

# Starting March 10, 2025:



## The Emanuel Synagogue MERCAZ campaign

traditions, and safeguards the rights, dignity and inclusion of all its citizens.

Dedicated co-captains, Meredith Smith and Mark Jacobson are leading **The Emanuel Synagogue MERCAZ campaign**, with a passion and commitment to help ensure Emanuel voices are heard.

**Why Your Vote for MERCAZ Matters:** While other movements receive substantial support from Israel's Ministry of Religion, MERCAZ relies on strong voter turnout in the WZO elections. By voting for MERCAZ you help secure funding for the programs that matter most; those that advocate for egalitarianism, democracy, and religious pluralism within Israel, as well as those that shape the future of Jewish life here at home, such as Ramah Jewish Summer Camps, USY, and leadership development initiatives.

**The Stakes Are High!** To ensure fair representation in 2025, we need to show our support in even greater numbers than ever before. As Israel recovers from October 7 and with antisemitism rising around the world, our mission is more critical than ever.

**Take Action Today!** Make a direct impact on the future of Judaism and be ready **March 10, to cast your vote for MERCAZ USA!** For more details on voting:

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or visit [mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025/](https://mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025/), be sure enter code: **454** (The Emanuel Synagogue community code) to register for reminders.

Let's make our voices heard! Together, we can level the playing field, secure essential funding, and uphold the values of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

*Ken Malley, Vice President Cultural Affairs, The Emanuel Synagogue*

**Your Vote, Your Voice: Support MERCAZ in the 2025 World Zionist Organization (WZO) Elections**

**March 10 - May 4, 2025**, American Jews will vote for their delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress, convening October 2025 in Jerusalem. Voting in the election is the most powerful opportunity to have your voice heard in Israel, impact Jewish communities worldwide, and stand up for Zionism.

MERCAZ USA is the Zionist Organization of the American Conservative/Masorti Movement. At the next Congress, MERCAZ USA will advocate for a strong and secure Israel rooted in the moral and spiritual vision of the Hebrew prophets—a society celebrating democratic principles, diverse Jewish

# Voting Information

*To participate in the MERCAZ voting process, please follow these steps:  
Please have a credit card ready to pay the \$5 fee.*

## **1. Access the Voting Website:**

- a. Visit the voting portal at <https://azm.castiron.votem.net/election/037548cb-4cbb-4a94-aa9a-8aef017d4ddf>

## **2. Register to Vote:**

- o Click on the "Register" button to create an account.
- o Provide the required personal information, such as your name, email address, and any other necessary details.

## **3. Receive Your PIN:**

- o After completing registration, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be sent to your registered email address.
- o Check your inbox (and spam/junk folder, if necessary) for the message containing your PIN.

## **4. Log In to Vote:**

- o Return to the voting website and log in using your registered email address and the provided PIN.

## **5. Cast Your Vote:**

- o Once logged in, you'll see a list of options or candidates.
- o Locate MERCAZ, which is listed as Number 17.
- o Scroll down if necessary to find and select MERCAZ.

## **6. Submit Your Vote:**

- o After making your selection, follow the on-screen instructions to review and confirm your vote.
- o Ensure you receive a confirmation that your vote has been successfully submitted.

## **Need Help?**

We understand that online processes can sometimes feel frustrating or cumbersome. If you encounter any issues or just feel stuck, don't hesitate to reach out. Emanuel co-captains Meredith Smith and Mark Jacobson are available to provide support and guidance. No question is too small—sometimes it just takes a quick tip to get things moving again. We're here to make the process as smooth as possible!

Thank you for taking the time to participate—your vote makes a difference!

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