



# Profile: Free State Project Member Merav Yaakov

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## Free State Project Members

Free State Project members sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire and work to change the way of life in our state. They do not move here for a job, or for family, or even because they like what New Hampshire has to offer. Instead, they move here because a political group they are affiliated with voted on a state to move to in order to enact a political agenda, and New Hampshire was the unlucky recipient of that vote.

## Manchester Ward 10 Clerk Candidate Merav Yaakov

Manchester Ward 10 Clerk Candidate Merav Yaakov [moved to New Hampshire in 2011](#) as part of the Free State Project. Yaakov has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Yaakov donated over \$1000 to the Free State Project to support marketing efforts aimed at encouraging more people to sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire.** The majority of FSP participants will not move until 20,000 individuals have signed on for the Free State Project. [Trigger the Move Patrons](#)
- **Yaakov recruits Free State Project members to run for state and federal offices in New Hampshire.** Yaakov claims that “a few dozen” members were elected in 2014. Yaakov chairs [Get Involved PAC](#) to support these candidates. ([Free State Project- Blogs- Early Mover Stories- Merav Yaakov](#))
- **Yaakov was the lead organizer of the 2015 Liberty Forum, a yearly Free State Project showcase.** Merav continues to [provide support](#) to the [Liberty Forum](#). Merav characterizes the event as a way to attract FSP participants. ([Free State Project- Blogs- Early Mover Stories- Merav Yaakov](#))

## Why is Merav Yaakov’s FSP Affiliation Important?

The ultra-extreme Free State Project voted on a state to move 20,000 people to, with the stated purpose to take over state government and dismantle it. The Free State Project seeks to create a libertarian “utopia” void of public infrastructure and common laws, and to use the power of numbers to dramatically change New Hampshire – even threatening secession from the rest of the country.<sup>1</sup> Members like Merav Yaakov are actively working to help the Free State Project fulfill those goals.

**For more information about the Free State Project Watch of Granite State Progress, contact (603) 225-2471 or [freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org](mailto:freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org).**

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<sup>1</sup> *“Once we’ve taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we’ve accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this.”* [[Announcement: The Free State Project](#) by Founder Jason Sorens]