

To my brothers and sisters in the Zionist movement in North America,

It is, indeed, with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Karen for her many years of service as the Executive Director of AZM, the American Zionist Movement in North America.

As we look back over Karen's distinguished professional career, we can appreciate the immense dedication with which she has served at AZM - a role she assumed and has fulfilled out of a sense of total identification with the organization's ideas, goals and direction.

In the course of her work at AZM, the organization engaged with complex issues concerning the renewal and positioning of the Zionist movement in general and AZM, in particular, within the Jewish community, together with the need to adapt its activities to changing times and cultures, as well as for a new generation.

Karen confronted and met all these challenges successfully and assiduously - limited budget and human resources, notwithstanding.

On behalf of the World Zionist Organization, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Karen, and to wish her continued success, happiness and good health in the future.

It is my hope that Karen's replacement will preserve her stamp on the organization and follow her lead in developing and expanding the Zionist movement in all its glory.

Yours

Avraham Duvdevani



Chairman, World Zionist Organization



לשכת סגן ומ"מ היו"ר | Office of the Vice Chairman

It is with great honor that I say goodbye to Karen Rubinstein on her departure from the AZM. I applaud you for your many years of service and achievement. Be proud of all that you have done for the Zionist movement and the Jewish people. Your dedication and commitment has been unprecedented.

To Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, farewell, and many thanks for all that you have accomplished. Your devotion and support throughout the years has been truly appreciated.

I wish the both of you much success in your future endeavors.

My best wishes to Richard Heideman on his new appointment. I look forward to working together with the American Zionist Movement for the betterment of the Jewish people and Israel.

May we go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,

Yaakov Hagoel

Vice Chairman, WZO

27 February 2017
1 Adar 5777

Dear Karen ,

It is my honor to congratulate you on behalf of the Zionist movement for your many years of activity in AZM and, in particular, for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the American Zionist Movement.

Through your wisdom, your Zionist spirit and your many leadership qualities – your sensitivity to others, along with the excellent relationship she developed with the World Zionist Organization and all those with whom you have worked, as well as your ability to move processes forward – you have been instrumental in shaping the development of the Zionist movement in the United States and promoting the goals of the Jewish people throughout the American Jewish community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success on your retirement, and hope that you will enjoy good health and enjoyable activity in the years to come.

Warm regards ,

Helena Glaser,
Chair, Zionist General Council



February 28, 2017 / 2 Adar 5777

Dear Karen,

I was so much looking forward to being at the AZM Biennial and having the opportunity to thank you in person both for your incredible stewardship of the organization over so many years, as well as for the wonderful personal and collaborative relationship that has developed between us during the last decade and a half.

Throughout your career you have been an exemplar of the ideals and values of the Zionist movement and your commitment, your devotion, and your leadership have served as an inspiration and an example to so many. In short, It is hard to imagine the AZM in particular, and the overall landscape of the Zionist movement in America without you. I want to thank you for all of this, both on a personal level, and as Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

I have no doubt that even after leaving your position you will stay very much connected to the cause we both hold dearly. I am confident that our paths will continue to cross, and I very much look forward to that. May you go from strength to strength.

With wishes for a wonderfully busy, meaningful, restful and fulfilling retirement,

David

Dr. David Breakstone

Jerusalem, Adar 5777
March 2, 2017

Ms. Karen J. Rubinstein
American Zionist Movement

נתן שרנסקי
יו"ר ההנהלה

Natan Sharansky
Chairman of the
Executive

Dear Karen,

It is a pleasure to wish you a mazal tov on your retirement.
You have spent a lifetime in the service of Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael.

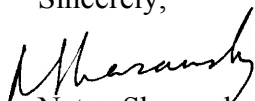
Your commitment to the Zionist ideal has been unwavering and you have been dedicated to ensuring a strong future for the Zionist cause.
Your years as the executive director of the American Zionist Movement have strengthened the communication and activism amongst the participating organizations.

There have been excellent programs under your auspices in collaboration with World Zionist Organization.

You have helped to create strong bonds between the American Zionist Movement and their partners here in Israel. You have served as a role model for all executive directors and it must be gratifying to think of all that you have accomplished.

I know that you will continue to be an advocate for the Zionist cause. I wish you happiness and continued success in your future.

Sincerely,


Natan Sharansky

Securing the Jewish Future for Generations



החועצה ללשון ולתרבות העברית בצפון אמריקה
THE COUNCIL FOR HEBREW LANGUAGE
AND CULTURE IN NORTH AMERICA

ב' אדר תשע"ז
March 5, 2017

Dear Karen,

On behalf of the leadership of the Council for Hebrew Language and Culture in North America, we want to congratulate you on reaching this moment in your career, recognize the tremendous impact you have had on the Zionist mission in America, and acknowledge the very special role you played in helping get the Hebrew Council off of the ground. Your commitment to our shared mission, your professional expertise and diligence, and your willingness to serve as one of the volunteer professionals have allowed us to go from an important idea to an actual organization. Your thoughtfulness, gentle guidance and kindness have all impacted our success and we cannot imagine getting to this point without your involvement. We must also acknowledge the very real and generous tangible support and assistance that was provided by the American Zionist Movement to the Hebrew Council and the specific role you played in making this happen.

We know that you will be leaving a tremendous hole both at the AZM; however, your legacy will be the close partnership that has developed between our two organizations and one that we will build on as we move forward into the future. We hope that you will continue to remain involved in the Hebrew Council, whether through ongoing volunteer leadership or by your support of our efforts to raise the profile of Hebrew in the broader community. We will cherish our relationship and look forward to seeing where your journey takes you next.

Mazal tov on an extraordinary career at the AZM and in the sacred work that you have done for so long.

L'Shalom,

Dr. Esther Serok, President

Rabbi Andrew Ergas, Chair