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Ruderman Family Foundation Congratulates Elected Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog

"Isaac Herzog has the potential to lead the Jewish Agency to new heights, and I wish him the best of luck in his new role," said **Jay Ruderman, President of the Ruderman Family Foundation**. "The partnership between the State of Israel and world Jewry is crucial for both sides, and can also lead to tensions. I know Herzog understands just how important his role is in maintaining this relationship."

"I look forward to working with Herzog to further strengthen the relations between Israelis and the American Jewish community. I believe he is the right person in the right place at the right time."

At a vote in Jerusalem earlier today, the Jewish Agency Board of Governors elected Herzog as the next Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He will replace Nathan Sharansky, who was first elected to the position in June 2009.

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About the Ruderman Family Foundation

The Ruderman Family Foundation believes that inclusion and understanding of all people is essential to a fair and flourishing community. Guided by our Jewish values, we support effective programs, innovative partnerships and a dynamic approach to philanthropy in our core areas of interest: advocating for and advancing the inclusion of people with disabilities around the world; modeling the practice of strategic philanthropy worldwide; and fostering a more nuanced understanding of the American Jewish community among Israeli leaders and its public. The Foundation continuously works towards strengthening this relationship, including Knesset Missions in New York City, Washington and Boston to further educate Israeli politicians on American Jewry and a Ruderman-sponsored Master's program at the University of Haifa on American Jewish Studies.

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