



Canadian Council for Reform Judaism

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To: Canadian Reform Congregations

Re: ARZA Canada – Membership Lists

As you know, ARZA Canada represents Canadian Reform Zionists with members in all of Canada's Reform congregations. Though independent of the sister organization, ARZA, in the United States, it is an affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ). We are writing to address how ARZA Canada maintains its membership records, and in particular its commitment to the privacy of our members.

Accurate membership records are important to the entire Reform Jewish Community of Canada given that the size of our membership determines our influence on Zionist policies in Canada and in Israel. ARZA Canada members come through congregational solicitation and activism, and so annually it is provided lists of its members from Canadian Reform congregations such as yours in order to confirm individual memberships. This is deeply appreciated.

ARZA Canada has strong privacy practices to ensure the confidentiality of this membership information. It is used by ARZA Canada to communicate with our members and engage them in the activities of ARZA Canada, including joint programs with CCRJ and our congregations.

This membership information may also be used approximately every five years to determine and maintain ARZA Canada's status within the Canadian Zionist Federation, and thereby accurately represent the Reform Movement in the World Zionist Organization (WZO). This may require an election conducted by a third party, which would be given the lists to confirm who is eligible to vote under strict rules to maintain their confidentiality.

Other than the uses stated above, the membership lists will not be shared with any other organization and will remain in the confidential possession of ARZA Canada.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this privacy policy.

Sincerely,

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