



# MERCAZ within the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency

## Benefits to Conservative/Masorti Judaism Worldwide

Conservative/Masorti Jews around the world profit directly in numerous ways as a result of our presence within the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). The following are among the benefits accrued as a direct result of the size of our delegation at the Zionist Congress\*, and translate into an annual net equivalency of cash and services in excess of \$2.5 million, as well as significant influence in decision making that impacts on the global Jewish agenda and the Jewish Agency budget of more than \$300,000,000.

- \$1,700,000 of allocations to Masorti institutions in Israel every year
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to Masorti/Conservative educational projects around the world
- Shlichim for our youth movements and *kehillot* throughout the Diaspora
- \$500,000 annually to meet the spiritual and educational needs of Masorti/Conservative Jews outside of Israel
- Nearly \$100,000 per year in support of MERCAZ Olami, allowing us to serve our constituency throughout the world
- Official representation on key decision-making bodies of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization
- Control of the Office of Deputy Chairman of the Zionist Executive with responsibilities of the Treasurer
- An annual allocation of more than \$90,000 of funding for activities of MAROM, our young adult Zionist movement
- Support for a variety of activities intended to promote *aliyah* among our membership
- Subsidies and M.A.P. Scholarships for Conservative Movement teens on USY Pilgrimage, Ramah Israel Seminar, NATIV, Conservative Yeshiva and other affiliated trips to Israel

\*The size of this delegation is in turn a direct outcome of our participation in the elections for the Zionist Congress.



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