Atlanta Israel Coalition



ANNUAL REPORT

2020

Moving online

Standing with Israel. Strengthening our community.

2,000
ALMOST THAT MANY IN ONE THEATER, JANUARY 6

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SESSIONS OF ACTIVISM TRAINING

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LIVE TOURS OF THE OLD CITY

501(c)(3)
RECOGNIZED BY THE IRS IN DECEMBER

The Atlanta Jewish Solidarity event at the Byers Theatre, January 6, 2020.



The Abraham Accords signing at the White House, September 15, 2020. Rabbi Tendler was there.

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A note from Cheryl

Dear friends,

2020 started with almost 2,000 of us in one theater. It was January 6th at the Byers Theatre, right after Jersey City and Monsey, and we looked up and saw that we weren't by ourselves in this. Two months later nobody could be in a room together at all.

So we moved everything to Zoom, and y'all came. You came to hear Raheel Raza talk about what it costs a Muslim to support Israel. You came for Bassem Eid, and for Naftali Aklum on Sigd. At Hanukkah David Sussman walked us through the Old City live, all the way to the Kotel, right in time for the candle-lighting. Honestly, it was beautiful.

In September our own Rabbi Tendler was on the White House lawn for the Abraham Accords. Can you imagine?

And in December the IRS made us a 501(c)(3). You gave $25,883 that year, in a pandemic, to an organization you couldn't even visit. I'm so grateful.

Thank you again, and have a good day or night, depending on where you are.





Cheryl Dorchinsky
Founder & Executive Director

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A year on Zoom

When the rooms shut, AIC kept people connected to Israel and to each other, on Zoom and from home.



Jerusalem's Old City, a later AIC trip



The Hurva Synagogue square in Jerusalem, a later AIC trip

We went where you were

With no one able to fly, AIC took Israel to people's living rooms. David Sussman's Hanukkah tour reached the Western Wall in time for the official candle-lighting, and a second tour a week later went through all four quarters of the Old City.

Hard conversations by webinar

Web talks let AIC bring speakers it couldn't have flown in: Raheel Raza, Bassem Eid, and a three-way talk on racism and antisemitism with Joshua Washington, Kay Wilson and Israel's Deputy Consul General in Miami.

> *Our interaction with others may have changed in form, from in-person to Facebook, Zoom or a myriad of other social media. Yet, as humans we are still able to laugh, cry and help others.*
>
> Cheryl Dorchinsky, Rosh Hashanah message, September 2020

03

2020 in Israel, and what we did

A pandemic closed Israel's borders and ours. Then, in September, Israel and two Gulf states signed a peace nobody had predicted.

IN ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

Jan 28	The White House releases its Peace to Prosperity plan.
Mar 2	Israel's third election in a year.
Spring	Israel's first national COVID lockdown.
May 17	Netanyahu and Gantz swear in a unity government.
Jun 26	Georgia's hate crimes law, HB 426, is signed.
Sep 15	The Abraham Accords: Israel, the UAE and Bahrain sign at the White House. Sudan and Morocco follow by December.
Sep 18	A second national lockdown in Israel, over Rosh Hashanah.

AT AIC

Jan 6	Almost 2,000 people at Atlanta Jewish Solidarity, at the Byers Theatre.
Feb 26	Georgia Jewish Community Lobby Day at the Capitol, for HB 426.
May 27	Raheel Raza on how one Muslim activist came to support Israel.
Jul 16	Let's Rise Up Together, on racism and antisemitism.
Sep 16	Sonovia and its anti-pathogen fabric: a start-up story from the middle of the pandemic.
Oct 18	Bassem Eid, on Israel and the Palestinian Authority.
Oct 22	ConnecTivism, a five-session activism course with the Israeli-American Council.
Nov 13	Celebrate Sigd with Naftali Aklum.
Dec	Two free live tours of the Old City with David Sussman. The IRS recognizes AIC as a 501(c)(3).



The Western Wall plaza, on a later AIC trip. In 2020 we could only get there by video.

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How we paid for it

This was the first full year in AIC's own account. Everything spent went to programs, and most of what came in stayed in the bank for the years ahead.

$25,882.85	$2,897.54	$23,665.31
RECEIVED	SPENT	IN THE BANK, DECEMBER 31

WHERE IT CAME FROM



Donations 100%

Donations	$25,882.85
Total revenue	**$25,882.85**

WHERE IT WENT



Events & speakers 100%

Events & speakers	$2,897.54
Total expenses	**$2,897.54**

EXPENSES BY LINE

Speaker fees & honoraria	$525.00
Program supplies	$2,372.54
Total expenses	**$2,897.54**

CHANGE AND CASH

Revenue less expenses	**$22,985.31**
Opening cash, PNC checking	$680.00
Closing cash, PNC checking	**$23,665.31**

2019 to 2020, year by year



These figures are AIC's financial statement for 2020, 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 2021, and a rally on Spring Street.

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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