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Issue

Peace in the Middle East

Background

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods believes peace is essential to the security of Israel and the fulfillment of the aspirations of the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora. Peace can only be achieved by political means, and the use of force can only deepen distrust, hatred and fear, and leads to an intensification of the conflict.

NFTS reaffirms its total commitment to the continued existence and security of the State of Israel. It has deepened its attachment to Israel through the support of congregations, settlements, and other Reform institutions in Israel.

Resolution

It is out of its deep concern that NFTS resolves:

- 1) That all those involved in the current struggle be urged to pursue promptly, openly, and without preconditions a fair, enduring and all embracing peace;
- 2) That we urge the United States to maintain and enhance all forms of support for Israel while encouraging the opening of new pathways to peace;
- 3) That efforts be supported to negotiate with the elected representatives of the Palestinian people as well as with those Arab governments still in a state of belligerence with Israel. The pursuit of peace should be accompanied by a mutual respect for human rights and by an end to the cycle of violence; and
- 4) That we urge Israel to be prepared to withdraw from some of the administered territories when adequate arrangements are negotiated and implemented.