

Election Report: Zionist Federation of Austria 2025

Voting Dates: July 1–14, 2025

Introduction

In July 2025, the Zionist Federation of Austria conducted its national elections to elect its delegation for the 39th World Zionist Congress using a secure, online voting platform. This report provides a full review of the voting process, participation patterns, security systems, results, and whether the community's goals were achieved. All findings are explained clearly for every member, regardless of technical background.

Objective Goals of the Election

- **Ensure a fair, secure, and transparent voting process** for all eligible members in Austria and abroad.
- **Maximize participation** among both local members (especially Vienna) and international (diaspora) members.
- **Protect voter privacy and ballot secrecy.**
- **Guarantee “one person, one vote”**—preventing any double voting.
- **Support accessibility** for all, including older and less technical voters.
- **Produce clear, auditable results** to inspire confidence in the election's integrity.

Voting Process and Token-Based Security

How Voting Worked

- **Unique Voting Token:**
Every eligible voter was able to get a **unique, one-time-use voting (“token”)** to the registered e mail .
- **Token Validity:**
Each token was valid for **only 5 minutes** after it was sent. This meant

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- voters had to act quickly, making it hard for anyone else to use the token even if they got access to the email.
- **One-Time Voting:**
Once a token was used, it was **immediately invalidated**—the system would not let the same token or email vote again.
- **Preventing Mistakes and Abuse:**
Forwarded, copied, expired, or reused tokens simply did not work. Only the original recipient, within 5 minutes, could cast a vote.
- **Requesting a New Token:**
If a voter did not use their token in time, they could request a fresh one (so long as they hadn't voted yet).

Why This Matters

- **Prevents Double Voting:** Each voter, each email, each token—just one vote.
- **Boosts Security:** Even if someone intercepted the email later, it would be too late to vote.
- **Protects Privacy:** The system did **not** connect any vote to a voter's name—only counted that a valid token was used once.

When and How Did Voting Happen?

Voting Period:

- Opened: July 1, 2025
- Closed: July 14, 2025, 23:59

Two Voting Waves

- First Wave (July 1–4)
Second Wave (July 10–14)
Most votes were cast in the afternoons and evenings (14:00–00:00), matching people's work and family schedules.

Where Did Votes Come From?

Country	IP
Austria	849
Israel	30
United States	20
Italy	17
Germany	13
United Kingdom	6
Hungary	5
Canada	4
Croatia	4
Greece	4
Switzerland	4
France	3
Georgia	3
Portugal	3
Spain	3
Cyprus	2
Slovenia	2
Algeria	1
Ireland	1
Lithuania	1
Malta	1
Mexico	1
Nigeria	1
North Macedonia	1
Poland	1
Sweden	1
The Netherlands	1
Total	982

Vienna, as the largest community, had more group voting. No “super-clusters” of voting from a single device or internet address.

Voting by Device and Location (IP Data)

We analysed the IP (internet address) data from the digital voting records. IP analysis helps confirm that each vote came from a real, separate user, not from bots, fraud, or organized mass voting from one location. We explain what was found, what patterns were normal, and any signs to watch for in the future.

- **Most Voters Used Personal Devices:**
Almost every vote came from a different device and address.
- **Some Shared Devices/Connections:**
Most probably from community centers or in large families, several people voted from the same computer or WiFi.

Top Repeat IPs Example

IP Address	Count	City	Country
91.119.56.114	17	Graz	Austria
104.28.130.6	12	Vienna	Austria
104.28.130.5	10	Vienna	Austria
93.42.169.107	6	Milan	Italy
129.222.195.102	4	Toronto	Canada
213.142.97.79	4	Vienna	Austria
77.119.193.105	4	Vienna	Austria
80.110.32.29	4	Vienna	Austria
84.115.218.231	4	Vienna	Austria
91.141.56.72	4	Vienna	Austria

- There were no abnormal voting spikes or impossible patterns.

Security, Privacy, and System Integrity

- **One vote per person:** Token/email could be used only once.
- **Privacy protected:** Votes cannot be traced back to individuals.
- **No duplicate or fake votes detected.**
- **Audit logs kept:** Every vote's time, city, and device location (but not identity) saved for potential review.
- **Technical reliability:** No downtime or major technical complaints reported.
- System compliant with European (GDPR) and Israeli privacy laws.

Results Compared to Objectives

Objective Goal	Result
Secure, transparent voting	Fully achieved. All audit logs available.
One person, one vote	Fully enforced by token system.
Voter privacy & ballot secrecy	Fully protected, system never links name/vote.
Clear, auditable result	Achieved.

Conclusion

This election met or exceeded all the community's goals:

- It was secure, private, fair, and transparent.
- The token system ensured only one vote per person, with strong privacy and technical safeguards.
- Members participated from across Austria and worldwide.
- The process and result are a model for future digital community votes.
- Final registration list valid for voting was 1277 people.

Certified results:

- **Likud and Misrachi:** 551 votes
- **Hashomer Hatzair/Arzenu:** 431 votes
- **Total votes:** 982

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