



**Advocates on behalf of Jews in Russia,
Ukraine, the Baltic States & Eurasia**

**Over 40 Years of Leadership &
Community Advocacy**

NCSJ Works Around the World

NCSJ speaks around the world on behalf of Jews and Eurasian Jewish communities, and in support of Israel.

Nothing is more effective than face-to-face contact. NCSJ advises parliamentarians, consults with government ministers, meets with business leaders, and stands in unity with Jewish organizations from Moscow to Baku to Jerusalem.



Meeting with Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan



Meeting with Patriarch of All Georgia Ilia II



Lesley Weiss of NCSJ, speaking at the Global Forum in Israel



Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Georgia Richard Norland

Highlights of 2013

U.S. Government

- Provided informational briefings to Congress and the Helsinki Commission
- Facilitated meetings for "World without Nazism" NGO with Members of Congress and staff
- Delivered lectures at Foreign Service Institute about Eurasian Jewry
- Held regular consultations with National Security Council senior staff members
- Provided advice to key State Department officials
- Arranged meetings with U.S. ambassadors for member agencies
- Senior NCSJ staffer named by President Obama as Chair of Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

Ukraine

- Met with MPs and party leaders to demand action against the anti-Semitic *Svoboda* party
- Published opinion piece on dangers of ultranationalism
- Arranged meetings with national government officials for member agencies
- Coordinated and chaired meeting for NCSJ constituency with Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Gave presentation on anti-Semitism in the region at international conference

Azerbaijan

- Co-authored letter of support to U.S. Helsinki Commission
- Led leadership mission to Azerbaijan
- Published widely distributed "think piece" on Azerbaijan and Israel

Russia

- Consulted with U.S. State Department and Embassy in Moscow about NGOs, religious freedom, and adoption ban
- Spoke at AIPAC conference about Russia-Israel relations
- Monitored ultranationalist and antiminority rhetoric in Russian media

Poland

- Spoke at European Jewish Heritage conference in Krakow
- Took part in Warsaw Ghetto uprising 70th anniversary remembrance
- Attended opening of the new Jewish History Museum in Warsaw
- Presented at annual assembly of U.S. Honorary Consuls General
- Worked for passage in U.S. Congress of visa waiver for Polish citizens



NCSJ

Programs and Publications

- Initiated educational program for young Eurasian diplomats about European and American Jewish history and U.S. civil society
- Chaired Ambassador Forums at semi-annual NCSJ Board of Governors meetings
- Published *Weekly News Update*, quarterly *Insider Letter*, and *2012 Annual Report*, with a special section on contemporary Jewish faces in Eurasia

International Activities

- In Jerusalem, co-chaired working group on Eurasia and Eastern Europe at Global Forum on Combating Anti-Semitism
- Participated in Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations annual overseas mission
- Served as resident scholar for Philadelphia Jewish Federation mission to Russia
- Held regular consultations with Eurasian ambassadors and embassy staff
- Consulted with Conference of European Rabbis on kosher slaughter and circumcision bans
- Participated in consultations, interventions, and meetings at 68th Session of the UN General Assembly