



# **JUSTICE FOR JEWS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES**

## **International Rights and Redress Campaign**

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### **I. IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT (*International Rights and Redress Campaign*)**

To credibly, and effectively assert the legitimate rights of former Jewish refugees from Arab countries, an international campaign is required that would both examine the mass violations of human rights and catalogue the loss of extensive communal and individual assets. That comprehensive data is not available today.

That is why the Israeli Cabinet, in March 2002 and December 2003, called for efforts “to gather information, data, claims and documents... (and) record details of Jewish private and communal property in Arab countries and the denial of their rights”.

With memories fading, and elderly people passing on each day, this will be the last chance to obtain this important record of Jewish history and the evidence for future claims.

### **II. INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND REDRESS CAMPAIGN**

Jewish communities in some 20 countries are participating in the *International Rights and Redress Campaign* to assert the rights of former Jewish refugees from Arab countries. The campaign is targeting governments, the media, Jewish organizations, synagogues and Jewish day schools in all Diaspora Jewish communities.

Organized by *Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC)*, the goals are:

- 1. To conduct public education programs on the heritage and rights of former Jewish refugees from Arab countries; and***
- 2. To register family history narratives, and catalogue communal and individual losses, suffered by Jews who fled from Arab countries.***

*Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC)* has recruited the involvement of 20 Diaspora Jewish communities and over 72 major Jewish organizations on five continents, including:

The American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; American Sephardi Federation; Anti-Defamation League; Asociación, Association of Reform Zionists of America; Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA); B'nai Brith Canada; B'nai Brith Hungary; B'nai Brith International; Board of Deputies of British Jews; Canadian Jewish Congress; CCCOJB; Central Conference of American Rabbis; Centro Israelita de Bagota; Comité Central de la Comunidad Judía de México; Comunidad de San Pedro Sula; Comunidad Judía Guatemalteca; Confederação Israelita do Brasil; Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Congregation of Israelite Associations of Venezuela; Congreso Judío Panamano; Conseil representative des institutions juives de France (CRIF); Executive Council of Australian Jewry; Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain; Hadassah; HARIF; Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS); Hillel; Historical Society of Jews from Egypt; Institut Sepharade Europeen; International Sephardic Leadership Council; Jewish Community Centers Association; Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA); Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa (JIMENA); Mercaz, the Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement; National Council of Young Israel; NCSJ; Advocates on behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States & Eurasia; Nueva Congregación Israelita: Uruguay; Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbinical Council of America; Syrian & Near Eastern Jewish Communities in America; Svensk-Israel-Information - Swedish Israel Information For Israel and Democracy in the Middle East (FADIM); Unione delle Comunità Ebraiche Italiane; Union for Reform Judaism; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (OU); United Jewish Communities and the World Sephardic Congress.