

MESSIANIC RESOLUTION

Jewish National Fund has been, since 1901, the caretakers of the land of Israel on behalf of the Jewish people. We have welcomed the participation of every Jew in this effort, of every denomination and movement.

We also are proud of the support that we continue to receive for our work from individuals and groups of every faith, captains of industry, political and community leaders, who recognize that the work of JNF strengthens Israel, the environment and prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Recently, we have recognized that a group of institutions in our communities are using our good name and reputation to proselytize our fellow Jews. Specifically, “Messianic Jewish” groups; Hebrew Christian ministries calling themselves synagogues; Jews for Jesus groups, led by Christian ministers calling themselves rabbis and funded by others to promote the conversion of the Jewish people to Christianity are participating as a group at JNF activities. These groups are promoting such participation as endorsement and acceptance by JNF of their activities.

We note that the leadership of every major stream of Judaism-Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform- have publicly and unequivocally rejected the “Hebrew – Christian” movement’s claim to be a form of Judaism, and have objected to their disguised effort to proselytize and convert Jews.

The advocacy and pursuit of proselytizing Jews is antithetical to the object and purpose of Jewish National Fund and contrary to the ethics and ideals of Judaism.

Therefore, we resolve that we will not recognize the participation of or accept donations from groups qua groups that call themselves Hebrew Christians, Messianic Jews, Jews for Jesus groups or their institutions, in any JNF function or program.

We also resolve that those participating in JNF activities may not engage in religious proselytizing.