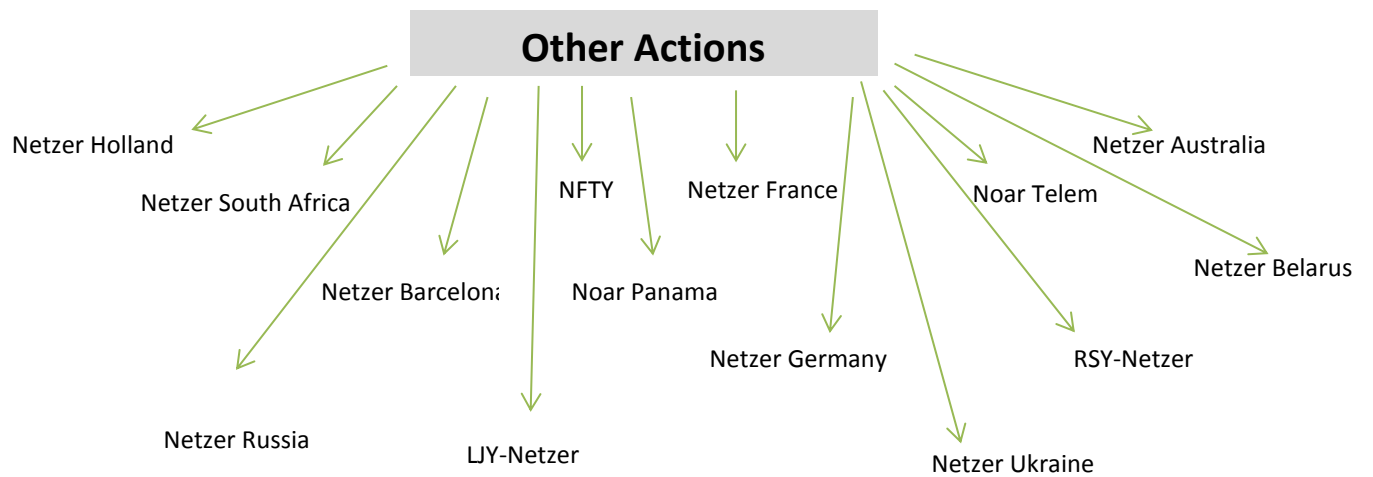
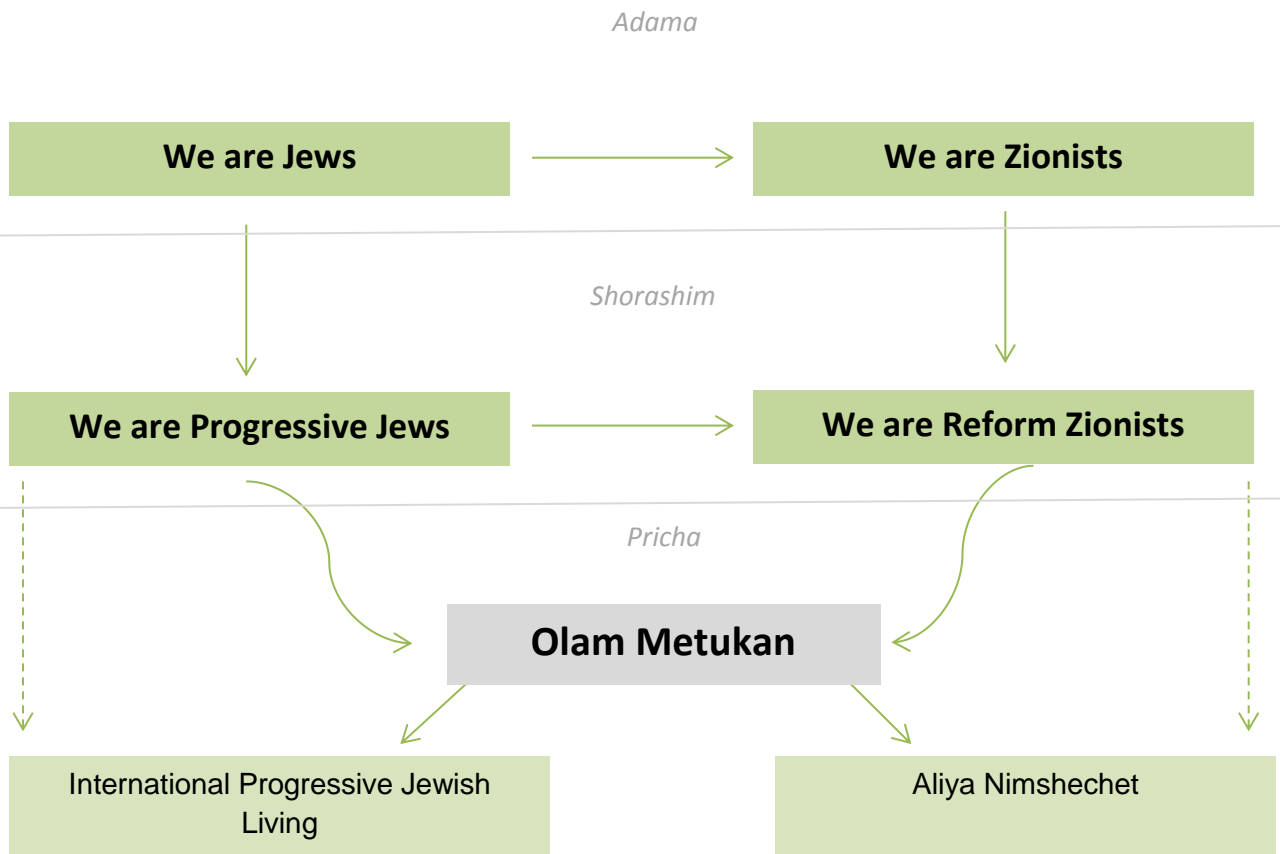




Netzer Olami Ideology Model

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Annotations for Model

1. **We are Jews:** Judaism, inspired divinely by the Torah, is the basis for Zionism, our movement, and the starting point for our ideology. In a Netzer context, it is the foundation upon which we build our actions and beliefs.
2. **We are Zionists:** Judaism is a people, a nation and a religion, and, as the Jewish expression of nationalism, Zionism is a logical extension of Judaism.
3. **We are Progressive Jews:** We see Progressive Judaism as the most logical and appropriate expression of Judaism. Please refer to the “Progressive Judaism” section of the Platform for more details.
4. **We are Reform Zionists:** Reform Zionism is the nationalistic expression of Progressive Judaism and therefore, as Zionism is the logical extension of Judaism, Reform Zionism is our extension of Progressive Judaism.
5. **Olam Metukan - a world which we are perfecting:** Our commitment to Progressive Judaism and Reform Zionism make it our obligation to strive for an Olam Metukan through the actualisation of these ideologies on a personal, communal, societal, national and global level.
6. **Intentional Progressive Jewish Living:** As a direct step in the actualising of the Progressive Jewish vision, all chaverim of Netzer should commit to living their lives informed by Progressive Judaism, in pursuit of an Olam Metukan.
7. **Aliyah Nimschechet:** As a direct step in the actualisation of the Reform Zionist vision, chaverim in Netzer, in seeing Netzer as the ultimate destination for living a fulfilled Jewish life, should seriously consider moving to Israel and working to make it a national example as well as continuing to act towards a repaired world in the vision of Progressive Judaism and Reform Zionism, as a step towards an Olam Metukan.
8. **Actions:** Over and above Intentional Progressive Jewish living and Aliyah Nimschechet, each *snif* (branch) of Netzer Olami may have their own specific actions, informed by Progressive Judaism and Reform Zionism, to which they commit in order to strive, in their own ways, towards an Olam Metukan. These are outlined in the ideological documents of each individual *snif*.

NETZER OLAMI PLATFORM

PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Because we are Jews, we are Progressive Jews

In order to ensure that Jewish ritual and practice has engaged the Jewish People on a dynamic level, Judaism over the centuries has constantly interpreted and reinterpreted our texts and lessons in response to the various contexts in which it was practiced. In seeking to take responsibility for and ownership over our Jewish practice, and as a natural continuation of this tradition, we proudly identify as Progressive Jews.

We view the Jewish People as:

- A united people, nation and religion
- A society that values an unconditional respect and tolerance for all people as created 'b'tzelem elohim' - 'in the image of God' - as essential to fulfilment
- Being morally bound by Jewish texts and tradition to act in the spirit of Jewish values as an "or l'goyim" - "light unto the nations"

We act upon this by:

- Advocating for, and striving towards, the living of an intentionally Progressive Jewish lifestyle, through constant education and informed decision-making regarding our Judaism. We therefore take conscious action to create a Judaism that is compatible with modern values.

REFORM ZIONISM

Because we are Progressive Jews, we are Reform Zionists

Netzer believes that Reform Zionism is the logical extension of Progressive Judaism. This means that we believe in a religious form of Zionism, based on the principles of Progressive Judaism, seeing Israel as the ultimate destination for living a fulfilled Jewish life. Chaverim of Netzer should seriously consider moving to Israel as a step in the process of repairing the world (*Tikkun Olam*), and all Aliyah should be *Aliyah Nimschechet*.

We view Israel as:

- Not necessarily defined by biblical boundaries, but should uphold its original purpose as a refuge of peace and safety for *Am Yisrael*, and as the spiritual, cultural and religious centre of Jewish life

- The nationalistic expression of Judaism, and therefore a state with an obligation to act in accordance with our Progressive Jewish values, such as justice, tolerance and peace
- A land where one should live an intentional Progressive Jewish life, within a communal framework

We do this by:

- Advocating for the full civil, human and religious rights of all Israeli citizens
- Supporting the pursuit of Progressive Jewish values and interests within Israeli society
- Encouraging movement *chaverim* to spend significant time in Israel
- Educating our chaverim on the importance of *Aliyah Nimschechet* to the actualisation of Netzer's ideology
- Striving to create Reform Zionist total community – *Kehila Kedosha* (sacred community)
- Continuing to intensify the use and teaching of *Ivrit* (hebrew) within our movement

OLAM METUKAN

A world which we are perfecting

Our commitment to Progressive Judaism and Reform Zionism make it our obligation to actively strive for a Messianic Era through the actualisation of these ideologies on a personal, communal, societal, national and global level, in the vision of our Prophets. In viewing the Messianic Era as divinely inspired by a God of our own personal understanding, we see it as our human responsibility to undertake a process of *Tikkun* (reparation) in pursuit of this ideal, informed by our Jewish teachings, texts and values.