



VOTE FOR MERCAZ - Slate #6

IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

Elections have consequences!

Every five years, American Jews have a unique opportunity to voice their opinion on the future of Israel and to strengthen the foothold of Conservative/Masorti Judaism by voting in the World Zionist Congress election. This election is the only political arena in Israel where Diaspora Jews have a seat at the table — the only time that the Israeli government is accountable to world Jewry.

The World Zionist Congress election will take place between January 21 and March 11, 2020 and 152 Delegates will be elected to the Congress from the United States. It's up to all of us to ensure that these delegates represent our views by voting for MERCAZ | Slate #6 - the official voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

A strong vote for MERCAZ | #Slate 6 - will send a clear and compelling message to Israeli leaders that pluralism, democracy and equality are critical to a thriving future in Israel. The outcome of this election also determines the allocation of \$1 billion dollars in funding for Conservative/Masorti programs in Israel and throughout the world.

It's time to act on your values.

If you care about the continued growth of the Conservative/Masorti Movement in Israel and a more open Israeli society; if you object to the ultra-Orthodox's monopoly on religious life, including all life-cycle events, and if you care deeply about preserving Israel as a homeland that is welcome to all Jews...

Vote Today - MERCAZ | Slate #6 - The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. Go to www.MERCAZ2020.org!

But this will only be possible if we have a strong turnout for our cause, much stronger than in years past.



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VOTE MERCAZ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is MERCAZ?** MERCAZ is the official party representing the Conservative and Masorti Movements in the World Zionist Organization, formed in response to the Religious Affairs Ministry's disqualification of Conservative institutions from funding and recognition during the modern development of the State of Israel.
- **What is the World Zionist Congress?** The World Zionist Congress elects the officers and decides on the policies of the World Zionist Organization (WZO). The first Zionist Congress was organized by Theodor Herzl in 1897. Since the establishment of Israel, the Congress has always taken place there, and now convenes every five years.
- **Why is this election important?** This election is an opportunity to show the strength of the Conservative/Masorti Movement's commitment to religious pluralism, both in Israel and around the world. A strong showing for MERCAZ, Slate #6, will send a strong message that the Conservative Movement's values will be well represented at the Congress.
- **How does the Congress help fund Conservative/Masorti institutions?** The decisions of the Congress influence hundreds of millions of dollars in funding that is critical to the existence of our Conservative/Masorti communities in Israel and around the world. The larger the MERCAZ delegation, the more influence we have in shaping WZO policy, and the amount of funding that supports Conservative/Masorti programming in Israel is larger.
- **How do I vote?** The election will take place between January 21, 2020 and March 11, 2020. The vast majority of ballots will be cast online — log on to www.MERCAZ2020.org. However paper ballots are available if necessary.
- **Who is eligible to vote?** Participating in the election is open to anyone who:
 - Is Jewish over 18 years of age as of June 30, 2020
 - Resides permanently in the United States
 - Registers to vote by paying a small fee which helps cover the administrative cost of the elections
 - Accepts the 'Jerusalem Program' a short statement that expresses a commitment to Zionism
- **How much does it cost to vote?** Voting costs \$5 for anyone 25 and under and \$7.50 for all other individuals.

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