are grateful to have been able to take part in this special process. We thank everyone involved for their extraordinary cooperation and collaboration, which allowed us to carry out this process without any disputes.

ZOD Events

Run for Their Lives

The members and friends of ZOD in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, and Munich organized over 20 individual



▲ "Run for their Lives" in Düsseldorf over 40 weekends

events and cooperated or participated with other organizations. Run for their lives is a global initiative calling for the release of hostages taken by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Weekly gatherings take place where participants hold signs with photos of the hostages to draw attention to their situation.

Jewish Conversations @ Hessentag 2025

As part of Hessentag 2025 in Bad Vilbel, a special edition of "Jüdische Gespräche" (Jewish Conversations) took place on the Hessenforum stage. The public panel brought together representatives of Jewish life in Hesse alongside political and civic leaders for



▲ Jewish Conversations - Hessentag Special, Summer 2025, with several hundred visitors.

an open discussion on the realities facing Jewish communities in Germany today, particularly in the context of the events following October 7, 2023. The conversation highlighted contemporary challenges, communal resilience, and the importance of visible, public dialogue about Jewish life in Germany.



Community Barbecue



▲ Members of ZOD Rhein-Main at barbecue



▲ Daniel Hofmann, Vice President of ZOD, guest at the radio station in Frankfurt.



Cinema Screenings

Special cinema screenings were also arranged again with Jewish themes and Israel connection. These are always well attended - almost always sold out.

◀ Cinema poster "A LETTER TO DAVID"



New Zealand



The last twelve months in New Zealand has focused primarily on the calling for the release of the hostages in Israel and addressing local antisemitism. Rob Berg, our representative in NZ, organised several rallies in Auckland and Wellington, appeared twice on national radio, had an Opinion piece published in a New Zealand national newspaper on raising antisemitism and helped to organise the 7 October memorial

services in both Wellington and Auckland. Kol Israel NZ also stood for elections for the World Zionist Congress, however, missed out on being elected.

Kol Israel also hosted an event in Wellington for a national radio host to talk about their experience on a then recent trip to Israel during the war. This was well attended by both Jewish and non-Jewish community members.





The Danish Zionist Federation

2025 got off to a dramatic start when, in January, the Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET) knocked on chairman Max Meyer's door and demanded that, due to a specific terror threat, he immediately leave his home. For the next 14 days, he moved between various hotels in North Zealand, after which PET informed him that they had the situation under control and that he could return home. We have never received a concrete explanation, but it has been implied that a foreign state was behind it—leading one naturally to speculate. Today, Max always carries an alarm device directly connected to PET, and he has regular meetings with them. This naturally limited the types of activities we could and wished to engage in during the first half of 2025.

The highlight of the year came in August, when the Danish Zionist Federation, together with various organizations, presented the Jerusalem Prize 2025 to the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Søren Gade, at a reception at the Israeli Embassy. Around 100 people attended, and Søren Gade gave a very fine acceptance speech.

In contrast, the low point of the year occurred in October 2025, when the DZF reported a political party, Frie Grønne (The Free Greens), to the police for antisemitism in connection with the Danish municipal elections. The party only ran in Copenhagen, but put up campaign posters reading: "Zionism out of Copenhagen" and "Abolish the State of Israel." The police have accepted the report, but we have not yet received a response. Unfortunately, the party received enough votes to gain one seat in the Borgerrepræsentationen, the Copenhagen City Council. All other parties have clearly distanced themselves from the party and its election campaign, and it has been placed outside political influence—a situation we hope will continue for the next four years.

In 2025 we also organized an event marking the farewell of an Israeli ambassador after four years in Denmark, and in October we introduced Israel's new ambassador

to the Danish Jewish community.

In November, in cooperation with the Israeli ambassador, we hosted an event with Alon Penzel—journalist and lecturer, who was on a tour of Scandinavia, where he spoke about the terror attack in October 2023. He has interviewed numerous witnesses to the massacre and written an unbearable book about it.



In addition, we have held a long series of meetings with politicians, schools, various associations, churches, and more. For example, in August we travelled to Silkeborg, where several thousand Christians and their churches held a large gathering, some of which were clearly anti-Israeli. We therefore found it very important—together with our partners—to be represented as well. We set up in the pedestrian street and offered a date from Israel and a conversation about Israel.

Unfortunately, this year we had to postpone our planned Israel trip with young politicians to 2026, when we hope to be able to carry out two trips.



Uganda

In January 2025, the Uganda Zionist Federation passed a referendum and gained admission through the World Zionist Council to the World Zionist Organization as an active member. This exciting milestone was reached through years of work beginning in 2017 when Avram Mukiibi, president of the Zionist Movement Uganda (ZIMU) visited Israel and connected with David Yaari and Jesse Sultanik. Their partnership, together with the support of the Kol Israel leadership, helped to make this dream a reality.

In June 2025, the community celebrated this achievement together. Israeli Ambassador to Kenya, Michael Lotem and his deputy attended this joyful event, alongside government officials and political leaders.

The Uganda Zionist Federation also sent its first delegate to the World Zionist Congress in 2025. We look forward to continuing our local work and strengthening our partnership with Kol Israel and the World Zionist Organization.





Ukraine

In 2025, with the support of the Confederation of United Zionists, our work focused on two initiatives that addressed the most pressing needs of Jewish communities living under the shadow of war.

The first was a recreational camp organized by the Beri Charitable Foundation for families with children facing crisis in Ukraine. For families displaced by active combat, the camp provided rest, psychological support, and a safe distance from the front lines. Participants also took part in programming rooted in Jewish culture, history, and the traditions of the Land of Israel. For many, this provided a chance to step back from the immediacy of war and reconnect with the history, heritage, and peoplehood that binds them to Israel and to Jews around the world.





The second initiative grew from a community that no longer exists in one place. Members of the Mariupol Jewish community are now scattered across Israel, Europe, and Ukraine. Recognizing the need to remain connected, community members continue to meet through a series of ongoing Zoom gatherings. These sessions bring together rabbinic teaching, educational programming, and the shared study of traditions, history, and holidays. A community physically dispersed has found a way to remain whole.

Both programs are ongoing. Our hope is that what began as a targeted partnership will grow into a long-term collaboration reflecting our shared commitment to Jewish continuity and community resilience.



Zionist Federation of Chile

For the Zionist Federation of Chile, 2025 was a year of laying groundwork for what's to come in 2026 and beyond. With the 39th World Zionist Congress at the center of the Zionist world's attention, the Federation worked to mobilize the Chilean Jewish community for the elections, raising awareness of the work of the Zionist movement and ensuring that our community's voice was counted on the world stage.



Participation in the Congress marked a meaningful moment of visibility for the Federation. Sharon Kornbluth represented the Federation at the Congress as our Kol Israel delegate. Through meetings with fellow delegates and

movement leaders, Sharon worked to raise awareness of the Chilean Jewish community and explore how to

build relationships that could strengthen Zionist life back home.

On the local level, the Federation supported community programming through its member factions, with cultural and educational initiatives – including online seminars – keeping members connected and engaged. An Israeli film festival offered a moment of shared cultural celebration, bringing the community together around a love of Israeli creativity and storytelling.

As we look toward 2026, the Federation is focused on building on this renewed engagement. The relationships formed through the Congress, the energy of the election cycle, and the dedication of our member factions provide a foundation from which to grow. We are committed to deepening our presence in the Chilean Jewish community and expanding the reach of our Zionist work in the year ahead.





Kol Israel is the General Zionist party in the World Zionist Congress and the sole representative of General Zionism in the Zionist Movement. With 33 delegates from 18 different countries and no political presence in Israel, an authentic representation of diaspora Jewry, uniting these diverse communities to foster strong connections with Israel beyond religious streams and political party lines. We believe the Zionist Movement requires an urgent renewal and depoliticization so it can reclaim its rightful place as home to all Jews. We advance that by promoting our three core values - mutual responsibility, modern engagement and innovation.

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