

November 25, 2009

The Reform Movement in North America and in Israel Needs You!

The 35th World Zionist Congress will be meeting in Jerusalem on **June 15-17, 2010**. ARZA's delegation is now being formed and we invite you to represent our Movement as part of our delegation which will consist of voting delegates, alternates and observers. We hope that all North American members of the Reform Movement WZC delegation will be able to fly together to Israel immediately following the URJ Board meeting on Sunday, June 13, 2010 (to be held in the greater New York City area). This will allow delegates to meet the leadership of the other worldwide Reform Movement delegations and with leaders of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism before and during the Congress. More details will be available in December.

We understand, however, that you may not be fully aware of how important the World Zionist Congress is to our Movement's congregations in Israel. Here are some facts:

- In the most recent elections (2006), the Reform Movement won almost 40% of the total American vote, the largest single Diaspora delegation to the Congress.
- Due to the size and strength of our delegation, we were able to ensure over \$1,500,000 of annual financial support for our partners in Israel for efforts of the IMPJ and the WUPJ, including our two *kibbutzim* in the Arava.
- As a part of the negotiated coalition agreement at the 2006 World Zionist Congress, we were able to get the government to agree to provide four pre-fab congregational buildings for Reform communities: Modi'in, Zichron Ya'acov, Tzur Hadassah, and Tivon. These buildings have created tangible facts on the ground, recognition by the Israeli government for Reform Jewish life in Israel, and significant fundraising savings that otherwise would have had to be used to construct these buildings.
- With the largest delegation to the World Zionist Congress from North America, the Reform Movement was able to achieve significant political arrangements and the capacity to ensure that our voices are being heard in the halls of power in Israel and abroad;
- Our numbers have enabled us to remain the most significant player in the national and international Zionist world and to back our public statements up with substantial political clout and numbers.

While we would like for you to seriously consider joining us in Jerusalem for the World Zionist Congress and we hope you'll agree to serve as part of the delegation, **there are certain requirements that delegates must meet**. So please carefully read the certification requirements on the attached form. Fill out the form and gather the required documentation. Please return the **form and the documentation** to the ARZA office via email, fax or snail mail by December 14, 2009.

We must have our delegation certified by December 31, 2009. It is imperative, therefore, that this form is returned, with the required documentation no later than Monday, December 14, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming World Zionist Congress or the process of joining ARZA's delegation, please write directly to Rabbi Scott Sperling, Executive Director of ARZA at ssperling@arza.org or contact him by phone at 212-650-4289.

We thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the Reform Movement in this important capacity.

L'shalom,

ARZA - Association of Reform Zionists of America
Representing the Reform Movement
Information/Certification Form
World Zionist Congress June 15-17, 2010

_____ Yes, I agree to be listed as part of the Reform Movement's delegation to the 2010 World Zionist Congress.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Primary phone number _____ Secondary phone number _____

Congregation (with congregation's city & state) _____

_____ I agree with the Jerusalem Program and hereby sign onto that document. Please initial here: _____

The World Zionist Organization constitution requires that 25% of all delegates be between the ages of 18-30. If you are in that age cohort, please indicate so here _____

Certification Requirements

1. Every delegate must be Jewish
2. Every delegate must have turned 18 by June 30, 2009
3. Every delegate must belong to ARZA or a Zionist organization that is a member of the WZO.
4. Delegate may not have voted in the Israeli election of 2009
5. Every delegate must sign on to the [Jerusalem Program](#). Please make sure to put a mark and your initials next to that line. If the 'hot link' is not working on the words above, Jerusalem Program, you may find the most current version of the Jerusalem Program at the AZM's website - <http://www.azm.org/2004.shtml>
6. Delegate must have contributed to their local Jewish Federation during 2009
7. Delegate must have contributed to the [Jewish National Fund](#) during 2009
8. Documentation for these contributions may be a cancelled check, credit card or online contribution receipt or acknowledgement/thank you letter. Documentation **must** accompany every form.

Important Notes

- To fulfill requirement number three above, we request that if you are not already a member of ARZA, that you become one. You may do so online by going to [ARZA's donation page](#).
- If you have not, as yet, made a contribution to [JNF](#) and your local Federation, you can do so now and send the documentation with this form.

Please return this form to the offices of ARZA no later than Monday, December 14, 2009

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