

Letter of Intent – WJC Future Leadership Executive Member

Dear Members of the World Jewish Congress,

it is with great honor that I submit my candidacy for the elections to serve ad personam on the Executive Committee of the WJC Future Leadership. With a deep commitment to fostering the next generation of Jewish leaders, I am eager to contribute to the impactful and vital work of the World Jewish Congress.

My active involvement with the Jewish community of Vienna has profoundly shaped my perspective on the future of Jewish leadership. As a board member and Chairwoman of the Youth and Sports Commission of the Jewish community of Vienna, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of engaging young Jews in meaningful dialogue, educating them on Jewish values, and empowering them to assume leadership roles. Through these platforms, I have worked to foster solidarity among Jewish youth, promote Jewish education, and create opportunities for future generations to lead, particularly in combating antisemitism and supporting Israel. In light of the events of 7 October, the role of young Jewish leaders has never been more critical.

At the heart of my candidacy lies my unwavering commitment to combating antisemitism in all its forms. I believe that raising awareness through education, public engagement, and community outreach is essential. In 2014 I founded the dialogue program LIKRAT in Austria, enabling Jewish youth to engage in dialogue on a peer to peer level, foster open discussions and dismantle stereotypes firsthand. The program focuses on breaking down prejudices, promoting understanding through dialogue and equipping young people with the tools to actively stand up against antisemitism. For over a decade I have been dedicated to strengthening LIKRAT and expanding its outreach. I am committed to continuing and growing this work.

As a passionate advocate for Israel, I am also equally devoted to ensuring that the State of Israel continues to thrive as a strong, secure, and democratic pillar of Jewish identity worldwide. Supporting Israel is, in my view, inseparable from the broader struggle against global antisemitism.

Today, the rise in antisemitism, hate crimes, and extremist ideologies threatens not only Jewish communities but also the very core of democratic societies. Now more than ever, it is essential to stand united against these forces. I believe the World Jewish Congress, with its global reach and platform, plays an indispensable role in countering this threat and amplifying the voices of those who are standing up against antisemitism.

If elected, I am deeply committed to strengthening the WJC's strategic initiatives and impact - both in advocacy efforts and in providing on-the-ground support for Jewish communities worldwide. The urgent need for a strong, unified and resilient Jewish leadership has never been more evident. I believe that my experience, passion, and dedication uniquely qualify me to contribute meaningfully to this mission. Together, we can build stronger Jewish communities, advocate for Israel, and ensure that the lessons of history are never forgotten.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside the WJC and fellow committed leaders in advancing these vital goals.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Kricheli