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THE VOICE OF CONSERVATIVE JEWS FOR ISRAEL

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- Ensure religious pluralism in Israel and full recognition of our rabbis, synagogues, mohalim, institutions and programs.
- Encourage electoral reform so that extremist minority parties will no longer wield undue power.
- Determine an equitable distribution of funding for the Conservative/Masorti Movement, around the world.
- Promote civil rights including Conservative/Masorti representation on religious councils and full equality for women.
- Support Aliyah and Hebrew language studies.
- Oppose any change in 'Who is a Jew' and 'The Law of Return'.
- Support Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, Schechter Institute, TALI, USY, NATIV, Conservative Yeshiva and Ramah.

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