



# Union of Progressive Zionists (UPZ) - *Core Beliefs*

## Progressive Zionism

The Jewish tradition is rooted in social justice and the collective strength of critical, engaged, and active leaders within our community.

Our struggle against anti-Semitism is inherently linked to all struggles against oppression.

The Jewish people constitute a nation and must have an internationally recognized home in the land of Israel.

This must not be allowed to violate the national or human rights of the Palestinian people.

## Vision for Israel

The vast majority of Israelis and Palestinians long for an enduring peace.

The on-going conflict threatens Israel's security, severely damages its economy, and erodes the values that underlie a democratic society.

Israel must be at peace with its neighbors and act cooperatively in the world community in accordance with international law.

Israel must be a socially just, democratic, and egalitarian society for all its people.

Israel must recognize all expressions of religion including secular and cultural practices.

## Necessary Steps: Israel/Palestine

An immediate end to all terrorism, violence against civilians, and collective punishment.

An end to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

A just, negotiated, two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, recognizing the rights of self-determination for both peoples.

Such a settlement must address the issue of Palestinian refugees not just from a political viewpoint—but also from a moral one.

## Necessary Steps: USA

*As Jewish campus activists we are committed to:*

Creating constructive dialogue on Israel and the prospects for peace within the Jewish-American community and by working with like-minded Pro-Palestinian organizations.

Directing U.S. foreign policy toward the realization of a just peace in Israel and Palestine and insuring that American aid is supportive of these aims.

Drawing attention to Israeli policies that violate international law or Jewish ethics in order that they may be corrected

UPZ is part of a network of similar organizations focused on promoting dialogue and peace activism both on a grassroots and a national level. These groups are supported by Hashomer Hatzair, Habonim Dror, Meretz USA, and the Labor Zionist Alliance. UPZ at the University of Michigan is also supported by UM Hillel.

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