**About the Organization “Ten Gentiles”**

**Summary**

The organization *Ten Gentiles* aims to establish within the Christian community authentic respect and love for Jewish people and to inspire doing good for Israel alongside of Jewish people. To do this, we intend to:

1. Change Christian perspective on Jewish people and Judaism at its roots within Christian doctrine
2. Cultivate genuine respect for Jewish people through education and through firsthand experience in Israel with Judaism and Jewish identity
3. Coordinate with Social Services and local charity organizations and communities to help Israelis in need and make Israel stronger
4. Collaborate with Jewish organizations so our volunteers can serve Israel alongside Jewish people

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**Organization Motivation and Purpose**

The vision for the organization *Ten Gentiles* comes from the prophet Zechariah’s “ten from the nations” prophecy in Zechariah 8:23 - Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”’ This organization aims to pave the way for gentile Christians to be those ten from the nations.

Up until the mid-20th century, Replacement Theology (Christians replacing the Jewish people as God’s chosen) permeated Christian teaching which caused anti-Judaism and anti-Jewish identity sentiments to still persist today. Judaism is seen as a set of manmade traditions without a true connection to God and Jewish people are seen as living in spiritual darkness. In recent years, more and more Christians are coming to Israel to explore the Land of the Bible. We have seen that many of them fall in love with Israel and desire to bless Israel, yet their Christian doctrine makes them wonder if there is any future for Jews if Jewish people do not accept Jesus and feel that converting Jews should be their top priority. We are creating this organization to change Christians’ views of Jewish people and Judaism, to show them Israel’s bright future according to the Tenach and the Christian scriptures, and to turn their desire to bless Israel into tangible, good works for Israel.

*Ten Gentiles* will especially reach out to the Christians from the Far East because the founder of the organization was born and raised in China and has a keen understanding of the Asian Christian community. Christians from Asia have been the fastest growing source of tourism to Israel in the recent years. Although anti-Semitism is not part of Asian culture, Asian Christians are affected by Christian doctrine from the West. And due to language and cultural issues, they have difficulty finding ways to bring blessings, both monetary and service, to Israel in a satisfying way. *Ten Gentiles* has the skill and vision necessary to make the paradigm shift in their understanding and channel their energy to benefit Israel.

As anti-Semitism, BDS, and Christ-at-the-Checkpoint movements have been on the rise worldwide for the past few years, *Ten Gentiles* aims to equip Christians with facts to discern and combat false narratives. We will teach the Christian community to defend Israel, Jewish people’s rights to the Land, and Jewish identity.

*Ten Gentiles* does not carry the agenda of proselytizing Jews. History has shown that Christianity has done a poor job perceiving God’s relationship with the Jewish people. In light of the fulfillment of the in-gathering of the exiles and the re-establishment of the Jewish nation, *Ten Gentiles* acknowledges and emphasizes the unbroken bond between God and the Jewish people and the fruits of that bond. We fully trust in God’s unwavering faithfulness and zeal to fulfill all of His covenantal promises to the Jewish people and will teach this reality to the Christian community.

Presently, there isn’t any Christian-run organization in Israel with the mission to educate Christians to respect Judaism and work alongside Jewish people. There are a few Jewish organizations that teach Jewish thought to Christians, but they are unable to teach Christian doctrine (for obvious reasons) and cannot address the root causes of Christian anti-Judaism sentiment. We believe that we are in a unique position to accomplish our goals.

**Organization Project Initiatives**

*Ten Gentiles* will accomplish its goals through educating the Christian community and serving alongside Jewish people in Israel. There is no better place to experience Jewish identity and Judaism in action than Jerusalem, so *Ten Gentiles* will establish itself in Jerusalem. We envision the following four project initiatives:

1. Restore the rightful place of Jewish people in Christian teaching

Currently, mainstream Christian theology and doctrines do not mention the pivotal role of the house of Israel and God’s covenants with her in God’s plan for humanity. The vast majority of churches would declare that they do not support “Replacement Theology”, but as long as they do not acknowledge God’s ongoing relationship with Jewish people, “Replacement Theology” still has solid grip on Christians.

*Ten Gentiles* will bring back into Christian teaching God’s everlasting covenant with the house of Israel as *described* in both Tenach and the Christian scriptures. We see this aspect of theology as critical in reshaping Christians’ view of Jewish people and God’s faithfulness to His promises, and thus the current lack of understanding is the first barrier that must be broken down.

1. Cultivate genuine respect to Jewish people through education in Jewish history and Judaism and provide ways for Christians to experience Jewish identity first-hand in Israel

We believe that if a person doesn’t respect Judaism, it is impossible for him / her to truly love Jewish people. *Ten Gentiles* aims to work with Jewish teachers and educators to help Christians to gain understanding and appreciation of Jewish liturgy and practices. *Ten Gentiles* will also provide ways for Christians to participate as guests in Shabbat services and meals, Holidays, and civil ceremonies alongside Jewish people in Israel, so that Christians can gain a better understanding of Judaism and Jewish identity directly through shared experiences with Jewish people in the Land.

*Ten Gentiles* will host tour groups in Israel and reach out to tour operators in Israel to educate Christian tourists and pilgrims. Too many Christian visitors to Israel never see beyond “where Jesus walked;” they leave without any understanding of the Diaspora and Aliyah history, without any insight into the restoration process, without meeting one single Jewish person - what a shame! We must seize this opportunity to help them to interact with Jewish people and experience the restoration while they are in the Land.

1. Coordinate with Social Services and local charity organizations to help poor and needy Israelis

*Ten Gentiles* desires deeply to comfort God’s people in tangible ways. As we promote genuine respect and love for Jewish people among Christians, we will also raise funds to help Jewish people who have difficulty making ends meet in Israel. The need is great of lonely Holocaust survivors, pensioners, olim, students, soldiers, disabled, and people suddenly hit with misfortune. *Ten Gentiles* will coordinate with Social Services, charity organizations, and local synagogues to help those in need.

1. Collaborate with Jewish organizations so our volunteers can get a chance to serve Israel alongside Jewish people

In recent years, more and more Christians are showing interest to volunteer in Israel. *Ten Gentiles* will encourage Christian volunteers to serve the Israeli society alongside Jewish people. We will partner with Jewish non-profit organizations that will accept Christian volunteers. We will prepare Christian volunteers to serve in those organizations wholeheartedly and effectively. We believe that this type of daily, real life interaction is the best way to form new understanding and partnerships.

**In Conclusion**

The question of how we see the future of Jewish people is ultimately the question of whether or not we see God as faithful and righteous. Christians all over the world love Israel because the house of Israel is God’s chosen people or because God will bless those who bless Israel, but few can say how Israel relates to Christian theology, few have the understanding that the whole house of Israel remains God’s chosen people now and forever, and even fewer can defend Jewish identity. “The desert shall bloom” prophecy didn’t come to pass until Jews used their bare hands to clear the rocks and cultivate the plants. *Ten Gentiles* heard the call to pave the way for the “ten from the nations.” God has been doing great things with Israel; it is time that Christians realize the progress and participate alongside the Jewish people.