

President of Development Misha Galperin noted that the initiative would move JAFI away" from Israel-centric to Jewish identity and peoplehood with Israel at its heart."

At the meeting discussions were held about the situation of Ukrainian Jewry in light of unrest and instability in that country, with JAFI announcing \$150,000 in emergency funding for the community's immediate security needs.

Additional discussions were held on developments in small Jewish communities – particularly Venezuela and Spain – Jewish unity, antisemitism and the peace process.

The WZO meeting provided an opportunity for in-depth discussion of the organization's activities in Israel and the Diaspora and a roll-out of architectural plans to renew the entrance to Mt. Herzl – Israel's pantheon - that it operates.