

Urgent Call to Action

Why Must World Jewry Stand Up for Israeli Democracy?



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What is the “Judicial Overhaul” in Israel?

In Israel’s parliamentary system, the prime minister and the ruling coalition hold a majority in the Knesset, effectively controlling the legislative branch. The Judiciary serves as the sole check and balance on the executive and legislative branches.

The current far-right narrow coalition government is spearheading a package of legislation granting the government control over judicial appointments to the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice, limiting the Supreme Court’s authority to conduct judicial review of unconstitutional laws, and stripping the authority of the government’s legal advisors to block illegal initiatives of politicians. The judicial overhaul would enable the government and the Knesset to avoid judicial oversight, paving the way for laws and policies that eviscerate the foundations of democracy and violate human rights.

Not Just an Internal Israeli Matter

Characterizing the judicial overhaul as an internal Israeli matter is blatantly misleading. Israel has always been the home of all Jews worldwide. World Jewry has the right and the responsibility to engage in shaping the shared narrative of the Jewish people. The old model of unwavering support for Israel’s government “no matter what” is no longer applicable. The morally justifiable approach is to **support democracy in Israel “no matter what”**.

Criticizing the Israeli government doesn’t mean criticizing the hundreds of thousands of Israelis taking to the streets for months fighting for democracy and human rights. They need our help. Responses like “I didn’t serve in the IDF,” “I’m uncomfortable airing “dirty laundry” and “Criticizing Israel will strengthen BDS” cannot apply when Israel’s democracy is hanging in the balance. These are unprecedented times for Israel and the Jewish people. **Sitting on the sidelines is not an acceptable option. Your participation and support are crucial.**



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Israel Will No Longer Be a Safe Haven for Jews

The judicial overhaul endangers Israel's economy and security: Former military leaders, including the current Minister of Defense, warn of grave security concerns. Pilots, reservists, and intelligence unit members threaten to cease training and service. Israel's relations with the United States are at stake. Renowned economists, industry leaders, and financial institutions warn of dangerous consequences, already impacting Israel's credit rating and economy. The vibrant startup nation is losing, and will continue to lose investors, and its brightest minds will emigrate. **Supporting Israeli democracy strengthens Israel.**

Preserving Pluralism and Human Rights

Israel's pride in its pluralism, inclusivity, and human rights is at stake. A legislative loaded gun threatens to undermine democracy and human rights. More than 150 anti-democratic bills are pending: 20 laws – Harm to proper public administration and election procedures; 32 laws – Violating Human and Civil Rights; 26 laws – Religious coercion, harm to women, LGBT people and minorities; 16 laws – Limiting freedom of expression: Public Media, Academia, Culture and Art. The judicial overhaul seeks to solidify anti-democratic elements in a way that would make a future return to democracy impossible. If the judicial overhaul continues, Israel's face will change forever.

The Overhaul Impacts You

If the judicial overhaul continues, Israel will exclude Jews who don't align with the extremist religious nationalist and ultra-orthodox views. They will control conversions and restrict access to the Western Wall (Kotel). Abolishing the "Grandchild Clause" will deny recognition of Jewish identity for your descendants based on non-Orthodox conversions or paternal lineage, removing their right to make Aliyah and obtain Israeli citizenship.

The Overhaul Impacts Your Community

The erosion of democracy in Israel heightens vulnerability to antisemitism in Jewish communities abroad. Should Israel follow the path of Hungary and Poland, future generations

may well be discouraged from upholding your philanthropic legacy and support for Israel. As Jews, we have always championed democracy and equality wherever we lived, and now the battle unfolds in Israel.

How Can You Make a Difference?

Make a difference by staying informed and sharing resources. Write to your congress representatives and Jewish community leaders and ask them to take action on the issue. Consider donating, as it is a costly battle. Attend or organize rallies to raise awareness. Engage with USA for Israeli Democracy through our channels.



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We are a U.S.-based group focused on actions and education to support democracy in Israel.

Join our group, learn about the judicial overhaul, share content to educate others about our fight for democracy in Israel, and make an impact.

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