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**AIPAC ANNUAL REVENUE 60 MILLION**



- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC): AIPAC is the most prominent governmental lobbying organization on behalf of Israel. Fortune Magazine typically rates it as the most powerful lobbying group in Washington. AIPAC frequently writes legislation for majorities of both parties typically with an annual revenue of about \$60 million and holds hearings before Congress. AIPAC's annual conventions attract representatives from both parties pledging their

THE LEONA M. AND HARRY B.  
**HELMSLEY**  
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SANDOR FRANKEL , DAVID PANZIRER ,WALTER PANZIRER SOLE TRUSTEES OF 5 BILLION DOLLAR FOUNDATION

Harry Helmsley may have been gentile or crypto or jewish but his business model with jewish partners was the very jewish rentier model His loud obnoxious (second) wife Leona offered no such ambiguity and was born jewish with the surname Rosenthal . Both husband and wife were convicted of massive tax fraud but Harry escaped due to alleged mental incapacity while Leona was sentenced to 16 years but served only 19 months Alan Dershowitz represented the Helmsley's

Though his properties may have been worth \$5 billion, Helmsley's personal stake — as distinct from the mortgage debt or his partners' investment — was lower. Helmsley-Spear **managed** more than **300 properties**, and Mr. Helmsley was said to have an interest in many or most. **He did not build or create anything**

When he died childless in 1997, he left everything to Leona and when she died in 2007 she left a trust worth between 4-8 billion dollars A lifetime of non productive wheeling and dealing in real estate resulted in a massive Jewish trust

The trust fund is valued at between **\$4 billion and \$8 billion**. Among the main areas its grants support are programs focused on “the **security and development of Israel.**” The **Chabad gets a large chunk of all the grants**

As of last year the Trst had made grants of nearly 1,6 billion mostly to Jewish or Israeli entities The Helmsley name appears on the **Jerusalem Press Club** facilities outside the walls of the Old City and will eventually grace a science building at the city's **Hadassah Academic College**. The Helmsley foundation spent \$5 million on construction of an underground hospital at the **Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa**, for use in wartime. It's

given millions to the **Taglit–Birthright** program that brings young Jews to Israel; funded a robotics center at **Ben-Gurion University** of the Negev; and alternative-energy research at the **Weizmann Institute** of Science in Rehovot. Helmsley Charitable Trust awards an **\$18 million grant** for the construction of the Helmsley Health Discovery Tower on the Rambam Health Care Campus

**CHABAD LUBAVITCH NET ASSETS 1 BILLION ANNUAL INCOME UNKNOWN RECEIVES LARGE DONATIONS FROM HELMSLEY FOUNDATION EXTREMELY RACIST SUPREMACIST IDEOLOGY**



- **Chabad: Chabad-Lubavitch** is an 18th century Hasidic movement that is now the largest Jewish organization in the world. Although they are a religious group, their support of Israel verges on zealotry; one Chabad Rabbi has even encouraged Jewish people to kill “Arab men, women, and children.” Chabad sometimes openly teaches that “the **soul of the Jew is different than the soul of the non-Jew.**” The group is **incredibly well funded** and has a **reported net worth of \$1 billion dollars.**

**JEWISH NATIONAL FUND 1.1 BILLION IN ASSETS ANNUAL REVENUES UNKNOWN**



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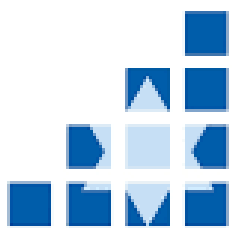
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**Jewish National Fund (JNF):** The Jewish National Fund is an international organization founded at Basil **Switzerland** by **Theodore Herzl in 1901**. The fund was originally created with for the purpose of purchasing land in Palestine for a future Jewish state. Today the **main focus for the JNF is land “reclamation”** and forestry. However, the group also serves to **fund IDF military installations**. The organization is well funded by donors with **total assets of \$1.15 billion dollars**.

### **PRO ISRAEL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES**

- Pro-Israel Political Action Committees (PACs): **AIPAC** does not give campaign contributions itself but instead **uses a campaign finance network consisting of around thirty Pro-Israel Political Action Committees (PACs)**, which AIPAC is constantly signaling. Only four of these PACs have names that indicate their true agenda, such as ‘Allies for Israel’ or ‘World Alliance for Israel.’ The rest have innocuous names like ‘National Action Committee’ or ‘Heartland PAC.’ Constituents usually don’t realize their candidates are receiving money from PACs that advance the interests of a foreign government. (More info below)

### **THE JIM JOSEPH FOUNDATION 837 MILLION IN ASSETS**



**JIM JOSEPH  
FOUNDATION**

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Foundation: This is a **DBA of the Shimon Ben Joseph Foundation**, which faqs.org reports has assets of **\$837,220,914**. Its website reports that among the activities its **sponsors is “Israel Education,”** which includes “twinning day schools with schools in Israel; integrating Israel education with learning taking place in general studies courses; and showcasing Israel’s arts and culture so students and teachers are in direct contact with what is happening in Israel today.”

#### **AVI CHAI FOUNDATION ASSETS 614 MILLION**



- The **Avi Chai Foundation**: According to its 2010 form 990 report it had total assets of **\$614,997,808**. One of its primary North American focuses, according to its website, is **“Promoting Jewish Peoplehood and Israel.”** It states: “Israel studies and Israel advocacy have become centerpieces of AVI CHAI’s peoplehood efforts in North America. All of the day schools receiving support from AVI CHAI have agreed to include in their materials, as an expression of their own philosophy, the following statement: “The **creation** of the State of **Israel** is one of the **seminal events in Jewish history**. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an **attachment to the State of Israel** and its people as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare.”

#### **HADASSAH (WOMEN’S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA) 400 MILLION ASSETS 100 MILLION REVENUE**



- **Hadassah (Women’s Zionist Organization of America)**: Founded in **1912**, Hadassah is “a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel.” It has **chapters across the U.S.** and **“more than 330,000... Members, Associates and supporters.”** It regularly advocates on behalf of Israel and is currently pushing anti-Iran legislation. It has annual revenues of **nearly \$100 million and \$400 million in net assets.**

#### **BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL TOTAL REVENUE 101 MILLION ASSETS NOT KNOWN**



- **Birthright Israel:** Birthright Israel is an organization that provides **free ten-day holidays to Israel for young Jewish adults**, age 18 to 26. Their objective is to, “**strengthen Jewish identities**, Jewish community, and solidarity with Israel...” Their web page strongly emphasizes support for Israel. Philanthropists, along with 14,000 individual donors, fund Birthright Israel. Their total revenue is **\$101,960,863**.

#### CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS



- **Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CoP):** This group of 51 Zionist organizations also advocates on behalf of Israel, including a **focus on Iran**. It had revenues of over \$2.2 million in 2011. **All members of the CoP sit on AIPAC’s executive committee**. The Conference of Presidents focuses on **lobbying the Executive branch** while **AIPAC** concentrates on **Congress**.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ANNUAL INCOME 49 MILLION RUNS PROJECT INTERCHANGE



- **American Jewish Committee (AJC):** The American Jewish Committee, founded in 1906, is based in San Francisco. In its mission statement, the AJC espouses support for leftist values, such as “shared democratic values” and “energy independence of the US,” while also advocating the right of Israel to exist as an exclusionary Jewish state. Its annual **income** is about **\$49,525,000** and comes largely from private individuals, with its **assets** totaling **\$132,310,000**. It played a major role in creating the new Israel-centric definition of antisemitism that is being embedded around the world.

#### **AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION AIPAC SUBSIDIARY 26 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET**



- The American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF): AIEF is a **subsidiary of AIPAC** that takes Congressional Representatives on all-expense-paid trips to Israel. In August 2011, **81** members of **Congress from both parties took trips to Israel with the AIEF (Honeypot blackmail opportunities)**. Its annual budget is over \$26 million, and its executive director, **Richard Fishman**, is officially “not compensated,” but he receives \$395,000 annually from affiliates. Roll Call reports that in 2012 “The American Israel Education Foundation spent more than \$650,000 last year — more than any other group — to send more than 60 lawmakers and staffers to Israel for tours of Jerusalem, seminars on Israeli politics and discussions of asymmetric warfare, according to congressional travel filings.”

#### **WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY CLOSELY TIED TO AIPAC 9 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET**



- The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP): WINEP is a highly influential think tank that pushes Israel-centric Middle East policies. It was founded by a former AIPAC employee, and while it claims to promote a “balanced and realistic” understanding of the Middle East, it is “funded by individuals deeply committed to advancing Israel’s agenda.” It is **frequently called upon by both the government and the media to provide “expert” analysis on Middle East issues.** Its 2010 revenues were \$9.4 million, and its net assets total \$23.5 million. Former AIPAC member **MJ Rosenberg** stated: “I was working at AIPAC and it was **Steve Rosen** who cleverly came up with the idea for an **AIPAC controlled think-tank** that would put forth the AIPAC line but in a way that would **disguise its connections.**” More information is here.

**ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE ANNUAL BUDGET 60 MILLION**







Jonathan Greenblat head of ADL

Anti-Defamation League (ADL): The ADL bills itself as a civil rights institution devoted to stamping out anti-Semitism. But in practice, it regularly works to promote Israeli interests and **attacks virtually any prominent person who criticized Israel and labels them “anti-Semitic.”** It has also been involved in a large **spying** operation against **American citizens** who opposed the policies of Israel and the Apartheid regime in South Africa. It is an **architect of “hate crimes legislation”** that may effectively criminalize criticism of Israeli policies. The ADL is a member of the CoP with revenues of around \$60 million and net assets of over \$115 million. **Abe Foxman**, its national director, makes \$688,280 per year.

**INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (AKA STAND FOR ISRAEL)  
ANNUAL REVENUE 100 MILLION**

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הקרן לידידות  
**The Fellowship**  
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS



Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein Founder International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (aka Stand for Israel):

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (aka Stand for Israel): Founded in 1983 by **Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein** “to promote understanding between Jews and Christians and build broad support for Israel,” it promotes advocacy for Israel among mostly right-wing Christians. It has annual revenues of nearly \$100 million.

The good rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is also involved in the rather seedy [Bene Menashe \(North East Indian tribe claiming to be a “lost tribe of Israel” \) emigration conjob](#) Why the rabbis are so interested in some remote northeastern Indian tribe isnt clear yet

For more on the Bene Menashe silliness see [Bene Menashe ‘s independent Jewish nation —in India](#) and [The Rohingya Agenda](#)

**CENTRAL FUND OF ISRAEL 20 MILLION**



MJ Rosenberg

- Central Fund of Israel, based in Manhattan, says it funds “over 250 charitable causes in Israel.” A Ha’aretz investigation found it funneled much of its money to **settlements**; it has sent money to an **extremist** Israeli organization in which the “**rabbis** heading the yeshiva **published a book** that discussed the **circumstances in which non-Jews can be killed.**” It has received “tens of millions of dollars” in donations. In 2015 its revenue was **\$20 million**. It also **sponsors Reservists on Duty**, established in 2015 by **Israeli soldiers to travel to US college campuses** to advocate for Israel and to train American Jewish students to speak on behalf of Israel. The **Gideon Project** was created by Reservists On Duty “to give students fluent in English a chance to represent and defend Israel internationally after their service.” Soldiers speak on campuses throughout the U.S.

**CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL BUDGET 7 MILLION ASSETS INCOME UNKNOWN**

BECAUSE I AM A CHRISTIAN

I STAND WITH ISRAEL



Christians United for Israel (CUFI): CUFI is a **right-wing Evangelical Christian** organization **run by David Brog**, a **Jewish American** attorney who previously practiced corporate law in Tel Aviv, Israel. He's the author of Reclaiming Israel's History. In 2007, the Forward newspaper listed Brog in its "Forward 50" most influential Jews in America. The **titular founder of CUFI is John Hagee**. CUFI, which **distorts Biblical teachings, has high-level contacts with the Israeli government**. Despite a budget of **\$7 million**, it may be losing ground as more evangelicals learn the facts about Israel. It has a **lobbying arm, called CUFI Action Fund**, first reported in The Washington Post, run by **Gary Bauer**, one of the **signers** of the Statement of Principles of Project for the New American Century (**PNAC**) on June 3, 1997. Bauer also serves on the board of the Emergency Committee for Israel. The **fund**, Bauer said, will have a **multimillion-dollar budget** and a dozen staffers who will focus on **pro-Israel lobbying** among members of Congress and presidential candidates. In 2017 it began a **scorecard of legislators' every vote and comment about Israel**. Meanwhile, little is known about CUFI's finances other than funds raised.

**SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER: 24 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET**



According to its website: “The Simon Wiesenthal Center is a global Jewish human rights organization that **confronts anti-Semitism**, hate and terrorism, promotes human rights and dignity, stands with Israel, defends the safety of Jews worldwide, and **teaches the lessons of the Holocaust** for future generations.” It has “a **constituency of over 400,000 households**” in the US. It is headquartered in Los Angeles, with offices in New York, Toronto, Miami, Chicago, Paris, Buenos Aires, and Jerusalem.” It gave its “**Humanitarian Award**” to **Harvey Weinstein** in 2015 despite the open secret of Weinstein’s assaults on women. In 2011 it had an annual budget of \$24 million and net assets of \$67 million.

## THE ISRAEL PROJECT 11 MILLION HAS OPENED BUREAUS IN INDIA AND CHINA



**The Israel  
Project**

*Facts for a  
Better Future*



Frank Lundtz The Global Talking Dictionary aka the Shabbat Goy dictionary

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The Israel Project: Founded in 2003, the Israel Project specializes in pro-Israel **propaganda** targeting the press and the **American public**. In 2009, a secret **handbook** commissioned by The Israel Project and written by Republican pollster and strategist **Frank Luntz**, “**The Global Language Dictionary**,” was exposed by two Newsweek reporters. The handbook crafts language and talking points for Israel advocates in simplistic, diversionary, and dishonest ways. The organization has 70 employees and an \$11 million annual budget. In **2011** it opened **additional bureaus in India and China and launched a website in Arabic**.

- **Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces (FIDF):** This American organization supports the Israeli armed forces. It hosts lavish fundraisers and has fourteen regional offices in the U.S. and one in Latin America. FIDF also **brings hundreds of Israeli soldiers to the U.S. every year to lecture at synagogues, universities, and schools** in order to increase American support for Israeli policies. It has annual revenues of around \$60 million and net assets of **\$80 million**.
- **America’s Voices in Israel (AVI):** A project of the Conference of Presidents, AVI works to “strengthen American understanding of and support for Israel by **inviting U.S.-based radio talk show hosts to see Israel** and broadcast their programs live from Jerusalem.” It **also brings celebrities and other “opinion makers” on guided tours of Israel**.
- **The Jewish Agency for Israel:** The name is often shortened to just “The Jewish Agency.” According to its website, **founded in 1929**, this links “Jews around the world with Israel as the focal point...” Major activities include **Jewish Zionist education and building a global Jewish community**. “In addition to extensive programs in Israel, it **operates in close to 80 countries on five continents through a network of over 450 emissaries**, including hundreds of formal and informal educators. The world Jewish community participates in the Jewish Agency’s decision-making process through the Assembly, its supreme governing body, and its Board of Governors, which is responsible for policy making and oversight.” The **Jewish Federations of North American are a fundraising partner**, with individual Jewish Federations from numerous American cities listed. **James S. Tisch: Chairperson of the Jewish Agency** Board of Governors. According to its website, Tisch is President and Chief Executive Officer of **Loews Corporation**, chairman of the Board of Directors of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a member of the Board of Directors of CNA Financial Corporation, a director on the board of the General Electric Company,
- **Young Judaea:** According to its website, the organization was founded in 1909 and is “the oldest Zionist youth movement in the United States.” It brings young people to Israel and also has numerous summer camps in the US that serve to “instill a lifelong love” of Israel. Its annual budget is approximately \$200,000.
- **American Friends of Likud:** According to its website, AFL “has developed unparalleled relationships with the Likud [a right-wing Israeli political party] Based in New York City, it has an annual budget of approximately **\$300,000**. AFL is reported to be “one of hundreds of ‘Friends of’ Israel organizations in the US – all 501c3 tax-exempt charities raising funds to send to their parent organizations in Israel.”
- **American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) [Jewish Virtual Library]:** This nonprofit organization was established in **1993**, according to its website, in order to “strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship.” Its principal publication is **Myths & Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict**. It also works to fight “the delegitimization of Israel,” producing materials to

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oppose the BCS campaign and publishing the StopBDS.com website. There seem to be a number of AICE branches. The one in Chevy Chase **assets of almost \$11 million** as of 2013. Its leader is **Mitchell Bard**. The organization sometimes **funds professors on US campuses**.

- **The Israel Allies Foundation:** Its website states: “Pioneered by **MK Rabbi Binyamin Elon**, the Israel Allies Foundation (IAF) works with Congress and **parliaments around the world** to mobilize political support for Israel based on Judeo-Christian values.” **Officially titled International Israel Allies Caucus Foundation**, it coordinates similar caucuses in 35 countries and has approximately \$2 million in resources.
- **The Jewish Policy Center:** Its website says it “provides timely perspectives and analysis of foreign and domestic policies by leading scholars, academics, and commentators” and “**passionately supports ... U.S.-Israel security cooperation, and missile defense**. We support Israel in its quest for legitimacy and security.” The JPC also says: “We also support U.S. efforts to **spread democracy in the Middle East**. We believe it is critical to reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil. We support Washington’s efforts to deter dangerous states from acquiring nuclear weapons. Finally, we lend our full support to Israel in its long war for security in the Middle East.”
- **The Haym Salomon Center:** According to its website, The Haym Salomon Center is a **news and public policy group** that produces content that **often appears in mainstream and new media** outlets. Its articles have been published in USA Today, the New York Daily News, Fox News, The Hill, the Washington Times, the Wall Street Journal, etc. Many of its articles focus on Israel, the **dangers of “political Islam,” and “antisemitism,”** which frequently means opposition to Israeli human rights violations. It operates under Over the Horizon nonprofit organization, which in 2014 had approximately a **quarter of a million dollars**.
- **The Foundation for Jewish Camp:** This nonprofit foundation states on its website that in **Jewish camps “Israeli culture is celebrated** through song, food, art, and dance,” and reports, “The magic of Jewish camp is rooted in its 24/7 atmosphere” and says that “**connection to Israel**” is “entwined with basketball, arts and crafts and swimming.” It notes that some **camps** are particularly “**focused on Zionism** and the role of Israel in Jewish life.” It reports that in one of these, **CAMP INC.**, Another, URJ 6 **POINTS SCIENCE ACADEMY Funding** comes from a **grant of \$8.6 million** jointly funded by **The Jim Joseph Foundation** and the **AVI CHAI Foundation**.
- **Stand with Us:** Stand with Us has headquarters in Los Angeles and chapters in Israel, Europe, Britain, Australia, and South Africa. Its annual budget is at least **\$4 million**, though this may **only** cover the **U.S. section**. It has a **number of divisions**, including StandWithUsCampus, StandWithUs International, United4Freedom, Stand4Facts, LearnIsrael, Librarians for Fairness, and Emerson Fellows. **Student leaders are trained to advocate for Israel on campuses** around the country. The organization has erected numerous pro-Israel, anti-Palestinian billboards around the U.S. “Israelis invested \$57 billion in U.S. Companies” is one of them. For a deconstruction of this billboard go here.
- **Emergency Committee for Israel (ECI):** The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reports: Washington observers may feel there is no obvious shortage of pro-Israel lobbyists in the city—but a group of leading American conservatives thinks otherwise and has set up a new campaign group to attack President Obama over his ‘anti-Israel’ stance. The

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Emergency Committee for Israel presents a potent **combination of Republican Party neoconservatives and Evangelical Christians**. The new group's board includes Weekly Standard Editor William Kristol and Gary Bauer, a former Republican presidential candidate who leads the group American Values, as well as Rachel Abrams, a conservative writer and activist.

- **AMIT**: According to its website: "Founded in **1925**, AMIT is the world's **leading supporter of religious Zionist education** and social services for Israel's children and youth, nurturing and educating Israeli children to become productive, contributing members of society." It has numerous chapters throughout the U.S. It sponsors lectures about Israel, holds screenings of Israeli films, participates in pro-Israel parades, etc. In 2011 its annual **expenses** were over **\$8 million** and its net **assets** were **\$11,705,151**. Its executive vice president was paid \$120,292.
- **Aaron and Marie Blackman Foundation, Inc**: Net assets of about **\$7 million** (see also here and here). Distributes grants to various Israeli organizations and other organizations with relationships with Israel.
- **Jewish Day Schools**: As Shalom School in Sacramento states, many of these schools work to "instill in our students an attachment to the state of Israel." They frequently have **school trips to Israel** (e.g. the Jewish Day school in Seattle). Their mission statements note that they teach "the centrality of the State of Israel" (see Contra Costa Jewish Day School). These are usually **tax exempt** institutions, which means they are subsidized by U.S. taxpayers. (Can be used for tax evasion tax lowering and money laundering schemes)
- **Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)**: The Jewish Council for Public Affairs acts as an umbrella for many smaller organizations. One of its three goals, as announced in its mission statement, is to work for "the safety and security of the State of Israel." Its annual funding is **\$3,128,795** and comes primarily from private individuals.
- **Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)**: The Zionist Organization of America was established in **1887**, making it the **oldest** pro-Israel organization in the US. Their goal is to spread the Zionist message wherever in all aspects of American life. Their objectives include spreading Zionism on American campuses, work to advance the interests Israel and Jewish people within the American legal system. They also engage in pro-Israel lobbying, with expenditures totaling \$299,900 in 2009. Their finances include over **\$8 Million in assets** and \$2.5 million from donors.
- **World Jewish Congress**: The World Jewish Congress is an international organization representing Jews in 100 countries. Supporting Israel is one of the key components of its mission. Although its **global finances are unknown**, its **US** offices have an **annual revenue of \$5,521,674**.
- **Friends of Aish Hatorah**: Aish Hatorah, Hebrew for "fire of the Torah," is an Orthodox Jewish organization founded in 1974 and headquartered in Jerusalem. The group is known for a number of pro-Israel programs, including The **Theodore Herzl Mission**, which brings heads of state to Israel for one week each year. They also have a program called the **Hasbara Fellowship**, where people can come from around the world to **learn how to effectively engage in pro-Israel propaganda**. The group has also been linked to the distribution of an anti-Islamic propaganda film during the 2008 American presidential



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campaign. Because Aish Hatora is based in **Jerusalem** with various global branches, the details of their **funding** are **unknown**.

- **Republican Jewish Coalition:** The Republican Jewish Coalition Jewish is a lobbying group whose mission statement includes the “embrace of pro-Israel foreign policy.” The RJC maintains close links to the Likud party of Israel. They also control a Super Pac, which has upward of 2 million dollars in their war chest. Their **Annual revenue is \$10,067,507**. The vast majority of their **funding** comes from various **organizations**.
- **National Jewish Democratic Council:** The National Jewish Democratic Council is a group dedicated to maximising Jewish support for the Democrat party, increasing support for “Jewish domestic and foreign policy priorities,” and “secur[ing] a democratic Jewish state in Israel.” NJDC supports Likud policies and pushes for a hawkish stance against Iran, urging the President of the United States to “stand with Israel.” Its **annual income is \$1,161,195** and is funded by private **individuals**.
- **Foundation for Defense of Democracies:** The Foundation for Defense of Democracies is an international organization whose claimed goal is “fighting terrorism and promoting freedom” and “defend[ing] free nations from their enemies.” It developed from the educational initiative **Emet**, which was created to “**win American sympathy for Israel’s response to the Palestinian intifada**.” While its mission may appear neutral, the organization is dedicated to promoting the security of Israel. Among its other projects is the **Iran Project**, which revolves around “supporting energy sanctions.” It is **funded** largely by private **individuals’** donations. Its **annual income is \$7,267,839**. JINSA: JINSA is a non-profit organization whose mandate includes promoting a “a strong U.S. military, a robust national security policy, and a strong U.S. security relationship with Israel...” Their **total revenue is \$3,332,140** from contributions and program services.
- **Saban Center at Brookings:** The Saban Center for Middle East Policy is **part of the Brookings** Institute. Its mission statement includes a two-state solution for Israel/ Palestine. “Ardent Zionist” Haim Saban, a former AIPAC official, funds the institute.
- **Center for Security Policy:** Founded and led by neoconservative **Frank Gaffney**, a longtime Israel partisan, CSP works to promote a close US-Israel relationship and to position Israel’s enemies as allegedly US adversaries. It’s annual budget is approximately **\$4 million** and Gaffney himself earns over \$288,000 yearly. The Institute for Policy Studies states: “...(CSP) is a prominent member of the neoconservative advocacy community that has promoted extravagant weapons programs, an Israel-centric view of Middle East peace, and a broad “war on terror” against ‘Islamofascists.’.....A primary target of CSP’s work is Iran.”
- **MEMRI:** The Middle East Media Research Institute is an organization founded in the US in 1998. It’s stated objective is to “inform the debate over US foreign policy in the Middle East.” However, MEMRI is a shadowy organization that does not disclose names of staff members nor office locations. Analysts have commented that MEMRI appears to function as a propaganda organization that circulates biased translations in order to portray Arabs in the most negative possible light. One of the organization’s **founders** worked as an **Israeli military intelligence** officer. MEMRI has full non-profit status in the US and receives donations and grants amounting to **\$4,872,208 annually**.
- **Hillel:** Hillel is a **Jewish international student organization**. According to its web page,

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Hillel “fosters an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel.” Its president has stated: “We are a pro-Israel organization. It is part of our mission to **encourage students to build an enduring commitment to Israel** as a Jewish and democratic homeland.” Hillel sponsors and **promotes free “birthright” trips to Israel**. These trips position Israel as the “homeland” for European and American Jews. Hillel collects annual revenue of **\$25,920,017**, primarily from gifts, grants, and contributions. Hillel has had a program to try to expand its reach by “paying students to attract other students” to Hillel.

- **David Project:** The David Project is a non-profit educational program for the dissemination of **pro-Israel propaganda in schools**. Their primary goal is justification for Israeli actions, which is often referred to in the Hebrew term, “**hasbara**” (**explaining**). Their objective is, “work[ing] directly with students and Israel groups to help them reach out to their peers and talk about Israel.” The David Project has annual income of **\$2,824,763**. However, the **source** of this income is **unclear**.
- **Amcha Initiative:** The Amcha Initiative is a group whose stated objective is to **protect Jewish students from anti-Semitism**. Their definition of anti-Semitism is broad and encompasses virtually any criticism of Israel, including criticism of Israel’s human rights abuses. The group also lists the Boycott Divest and Sanction movement as an example anti-Semitism. Their annual income is **\$199,155**. The source of this income is unclear.
- **Young Israel:** The National Council of Young Israel is a group of **146 Orthodox Jewish congregations**. Starting in 1912, Young Israel’s web page claims that the group has always been “**fiercely Zionist**” and even boasts the acquisition of arms for the Jewish terror group Haganah. Young Israel currently offers material support to the Israeli Defense Force as it engages in attacks on Palestinians in Gaza. Because Young Israel is an **umbrella for over 100 individual non-profit** organizations, it is **difficult to ascertain** the amount and sources of the group’s **income**.
- **Ateret Cohanim:** American Friends of Ateret Cohanim is a non-profit organization based in Jerusalem. The purpose of the organization is the **urban renewal of Jerusalem through Jewish gentrification**. Their web site boasts of a new Jewish presence in the Christian and Muslim quarters of the Old City, and proclaims Jerusalem to be a city belonging to every single Jew, in spite of the fact that Israel’s annexation of East Jerusalem is still not recognized under international law. The group maintains an office in New York with annual revenue of **\$1,054,618**.
- **Elad:** The **Ir David foundation** (Amutat EL-AD) is a non-profit organization established in 1986 by David Be’eri, a former elite military commander of the IDF. According to their web page, the group “is dedicated to the preservation and development of the Biblical City of David and its environs.” However, the Ir David foundation is best known for its policy of “**Judaization of east Jerusalem**” through forced evictions and housing purchases. In recent years, their activity in East Jerusalem has been linked to violent clashes between Palestinians and the new Jewish residents. Ir David has a US auxiliary in New York called Friends of Ir David with total annual revenue of **\$5,884,950**.
- **BBYO:** Its website says: “BBYO is the leading pluralistic teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. For 90 years, BBYO has provided identity enrichment and leadership development experiences for hundreds of thousands of **Jewish teens**.” It prides itself on its “**unwavering commitment to the State of**

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**Israel.**” The site says: “BBYO’s history is closely tied to that of the State of Israel. As the future leaders of the global Jewish community, it is our responsibility to learn about, appreciate and advocate for Israel.” Its 2015 annual budget was **\$27 million**.

- **Israeli-American Council:** According to the Jewish Daily Forward, the Israeli American Council (IAC) aims to **establish the Israeli expatriate community living in the U.S.** community “as a **‘strategic asset’ for Israel in the U.S.**” The goal is to be a “a potent political force in the future.” IAC was established in Los Angeles in 2007, but expanded dramatically in 2013 when casino mogul **Sheldon Adelson’s** began to serve as its **main funder**. About 700 expatriate Israelis participated in the “first-ever national political conference exclusively devoted to the expat Israeli community” in Nov. 2014. According to a 2013 report, IAC plans “to **unite the nearly 800,000 Israeli-Americans** who reside in communities across the United States. The IAC’s expansion plan includes opening a national headquarters and local chapters across the country... Programs will include cultural, educational, advocacy and social activities across age groups... “Current IAC programs include: **Tzav 8** (recruiting thousands for pro-Israel rallies); Financing the **Israeli “Shlichim”** at all major campuses in Southern California; Organizing and funding the Los Angeles Independence Day Festival – the largest Jewish festival in North America, as well as dozens of ceremonies, holidays and mass events for the community; Sifriyat Pijama B’America, through which 10,000 families nationwide enjoy **Hebrew bedtime books** sent to their kids by mail, **free** of charge on a monthly basis; IAC-BINA club, consisting of approximately 1,500 Israeli and American Jewish young adults who convene discussions and activities relating to Jewish identity and support for Israel; establishing and funding the **IAC-Care project in which thousands** of the community members volunteer and organize **large scale drives**; and **Mishelanu** (the **leadership program for Israeli-Americans students**). “IAC activities are funded by its board of directors, its members, and **donors** within the Israeli-American and the Pro-Israel American communities, including **Sheldon and Miri Adelson, Haim and Cheryl Saban, Beny and Adele Alagem, Leo and Ruth David and David Wiener**. In addition, the organization receives support from several Jewish-American foundations in the U.S.” More information is available on its website, including its board of directors. It reports that its **annual budget is over \$3 million**. Oddly, no 990 reports can be found for it.

**Israel-America Chamber of Commerce:** The Israel-America Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Israel) is an **organization of companies and individuals** dedicated to the promotion of two-way trade and investment between Israel and the United States of America. The **U.S. Ambassador to Israel serves as Honorary Chairman** of the AmCham. Just one of its subsidiaries has a \$100,000 annual budget

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