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Global Jewish youth, convening at the first-ever in-person Jewish Youth Assembly, stand at a pivotal juncture in history. In the aftermath of the brutal October 7th attack by Hamas, the darkest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust, we are united in addressing the critical challenges and seizing the opportunities that are essential in shaping the future of Jewish life across the globe.

Our unified voice, encompassing over 60 participants from 40 countries, represents the strength and resilience of our community as we introduce the 2024 JYA Resolution: “*Ensuring A Vibrant Jewish Future*”. This resolution embodies our commitment to confront and overcome the pressing issues facing the Jewish community through the establishment of five dedicated pillars. We pledge to:

Tackle New Forms of Antisemitism:

- *Recognizing that antisemitism, the world's oldest hatred, is ever-evolving and manifests in new, insidious ways,*
- *Expressing concern over the changing manifestation of antisemitism, notably its increased violence since October 7th, 2023,*
- *Acknowledging that anti-Zionism has emerged as the prevailing form of antisemitism,*
- *Noting the persistence of conspiracy theories about Jewish power and influence, alongside enduring age-old prejudices,*
- *Condemning the rise of extremism at large, on both sides of the political spectrum as they converge in their antisemitic narratives,*
- *Recalling the dangerous and continuous presence of Neo-Nazi movements and entities,*
- *Recognizing specific actions such as accusations of dual loyalty, collective responsibility against the Jewish community, and the dehumanization of Jews, as egregious forms of antisemitism,*
- *Observing the increase in violent antisemitism in communities previously unaccustomed to such hostility, starting with the Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7th, and the subsequent global spread of hatred,*

- 1. Encourages Jewish communities worldwide to continue promoting Holocaust education, as well as emphasizing the richness of Jewish culture and life, including the implementation of peer-to-peer learning initiatives involving experts to enrich the educational experience,*
- 2. Calls upon international Jewish organizations to advocate for the strict enforcement of social media rules and regulations and the development of refined fact-checking processes to combat misinformation about Jewish communities,*
- 3. Strongly recommends the creation of an international Task Force on Antisemitism and Islamophobia to address and counteract the rise of hate speech,*
- 4. Urges all social media platforms, particularly those that have not yet done so, to incorporate educational resources created by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and UNESCO, such as the aboutholocaust.org website which hosts accessible information about the Holocaust,*
- 5. Encourages Jewish communities and organizations to extend their presence beyond traditional Jewish settings and to actively display the diversity and vibrancy of Jewish life as a way to counter stereotypes and generalizations;*

Oppose Denial and Distortion of Jewish Trauma:

- Recognizing that history is our collective memory, and preserving its accuracy is essential, especially in light of such historical traumas as the Holocaust and the October 7 Massacre,*
- Noting that denialist information, produced not only by unverified sources but also by ill-willed actors, is being spread among youth who will soon be shaping the future of our societies,*
- Condemning the conscious ignorance fueled by a lack of education and the polarizing content in media, rooted in antisemitic prejudice and conspiracy theories,*
- Recognizing that oversimplifying narratives and dismissing Jewish trauma leads to the marginalization and exclusion of Jewish youth in educational and social spheres,*

1. Calls upon governments to implement comprehensive educational programs that not only cover history but also celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of Jewish culture today,

- 2. Urges Jewish communities to call on their respective states to develop and implement media literacy initiatives, equipping individuals with the critical skills needed to discern and evaluate information accurately,*
- 3. Calls for the establishment of mechanisms to combat bias within news outlets, ensuring the fair and accurate representation of facts, whose distortion can adversely affect minority communities,*
- 4. Encourages states to make the promotion of historical accuracy a priority, recognizing it as a fundamental step in safeguarding their Jewish communities,*
- 5. Expresses support for initiatives that facilitate dialogue with survivors of traumatic experiences, enhancing understanding and empathy, while ensuring the sustainability of storytelling through preserving the narratives of survivors for future generations;*

Foster Jewish Life in the Diaspora:

- Expressing appreciation for Jewish communities worldwide, which showcase the vibrancy of Jewish life both in the Diaspora and in the State of Israel,*
 - Noting with regret the divisions within the global Jewish community, and expressing hope for increased unity among denominations, secular and religious communities, across regions, countries, and cultures,*
 - Highlighting the critical role of Jewish organizations and institutions, such as camps, schools, and student unions, in fostering a sense of community,*
 - Emphasizing the importance of unity during both prosperous and adverse times, actively celebrating Jewish joy and pride to cultivate a shared sense of identity,*
 - Express appreciation for addressing the community's connection to Israel, underlining the importance of reciprocal engagement between Israel and the Diaspora,*
 - Voicing the necessity of creating environments where all Jews can freely express themselves,*
- 1. Calls on Jewish communities to establish a comprehensive programs that spans the entire lifetime of individuals, ensuring their integration into the Jewish community at various life stages,*
 - 2. Recommends implementing measures to actively increase Jewish engagement with governments and civil society, fostering cooperative relationships and promoting the community's interests on a broader scale,*

3. *Advocates for legislation that mandates initiatives addressing the diversity of religious communities within formal education systems,*
4. *Calls on governments to provide funding to religious institutions, with an emphasis on financial support for security measures and developmental initiatives,*
5. *Suggests the development and implementation of training programs for authorities and educators, equipping them with the skills to address the unique challenges faced by the Jewish community effectively,*
6. *Stresses the importance of ensuring that every Jewish community, including the smaller ones, has access to and maintains a dedicated safe space for Jews to gather and express their Jewishness,*
7. *Reiterates the need to make Jewish life accessible to all community members, regardless of age, income, or other demographic factors, to promote inclusivity,*
8. *Recommends that the global Jewish community initiate crowdfunding campaigns to support the development and sustainability of smaller Jewish communities,*
9. *Advises the introduction and support of initiatives to increase Jewish representation in government and civil societies, encouraging active participation within broader societal frameworks;*

Combat Global Terror:

- *Strongly condemning the endorsement of terrorism following the October 7 attacks, specifically through social media, while highlighting the critical need for education on the dangers of justifying terrorism,*
- *Expressing appreciation for the Iranian, Kurdish, and other Middle Eastern Diaspora communities that recognize the danger of terrorism and have expressed their support for the global Jewish community after the October 7 massacre despite widespread adversity,*
- *Condemning the inaction of government agencies in protecting the local Jewish communities prior to and after the October 7 massacre,*
- *Strongly condemns the increase in yellow journalism and media bias by media agencies and journalistic entities, which significantly shapes the perspectives of current generations,*
- *Recognizing that justifying terrorism only leads to the perpetuation of more terrorism,*
- *Acknowledging and expressing gratitude towards government and civil society efforts that condemn terrorism and support communities facing such threats,*

- 1. Calls upon the Jewish community to engage with media companies, governments, and diplomatic organizations to reduce the support for global terrorism,*
- 2. Urges the enforcement of accountability measures for actors supporting and financing terrorism,*
- 3. Advocates for enhanced security of Jewish and non-Jewish communities that are under increased threat of terrorism due to hatred and prejudice,*
- 4. Renews its appeal for international organizations to sanction governments that support terrorism,*
- 5. Requests further investigations into the financial dealings of anti-Israel and pro-terror college clubs and departments, including their connections with terrorist organizations or state sponsors of terrorism,*
- 6. Encourages Jewish organizations to launch a collaborative social media campaign that highlights the stories of terror victims, featuring notable influencers and online educators,*
- 7. Recommends the advancement of AI technology to more effectively detect all forms of terrorism on social media platforms;*

Strengthen Jewish Unity:

- *Recognizing that unity is fundamental to the strength of our community,*
- *Recalling the importance of celebrating our heritage and culture as essential for fostering a deeper appreciation and understanding of our values, ensuring the spirit of Jewish unity is preserved and passed through generations,*
- *Noting the current shortfall in interaction among various youth organizations, highlighting the pressing need to encourage collaboration and communication to bridge the existing divides,*
- *Deeply regretting internal resistance to change, which is vital to create a more cohesive and inclusive community that can collectively address shared challenges,*
- *Acknowledging the generational divide, and the necessity to intensify efforts to facilitate understanding and open dialogue between different age groups,*
- *Observing with regret the noticeable lack of enthusiasm among the youth to engage with their community,*

- 1. Advocates for the creation of safe spaces by communities and governments alike, ensuring that Jews can comfortably express themselves, regardless of their background and traditions,*
- 2. Encourages Jewish communities to promote intergenerational communication, fostering positive change and launching educational initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between different age groups,*
- 3. Invites Jewish youth movements to acknowledge the importance of cooperation in achieving the common goal of fostering Jewish unity,*
- 4. Reiterates the need to improve accessibility to programming and education for all Jews, removing obstacles and guaranteeing that every community member has access to opportunities.*

In conclusion, these pillars not only address the current challenges our community faces but also pave the way for a future where Jewish life flourishes. Through the dedicated efforts outlined in this resolution, we, the Jewish youth, are laying the foundations for a vibrant, secure, and unified Jewish future.

We affirm: Am Yisrael Chai - The People of Israel Live.

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