Atlanta Israel Coalition

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

The first year

Standing with Israel. Strengthening our community.

Jan 31
OUR FIRST PROGRAM

19
SPONSORS BEHIND THAT FIRST NIGHT

Hundreds
CAME OUT FOR THE U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY

Dozens
OF VOLUNTEERS RAN THAT EVENING

Special Envoy Elan Carr at Atlanta Jewish Academy, September 2019. Photo by Joel Alpert / MarketPower.



The room for Elan Carr, September 15, 2019. Photo by Joel Alpert / MarketPower.

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A note from Cheryl

Dear friends,

Thank you for being part of our very first year. I still can't quite believe all of this started with one film.

I wanted Atlanta to see *Black Forest* with Kay Wilson in the room, and for a while I couldn't find anywhere to show it. Rabbi Yitz Tendler said bring it to Beth Jacob. Then he told me to make an organization out of it, and he even gave me the name, so it would belong to the whole city. On January 31st we packed the place, and nineteen congregations, organizations and businesses put their names on that night.

By September hundreds of you came out on a Sunday night to hear Special Envoy Elan Carr, and dozens of volunteers made that evening happen. I'm so grateful for every one of you.

Then December came, with Jersey City and Monsey. I won't pretend that wasn't hard. It's also exactly why we keep doing this.

That same month we opened our own bank account, with $680 in it. It's a small number and I love it.

Thank you, and I'll see you soon.





Cheryl Dorchinsky
Founder & Executive Director

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How it started

In its first year, AIC went from one film at Beth Jacob to hundreds of people in a room with a U.S. Special Envoy.



The Black Forest evening at Beth Jacob, January 31, 2019

One film, one room

AIC began with a screening nobody would host, until Beth Jacob did. Tickets were free for students, ten dollars general admission. Kay Wilson stayed for the questions, and she used them to talk about the salaries the Palestinian Authority pays the men who tried to kill her.



Volunteers and guests, January 2019

People who came to help

Beth Jacob was AIC's first fiscal sponsor, and Rabbi Tendler suggested the name. People gave up their evenings to make it happen, and AIC still runs on volunteers.



A Sunday night with the Special Envoy

The sitting U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism came to Atlanta Jewish Academy in Sandy Springs, and hundreds came out to hear him. Dozens of volunteers ran the night.

At the AIC podium, September 15, 2019. Photo by Joel Alpert / MarketPower.

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2019 in Israel, and what we did

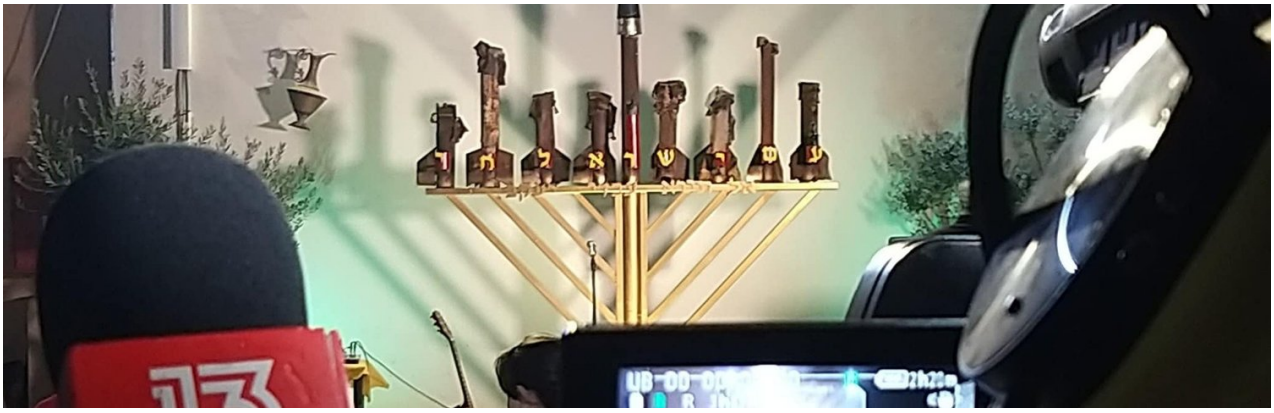
Israel voted twice in 2019 and still had no government. Here at home, Jewish Americans were being attacked in their own synagogues, stores and living rooms.

IN ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

Mar 25	The United States recognizes Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.
Apr 9	Israel votes. No government comes of it.
Apr 27	A gunman attacks the Chabad of Poway on the last day of Passover and kills one woman.
Sep 17	Israel votes again. Still no government.
Nov 12-14	Israel kills Islamic Jihad commander Baha Abu al-Ata in Gaza. About 450 rockets are fired at Israel.
Dec 10	An attack on a kosher market in Jersey City.
Dec 11	A U.S. executive order on antisemitism points to the IHRA definition.
Dec 28	A machete attack at a rabbi's home in Monsey, during Hanukkah.

AT AIC

Jan 31	The U.S. premiere of *Black Forest*, with Kay Wilson, at Beth Jacob. Our first program.
May 9	Gil Hoffman of the Jerusalem Post, on Yom Ha'atzmaut.
Jul 28	AIC's articles are filed in Georgia.
Sep 15	Special Envoy Elan Carr at Atlanta Jewish Academy.
Nov 4	Alex Ryvchin on *Zionism: The Concise History*.
Nov 15	A rabbi and a Palestinian activist from Roots, in dialogue. AIC sponsors.
Nov 18	Melanie Phillips in Atlanta, on a CAMERA tour. AIC co-sponsors.
Dec 15	Major (Res.) A.Y. Katsof on the rescue that reunited an Ethiopian Jewish family in Israel.



A menorah made of rockets at the Chabad Center of Sderot, shared by AIC in December 2019.

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How we paid for it

Our bank account opened on December 19, 2019, so this statement covers just the last two weeks of the year. The programs on the earlier pages happened before AIC had an account of its own.

$680.00	$0.00	$680.00
RECEIVED	SPENT	IN THE BANK, DECEMBER 31

WHERE IT CAME FROM



Donations 100%

Donations	$680.00
Total revenue	**$680.00**

CHANGE AND CASH

Revenue less expenses	**$680.00**
Opening cash, PNC checking	$0.00
Closing cash, PNC checking	**$680.00**

These figures are AIC's financial statement for 2019, cash basis, approved by Cheryl Dorchinsky on November 3, 2026 and on file with the board. Cash here means AIC's PNC checking account.

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Next came 2020, and almost 2,000 of us in one theater.

ABOUT AIC

AIC (Atlanta Israel Coalition, Inc.) is a grassroots, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) founded in 2018 by Cheryl Dorchinsky and Rabbi Yitz Tendler. We educate, mobilize, and unite communities in support of Israel and against antisemitism, close to home and around the world. Nobody at AIC draws a salary.

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