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Global Jewish youth, convening at the fifth annual Jewish Youth Assembly, recognize that we are growing up in a Jewish world that feels both more connected and more fragile at the same time. Our communities are navigating rising antisemitism, social division, mental health challenges, and an online environment where misinformation spreads faster than the truth. We reject a future in which Jewish identity fades through assimilation, is misunderstood by others, or is defined solely through crisis.

Forty delegates, hailing from sixteen countries and diverse backgrounds, understand that resilience is no longer an abstract ideal, but a responsibility we must actively cultivate. To transform our concerns into collective action, the 2026 Resolution, “Strengthening Jewish Resilience in a Time of Global Uncertainty,” focuses on four central pillars: community security and crisis preparedness; Jewish identity and mental wellbeing; digital strategy and information integrity; and global Jewish solidarity and partnerships.

This resolution serves as a framework for ensuring that Jewish life remains safe, proud, informed, and united across borders. Through the commitments outlined below, we pledge to build a Jewish future that is more prepared, more rooted, and more connected to one another and to the wider world.

### **Community Security and Crisis Preparedness**

- *Recognizing* that Jewish communities around the world face persistent and escalating security concerns in everyday life,

- *Recalling* historical and contemporary instances of antisemitic violence and terror, including attacks on Jewish institutions and individuals across multiple countries and regions,
- *Noting* with deep concern the global rise in antisemitic harassment, exclusion, vandalism, and violent incidents targeting Jewish people in schools, public spaces, and at communal events,
- *Acknowledging* that since the Hamas-led terrorist attacks on October 7th, 2023, antisemitism has intensified in both frequency and visibility and has been further amplified through social media and digital platforms,
- *Affirming* that all individuals and communities deserve protection and safety, and that governments bear an obligation to ensure the security and well-being of Jewish communities and all citizens without discrimination,
- *Understanding* that public expressions of hate, incitement, and unchecked rhetoric must be addressed proactively to prevent future attacks and safeguard the rights and dignity of Jewish communities everywhere,
- *Desiring* the well-being, safety, and continued flourishing of the global Jewish community as an essential foundation for a more connected and resilient Jewish future,
  1. *Calls upon* Jewish institutions worldwide to prioritize comprehensive and proactive security planning so that synagogues, schools, community centers, and public gatherings remain safe, welcoming, and accessible spaces for Jewish life;
  2. *Encourages* the presence of trained and visible security personnel or community volunteers at Jewish institutions and events in order to deter threats, provide reassurance, and protect spaces intended for gathering, learning, and worship;
  3. *Recommends* the responsible implementation of appropriate security technologies and protective infrastructure, including where necessary:
    - a. Surveillance and alarm systems;
    - b. Secure entry procedures and identification protocols;

- c. Reinforced doors, controlled access points, and protective barriers designed to prevent attacks while preserving open communal life;
- 4. *Supports* the creation and expansion of voluntary community-based safety initiatives that train Jewish youth and community members in situational awareness, emergency response, and responsible action during moments of crisis;
- 5. *Encourages* each Jewish institution or communal space to designate a trained security liaison responsible for maintaining preparedness plans, coordinating with institutional leadership, and serving as a point of contact with local and national authorities when needed;
- 6. *Calls for* strengthened cooperation and communication between Jewish communities and local, national, and international law enforcement and emergency services to ensure rapid, coordinated, and effective responses to threats or attacks;
- 7. *Urges* governments to uphold their responsibility to protect all citizens by providing sustained financial and logistical support for security measures at vulnerable religious and cultural institutions, including Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centers;
- 8. *Encourages* Jewish institutions and youth movements to conduct regular preparedness drills and safety workshops so that community members are equipped not only with physical protections but also with the confidence and knowledge to respond calmly and effectively in moments of uncertainty;
- 9. *Recognizes* the importance of psychological resilience and emotional preparedness, encouraging communities to provide guidance and support that empowers young people to navigate fear, respond responsibly, and remain connected to Jewish communal life rather than retreat from it;
- 10. *Supports* collaboration among global Jewish organizations to share training resources, expertise, and assistance with communities that may lack sufficient infrastructure or local support, ensuring that no Jewish community faces security challenges alone;
- 11. *Acknowledges* the potential contribution of Israeli and international Jewish institutions in sharing best practices and training opportunities with communities experiencing heightened security risks;

12. *Affirms* that strengthening preparedness, coordination, and mutual responsibility will enable Jewish communities worldwide to continue gathering openly, practicing freely, and sustaining vibrant Jewish life with confidence, dignity, and resilience.

## **Jewish Identity and Mental Wellbeing**

- *Alarmed* by the accelerating rise of assimilation, which threatens the preservation of Jewish identity, tradition, and continuity across generations,
- *Recognizing* that a strong sense of peoplehood, belonging, and shared responsibility is essential to sustaining a proud and unified Jewish community,
- *Mindful* of the long history of Jewish persecution and determined to preserve Jewish faith, heritage, and collective strength for future generations,
- *Recognizing* that limited and often inaccurate knowledge of Judaism within broader society contributes to misinformation, prejudice, and the social exclusion of Jewish individuals and communities,
- *Acknowledging* that strong and supportive community connections, including synagogues, youth groups, families, and inter-community networks, are proven protective factors for mental wellbeing,
- *Deeply concerned* by the rise in mental health challenges among Jewish youth, particularly in the aftermath of October 7th, and by the stigma that often prevents open dialogue and access to support,
- *Convinced* of the need to address rising mental health challenges and related stigma in order to promote stronger identity, prevent larger future crises, and protect the Jewish community as a whole,

1. *Calls upon* Jewish institutions worldwide to strengthen Jewish identity and continuity through structured educational and experiential programs that cultivate communal involvement, pride, and actively combat assimilation;

2. *Recommends* the establishment of integrated support systems for Jewish youth, including trained peer-support groups, confidential mental health services, moderated digital communities, and crisis-response mechanisms;
3. *Calls upon* education ministries and local authorities to implement age-appropriate education on Judaism and antisemitism, including accurate historical and cultural content and meaningful exposure to Jewish life, while promoting mutual respect for all faiths;
4. *Draws attention* to the rising mental health crisis within the Jewish community, particularly among teens, by:
  - a. Partnering with Jewish teen organizations to promote open discussions about mental health;
  - b. Increasing awareness through programming and dialogue within local Jewish communities;
5. *Recommends* developing moderated digital communities that connect Jewish youth across towns and countries, establish clear safety standards, and provide accessible, vetted mental health resources and clear pathways to professional support.

## **Digital Strategy and Information Integrity**

- *Deeply concerned* about the rapid spread of misinformation and the ease with which individuals believe it,
- *Observing* that many people place trust in misinformation and artificial intelligence without sufficient critical evaluation,
- *Fully aware* of the growing influence of artificial intelligence and acknowledging that it is not always reliable or truthful,
- *Alarmed* by the prevalence of hate speech and discrimination online and the difficulty of identifying and addressing it effectively,
- *Disturbed* by the increasing dependence on social media and the influence it has on shaping individual ideologies and beliefs,

- *Deeply concerned* that the sharing of hate speech online can place communities in physical danger,
- 1. *Calls upon* social media companies to remove hateful posts more swiftly in order to prevent rapid spreading;
- 2. *Encourages* schools to create mandatory classes beginning at an early age that teach students how to identify misinformation and critically evaluate digital content;
- 3. *Advises* that artificial intelligence platforms rely on verified, authoritative, and transparently cited sources, including established academic, journalistic, and institutional references, in order to reduce the spread of misinformation;
- 4. *Calls upon* social media platforms to implement and actively moderate contextual verification tools, including clearly displayed corrections and fact-based annotations, ensuring that responsibility for identifying and addressing misinformation rests with the platforms themselves rather than individual users;
- 5. *Further invites* platforms to implement visible watermarks or indicators on posts that identify artificial intelligence-generated content or content posted by bots;
- 6. *Emphasizes* the importance of making artificial intelligence and social media platforms safer, recognizing that these technologies will continue to shape public opinion;
- 7. *Encourages* social media companies to remove automated accounts and bots funded by bad actors to spread propaganda.

## Global Jewish Solidarity and Partnerships

- *Acknowledging* the limited understanding between different identity groups and religions around the world,
- *Bearing in mind* the growing challenge of division within the Jewish community,

- *Acknowledging* the role that the rapid rise of misinformation and disinformation on evolving technological platforms, including artificial intelligence and social media, has played in increasing global polarization,
- *Recognizing* the rising costs of and lack of funding for Jewish history education, which can be misinterpreted depending on how it is presented,
- *Considering* the growth of negative and alienated views toward core elements of Jewish identity, including Zionism, the Hebrew language, and Jewish history,

1. *Urges* religious communities worldwide, particularly those facing conflict or misunderstanding, to collaborate with one another in order to prevent future hatred and conflict through, but not limited to, the following methods:
  - a. Interfaith gatherings that foster dialogue;
  - b. Joint, neutral, and mutually respectful educational initiatives;
  - c. Multicultural education within schools;
  - d. Encouraging civil discourse and debate between communities;
2. *Encourages* greater connection and acceptance within the Jewish community by embracing its broad range of ideas and perspectives, elevating discourse beyond trauma-centered conversations toward the goal of a united and pluralistic global Jewry;
3. *Expresses* the importance of mandatory, non-partisan civic and political education worldwide within secondary educational systems, through instruction on the foundations of governmental systems and opportunities for students to hear directly from elected representatives about their ideas and roles;
4. *Demands* the creation of a philanthropic fund to support robust education on Jewish history and the Holocaust, including the allocation of specific resources to non-Jewish institutions, to be supported by multilateral institutions, governments, and private philanthropic entities.

In conclusion, this resolution is grounded in a simple but powerful belief: resilience is built through deliberate and collective action. Strengthening Jewish resilience requires safer communal spaces, stronger mental and emotional support systems, more responsible digital engagement, and deeper partnerships across communities and faiths.

By acting on the commitments outlined above, we are not only responding to present challenges but actively shaping the Jewish future we wish to inherit and pass forward. As Jewish youth in 2026, we choose to show up for one another, to speak clearly in moments of confusion, and to seek partners who share our commitment to dignity and respect.

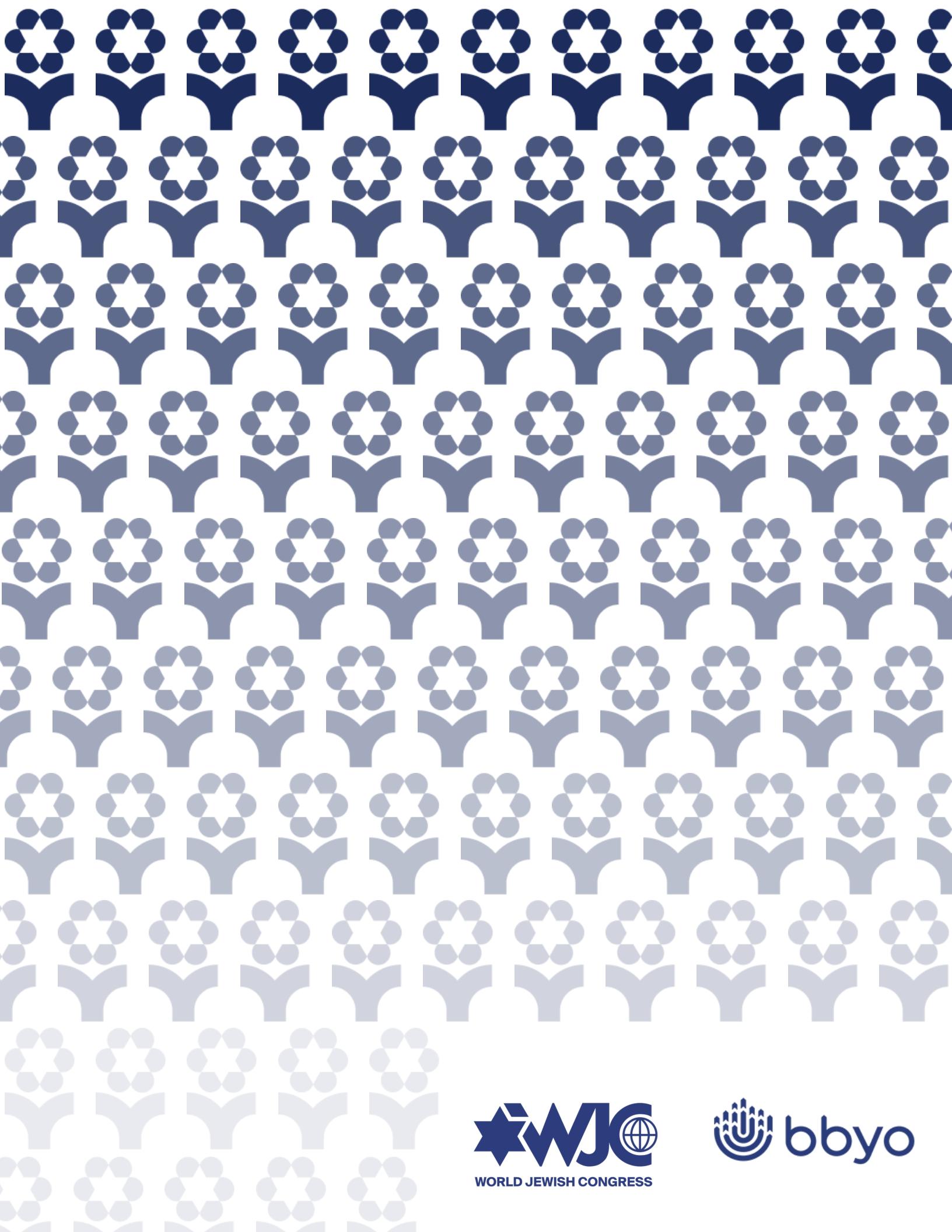
We stand with Jewish communities everywhere and pledge to leave them more prepared, more united, and most importantly, more hopeful than before.

We the future. Forever resilient.

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