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World Zionist Organization President and World Mizrachi Executive Chairman, **Rabbi Doron Perez,** Publishes ***Smallest Nation, Largest Family***

Written after the return of his son who fell defending Israel on October 7, the book carries a cover endorsement from Israeli President Isaac Herzog and arrives in time for Chanukah.

SILVER SPRING, MD, NOVEMEBER 30, 2026 — Jerry Press has published *Smallest Nation, Largest Family: Family as the Foundation of Jewish Identity* by Rabbi Doron Perez, President of the World Zionist Organization and Executive Chairman of the World Mizrachi Movement.

Fifteen million Jews in a world of eight billion. A homeland the size of New Jersey. By every measure that usually counts, the numbers don't work. Perez argues the world has been counting the wrong thing: the Jewish people are not only a small nation, but they also are first and foremost the largest family on earth, and a family does not behave like a nation or a religion.

That idea, he writes, explains why the Jewish state will pay almost any price to bring home even one hostage, why tens of thousands of Israelis flew home toward a war zone after October 7, why Jews who agree on so little always show up for one another, and why we often argue most fiercely with the people we love most.

The book was born at a graveside. Perez's son, Captain Daniel Perez, was killed in action on October 7, 2023, while commanding his tank in the defense of Nachal Oz. His body was held in Gaza for two years. Standing at Daniel's second funeral, at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, Perez shared the sentiment that became the book's title and theme:

"We may be the smallest nation in the world, but we are the largest family."

Drawing on Jewish history, Torah, and his own family's two years at the center of Israel's hostage crisis, Perez moves from the hostage dilemma and the blood libels to Jewish brotherhood and guarantorship (*arvut*), and closes with a practical game plan: ten commandments of leadership for families, communities and leaders.

In a November 7, 2026 interview with *The Jerusalem Post* ("We are the biggest family': Rabbi Doron Perez draws on personal loss to call for Jewish unity"), Perez described the Jewish people as "both a religion and a nation, which is built on being a family," and said of Israel's internal divisions: "The enemy is not our fellow Jew." The family framing from his eulogy for Daniel has since been cited by President Herzog in his opening to a recent Knesset session.

Perez introduced the book during a soft-launch week from November 8 to 14. At the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly (JFNA GA) in Washington, DC, he opened "The Peoplehood Paradigm," a session led by Rabbi Marc Baker of Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, who then wrote "The largest family in the world". Perez also spoke at the Israel Economic Forum (IEF) summit in Washington, DC, and at JNF-USA's Global Conference for Israel in San Diego, CA where he joined a rabbinic panel on Israel and Jewish peoplehood and a joint book launch.

Perez discusses the book on the Orthodox Conundrum podcast, and a SeforimChatter podcast interview is coming soon.

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Praise for *Smallest Nation, Largest Family*

"A language of much needed solidarity at this time." — Israeli President Isaac Herzog

"Rabbi Doron Perez has written a masterpiece on Jewish life, Jewish identity and Jewish unity. Through his own unimaginable personal tragedy, Rabbi Perez has chosen to elevate and uplift us all and transform profound pain into a stirring call for greater love, greater unity, and greater devotion to our collective mission." — Gary Torgow, Chair, Board of Trustees, Jewish Federations of North America.

"An exceptional contribution to the cause of Jewish unity." — Miriam Peretz, Israel Prize laureate for lifetime achievement.

"This important book calls upon every single person in the Jewish people to renew the covenant of the Jewish family." — Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Rimon, Rav of Gush Etzion and Nasi of the World Mizrachi Movement.

Availability

Smallest Nation, Largest Family is available now in hardcover at jerrypress.com and from Jewish booksellers, in time for Chanukah. Synagogues, schools and organizations can order in bulk for gifts, programs and book clubs through Jerry Press. Books are also available in Israel online at jerrypress.com and from Jewish booksellers, and which were published locally in partnership with Dfus Beeri.

About the author

Rabbi Doron Perez is President of the World Zionist Organization and Executive Chairman of the World Mizrachi Movement. Since taking the helm of World Mizrachi in 2014, he has built it into a global movement with active branches in 32 countries on five continents. He previously served South African Jewry for fifteen years as Director of Mizrachi South Africa, Senior Rabbi of the Mizrachi Shul and Head of Yeshiva College. He and his wife, Shelley, live in Yad Binyamin, Israel, and have four children. His previous book, *The Jewish State*, is carried by retailers across the world.

About Jerry Press

Jerry Press is a boutique publisher creating beautiful, intentional books for the global Jewish community, with distribution from warehouses in the US and Israel. *Smallest Nation, Largest Family* is published in alignment with the mission of The Daniel Institute of Jewish Unity. jerrypress.com

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