

IT CAN EXACERBATE TENSIONS
BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT,
SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS,
THE ARMY AND THE SETTLERS,
JEWISH AND ARAB CITIZENS.

OR IT CAN LEAD TO PEACE.

Israel's removal of all settlements in Gaza and four in the West Bank will be a watershed event for the nation. The political and psychological implications of this Disengagement will be profound.

Despite Knesset approval and support from most Israelis, extremist elements have already threatened violence and rebellion to prevent the Disengagement from occurring. During the next few months, the eyes of the world will once again be fixed upon the Middle East, watching how Israel fares through this delicate process.

The New Israel Fund is determined to ensure that

through this difficult period, Israel's democracy continues to flourish for all its citizens.

Those on the political left and the right. Jews as well as Arabs. Secular and religious. Rich and poor. We believe in respect for the rule of the law, in tolerance and dialogue, and, above all, in the principle that democratic change can not be effected through violence.

This is why the New Israel Fund is now allocating new grants to organizations that encourage civil dialogue and minimize the prospect for an escalation in violence and incitement within Israel. We are also leading a public campaign that counteracts

the demagoguery and religious rhetoric of the extremists, calling upon the democratic values of Israel's founders and the tradition of social justice in Judaism.

While many Israeli citizens are working hard to resist those who would seek to undermine Israel's democracy, too many American Jews are not engaged. Israel needs our help. We must actively oppose efforts to polarize the country, preclude civil discourse and prevent progress on the path to peace. We must demonstrate that Israel can be both a Jewish and a democratic state.

Add your voice to NIF's Campaign for Israel's Future. Sign an open letter of support demonstrating that the American Jewish community stands firmly with Israel, for the rule of law, for democracy and for the future of peace. And help us help Israelis who share our values.

Please go to the New Israel Fund website at nif.org today or call toll-free **1-888-988-3863**. There is no time. We must act now.

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