

This Is How the Republicans Overseas Israel Co-Chair Celebrated the Election

Wearing a suit and tie and having donned a white “Make America Great Again” ballcap, Republicans Overseas Israel co-chairman Marc Zell—the man who led the Israeli effort in President-Elect Donald Trump’s victory—wanted to celebrate his party’s upset win in the general election.

According to *The Times of Israel*, he went to the Western Wall in Jerusalem’s Old City the afternoon following the election to give thanks to God. He put on phylacteries, danced with ultra-Orthodox worshippers, and recited verses of thanksgiving from the book of Psalms. He also wrote a prayer to place into the stones of the wall.

“I came here simply because I wanted to express my feeling of gratitude to the Holy One, Blessed be He, for what He gave us, for what He gave Donald Trump and [vice-president-elect] Mike Pence and the entire team, also in Israel and across the world,” he said. “I am in the clouds, really. I believed it would happen, but when it actually came true, I didn’t understand what’s going on here. It’s something supernatural.”

Zell, who was born and raised in Washington, D.C., told the newspaper he’s never met the president-elect face-to-face, but he is looking forward to doing so soon. He said Trump had pledged to make Israel a stop on his first foreign visit.

He added that he believes Trump should make moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing it as the Israeli capital a top priority of his new administration.