



Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. J Street unequivocally supports the existence of the State of Israel as a democracy and a national home for the Jewish people and believes that the best way to guarantee its future is through the realization of a two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and a comprehensive regional peace.

For too long, a deep polarization has characterized the conversation on Israel, or lack thereof, across America. Within this divisive framework, the voices of the majority of American Jews - mainstream progressives who favor a two-state solution and American leadership to achieve it - have been absent from the political playing field. J Street provides a political home for this majority's views and makes clear to politicians and policymakers alike that no one group can claim a monopoly on what it means to be pro-Israel in America.

J Street aims to redefine and expand the very concept of what it means to be pro-Israel. No longer should this "pro-" require an "anti-." In the 21st century, we have reached a moment in history where supporting a Palestinian state is the only way to ensure Israel's survival as a democracy and a national home for the Jewish people. Being pro-peace is, indeed, being pro-Israel.

J Street does not accept that the world must be seen through the prism of "us-vs-them" conflict – that we must look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a zero sum game. We do not see the world only in black and white. To be pro-Israel in our movement is to recognize that history is filled with shades of gray and that the only way forward to a better future is a win-win solution that leads to two states for two peoples.

We share a vision of Israel laid out in its Declaration of Independence – of a country that Jews can always go to be safe and as a thriving democracy that reflects the highest values of the Jewish people: justice, equality, treating your neighbor as you wish to be treated yourself.

J Street recognizes the acute dangers that lurk in the world, particularly in the Middle East. But it is our movement and our ideas that offer the best path to the very security that Israelis, Palestinians and all people in the region desperately seek. Only through peace will there be security for both peoples and only through peace will Israel maintain its existence as a democracy and a national home for the Jewish people.

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