

THE ALLIANCE FOR NEW ZIONIST VISION'S 10 POINT PROGRAM:

1. MOVING FORWARD

While Zionism has been the most successful revolutionary movement in human history, it has essentially been stagnant since the unification of Jerusalem in 1967. If Zionism was merely a movement aimed at solving a “Jewish problem” through the establishment of a state, then today we should acknowledge ourselves to be post-Zionists. But if the cultivation of our soil, the revival of our language, the ingathering of our exiles and the attainment of Jewish independence merely represent important phases in a larger revolution, then Zionism must still hold relevance for us.

In order to effectively advance Jewish history to the next stage, the Alliance for New Zionist Vision will help the World Zionist Organization to identify the next goals of Jewish liberation and to initiate programs that encourage self-proclaimed Zionists to examine their authentic national aspirations, past achievements and what remains to be accomplished. We cannot be satisfied with the outdated paradigms and successes of previous generations but must create a new Zionist vision relevant to today.

2. YOUTH

We are the only list participating in the American Zionist Movement elections exclusively running the young activists currently at the forefront of today's battles over Jewish identity and Israel's legitimacy on campuses. In order for world Jewry to effectively confront the greatest threats of our generation, those of us on the frontlines must have a meaningful voice at the World Zionist Congress and in the direction of these efforts. Because we are committed to making our voices heard, we will fight to redirect Zionist funds to ensure they reach those truly in the trenches of the current conflicts of the Jewish people worldwide. We will also push for greater transparency to ensure that the monies graciously donated to Jewish causes actually reach their intended destinations.

3. PARADIGM SHIFT

The Alliance for New Zionist Vision encourages Jews to break free from the narrow confines of outdated conceptual paradigms – left vs. right, religious vs. secular, Jewish vs. democratic – that have brought the Jewish people and State of Israel to an impasse. We wish to explore outside-the-box solutions to the Middle East conflict and to empower our youth to develop their own Zionist ideologies without fear of disapproval or consequences from the establishment.

4. IDENTITY

The Jewish people constitutes not a religious sect but a proud ancient people with a rich culture and powerful spiritual traditions. The Alliance for New Zionist Vision senses that throughout the Diaspora many authentic aspects of our identity have been stolen from us or diluted to the point of becoming barely recognizable. We call this process the “colonization of Jewish identity.” As such, we will fight to expose the “colonized” elements of our identity and to promote a deeper connection to authentic Hebrew culture. As two of the key partners in the ANZV are successful grassroots educational movements, we aim to influence the World Zionist Organization to adopt our already-proven methods for creating educational programs that inspire young Jews to become active characters in the story of their people.

5. INDIGENEITY

We will fight for recognition of the Jewish people as an indigenous people to the Land of Israel, including the legal ramifications that such recognition holds in international law. The Alliance for New Zionist Vision will demand that the World Zionist Organization – as a representative body of the Jewish people – make an official declaration that the Jews are an indigenous people in our homeland.

6. JUSTICE

We are fighting for a change in Israel advocacy on college campuses and in the media in order to emphasize Jewish rights, the justice of our cause and our people’s incredible story in place of the superficial messages being promoted over the past decade that have clearly failed to impress anyone outside the traditional pro-Israel choir. An authentic Zionist narrative based on deep ideological foundations and historic vision would express our incredible story in a manner compelling enough to successfully compete with the rhetoric of Israel’s enemies. But because the Jewish establishment, Israel advocacy organizations and official Zionist institutions seem unwilling to advance such a revolutionary message, it has fallen to those of us with successful field experience shifting the positions of anti-Israel activists to introduce fresh approaches capable of turning the tide in the battle for Israel’s image.

7. EDUCATION

The Alliance for New Zionist Vision views the apathy and passivity of American Jews to be a point of utmost concern. We will therefore fight to redirect the emphasis of Diaspora Jewish education towards promoting a sense of peoplehood and national consciousness. A necessary first step in accomplishing this shift will be to demand that the World Zionist Organization play an active role in reducing tuition and offering subsidies at Jewish schools that every Diaspora child have access to a quality Jewish education. We also aim to promote creative educational programming and hands-on activities that develop within students a deep emotional connection to the historic aspirations of the Jewish people.

8. PEACE

While the Alliance for New Zionist Vision views peace with the other native peoples of the Middle East to be a still-unfulfilled goal of the Zionist revolution on par with ingathering exiles and reviving the Hebrew language, we recognize that the two-state model being aggressively promoted for the past 20 years has not and cannot succeed as it negates the authentic aspirations of both Jews and Palestinians and has only resulted in several new injustices for both peoples. While recognizing that the top-down political solutions

of the last two decades has only exacerbated our conflict and brought both sides further from genuine peace, we must begin to develop fresh ideas on how a Jewish state should treat the non-Jew, taking into consideration that our people has a clear moral obligation to all of the inhabitants of our land, especially to the stranger who dwells among us. The ANZV supports grassroots engagement efforts to cultivate better relations between Jews and Palestinians, based on mutual understanding and respect for identities, grievances and aspirations. The ANZV plans to work within the World Zionist Organization to direct funds towards those grassroots efforts truly making an impact on the ground and away from the foreign-funded “peace industry” NGOs merely serving the political agendas of their donors.

9. JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD

The Alliance for New Zionist Vision first and foremost views the Jewish people as one large collective family with a shared history, common destiny and mutual responsibility. While we recognize the sociological realities within the Jewish world and seek to be inclusive of diverse streams of thought, we relate to the prevalent labels – Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, etc. – as of only secondary importance in comparison to identification with the Nation of Israel and participation in its historic mission. Recognizing open and honest dialogue between factions as the only true path to building a holistic and unified vision for the Jewish people in this generation, the ANZV will work within the World Zionist Organization to promote brotherhood, mutual respect and a sense of collective responsibility between Jews from opposing ideological camps.

10. THE HOMELAND

The Alliance for New Zionist Vision is committed to the principle that our homeland must not and cannot be divided. We act to ensure the natural right of all Jews to live wherever they wish within an independent State of Israel between the Mediterranean Sea and Jordan River while equally striving to recognize and act upon our obligation to ensure justice, freedom, equality and a sense of enfranchisement for all inhabitants of our country, Jew and non-Jew alike. Today it is clear that we are beyond merely resisting the partition of our homeland. Rather than defend an unsustainable status quo, we aim to focus our efforts on creating within our homeland a uniquely Hebrew civilization that will apply our deepest concepts of justice and morality to the complexities of modern nationhood, serving as a beacon of light to humankind.

The Alliance for New Zionist Vision views Jerusalem as it has traditionally been viewed by Jews throughout the generations – as the physical earthly vessel through which the national spirit of the Hebrew nation explodes into a universalist vision for the betterment of humanity. It is this vision that we must now develop and struggle to promote in order to restore our beloved capital to its former splendor and global centrality.