



**Dear Friend,**

This is not a happy day. The Center-Left camp in Israel lost the elections, the next government will be right-wing, conservative, and religious. Our wishes did not come true.

We may feel sad, even grieve. But I believe we should not despair. **Despair is a luxury we simply cannot afford right now.**

Right now, the role civil society organizations play in changing reality is bigger and more important than ever. We must continue to work full force vis-a-vis decision makers to promote equality and the protection of human rights and to bring these issues to the public's awareness. Zulat will continue the struggle to stop Israel from becoming an authoritarian regime.

Our report [\*Pseudo Democracy: State of the Regime in Israel\*](#) describes how the path Israel has been following leads to the emasculation of democracy, the collapse of checks and balances, and the transformation into an authoritarian regime where elections are merely an empty shell, like Orban's regime in Hungary and Putin's in Russia. The report includes a series of operative proposals to combat this authoritarian trend, strengthen democracy, anchor equality, protect freedom of protest and expression, and curb the phenomenon of fake news. **In the coming weeks, I intend to meet with Knesset members from the Center-Left bloc and discuss with them the ways in which we can advance these proposals.**

We will continue to work and advance our efforts, which is even more important at this time. **To this end, we need all of you. Donate to us, so that we may continue to work with all our might. Any amount you donate will strengthen our fight to protect democracy, equality, and human rights.**

# **Yes, I wish to Donate to Zulat for Equality and Human Rights**

**Yours truly,**

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