

HABONIM DROR AUSTRALIA IDEOLOGY

Habonim Dror is a Culturally Jewish Socialist-Zionist youth movement, which exists to take responsibility for the Jewish people, Israeli society and the world. The ideology below is split under different headings for clarity, but these headings are not separate ideologies, what is written below is one ideology with each part integral to the next. Each and every chaver/a embodies the spirit of Habonim Dror based on their experiences and values gained in the movement. What is written below is an attempt to represent that spirit in words

Hagshama Atzmit

1. Habonim Dror believes that Hagshama Atzmit is the process of personal fulfilment of all movement aims; thus turning the vision outlined in Habonim Dror's ideology into a reality.
2. Hagshama is not an attainable goal but an ongoing process. Those who are living their lives intentionally, according to their values and are working towards reshaping the world according to their values are partaking in the process of Hagshama.
3. Habonim Dror encourages each chaver/a to adopt an approach to life inspired by the movement's ideology.
4. Habonim Dror believes that making Chalutzic Aliyah, whilst embracing one's Jewish identity, is the highest expression of Hagshama; building a community in Israel holding paramount the values of social justice, equality, and peace.

Zionism

1. Habonim Dror educates its chaverim towards Aliyah and Zionist Hagshama; the participation of the Jewish people in building Israel as a Jewish State and in strengthening it as a society based on the values of socialism.
2. Habonim Dror participates in Jewish-Zionist education, both in Israel and the Diaspora, to fight assimilation and strengthen Jewish unity based upon the centrality of Israel.
3. Habonim Dror promotes the expression of Israeli culture to help chaverim develop a deep love for the country and reinforce the aims listed above. Habonim Dror believes that Hebrew is essential to this and uses it wherever possible.

Chalutzit

1. Habonim Dror believes that chalutzit incorporates both the methods for realising the movement's ideology as well as being a value in and of itself.
2. Habonim Dror believes in critical analysis including evaluating the accepted values of the society in which we live. In the process of evaluation we should recognise the merits of society and, where we do not find merit, we shall strive to pioneer alternatives
3. Habonim Dror believes that hadracha is a unique and intrinsic element within the movement. Through informal education, the movement instils initiative and promotes leadership on accordance with the movement's values. Self-education and education of others is a continuous process within this.
4. Habonim Dror believes that dugma ishit is an expression of hadracha. Each chaver/a has a responsibility to set an example which reflects the ideology and values of Habonim Dror.

Socialism

1. Habonim Dror believes in a socialism based on the values of equality, social justice, collectivism, peace and democracy, and educates its chaverim towards contributing to a society and living a life based on these values in Israel.
2. Habonim Dror asserts that the practice of socialism - combining elements of common ownership, democracy, free access to resources and an understanding of collective responsibility - is essential for the equality of all people.
3. Habonim Dror's socialist aims include Tikkun Olam, healing our world on a personal, environmental and societal level, by:

- a. Striving for the betterment of self and our relationship with others.
 - b. Caring for our environment and redeeming the ecological imbalance created by the actions, or inactions, of our society.
 - c. Striving towards an equal and equitable society, for all humankind, through social action.
4. Habonim Dror believes in the ideals of Kibbutz, be it agricultural or urban, as a society and system based upon the ideals of socialism, and educates its chaverim toward living in communities that maintain these values.

Judaism

1. Habonim Dror believes in Cultural Judaism – a holistic approach to Judaism as a culture in which religion and nationality are interwoven and integral parts.
2. Reflecting Habonim Dror's conception of Judaism, we engage in a process of Jewish education through cultural practices and the use of sources and texts both secular and religious.
3. Habonim Dror's educational process – which is an aim in itself – facilitates learning and questioning of one's beliefs and heritage. This encourages each chaver/a to determine the nature of his/her own observance, developing his/her own meaningful Jewish expression and Jewish identity.
4. Habonim Dror believes that Judaism contains morals and values of a just and humane society, by which all chaverim should aspire to live.
5. Habonim Dror believes in the centrality of the State of Israel as the home of the Jewish religion and people, and as an essential element of Jewish expression and education.
6. Habonim Dror recognises and strives towards the basic solidarity of the Jewish people, which has a common destiny transcending geographical and cultural barriers. We are One People – Am Ehad, characterised by mutual, collective responsibility.