

StandWithUs

Supporting Israel Around The World

StandWithUs supports the Yezidis, an ancient Middle Eastern people, in their struggle against persecution and genocide by ISIS, the Islamic State (also known as IS and ISIL)

April 15 is the first day of 6765 on the Yezidi calendar. It is the Yezidi month of Nisan, (similar to the Jewish month of Nisan, when Jewish celebrate Passover or the journey from slavery to freedom). The Yezidis, most of whom live in the province of Nineveh (referenced in the Bible in the story of Jonah), face a precarious year and uncertain future. The UN human rights investigators reported this month that IS is seeking to wipe out the Yezidi minority in Iraq and cited credible accounts of scores of summary killings, torture, abductions, forced conversions, sexual slavery traffic, and indiscriminate attacks on civilians. The Yezidis fear that now, after more than 6,000 year and 74 assaults, they are finally being exterminated.

StandWithUs has held events to raise awareness about the Yezidis and their plight in communities across the country.

On Passover, when we recited the plagues during the Seder, we remembered the plague of ISIS and their torture, conversions at the sword, and campaign of genocide against Yezidis and other religious minorities.

We encourage all our supporters to join us in bringing the Yezidi cause to light of public attention and action:

- On Yom HaShoah, the Day of Holocaust Remembrance, include a prayer for the 23 million Yezidis who died at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, Saddam Hussein's forces, and ISIS.
- Issue an open letter to Yezidis International offering support and solidarity.
- To forward letters of support or learn more about you can help, go to <http://www.yezidis.org>

Sincerely,

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