



## Press Release

### **ARZA, CCAR Statement on Two-State Solution, US policy**

New York, NY, February 16, 2017 ... The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) emphatically restate our support for the two-state solution. We continue to envision Israel thriving as a Jewish State, living in peace and security alongside a Palestinian State that would fulfill the legitimate national aspirations of its people.

Reform rabbis and Reform Zionist leaders are dismayed that President Trump has backed away from decades of bipartisan US policy supporting the two-state solution. The President opined that a one-state solution might also bring peace. However, given demographic realities in the region, one democratic state between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River would eventually bring an end to Israel's character as a Jewish State. The alternative, Israel's rejecting democracy, should be unthinkable.

We urge the President to return to decades of bipartisan US policy supporting and working to achieve peace through the two-state solution.

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The Association of Reform Zionists of America, founded in 1978, is the Zionist arm of the North American Reform Movement, working to strengthen the connection of million and a half Reform Jews to Israel and to supporting the Reform Movement in Israel.

The CCAR, founded in 1889, is the oldest and largest rabbinic organization in North America. The CCAR's unique contribution to a continued vibrant Jewish community and Reform Movement lies in its work fostering excellence in Reform Rabbis; enhancing unity and connectedness among Reform Jews; applying Jewish values to contemporary life; and, creating a compelling and accessible Judaism for today and the future.

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