



Rabbi Zemel Fund for Israel

In May 2024, the Temple Micah Board reaffirmed its policy regarding the Rabbi Zemel Fund for Israel. It adopted the following:

Purpose of the Fund

The Rabbi Zemel Fund for Israel will support organizations, individuals, and efforts that fall into the following four categories:

1. Institutions of Progressive Judaism in Israel.

This will include individual congregations affiliated with the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, MARAM (the association of Reform Rabbis in Israel), the Israel Religious Action Center, the Hebrew Union College (Jerusalem Campus), the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, and other organizations that are deemed to support Jewish religious pluralism in Israel.

2. Institutions and organizations that support shared society in Israel and equality for all of its residents.

This includes such organizations the Fund has supported in the past such as Shaharit, Givat Haviva, Sikkuy, Breaking the Silence, and Hand in Hand Schools.

3. Institutions and organizations that support social service efforts for underserved populations in Israel.

This includes day care centers, job training/education for immigrants and other populations in need. In this regard the Fund has supported Sindayana of the Galilee, Jaffa Day Care Center, ARDC (African Refugee Development Center), and New Israel Fund.

4. Culture and arts in Israel.

This includes Israeli books, art, and music that impact American Jewish culture and identity. The Fund therefore supports emerging Israeli writers, musicians, and artists.