

Israel and the Middle East - 1971

Repeatedly throughout the years, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has recorded its support for and sense of identification with the State of Israel and its indomitably courageous people. We earnestly seek, as do the Israelis themselves, the development in peace and security of all the lands and peoples of the Middle East.

Once again the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods notes with deep concern the pressures on Israel from the Major Powers and others to make concessions that would lead to a restoration of conditions that caused three wars in the Middle East in twenty years;

Therefore, in convention assembled the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods urges:

1. The United Nations and its member nations, collectively and individually, to encourage direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors toward the solution of all problems which now needlessly bar a permanent, secure and just peace;
2. The Government of the United States—and through our non U.S. affiliates, their Governments—to continue generous economic assistance to Israel and to make available to her the equipment she needs to maintain her essential security in the face of deepening Soviet commitments to Egypt, Syria and other Arab states;
3. That all nations establish diplomatic relations with the State of Israel and forego economic boycotts or other sanctions against her, whether in the field of aviation or other areas of economic life;
4. All nations, peoples and religious communities to recognize that Jerusalem, the City of David, shall remain united forever as the capital of the State of Israel with full access to and protection of the Holy places of all faiths;
5. Every NFTS affiliate to establish a Committee on Israel to maintain an effective program on Israel and to financially support, uphold, interpret and advance the educational, social and cultural programs in Israel of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Youth as well as our own National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods;
6. Reaffirmation of the personal responsibility of all NFTS members to educate themselves to the needs of Israel and to support, as individuals, to the fullest extent possible:
 1. The United Jewish Appeal or its counterpart in the different countries of the Sisterhood world;
 2. The purchase of State of Israel Bonds;
 3. Aid in other ways helpful to Israel.