Atlanta Israel Coalition



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# 2021

## *A coalition in fact*

*Standing with Israel. Strengthening our community.*

**40+**
ORGANIZATIONS BEHIND THE MIDTOWN RALLY

**10**
VIRTUAL TOURS OF ISRAEL

**3**
NIGHTS ON ISRAEL AND AFRICA

**1st**
AIC IMPACT AWARD, TO KAY WILSON

The End Jew Hatred vigil at the Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden, January 27, 2021.



At the Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden in Dunwoody, January 27, 2021.

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# A note from Cheryl

Dear friends,

I keep thinking about the rain. In January we stood at the Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in masks, under umbrellas, holding up our End Jew Hatred signs, and people came anyway. That was 2021 for me.

Then May happened. Eleven days of rockets on Israel, and Jews attacked on the streets of Manhattan and Los Angeles. Days after the ceasefire we stood on Spring Street in Midtown with more than forty Atlanta organizations, congregations and schools behind us. People came who aren't Jewish, and they came anyway too. If you want to know what the word coalition means, that was it.

We also gave our first AIC Impact Award, to Kay Wilson. We got our first grant, $1,000. And in December I got to spend time with the students at the Weber School, and they were wonderful.

At Rosh Hashanah I asked if my organization did everything it could to fight back against Jew-hatred. I'm still asking. Keep in touch, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.



**Cheryl Dorchinsky**
Founder & Executive Director

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# Out in the open

AIC came back out into the open, first in the rain at a memorial garden, then on Spring Street with more than forty organizations behind it.




January 27, 2021

## Standing in the rain

AIC joined the End Jew Hatred vigils held that evening around the world. Pandemic rules kept it small and spread out. The rain kept nobody home.




Israeli flags at an AIC evening. The rally itself was on Spring Street, May 23, 2021.

## Forty names on one rally

Congregations from Beth Jacob to The Temple, schools from Atlanta Jewish Academy to the Weber School, the Federation, the JCRC, the Rabbinical Association, AJC, the ADL and CUFI all put their names to it. AIC helped pull them together.

> *My intention for 5782 is to stand up against Jew-hatred as an even prouder Jew; not only for myself, but for my children and for my community near and far.*
>
> Cheryl Dorchinsky, Rosh Hashanah message, September 2021

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# 2021 in Israel, and what we did

Israel fought eleven days of rockets in May and had a new government by June. The fighting came home to American streets.

## IN ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

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| Apr 30 | 45 people are killed in a crush at Mount Meron on Lag BaOmer. |
| May 10-21 | Operation Guardian of the Walls. Hamas and Islamic Jihad fire more than 4,000 rockets at Israel. |
| May | Rioting inside Israel's mixed cities, including Lod. Antisemitic incidents surge in the U.S. during the fighting. |
| Jun 13 | The Bennett-Lapid government wins its confidence vote, and Netanyahu's 12 straight years in office end. An independent Arab party, Ra'am, joins a government for the first time. |

## AT AIC

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| Jan 27 | A vigil in the rain with End Jew Hatred, at the Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden. |
| Jan 31 | The first AIC Impact Award, to Kay Wilson. |
| Feb 22 | Africa, Israel and Their Descendants, three nights with the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel. |
| Mar 21 | Five virtual tours of Israel with David Sussman, and five more in November. |
| Apr 28 | Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, in conversation with Cheryl. |
| May 23 | Solidarity with Israel rally in Midtown, more than forty organizations strong. |
| Jun 13 | Ruth Wasserman Lande, on the morning the new government won its vote. |
| Aug 4 | Sharaka's Israelis and Gulf Arabs on the Abraham Accords, in person at Congregation Or Hadash. |
| Oct 20 | Two Georgia state representatives, one Republican and one Democrat, on BDS and antisemitism. |
| Dec | Hanukkah under Shine a Light on Antisemitism, and a visit to the Weber School. |




The vigil at the Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden, January 27, 2021.

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# How we paid for it

AIC spent more than twice what it did the year before, nearly all of it on programs, and received its first grant. Cash in the bank passed $35,000.

**$18,691.31**
RECEIVED

**$6,768.87**
SPENT

**$35,587.75**
IN THE BANK, DECEMBER 31

### WHERE IT CAME FROM



Donations 95% Grants 5%

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| Donations | $17,691.31 |
| Grants | $1,000.00 |
| **Total revenue** | **$18,691.31** |

### WHERE IT WENT



Events & speakers 100% Management & general under 1%

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| Events & speakers | $6,744.88 |
| Management & general | $23.99 |
| **Total expenses** | **$6,768.87** |

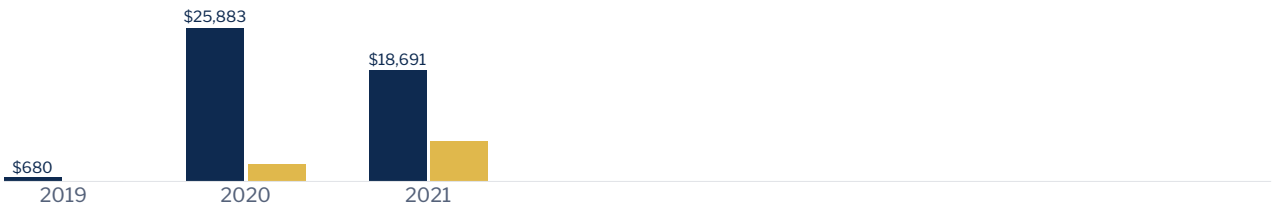
### EXPENSES BY LINE

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| Speaker fees & honoraria | $3,480.00 |
| Venue, co-host & event costs | $433.53 |
| Advertising & promotion | $400.00 |
| Program supplies | $2,431.35 |
| Bank charges | $23.99 |
| **Total expenses** | **$6,768.87** |

### CHANGE AND CASH

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| **Revenue less expenses** | **$11,922.44** |
| Opening cash, PNC checking | $23,665.31 |
| **Closing cash, PNC checking** | **$35,587.75** |

## 2019 to 2021, year by year




These figures are AIC's financial statement for 2021, 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 2022, and an actual plane to Israel.*

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## 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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