

Zionist Rabbinic Coalition

With this statement, I want to call attention to the work of the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition and express my personal support for this important project.

The Coalition embodies some of the best Jewish values which need to be affirmed at this time. It upholds Zionism as the honored movement of self determination of Jewry. Zionism is responsible for the life renewing assumption of power by the Jewish people through sovereignty in the state of Israel.

The Coalition understands that exercising that power effectively and justly is a central challenge of Jewish life. Meeting the challenge successfully - preserving the Jewish and democratic character of the state - will take the full hearted participation and mutual help of all Israelis and world Jewry: The ZRC has the right mixture of committed love to the Jewish state combined with responsibility to feed back and assess Israel's policies and the humility to know that Israelis carry, disproportionately, the burdens and consequences of exercising power.

ZRC is committed to the unity and diversity of the Jewish people and embodies that oneness and pluralism in its membership. Its policies are predicated on the belief that world Jewry and the state of Israel will blossom, the more the various religious movements and ways of life flourish and contribute, both in the Jewish state and in Diaspora. Here again ZRC combines a powerful commitment to change and improvement with the humility of respecting existing achievements and knowing the limits of its own voluntary authority.

We need joint endeavors, honest but civil disagreements, unbreakable attachments and clear headed assessments to assure a successful process going forward in history. I call upon my colleagues, Rabbis and educators of every movement, every gender, every orientation to join in this great work. Let us bind ourselves to each other even as we attach Israel and Diaspora in a deep bond of community, family and concerned love.

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