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Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt  
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**יצחק הרצוג**  
יו"ר ההנהלה

**Isaac Herzog**  
Chairman of the  
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Dear Rabbi Weinblatt,

Much has been written about the delicate state of the relationship between Israel's Jewish communities and the Diaspora's Jewish communities, yet we see the gap persistently expanding. This is why I wholeheartedly welcome your orchestrating the Conclave of Zionist Rabbis next month in Washington, D.C. and I write to strongly support this important initiative.

It is my feeling that contrary to our ancestors' towering declaration "na'aseh v'nishma", at this point in time we must first **hear** each other, and then we are to **act**, together, in alliance and with understanding. Our first priority is to recognize where each of us has come from and accept the spiritual paths each one has chosen, only then can we determine where we are going. Our united vision for the future of our peoplehood is solid enough to encompass the diverse practices and varying colors which make up the Jewish People.

In the platform you created, a coalition of rabbis- our sisters and brothers, are investing time, effort and a great deal of energy to promote this noble, critical cause. On behalf of the Jewish Agency for Israel I thank you profoundly and wish you utmost success.

Sincerely,



Isaac Herzog  
Chairman of the Executive