The Reform and Reconstructionist Movements are proud to join together to form the “Vote Reform /ARZA” slate for the World Zionist Congress 2020 Election. Our movements are deeply committed to a strong and secure Israel, and to strengthening the Israel-Diaspora relationship. We are committed to the vision and aspiration outlined in Israel’s Declaration of Independence:

"THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice, and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture..."

We are passionately invested in a Zionism that creates and sustains an Israel that is both Jewish and democratic and is a free society that upholds equality of religion, gender, race, and ethnicity.

WE BELIEVE IN:

Religious Equality: We envision and work for an Israeli society in which all Jewish denominations are treated fairly and with respect – a society in which all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our interpretation of texts and traditions. We also seek an Israel in which people of all genders can pray, work and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor.

Combatting Racism, Discrimination, and Hatred: Religious and ethnic minorities, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, and all other members of Israeli society deserve to be treated with full equality under the law, civility, dignity, and respect.

Security in the Region: The pursuit of peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the surrounding region remains our hope and our goal.

Two States for Two Peoples: We know that although the road may seem long, we are committed to building the path to peace based on a Two-State Solution. We believe that Two States for Two Peoples is essential for the security and stability of both Israelis and Palestinians.

WHO WE ARE:

ARZA – the Association of Reform Zionists of America – is the largest constituent of ARZENU, the umbrella organization of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists in Israel and around the world. ARZENU has a proven record of delivering on our pledges to advocate for an Israel that is Jewish, democratic and pluralistic, and for leading with our values. With our allies, we ensured that progressive Jewish movements in Israel were able to grow and expand their reach, making a significant impact on Israeli society and world Jewry at large. Increasing our representation in the World Zionist Congress is critical to maintaining and building on this success.

In support of those beliefs, in this World Zionist Congress election the “Vote Reform” ARZA slate pledges:

- To advocate for government recognition and societal acceptance of the many diverse expressions of Jewish religious identity, so that all such expressions are recognized as legitimate and equal under the law.

- To support the government and societal initiatives that seek to pursue a Two-State Solution and a long-term peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

- To influence the National Institutions (WZO, KKL, JAFI) in support of a strong shared society and democratic civil society in Israel.

- To assure that liberal streams of Judaism are provided equal financial support and resources in the Jewish State, ensuring that our movements in Israel and all Jewish denominations in Israel remain strong, vibrant, and growing.

A VOTE FOR ARZA IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS IS A VOTE TO PROMOTE EGALITARIANISM, PLURALISM AND PEACE IN ISRAEL.
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