

WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE CALL OURSELVES A ZIONIST MOVEMENT

What is Zionism about?

- Zionism is about a commitment to Jewish peoplehood and a sense of collective responsibility.
איך אני לי | *Im ein ani li* | If I am not for myself...
- Zionism is about reimagining what it means to be Jewish in the Jewish State.
מי לי? | *Mi li?* | Who am I?
- Zionism is about having power *and* how we treat the 'Other.'
אני לעצמי מה אני? | *Oo'ksheani le'atzimi, mah ani?* | If I am only for myself, what am I?

Why we call ourselves a Zionist Movement

- We have an unyielding commitment to a strong, vibrant, Jewish, and democratic state of Israel, secure within its borders.
- We accept and support the establishment of a Jewish State in Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people.
- We work to foster a living, breathing national culture that represents the highest ideals of Jewish peoplehood; that we are free and liberated citizens of the world who contribute as Jews to our global civilization.
- We strive to make the State of Israel a nation devoted to pursuing justice and creating a complete world.
- We channel our love for Israel into efforts that advance the vision of what we believe Israel can – and must – yet be.
- We believe a Jewish state must also be a democratic state that celebrates the pluralism of Jewish practice and identity.
- We celebrate the notion of *Klal Yisrael* (the unity of the Jewish people).
- We seek to integrate Jewish tradition into the realities of the modern world, believing in individuals' right to shape their own Jewish identity and way of life.
- We are committed to securing an Israel that ensures “complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture....”
- We remain committed to a resolution of the conflict that will ensure Israel's security and allow for Palestinian self-determination and self-governance.
- We understand that the creation of a Palestinian state will pose serious short-term security threats to Israel that will need to be addressed in any peace accords, but that a successful and peaceful Palestinian entity remains vital to ensuring Israel's long-term security.