



AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

# 2025 Impact Report



**American Jewish Congress**

**The World We Want to Leave Our Children**

# 2025

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“ The decisions we make today will define the world we will leave for our children and grandchildren. ”

Let's imagine the world we want to hand to our children and grandchildren.

That vision has been at the heart of everything we've done at the American Jewish Congress this past year. It's the question I keep asking myself and the one that must guide us all. Because the choices we make today will shape the world our children grow up in tomorrow.

Right now, we know this isn't yet the world we want it to be. But I believe it can be — and will be — if we act boldly, wisely, and together.

As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, I was raised with an understanding of the horrors antisemitism can unleash and the reality that it may never fully disappear. My grandparents' generation taught us to be vigilant. Even so, I do not believe my grandfather, who survived Auschwitz, could have imagined the world we are witnessing today. We now know that vigilance alone is not enough. We are once again facing a moment that demands urgency, resolve, and all hands on deck.

Trust and truth are being tested. Antisemitism is creeping into everyday spaces. Israel faces mounting efforts to undermine its legitimacy. And a new generation is coming of age in a digital world where misinformation travels faster than facts.

This is the world our children will inherit unless we choose to change it and build something better.

In 2025, the American Jewish Congress made a deliberate choice to move beyond old playbooks and start building new ones. We invested in fresh ideas, new partnerships, and the leaders who will shape what comes next, from global and city leaders to students, activists, and innovators.

We focused not only on confronting the challenges of today, but on creating the kind of future we'll be proud to pass on. A future where Jewish communities thrive, where truth prevails, and where bridges — not walls — define our world.

That sense of purpose and resolve guided everything we did, from strengthening Israel's standing to confronting antisemitism and preparing the next generation to lead. Because what we do now will echo far beyond this year.

**This is our moment. And this is the future we are choosing to build.**

With gratitude,

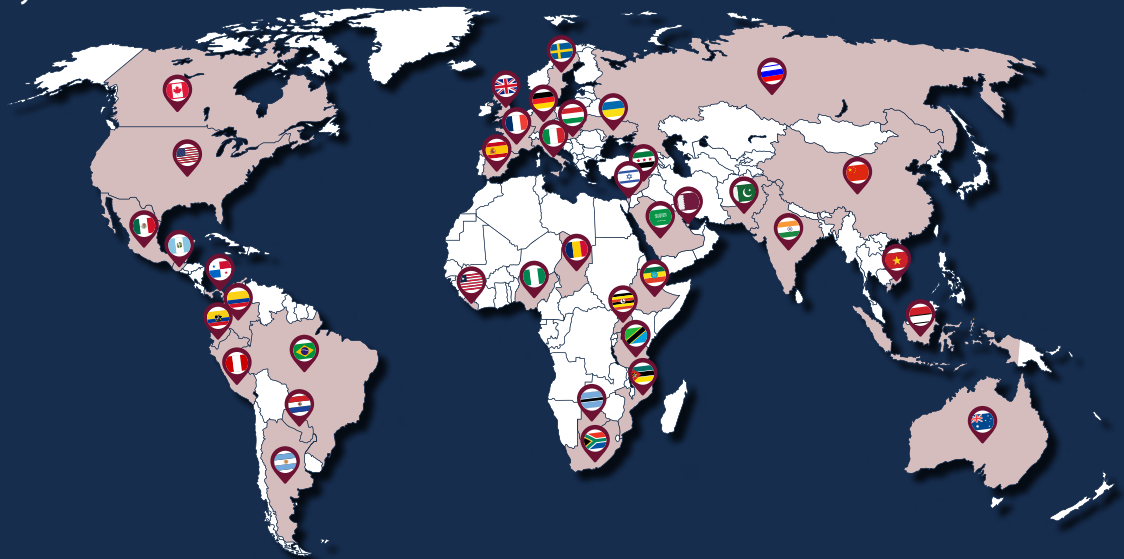
Daniel Rosen

President, American Jewish Congress

# Global Leadership

## In a World of Uncertainty, Our Mission Is Clear

In 2025, the world grew more volatile, from regional wars to disinformation campaigns, threats to democratic values, and the rise of extremism. The American Jewish Congress responded with conviction, defending democratic values, human dignity, and Jewish security wherever they were under threat.



## Diplomacy Across The Globe

We fought across borders, continents, and within the halls of power where global decisions are made:



### Global Leadership Against Antisemitism

Advanced international efforts to confront rising antisemitism and keep the fight against Jew-hatred at the forefront of the global agenda.



### Science and Technology Diplomacy

Promoted international cooperation through science, innovation, and technology as bridges between nations and tools for advancing shared progress.



### Strategic Global Diplomacy and Partnerships

Engaged global leaders across the world to champion Jewish interests, strengthen alliances and advance democratic values.



### Building New Relationships

Expanded beyond traditional allies, opening new channels of communication and cooperation across regions and political divides.



### Defending Israel's Security

Advocated for Israel's right to defend itself and mobilized diplomatic support against extremist regimes such as Iran and terrorist organizations.



### International Institutions and Policy Leadership

Worked with the United Nations and other international bodies to challenge bias, defend Israel's legitimacy, and promote accountability.



*American Jewish Congress Leadership with President Donald Trump*

“At a time when the world feels unsteady, our purpose remains steady: to protect our communities, promote democratic values, and ensure future generations inherit a world guided by truth, security, and shared responsibility.”

— American Jewish Congress, 2025 Reflection

## Advancing Our Mission in the World's Centers of Influence



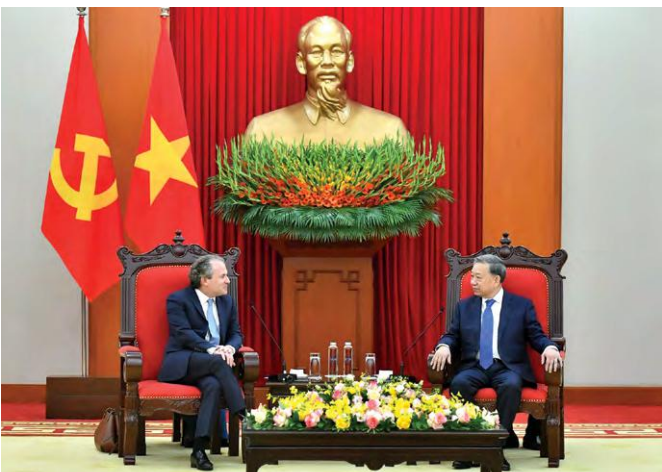
*American Jewish Congress Delegation with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu*



*Argentina's President Javier Milei*



*Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif*



*Vietnam's General Secretary To Lam*



*Syria's President Ahmed Al-Sharaa*



# Making a Difference at Home

Policy and Power Where It Counts

## Change Begins At Home

We worked across the country - with local leaders, state officials, and national policymakers - to defend Jewish rights, fight antisemitism, promote truth about Israel, and push forward bold new legislation.

## When it mattered most, we advocated in the halls of power: U.S. Administration & Congress



Elevated Jewish voices in America's most powerful rooms



Drove bipartisan conversations on antisemitism



Advocated relentlessly for the hostages held in Gaza - leading up to the U.S. - mediated ceasefire and hostage release



Worked closely with the U.S. Administration and Congress to protect strong, bipartisan support for Israel



Made clear: Iran must never be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons



Backed decisive U.S. action against Iran during the Israel-Iran war to stand with Israel and push back against Tehran's nuclear program

**U.S. News** & WORLD REPORT

### Campus Protests Are Dying Down. But Antisemitism Still Lurks in Classrooms.

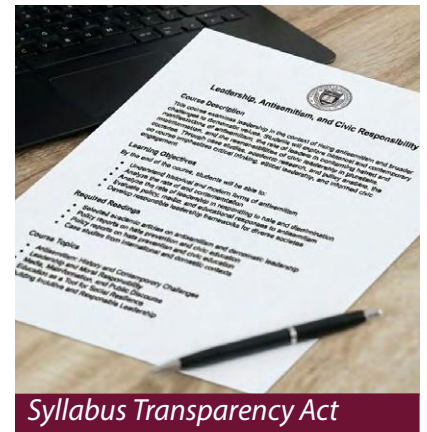
We need more transparency to know if hate is being taught at universities.

By Daniel Rosen | Contributor | May 5, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.

# From Advocacy to Action: National Legislation That Moves Us Forward

## The American Jewish Congress Syllabus Transparency Act

A critical issue plaguing higher education is the systemic lack of transparency surrounding course syllabi and reading materials. Too often, materials and ideas appear in classrooms and coursework without meaningful oversight or awareness, particularly on issues related to Israel. We refer to this as "hidden encampments." Greater transparency around syllabi and reading materials at universities that take public funding is a commonsense step toward restoring accountability and ensuring critical thinking remains central to our education system.



- **Introduced** legislation calling for academic transparency in universities that receive public funding
- **Advocated** for advance access to syllabi and course materials
- **Built** bipartisan coalitions to support the bill's passage
- **Advanced** efforts to democratize higher education

## We Met the Moment



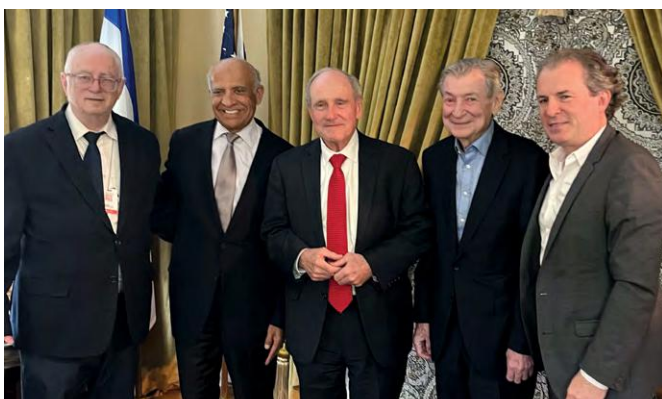
*Senator John Fetterman (D-PA)*



*John Ratcliffe,  
CIA Director*



*Leo Terrell, Head of the  
Department of Justice  
Antisemitism Task Force*



*Senator James Risch (R-ID), Chairman of the  
Foreign Relations Committee*

**From city halls to the White House, our leadership showed up.**

**Engaged** directly with mayors, governors, and community leaders.

**Discussed** policy with national figures across political lines.

**Ensured** combatting antisemitism and protecting Israel's right to exist and defend itself is on the agenda.



# Confronting Antisemitism

Antisemitism is **No** Longer Trying to **Hide** in 2025

## Jews Targeted Just for Being Jewish

- ▶ Bondi Beach
- ▶ Boulder, Colorado
- ▶ Washington, D.C. Capitol Museum

**Jews targeted in acts of violence** and vandalism across the globe  
**Media & political rhetoric** often attempted to normalize antisemitic bias

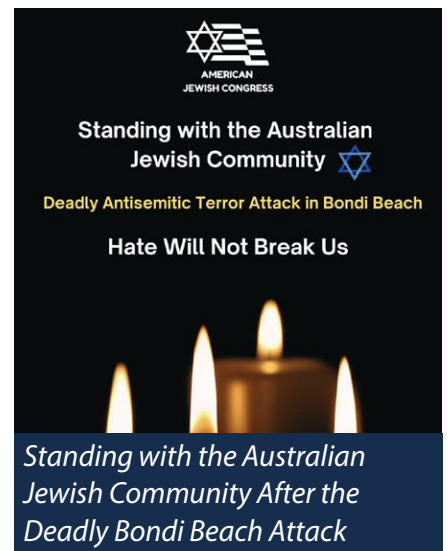


## The American Jewish Congress Refused to Accept This New Normal

**Spoke out and demanded action** to confront rising antisemitism worldwide.

**Called out antisemitism** in politics, pop culture, and academia:

- ▶ Challenged Hollywood boycotts and false media narratives
- ▶ Confronted public figures who blurred the line between criticism and hate
- ▶ Elevated voices in power who spoke truth



## On Campus, We Drew a Line in the Sand

- ▶ Publicly challenged Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, and others
- ▶ Spearheaded petitions with thousands of signatures and delivered directly to University leaders
- ▶ Ensured university presidents heard directly from Jewish students



## What We Do Now Will Define What Comes Next

From classrooms to capitals, the fight continues. We're not waiting to react — we're building the infrastructure of prevention and protection now.

# Standing Up for Israel

## When Israel Was Under Attack, We Stood Up and Showed Up

In 2025, Israel faced one of its darkest chapters and a critical fight for global legitimacy. While others hesitated, the American Jewish Congress stood firm, demanding truth, moral clarity, and decisive action.

We met with Israel's top leadership and worked to ensure that support for Israel in the United States remains strong and bipartisan, while reinforcing Israel's ability to defend its citizens. We pushed back against efforts to condition that support or advance boycotts against Israel, reaffirming that America's commitment to Israel's security must remain unwavering.

We also countered attempts to distort the reality of the war, ensuring Israel's case and the voices of those under attack were heard. We spoke out against the politically biased targeting of Israel at the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, opposing efforts to weaponize international law against the Jewish state.



## On the Ground. In the Room. On the Record.

### Key Actions:

**Engaged** Israel's national leadership, including meetings with the Prime Minister, President, Foreign Ministry officials, and Knesset members, to reinforce the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership and express solidarity.

**Supported** the communities of Kibbutz Be'eri, Nir Oz, and Kfar Aza, and honored the victims of the Nova Music Festival massacre, ensuring their stories remain part of the global conversation.

**Stood alongside** hostage families in Hostages Square and at major public gatherings, including the Israel Day Parade in New York, amplifying the call to bring every hostage home.

**Advanced** Israel's case in the media and public discourse, countering misinformation and defending Israel's right to protect its citizens.

**Opposed** initiatives that would reward Hamas or undermine Israel's security, making clear that terrorism must never be legitimized.





# Fought for the Hostages. Every Day.

We did not just pray for the hostages. We worked tirelessly for their return and stood with families demanding answers.

**Advocated** publicly and privately for a comprehensive deal, contributing to the broader international efforts that ultimately secured the return of all living and deceased hostages.

**Amplified** the voices of hostage families through press engagement, public marches, and global advocacy.

**Urged world leaders** not to allow political convenience to overshadow the moral urgency of bringing every hostage home.



Meeting with Former Hostage Luis Har at the Hostages Forum



Supporting the Victims and Survivors at Kibbutz Be'eri



Paying Tribute at the Nova Festival Site



Marching at the Israel Day Parade in New York for the Release of the Hostages





# Science & Technology Diplomacy

## Shaping the Future Through Science & Technology

### Innovation Meets Impact

In 2025, the American Jewish Congress redefined what diplomacy can look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We moved beyond traditional diplomatic settings and expanded engagement with innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and civic leaders shaping the future through science and technology.

Across sectors such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, climate innovation, and urban resilience, we highlighted the role that technology can play in strengthening cooperation between societies. By introducing global leaders to Israel's innovation ecosystem, we helped foster partnerships aimed at solving shared challenges and advancing practical solutions.

**Our approach reflects a simple idea: in a world facing complex global problems, innovation can serve as a bridge between nations, communities, and leaders seeking progress.**

Throughout 2025, the American Jewish Congress connected global civic leaders, policymakers, and international partners with Israel's innovation ecosystem.



*Peres Center for Peace and Innovation*



*Showcasing Urban Technology at the Jerusalem Command Center*



*Overview of Israel's High Tech Sector for the American Jewish Congress Delegation by Chemi Peres, Managing Partner of Pitango, Israel's Largest Venture Capital Fund*

## Bridging Innovation and Diplomacy

Beyond individual gatherings, the American Jewish Congress elevated Science & Technology Diplomacy as a core strategy for global engagement.

- Connected international leaders with Israeli startups working on solutions for public safety, mobility, climate resilience, and urban innovation
- Facilitated dialogue between policymakers and technology innovators shaping the future of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity
- Showcased Israel's role as a global hub for innovation and technological resilience
- Promoted Israeli AI as a force for good, driving civic solutions and strengthening communities
- Encouraged partnerships that translate innovation into practical solutions for governments and cities around the world



*Israeli Cyber Technology Presentations at Check Point*



*AI-powered Solutions Presented at Sderot's Resiliency Center*

**“Tech and science diplomacy may be our most powerful tool, helping communities understand each other, work together, and build a future where everyone benefits.”**

*— American Jewish Congress, 2025 Reflection*

## From Cities Across the World — To Friends for Life

In 2025, more than 20 mayors from five continents traveled to Israel for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual International Mayors Conference for a powerful week of exchange, shared learning, and meaningful connection.

Over the years, the Conference has convened leaders whose influence extends far beyond their cities, including future presidents and prime ministers such as William Lai of Taiwan, Nayib Bukele of El Salvador, Mauricio Macri of Argentina, Matteo Renzi of Italy, and Nasry Asfura of Honduras, reflecting its role in connecting leaders who later shape national policy and international partnerships.

Through immersive site visits, high-level diplomatic dialogue, and exposure to Israel's startup ecosystem, participants gained a deeper understanding of Israel's challenges and contributions and committed to bringing those lessons home to their cities.

*“What I see here in person and what I see on social media are two very different things. This is a message I will try to convey very clearly...This is a land of innovation, capitalism, and social inclusion.”*

— Mayor Mayer Mizrahi of Panama City, Panama



Mayoral Delegation with Israel's President Isaac Herzog



Conference Opening Event with U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee and NYC Mayor Eric Adams



Delegation Hosted at the Knesset by Amir Ohana, the Speaker of the Knesset

# A Week That Changed Perspectives

## Highlights from the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual International Mayors Conference

- Brought together mayors and municipal leaders from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America for cross-cultural dialogue and leadership exchange
- Introduced civic leaders to Israel as a hub of innovation in public safety, mobility, climate resilience, and municipal infrastructure, while facilitating strategic meetings with Israeli startups
- Met with Israeli national political leaders including the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Speaker of the Knesset, Party Leader, and Members of Knesset
- Led visits to the attacked kibbutzim and cities of southern Israel, as well as Yad Vashem, offering a firsthand look at Israel's grief, resilience, and moral clarity
- Sparked lasting friendships, city-to-city partnerships, and a global network of friends committed to truth and continued dialogue

**“You have shared with us knowledge, you have given us insights on how to engage with youth to support entrepreneurship, youth empowerment, and youth education. These are invaluable engagements...perceptions have shifted, and it has made it clear to me that there is a need for more engagement and public diplomacy.”**

— Mayor John Charuk-Siafa of Monrovia, the Capital of Liberia

**“I leave here as an ambassador...I have decided to start ‘Friends of Israel’ clubs in schools to help young children understand this country...The story of the resilience of the people of Israel needs to be told...I want to thank you for this eye-opening experience. This has been one of the most important trips I’ve ever taken.”**

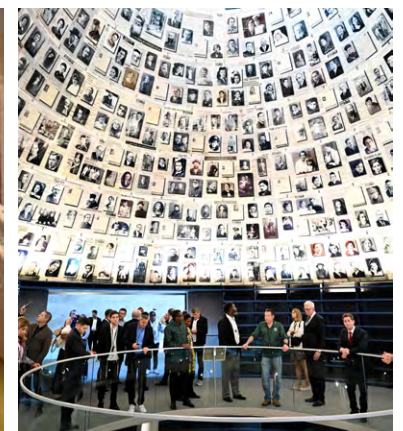
— Mayor Fabrice Brad Rulinda of Entebbe, Uganda

**“The opportunities we have had during this trip are truly remarkable... It has created great alliances for all of us, allowing us to get to know one another. That’s part of bridge-building, part of leadership, part of being able to work together, and to set the path for the future.”**

— Mayor Sharona Nazarian of Beverly Hills, California, USA



Mayor from Liberia Hugging IDF Soldier During American Jewish Congress Visit to Southern Israel



Visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center



American Jewish Congress Delegation Visiting Kibbutz Kfar Aza

# Building Bridges in a Fractured World

## When Others Built Walls, We Built Bridges

In a year marked by division, the American Jewish Congress invested in connection. We did not just speak to our closest allies — we reached across divides. In city halls, civic institutions, and communities around the globe, we brought people together to meet face-to-face, explore common values, strengthen relationships, correct misinformation, and build new pathways for trust and collaboration. Because lasting progress doesn't come from echo chambers, it comes from coalition-building.

### Connecting Across Communities: Then & Now

#### Black–Jewish Solidarity

Convened public conversations and private strategy sessions with Black elected officials, clergy, and civic leaders — including Rep. Ritchie Torres, Mayor Justin Bibb, and mayors from several African countries.

Honored the American Jewish Congress's civil rights legacy with bold new initiatives grounded in shared purpose and forward-looking partnerships.



*Martin Luther King at the American Jewish Congress Convention in 1958*



*Mayor Justin Bibb of Cleveland*



*Representative Ritchie Torres (D-NY)*

#### Hispanic–Jewish Alliances

Deepened alliances with Hispanic leadership across the U.S. and Latin America, including municipal leaders from South American countries.



*Mayor Mayer Mizrachi of Panama City, Panama*



*Paraguay's President Santiago Peña*

### Engaging Arab Leaders

Met with Arab leaders in the Knesset and from across the Middle East to foster honest dialogue, mutual understanding, and regional cooperation.



*Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel Al-Jubeir of Saudi Arabia*



*Knesset Member Mansour Abbas, Leader of United Arab List*

### Expanding to Asia and Africa

- ▶ Conducted high-level diplomatic outreach to African and Asian communities, building relationships rooted in shared values and mutual respect. This effort included engagement with partners across the Muslim world, including Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority country in the world.
- ▶ Initiated long-term partnerships aimed at education, interfaith cooperation, and civic innovation.



*India's Consul General Binaya Srikanta Pradhan*



*President Ahmed Prabowo Subianto of Indonesia*



*Mayor John-Charuk Siafa of Monrovia & Mayor Florence Parker During of Brewerville City, Liberia*

## Bridges We Are Building

Black-Jewish coalitions confronting shared challenges

Hispanic-Jewish partnerships strengthening ties across communities and continents

Arab-Jewish engagement in the halls of Israeli democracy and throughout the Middle East

Cultural diplomacy with Muslim, African, and Asian nations

Leadership programs where youth from diverse backgrounds learn together and build shared futures

**“ Bridge-building isn’t just about dialogue – it’s about connection, courage, and the conviction that we are stronger when we lead together. ”**

— American Jewish Congress, 2025 Reflection

# Cultivating the Leaders of Tomorrow

## Investing in the Future

Young people aren't just watching history, they're shaping it. In 2025, the American Jewish Congress made it a priority to empower the next generation of Jewish leaders, advocates, and changemakers.

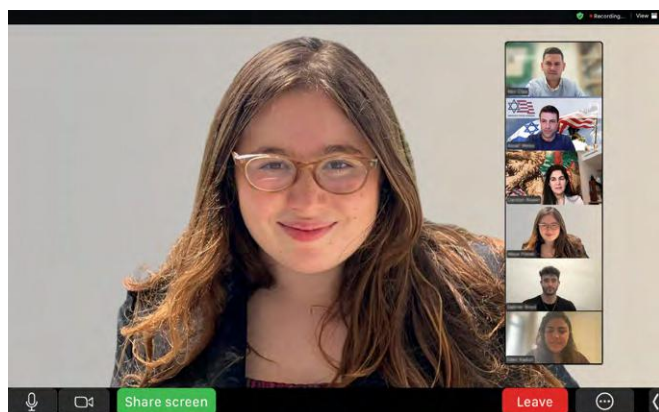
From campuses to city councils, we equipped students with the tools, confidence, and networks they need to step forward and lead.



*Young Jewish Entrepreneurs Presenting to American Jewish Congress Delegation of Global Mayors*

## Elevating Youth Leadership

How We Empowered Young Voices in 2025:



### American Jewish Congress Student Advisory Council

Created a new platform for college students and recent graduates to engage in leadership, policymaking, and strategy.



### Global Exchange

Featured Unistream's young entrepreneurs from a Muslim Bedouin community to connect with civic leaders around the world.

### Student Government Playbook

Launched a first-of-its-kind handbook helping Jewish students run for office, speak up, and influence policy on their campuses.



### Campus Reporting & Solutions Challenges Launched

Invited students nationwide to submit bold proposals to combat hate and support Jewish communities in their schools and beyond.

### Campus Partnerships

Collaborated with national Jewish organizations and campus leaders to create impactful initiatives, strengthen support networks, share best practices, and respond quickly to rising antisemitism.

### Young Jewish Congress

Ongoing work with the younger generations.



# Knowledge Is Power Keeping Our Community Informed

## Click. Watch. Read. Share.

Information is power, but only if people have access to it. In 2025, the American Jewish Congress expanded its digital reach to meet the moment by answering disinformation with facts, silence with stories, and confusion with clarity, while mobilizing our audiences to act. Through webinars, newsletters, petitions and social media, we helped millions stay informed, get involved, and speak up.

## Multi-Platform Engagement

### How We Kept Our Community Informed in 2025:

#### Social Media That Sparks Action

Created bold, shareable content that cut through the noise, educating through reels, infographics, live briefings, and response campaigns.

#### Webinars That Break It Down

Delivered expert-led, high-impact webinars on critical topics, from global diplomacy to campus antisemitism and from AI ethics to hostage diplomacy.



#### Newsletters That Connect The Dots

Curated and delivered trusted insights, action alerts, and timely updates directly to inboxes across the globe.

#### Rapid Response Tools

Provided real-time content to share when misinformation or antisemitism made headlines, including petitions and open letters that generated thousands of signatures and mobilized widespread action.

#### Digital Video Highlights

Showcased major moments, human stories, and behind-the-scenes access through visual storytelling.

# A Vision Beyond 2025

## Thinking Outside the Box

### Looking Ahead with Innovation & Purpose

The challenges of today demand bold thinking for tomorrow. That's why in 2025, the American Jewish Congress laid the foundation for what comes next: a new era of impact, innovation, and global leadership.

We aren't just reacting to headlines — we're building the world we want to hand our children. One that's safer, stronger, and more united by shared values and possibility.

### Future-Facing Initiatives

#### What's Next for 2026 and Beyond:



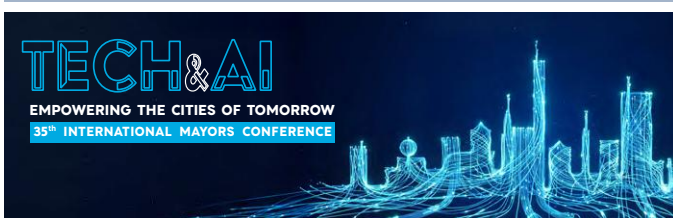
#### AJCatalyst: Innovation with ImPACT

Launching our incubator for innovative programs, a platform for reimagining how Jewish organizations, civic leadership, and cross-sector collaboration can drive measurable change.



#### Rebuilding After the War

Partnering with Israeli civic leaders and global innovators to support long-term recovery, rebuild communities, and deliver tangible pathways to resilience and peace.



#### 2026 International Mayors Conference

Setting the stage for our most ambitious convening yet, expanding the reach of "Science & Tech Diplomacy" with new regions, new technologies, and deeper civic exchange.

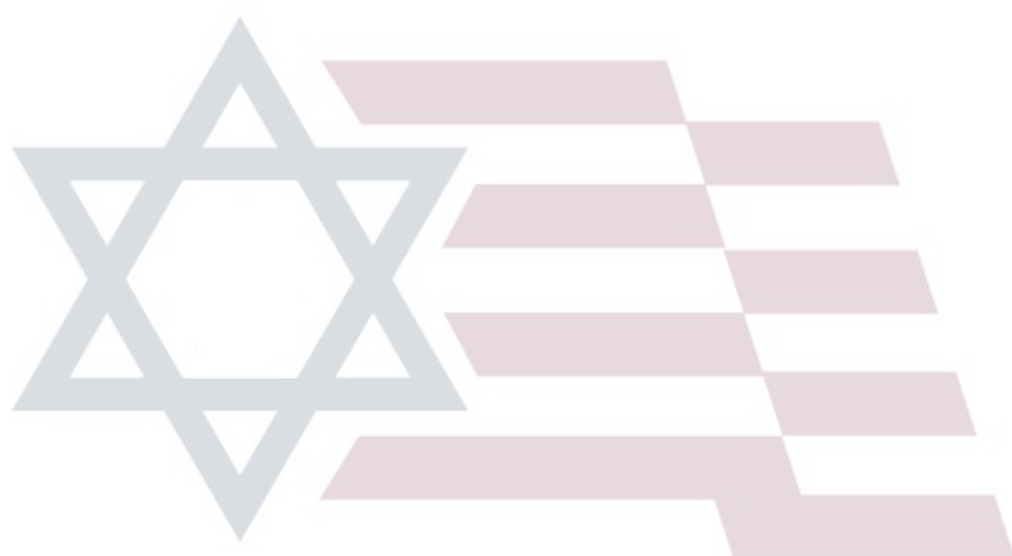


#### Deepening Relationships at Home and Abroad

Forging new partnerships and strengthening existing ties in cities, communities, and diplomatic circles to widen the circle of common understanding.

**“ We're not just preparing for the next year – we're preparing the world we'll leave for our children. Innovation and collaboration are how we get there. ”**

— Daniel Rosen, President of the American Jewish Congress



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