

Israel Now. More than ever!

The Community Synagogue supports the State of Israel as a pluralistic, culturally diverse, democratic Jewish state.

1. **לך לך Lech lecha ~ Go forth!** If you want to really understand Israel you *have* to be there. Join others from our synagogue on our Family Tour to Israel in February 2015. If not then, find another time, but go. Israelis will be grateful – and you will be overwhelmed by how safe and at home you feel.
2. **אם אין אני לי מי לי Im ein ani li, mi li? ~ If I am not for myself, who will be for me?** Recognize that you have a role in Jewish history, and have a voice in Israel's future. Be positive about supporting what you believe. Vote in the upcoming World Zionist Organization elections – and pledge your support for the Reform Zionist organization (ARZA) that affirms your values as a Reform Jew.
3. **צדקה Tzedakah ~ Give.** There are many recipients in Israel worthy of your support. Be thoughtful about where you give. Check to be sure that where you donate reflects your values. Israel is diverse and vibrant enough that you can definitely find organizations you would want to support.
4. **ללמוד ולמד Lilmod ulamed ~ Learn in order to teach.** Keep up-to-date on and stay informed about what is happening in Israel. Read online publications such as *The Times of Israel*, *The Jerusalem Report*, *The Jerusalem Post* and *Haaretz*. Listen to various points of view. Learn the facts and educate others.
5. **אמת Emet ~ Truth.** Log on to websites from groups like the Israel Policy Forum or Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), which monitor mainstream media coverage of Israel and the Arab world. Don't be afraid to challenge those who offer opinions without facts and respectfully disagree with those unwilling to accept that there are many points of view that Israelis – and Jews – take.
6. **כלל ישראל Klal Yisrael ~ Jewish community.** Contact family and friends in Israel, particularly during this holiday season. They need to know you care and that they are not alone.
7. **לקנות Liknot ~ Acquire.** Purchase Israeli products. In the face of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS) movement, it makes a statement about Israel's legitimacy and economic vitality when you buy Israeli products. You can also invest in an Israel Bond, which is both a loan to and statement of support for the State of Israel.
8. **עבודה Avodah ~ Service.** Share your time and talent to support Israelis who remain hopeful about building bridges that can lead to peace and who are building a society that cares for all its citizens. Whatever your political views, Israel has an organization in need of heart, soul and hands eager to help.
9. **שיר לשלום Shir l'shalom. Add your voice for peace.** Push American politicians to support Israel, while urging Palestinians and Israelis to be engaged in good faith negotiations. Don't lose hope that there can be reconciliation, and to support efforts by both sides to create greater trust.
10. **אם לא עכשיו אימתי? Im lo achshav, eimatai? If not now, when?** Act now! Implementing one or more of the suggestions on this list will help our brothers and sisters in Israel. Show your solidarity and connect you more deeply to the Land of Promise.



שאלו שלום ירושלם ישליו אהביך ... שלום בארמנותיך

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ...
May there be peace within her walls.

Psalm 122