

# Achievements of the resolution:

- a. **One Kotel:** There will be one common entrance to the Western Wall after which every person can choose which part of the Kotel they would like to pray at or visit. To choose (!) between the Northern plaza of the Western Wall which respects Orthodox custom, or the Southern plaza of the Western Wall that respects the equality as suited to the customs of Conservative Judaism and Reform Judaism. The two plazas, north and south, will provide Torah scrolls, siddurim, tables for reading the Torah and everything necessary for every man and woman to pray as they see fit.
- b. **Equality and pluralism:** The requirements of safeguarding holy sites will be updated, and for the first time in history, the following explicit words will appear in the law books of the State of Israel: "The customs of this site will be based on principles of pluralism and gender equality, and prayer at this site will be egalitarian and unsegregated, women and men together, without a partition."
- c. **Size:** The egalitarian plaza will have several large and extensive levels. The plaza will spread out over an expanse that will include a raised prayer plaza (constructed) and all of the Herodian Street area. The entire prayer plaza will stand at almost 900 square meters (for means of comparison, the area is about 70% as large as the present men's section at the Western Wall and 130% larger than the present women's section).
- d. **Management of the Prayer Plaza:** A Public Council, to be appointed by the Prime Minister, will be headed by the Chairperson of the Jewish Agency and six representatives from the Conservative Movement, the Reform Movement and Women of the Wall, alongside six professional representatives from the Prime Minister's office and various Ministries, as well as the Israel Antiquities Authority. This is the first Statutory Council in which representatives of the Conservative and Reform Movements in Israel, by definition, will have been officially appointed to participate.

- e. **Budgets:** The Prime Minister's office will assign a permanent annual budget of no less than 5,000,000 NIS for the management of the site, as well as the maintenance, marketing and religious services that will be provided to the public at-large.
- f. **Round tables:** Once every half year at least, the Cabinet Secretary will be responsible to convene a collective round table to manage and settle all issues that remain controversial and/or that may arise between all of the involved parties responsible for management of the Western Wall in both of the plazas – the Western Wall Heritage Foundation (Northern plaza) and the egalitarian Western Wall Council (Southern plaza).
- g. **The Public Plaza:** The upper Western Wall plaza, that which is further up from the current prayer plaza (the men's and women's sections of today) will be defined as the Public Plaza and will be used to conduct national and military ceremonies only. Prayer will only be permitted in the Public Plaza during a specific number of times throughout the year (Tisha Ba'av, the three pilgrimage festivals, etc.) during which there will not be enough space in the lower prayer sections. Prayer at these times will take place in the Public Plaza as per the Orthodox custom.

**Important to note:** The Conservative Movement in Israel is filled with pride that back in the year 2000, we were the first to adopt the compromise resolution of Robinson's Arch. From that time, the Masorti Movement has maintained regular prayer at the site, and absorbed all of the expenses, including the Torah Scrolls. We are proud that we were able to provide this service throughout this long transition period, and are very pleased to pass this heavy financial burden onto the shoulders of the government of Israel, as should have occurred long ago.

