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# Wisconsin Celebrates Israel
## *1,000 expected to 'Walk for Israel'*

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin–The Jewish and interfaith community will celebrate Israel's Independence Day on Sunday, May 15 with a two-mile solidarity walk for Israel in the Veterans Park area near Milwaukee's downtown lakefront.

"MilWALKee for Israel – It's a Peace Movement" will begin with a 4 p.m. ceremony at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. The walk starts at 4:30 p.m., and will be followed by a celebration with music, food and activities for all ages. This is Wisconsin's largest celebration of Israel and recognizes Israeli Independence Day, known as Yom HaAtzmaut. Organizers anticipate upwards of 1,000 people participating in the walk.

The event is organized by the Israel Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center. In prior years, the celebration was held at the JCC and the Karl Jewish Community Campus in Whitefish Bay, with a solidarity walk around this North Shore location.

"We decided to bring the event to the downtown area to showcase our pride and love for Israel in a public venue as we celebrate its 68th anniversary of statehood," said Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, VP of Outreach, Israel and Overseas with the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. "Our new location provides much easier access for anyone in the Milwaukee area to join in the celebration."

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*For more than 100 years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. We distributed $20 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world, and manage philanthropy through our $165 million Jewish Community Foundation.*