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# US voting opens March 10 for the World Zionist Congress election

American Jews will choose among candidates from 21 slates as they elect representatives who make key decisions on allocating nearly \$1 billion annually in support for Israel and world Jewry.



The opening of the 26th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in 1964. Credit: Pridan Moshe/GPO.

**(Feb. 10, 2025 / American Zionist Movement)** Voting in the United States opens on March 10, less than one month from today, for the 39th World Zionist Congress, the body known as the “parliament of the Jewish people.”

A record 21 slates—representing diverse political beliefs, religious denominations and cultural traditions—are competing in the election. Facilitated by the American Zionist Movement, the election offers Jews across the United States the most powerful opportunity to have their voices heard on Israel’s future, make an impact on Jewish communities worldwide and proudly stand up for Zionism.

Voting will take place between March 10 and May 4, 2025.

More than 2,900 candidates from 43 U.S. states and territories are running in the election, representing a more than 60% increase in the number of candidates from the previous election in 2020. The addition of eight new slates marks a 62% surge from the 13 whose candidates won seats in 2020. This positions the American Jewish community to turn out a record number of voters and, by consequence, to have a more influential voice than ever in the allocation of over \$1 billion annually in support for Israel and world Jewry.

The 152 delegates elected to represent the United States—amounting to approximately one-third of the congress—will join with others from around the world to make key decisions regarding the leadership and priorities of the World Zionist Organization, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF), the Jewish Agency for Israel and Keren Hayesod.



Flier for the upcoming World Zionist Congress election. Credit: Courtesy.

These decisions will dictate the course of funding that advances a multitude of high-priority Jewish and Zionist causes, including, but not limited to, support for the most vulnerable members of Israeli society; the humanitarian and rebuilding response to the terrorist attacks in Israel on Oct. 7., 2023; cultivating Jewish identity in Israel; *aliyah* to Israel from around the world; fostering connection between Israel and world Jewry; Zionist education; and bolstering security at Jewish institutions. The 39th World Zionist Congress will convene in Jerusalem from Oct. 28-30, 2025.

The election and congress take place once every five years.

“By electing representatives who directly promote the interests of the U.S. Jewish community, American Zionist voters are poised to seize their most tangible opportunity to be heard on issues that will shape our collective future as a Jewish people. This is your vote for Israel’s future,” said Herbert Block, executive director of the American Zionist Movement, which administers the election. “Simultaneously, this election is American Jewry’s chance to unmistakably affirm our support for Zionism. It is imperative that we take this stand now more than ever following the horrors of Oct. 7, 2023, and the ongoing war.”

The five years since the previous election in 2020 have seen several seismic crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and Israel’s multifront war. This strongly positions the 2025 election to serve as an uplifting and unifying force for diverse voices and constituencies across the Jewish community, all in support of the vibrancy of Zionism.

“There are no ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ in this election, participation is a victory in and of itself,” Block said. “The larger the voter turnout is, the more the

American Jewish voice is heard.”

The candidates in the 2025 World Zionist Congress election are running across the following 21 slates, which are listed in ballot order (based on random drawing).

- Shas
- Vision
- Vote Reform
- Kol Israel: Standing together to strengthen Israel and the Jewish people
- Orthodox Israel Coalition-Mizrachi: On the frontlines for Israel’s Future
- ANU: A New Union, a next-gen, big tent for the Jewish American consensus
- Israel365 Action: Vote against the two-state “solution” and for Judea and Samaria!
- Achdut Israel
- Am Yisrael Chai: Investing in Jewish leadership, fulfilling our destiny
- Aish Ha’am
- Eretz Hakodesh: Protecting the *kedushah* and *mesorah* of Eretz Yisrael
- Beyachad: Together for Israel
- AID Coalition (America-Israel Democracy): The Israeli-American voice to rebuild Israel
- ZOA Coalition: The 30+ leading organizations defending Jews-students-Israel-Judea-Samaria
- Hatikvah: The Progressive Slate-Vote for change and hope a better future in Israel

- Mercaz USA: The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism
- Dorshei Torah V'Tzion: Torah and Israel for the future of all Jews
- The Jewish Future—Centrist Liberal Zionism
- American Forum for Israel
- Israeli American Council (IAC): A coast-to-coast community with Israel at heart and spirit
- Herut North America: The Jabotinsky Movement

To be eligible to vote in the U.S. election to the 39th World Zionist Congress, you must:

- Be Jewish (and not subscribe to another religion)
- Be 18 years or older by June 30, 2025
- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident in the United States
- Maintain your primary residence in the United States
- Accept the Jerusalem Program (the Zionist movement platform)
- Have not voted in the November 2022 Knesset election (and will not vote in any future Knesset election that may be held prior to July 28, 2025)

Registration and voting will open on March 10. Voting will be online and paper ballots will be available on request. The fee to register and vote is \$5, which goes to cover the operating costs of the election. Retired Judge Abraham J. Gafni and attorney David J. Butler will lead an Area Election Committee that oversees the election.

***Register for updates and learn about voting at: [zionistelection.org](https://www.jns.org/wire/us-voting-opens-march-10-for-the-world-zionist-congress-election/).***

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