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Religious Zionists of America Announces New National Leadership

On Sunday, at its Biennial Convention, the Religious Zionists of America (RZA) elected its new national leadership.

Pace Cooper of Memphis, Tennessee, will serve as the new President of the RZA, leading a strong slate of National Board and Executive Board members.

In accepting the presidency, Cooper reflected on the opportunity to help lead the RZA at an important moment for Religious Zionism in America:

“My dream is not to build something new. My dream is to awaken something timeless. The opportunity before us is not to become something different, but to become everything we are capable of becoming.”

Cooper emphasized the importance of strengthening the connection between American Jews and the State of Israel and deepening the RZA’s partnership with World Mizrachi.

The Convention also featured a powerful keynote address by **Rabbi Doron Perez, President of the World Zionist Organization and Executive Chairman of World Mizrachi**, who addressed the challenges and opportunities facing the Jewish people and the Religious Zionist movement at this critical moment.

“The role of the Religious Zionists of America and Mizrachi has never been more pertinent,” Rabbi Perez said. “Who is going to teach the Jewish community and the world that there is no daylight between Judaism and Zionism?”

Stephen M. Flatow, who assumed the role of Chairman of the RZA, also addressed the Convention, outlining his vision for the organization’s future and the importance of building a strong and vibrant Religious Zionist movement in America.

“We are trying to create a Religious Zionist movement in America that is intellectually serious, proudly Jewish, unapologetically Zionist and capable of reaching beyond the people already sitting in this room,” Flatow said.

The RZA extends its deepest appreciation to the members of the outgoing National Board for their dedicated service and tireless efforts on behalf of the organization. We are grateful that many will continue in leadership and remain actively involved in advancing the RZA’s mission.

The RZA’s mission of making the case for Israel and advancing Religious Zionist values remains as important as ever. We look forward to working together with our members, supporters, and communities across the country to strengthen Jewish life, champion Israel, and advance our shared commitment to Torah, Am Yisrael, and Eretz Yisrael.

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RZA National Leadership

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