

## 7<sup>th</sup> WCJCC World Conference

### A Declaration

We, the participants in the Seventh World Conference of Jewish Community Centers, having convened in Haifa, Israel, rededicate ourselves to deepening the sense of Jewish peoplehood throughout the world.

Inspired by the notion of *Klal Israel* - one Jewish people - the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC) is the essential bond that brings all our Jewish Community Centers together.

Throughout the world, Jewish Community Centers are the heart of the Jewish community. They are dedicated to the common purpose of Jewish continuity through educational, cultural and recreational activities. They provide services and programs that build and strengthen Jewish communal life and provide Jewish educational experiences to and for Jews of all ages and orientations. Being sensitive to their distinctive local manifestations, WCJCC strives to strengthen their common agenda and provides a viable network that promotes cooperation and collaboration.

WCJCC has the universal view that uniquely serves simultaneously all the JCC networks. It takes the best of what each region has to offer and uses it as a resource to address the specific needs of other JCC networks. Thus WCJCC helps create JCC leaders who have a global Jewish perspective.

Having deliberated in Haifa, we have drawn strength and inspiration to continue serving our communities to more fully achieve the goals of the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers. We are convinced that JCCs worldwide share a united future.

We shall return to our communities united in our commitment to strengthen Jewish identity within the various cultures that we live in, to continue to strive for excellence in service to the Jewish communities and to strengthen the ties that bind us with Israel, our Jewish homeland, and with all Jews throughout the world.

On this day, 22nd September 2005, 18<sup>th</sup> Elul 5765, Haifa, Israel, we attest and sign: