

Israel & Diaspora Resolution

Resolution JYA 2202 - 4

The **Israel and Diaspora Committee** of the first annual Jewish Youth Assembly is,

ALARMED by the lack of connection between the Jews in Israel and the Jews in the diaspora. We ask for there to be more education for diasporic and Israeli Jews, as well as our non-Jewish counterparts. Specifically, regarding double standards;

WE NOTE, in a 2021 study, 45% of Jews have visited Israel, while 47% of Israelis have visited the United States. Since the statistics are less than 50%, this shows a deep lack of connection between the two groups. We stress the importance of showing a common ground because although there may be different customs and traditions, we are all Jewish people at the end of the day;

WE NOTE WITH GREAT CONCERN, that the lack of education between the Jewish people, Israelis, and our non-Jewish counterparts attribute to the stresses that create a boundary of double standards upon the Jewish community and Israel. Misinformation and antisemitism contribute to the lack of knowledge from our counterparts, which endangers the relationship between the Jewish people of Israel and the diaspora. The pressure of double standards can cause a divide between Jews of the diaspora and Israel;

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE Jews from the diaspora to visit Israel, Israelis to visit the diaspora, and non-Jewish counterparts to educate themselves on Israel and Jews of the diaspora. We believe creativity may also foster connection, building a bridge to understand one another in a proactive light. This includes diaspora and Israeli communities joining together in support when there are times of crisis;

WE CALL UPON organizations that create trips to Israel to work in tandem with the government to make private, as well as public, visits to Israel on a program more accessible. We believe it is imperative for diaspora communities to work with Israel in creating travel programs for Israelis to visit a single diaspora community of their choice. These trips should be available to high schoolers, not only college students. It is important to foster a strong relationship between the Jews of Israel and the diaspora, as well as combat misinformation, to create a powerful global Jewish future.

Approved by the 1st WJC Jewish Youth Assembly, 27 February 2022