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Dear Friends,

We are writing to share important news with you about a leadership transition for Nexus. Over 8 years after first organizing the Nexus Task Force, and over 40 years after first beginning his distinguished and vital career as a Jewish communal leader and advocate, Jonathan Jacoby will be stepping down from his role as President of the Nexus Project next summer, at the end of August 2027.

Jonathan will be transitioning to an emeritus role with the tremendous gratitude and appreciation of the Nexus Project board, staff, and community. Since the Task Force was first formed under his leadership, the organization has evolved into a highly respected watchdog group and research hub, committed to combating all forms of antisemitism and protecting democracy and civil rights.

From his days as the first director of the New Israel Fund, through his leadership of Americans for Peace Now (now New Jewish Narrative) and the Israel Policy Forum, and over the past decade in his work with Nexus, Jonathan has distinguished himself as an important leader, thinker, colleague and friend, dedicated to pursuing peace, justice and a more secure and vibrant democracy both in Israel/Palestine and here in the US.

“I remember when Jonathan first told me about his vision for Nexus. Too many people were treating the fight against antisemitism and the defense of democracy as separate or even competing priorities. He insisted they were one fight, and he built an organization to prove it. And prove it he has. Nexus has gone from a bold idea to an essential and indispensable voice. On behalf of the entire board, I want to thank Jonathan for his sharp vision, stalwart integrity, and genuine friendship. We are deeply grateful that Nexus will continue to benefit from his wisdom in the years ahead in his emeritus role.”
— Alan Solow, Chair, Nexus Project Board of Directors

Under Jonathan’s leadership, Nexus has expanded to a robust and impactful organization, with a notable profile on Capitol Hill, in national press, on social media and among the Jewish institutional community. The Nexus Project Task Force on Issues Related to Israel & Antisemitism is composed of leading experts and scholars who promote greater understanding of issues at the intersection of antisemitism, Israel, freedom of speech, and pluralistic democracy. In 2026, the Nexus Center for Antisemitism Research (NCAR) launched and is already making major contributions of original analysis and data to benefit and elevate the entire field of antisemitism research.

“Leading Nexus has been one of the greatest privileges and honors of my career. From day one, we aimed to show that you can confront antisemitism forcefully and effectively without sacrificing free speech, civil liberties, or democratic values. This community has proven not only that it can be done, but that it must be done. At this critical inflection point, Nexus will continue to grow to meet the moment, and I am excited to see the organization continue and strengthen its battle against antisemitism and authoritarianism with a new leader. I look forward to sharing my continued guidance as an advisor and friend, and to cheering on the work for many years to come.”
— Jonathan Jacoby, President and Founder, Nexus Project

Jonathan will remain fully active in his role as President of Nexus through August of 2027 and will continue to be involved after his departure. The Nexus board has begun the process of hiring a respected search firm to help lead the process to identify and ultimately hire a new President to lead Nexus. We expect that search process to begin by early 2027, and for a new leader to be selected next year.

Please join us in thanking Jonathan for his extraordinary leadership.

With gratitude,
The Nexus Project