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Introduction



COVID-19 has been a historic period of profound struggle and upheaval worldwide. The pandemic has not only challenged us to respond to the public health crisis, but also highlighted racial and socioeconomic disparities that exist in our country. Immediately after the JCPA2020 national conference in February, the COVID-19 pandemic reached critical mass in the U.S. In

response, JCPA promptly pivoted to virtual programming and emergency support for the Jewish community relations field.

JCPA quickly provided critical support and guidance to local Jewish community relations councils (JCRCs) and national member organizations on combating antisemitism and racism while advocating for the newly emergent needs of the Jewish community. JCPA also helped the community relations field navigate complex challenges and new opportunities to fight injustice arising out of the #BlackLivesMatter movement protests, uptick in hate speech online, and a contentious election with unique difficulties related to the pandemic.

JCPA's Board of Directors adopted a crisis communications plan and ensured that our organization was prepared to respond to this difficult moment. This included:

- Guiding the community relations network through the national COVID-19 crisis and responded to social, economic and political challenges that arose in America.
- Ensuring a cohesive network of JCRCs by coordinating, convening, and providing resources and strategic sessions to support their work responding to the crisis at the local level.
- Activating our Delegates Assembly to set policy priorities in response to the social ills experienced during this time, and to share best practices and the experiences of those most impacted.
- Advocating on JCPA's legislative priorities, by amplifying the consensus view of the network to influence government officials, shift cultural attitudes, and reduce polarization on critical issues.
- Strengthening relationships with leaders of diverse communities and engaged in issue-based coalitions working in common cause with other racial, ethnic, faith and civil leaders at both the local and national levels.

Due to our organizations expertise in virtual platforms, JCPA was able to provide the network with uninterrupted access to a standing Policy Advisory Committee, representative Delegates Assembly, regularly scheduled JCRC Chairs and Professionals meetings, leadership convenings with the national member agencies and the JCPA Frank Fellows alumni group. The activities of each of these cohorts in grappling with pressing issues and engaging in needed education and advocacy were instrumental in our success locally and nationally.

JCPA's first priority was supporting the JCRCs during this time period. The JCRCs are on the front lines in representing the Jewish community needs locally to legislators and in working together to with other diverse groups to build communities and respond to current affairs. JCPA convened the JCRCs on a weekly basis as social issues arose. Together, JCRCs and JCPA set strategy and created a support system. JCPA prepared toolkits and resources on priority concerns and convened a JCRC cohort on engaging Black communities with the aim of strengthening relationships and Jewish involvement in civil rights. This included bringing JCRC professionals and Chairs together with national leaders from the Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Muslim communities to learn about their pressing issues.

Five Actions for Good While Social Distancing

- 1. Get Counted**
Take 10 minutes to fill out the 2020 Census survey online.
- 2. Register to Vote**
Make sure to register and encourage others to as well.
- 3. Sign onto Faith Policy Priorities**
Add your name to the petition to support the most vulnerable.
- 4. Volunteer**
Contact your local Jewish Community Relations Council and Jewish Federation.
- 5. Take Action**
Visit JCPA's webpage on COVID-19 to learn what you can do.

The infographic features a central network diagram with a dome icon at the center, surrounded by various icons representing communication, location, social media, and community. The JCPA logo is in the bottom right corner.

JCPA and its local-national network remain vibrant, dynamic and even more crucial than ever in today's divided environment. We demonstrated that when JCPA brings the community together, we make an incredible impact.

This annual report will cover JCPA's work during the COVID-19 emergency period from March 2020-June 2021.

COVID-19 Response Plan

Delegates Assembly Emergency Response

During the pandemic JCPA convened the Delegates Assembly several times to set its priorities for action. The Delegates Assembly brings together JCRCs and national Jewish member organizations to grapple with pressing issues, hear from highly respected speakers, and shape JCPA's policies and priorities. Created in 2018, the Delegates Assembly is the highest deliberative policy body of the community relations field and was invaluable during COVID-19.



JCPA also organized educational sessions on issues in real time such as policing, public safety and racial justice with top thinkers and advocates. These programs, and the Delegates Assembly as whole, exceeded our highest expectations with unprecedented participation from our national and local member agencies. The work and decisions of the Delegates Assembly placed JCPA on the cutting edge and ensured we could serve as a valued intergroup partner.

In April and May 2020, shortly after the lockdown, JCPA convened a virtual two-part emergency Delegates Assembly session on COVID-19 in April and May 2020. The meeting set forth the priorities and strategy for the community relations field during this time. More than 180 representatives from 79 of our national and local member agencies attended to discuss critical areas of concern raised by our diverse coalitions.

Participants heard from experts on voting rights, immigration, prisons, and the social safety net before breaking into working groups to set policy strategy on these issues. On May 8, the Delegates Assembly met again for a voting session where they adopted four COVID-19 specific emergency resolutions: immigration detention, decriminalization, and enforcement, decarceration of prisons and jails, vote-by-mail and in-person voting, and handling public health crises. These resolutions set the course for JCPA's work for the year.

Adopted Resolutions:

- **Immigration Concerns During a Pandemic** - This resolution states that people seeking to come to the U.S. and should be treated with dignity and respect for their basic human rights, including health and safety, not as criminals. Based on this belief, this resolution calls on the U.S. government to adopt a range of policies and practices that protect immigrant communities, regardless of immigration status. This includes releasing all migrants from

immigration detention (except those who pose an immediate and specific threat), making unauthorized border crossing a civil not criminal violation, suspending enforcement activities, and ensuring the inclusion of all immigrants in any health and economic measures related to the crisis.

- **Criminal Justice Reform During a Pandemic** - This resolution calls on the Jewish community relations field to support policies and take action to significantly reduce the population of incarcerated individuals, provide reentry support for essential needs, prevent recidivism and ensure essential hygiene and medical care for those working or remaining in these institutions.
- **Voting Rights and Elections During a Pandemic** - This resolution affirms that safe, fair, and accessible elections are a core component of a strong, thriving democracy and that federal government is responsible for protecting voting rights and providing funding to assist states and localities to adapt their voting systems to meet today’s challenges. All measures that impede voting should be eliminated and support should be provided for those who may need assistance. The resolution calls on the Jewish community to help people exercise their right to vote without risking their health and safety during this pandemic and afterward.
- **Principles for Responding to a Public Health Crisis** - This resolution sets policy recommendations for handling public health crises, including reaffirming that the Jewish community should continue to play a strong role in supporting and protecting vulnerable and at-risk communities and that government responses should adhere to principles prioritizing vulnerable populations.



In July, the Delegates Assembly met once again to focus on the #BlackLivesMatter social protests’ calls for defunding the police and investing instead in community well-being. The session was an important moment to guide the field’s response and to encourage a consensus view of the importance of engaging in this significant civil rights movement focused on ending systemic racism in America. In January, the Delegates Assembly came back together for an Education Session to review and endorse JCPA’s Racial Justice Policy Platform and create best practices for strengthening inter-group partnerships with Black communities. The platform aligns JCPA policy with that of the NAACP and National Urban League, drawing on our existing resolutions on criminal justice, economic opportunity, education, environmental and climate justice, health, housing, jobs, and voting rights. We believe that these issues must be pursued collectively to combat systemic racism and inequality.

The 2021 Delegates Assembly resolutions voting session was held as part of the JCPA2021 National Conference. (See JCPA2021 National Virtual Conference section for more information).

JCPA's Racial Justice Platform and Advocacy



The grievous killing of George Floyd by police officers in May 2020, compounded by existing racial disparities exacerbated during COVID-19, gave rise to one of the largest and most diverse grassroots movements in the U.S. With a history of working for racial equity and justice in close partnership with Black communities, JCPA supported the community relations field to engage in the new civil rights movement, educate themselves on the changing discourse and current day priorities, and strengthen their relationships with Black communities. JCPA prioritized educating and engaging the Jewish community in this new movement and provided opportunities for activism. Over the past four years, through our criminal justice reform work, JCPA built relationships with leaders in the racial justice space, and we were already engaged in coalition work and advocacy.

When the death of George Floyd occurred, JCPA swiftly issued a statement of solidarity with the Black community pledging to work to end systemic racism in law enforcement, signed by more than 130 Jewish organizations. JCPA produced an op-ed printed in the *Forward*, entitled “My Fellow Jews: Get in the Fight,” by Melanie Roth Gorelick, JCPA Senior Vice President. The JCRC Directors Association leaders also penned a *Forward* article, “Dear Jewish Community – Here’s What to Do Now.” JCPA and JCRCs endorsed an open letter from more than 600 Jewish communal organizations supporting the Black Lives Matter movement that appeared in *Medium* and the *New York Times*. JCPA’s Delegates Assembly endorsed a racial justice platform in January 2021 based on JCPA’s existing resolutions.

JCPA also looked internally, beginning with a survey of the field on the status of JCRC relationships with Black communities and engagement on civil rights issues. Using this information as a starting point, JCPA created toolkits, guides and templates for the field including a *JCPA/JCRC Guide for Civil Rights Engagement and Strengthening the Black Community*. JCPA also provided program ideas through the *JCPA Template for Jewish Community Relations Virtual Program Series on Today’s Civil Rights Movement* and worked with more than 40 JCRCs to handle or jumpstart this work locally.

In response to questions and concerns about antisemitism within the Black Lives Matter movement, JCPA produced resources to educate the Jewish community and support JCRCs. These included a range of webinars featuring diverse speakers, several talking points, and fact sheets including: *JCPA’s Fact Sheet on the Black Lives Matter Movement*, *JCPA Talking Points on Antisemitism and the Black Lives Matter Movement*, and *Eric Ward on How the Jewish Community Can Navigate the Current Political and Social Moment*.

JCPA Task Force on Strengthening Relationships with Black Communities

JCPA formed an internal 20-person Task Force on Strengthening Relationships with Black Communities made up of stakeholders of JCPA. The Task Force helped JCPA navigate the new civil rights movement and developed organizational recommendations that included organizing an anti-racist training workshop for JCPA’s Board of Directors and a commitment to be a more inclusive and welcoming organization to the multiracial Jewish community.

The Task Force produced a toolkit for the community relations field that included guidelines for working in coalitions on where the redlines are when doing this work, especially when there are differing views around Israel - a major issue raised in our meetings. The Task Force also supported the Policy Advisory Committee’s prioritization voting rights and development of a racial justice policy platform.

JCPA organized important programs for the JCPA2021 National Conference including a plenary session on The State of Black America featuring Derrick Johnson, CEO of NAACP and Mark Morial, CEO of Urban League, and workshops on racial justice, ending systemic racism, and criminal justice reform, making racial justice the main topic of the two-day event. In one of the workshops, Task Force leaders spoke about their work and the challenges and best practices they had learned to date. Prior to the meeting, the Co-Chairs wrote an op-ed published in *eJewishPhilanthropy*, entitled “Racial Justice and the Jewish Community: One Year after the Death of George Floyd.”

In an article reviewing the work of Jewish organizations since George Floyd’s murder, the *Forward* highlighted many of JCPA’s initiatives. JCPA’s central message, which the *Forward* notes for those wishing to get involved locally, is to listen to and learn from people of color, and work to build a just and pluralistic America. The article also discussed JCPA’s 2021 annual national conference, where racial justice was presented as an important Jewish issue, and in addition to the topics already mentioned, sessions covered voting rights, Black-Jewish relations, mass incarceration, and a keynote speech from Georgia Senator Raphael Warnock.



Highlights of Program Priorities During COVID-19



During the pandemic our priority advocacy areas, set by the Delegates Assembly and Policy Advisory Committee, focused on combating hate and bigotry, democracy and the elections, and criminal justice reform. JCPA significantly augmented its webinar platform to educate and raise awareness, and intensified advocacy with our diverse issue-based coalition partners.

Combating Hate and Bigotry

JCPA spent the year combating rising antisemitism and hate. We saw an increase in hate violence and speech, both online and in person. JCPA joined with its Jewish and non-Jewish partners to combat hate and provide support to impacted communities. Below are some highlights of our work.

Solidarity with Asian American-Pacific Islander Communities Around COVID-19



At the start of the pandemic, we saw an increase in hate and bigotry against Asians and Pacific Islander communities in America. JCPA wrote a solidarity letter to those communities in both English and Mandarin, signed by 87 national Jewish organizations and local JCRCs across the country. This letter received significant national and media attention by both the Jewish and Chinese press. More than 50 Jewish and Asian American groups signed a second JCPA letter urging President Trump not to use the term “China Virus,” inflammatory stereotyping which led to physical violence

against Asian Americans. When the President ceased using the term, JCPA and Asian groups pivoted to a new letter expressing appreciation for the change.

Moved by the Jewish communal outcry, the United Chinese Americans (UCA) organization donated thousands of surgical masks to the Jewish Social Service Agency of Greater Washington. Chinese American groups also sent thousands of much-needed personal protective equipment

to Jewish social service agencies in Boston, New York City, Cleveland, Buffalo and San Francisco. This is the power of our network in action.

During a Congressional briefing JCPA cosponsored with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), JCPA was proud to receive recognition from Senator Schatz of Hawaii thanking us for our strong work opposing hate against Asian Americans.

JCPA's actions were highlighted throughout the Jewish press:

- “Dozens of US Jewish Groups Issue Open Letter of Support for Chinese Communities Amid Coronavirus Outbreak,” *Algemeiner*
- “Anti-Asian Racism and Violence Are Surging Amid Coronavirus Fears. Here’s How Groups Are Responding,” *Prism*
- “Coronavirus is Unnecessarily Harming our Squirrel Hill Economy,” *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*
- Video News Update, *Jewish Broadcasting Service*
- “Chinese-American groups return a Jewish message of solidarity by providing protective gear to agencies,” *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*
- “U.S. Jewish group calls for solidarity against virus-generated xenophobia in letter,” *Xinhua*
- “74 Jewish groups condemn racism against Chinese Americans amid coronavirus outbreak,” *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*

Antisemitism

Campaign to Stop Hate for Profit Online

During the pandemic, there was an increase in hate speech online, prompting the Jewish community to hold the social media sites accountable. JCPA joined the ADL, NAACP and LULAC to support their Campaign to Stop Hate for Profit by educating the community relations field and launching a public campaign in August 2020 against antisemitism and hate on Facebook. This included a letter garnering support from 90 Jewish organizations.

Additionally, JCPA was part of a Jewish advisory panel to Facebook, urging the social media giant to take steps to ban antisemitism and hatred. In September, JCPA led an effort in this group to make banning Holocaust denial its priority concern, as Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg had pointedly refused to do so. A month later, Facebook announced a change in policy to ban Holocaust denial. JCPA produced a statement in support of this policy decision.

JCPA Facilitates Meeting with Civil Rights Division Nominee, Kristen Clarke, After Misleading Allegations of Antisemitism Surface Ahead of Confirmation Hearing

Concerned about accusations of antisemitism against Kristen Clarke, President Biden’s nominee to lead the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, JCPA brought representatives of JCPA’s national-local network and Policy Advisory Committee together in March 2021 to meet with Ms. Clarke. After the meeting, the participants urged JCPA to issue a rare public statement on the political appointment, calling the allegations misleading. JCPA sent a letter to the Senate

Judiciary Committee on behalf of the participants to repudiate the misleading allegations of antisemitism. JCPA's letter was cited by Chairman Richard Durbin and submitted to the record during the confirmation hearing, and it was also covered by the *New York Times* and the *Forward*.

Speaking Out Against Antisemitic Backlash Amid Hamas-Israel Hostilities

In June 2021, more than 4000 rockets were launched from Gaza into Israel. After the fighting between Israel and Hamas, there was an increased number of violent attacks on American Jews, vandalism of Jewish institutions and spread of antisemitic rhetoric, particularly on social media.

JCPA urged civic, political, and faith leaders to denounce these acts of violence and intimidation immediately and to intensify efforts to combat this surge. Antisemitism is inextricably linked to other forms of hate and bigotry, and it is crucial that we continue to fight them together by joining forces across our diverse communities and standing in solidarity with each other. JCPA reaffirmed its call for the appointment of a White House Jewish Liaison and to fill the position of ambassador-at-large to monitor and combat antisemitism. Coverage in a recent *Hill* article, *Biden Faces Growing Pressure to Take Action on Antisemitism* urged Members of Congress to take swift action to address rising antisemitism, and endorsed the Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism's new resolution to address the surge in antisemitism.

2021 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism

JCPA cosponsored the 2021 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism organized by Combating Antisemitism Movement and the German city of Frankfurt am Main. JCPA also helped recruit the US to join with those from around the world to discuss strategies for combating antisemitism.

Democracy and the 2020 Election

JCPA believes that participating in the democratic process is a core American Jewish value - a civic and religious duty. The Jewish community has a rich and proud tradition of civic engagement and voter education. It ensures that the Jewish community has a voice in shaping our country's policies at every level of government. Voting during the COVID-19 pandemic was a central issue during the 2020 election. JCPA worked within the community relations field for a strong democracy and advocated for safe, free, and accessible elections despite polarization.

Highlights of JCPA's Advocacy on Elections and Voting Rights:

- JCPA joined members of the Faithful Democracy Coalition in signing *Faithful Democracy 2020: Restoring the Voters Covenant*, a letter from faith leaders that was sent to every Congressional office urging integrity, safety, and fairness in the 2020 elections. JCPA also cosponsored a Town Hall on how the faith community should ensure the 2020 elections remained safe and fair despite COVID-19.
- JCPA joined our civil rights partners in a major campaign around election funding, mobilizing the community relations field to urge Congress to provide at least \$4 billion in funding to states and counties to administer the 2020 elections during the COVID-19 crisis. JCPA was successful in securing \$200 million in funding for state elections assistance, though much more was needed.
- JCPA cosponsored a National Council of Jewish Women and Alpha Epsilon Phi Digital Lobby Day as part of a broader effort to ensure strong voter turnout.



#EveryVoteCounts Campaign

JCPA deterred attempts to polarize elections by launching a #EveryVoteCounts educational campaign. JCPA ensured that the JCRC network had updated election education and nonpartisan “Get Out the Vote” training materials that were relevant for COVID-19 and included alternative voting options in each county.

In addition, JCPA held nonpartisan “Get Out the Vote” training sessions for the JCRCs and created a #EveryVoteCounts resource page on our website. JCPA also produced a brand new edition of its *Candidate and Voter Education Guide 2020* and a *Nonpartisan “Get Out the Vote” Resource Guide* to focus on the unique challenges of the pandemic and highlight best practices for virtual organizing.

JCPA also organized a webinar on the *Jewish Case for Voting and Civic Engagement*, focused on the efforts of the four Jewish denominations to promote a strong democracy and election participation during COVID-19.

Free & Fair: Our Duty to Democracy Initiative

JCPA joined the “Free & Fair: Our Duty to Democracy Initiative,” organized by the Lippman-Kanfer Foundation to ensure that Jewish organizations had the resources they needed to support the Jewish community through the election season. JCPA brought together its Network to learn about it, organizing meetings with JCRC professionals, JCRC Chairs, the JCPA Board, and national member organizations. JCPA, along with over 30 other Jewish organizations, closed its offices on election day to ensure JCPA staff could vote and participate in volunteer activities in their communities.

Response to Increased Polarization around Elections

JCPA regularly convened an inter-agency advisory group on election security to provide guidance on responding to any conflict or violence locally or nationally, should it occur, as it did on January 6. Toward the end of the 2020 elections period, marked by extreme polarization and inflammatory rhetoric, JCPA spearheaded *A Jewish Statement on Elections and Democratic Principles*, signed by the community relations network - more than 90 Jewish organizations, including 15 national member agencies and 76 local Jewish community relations councils and Federations. The statement included topline messaging directly from JCPA’s 2001 and 2017 resolutions.

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Election Day is just days away...

In many places, early voting is already underway with record-breaking numbers casting their ballots. We urge you to vote and encourage your community members to vote by November 3. To support you in nonpartisan efforts to “Get Out the Vote,” JCPA has put together a resource page to assist you - [click here to learn more.](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Vote and Remind Your Friends and Family to Vote

- **Make a plan:** Verify your voter registration status, find your polling location or drop box, and learn what’s on your ballot.
- **Tell your friends and family** that you plan to vote. Research has shown that this simple act can increase turnout.

Protect the Vote

- **Spread the word** about nonpartisan volunteers who are ready to help if there are problems on Election Day. Call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit [866ourvote.org](#).
- **Fight disinformation:** In case of a contested ELECTION or election results are not finalized on November 3, we encourage you to be patient and support efforts for the votes to be counted. Help reduce polarization and encourage civil discourse by sharing these key messages:
 - **Don’t Repeat:** Warn people NEVER to repeat or engage hate and disinformation, even to criticize it - that just gives it more oxygen.
 - **Unity over Division:** People should flood their own networks with affirmative stories of solidarity, empathy and intergroup collaboration. While others fill our news feeds with hate, they can amplify their resilience and unity in the face of hate and attacks on the democratic process.
 - **Counting votes could take time** in a pandemic, and that’s a good sign. Even in the best of times, results are never final until all votes are processed and counted. And, we may not notice it but state and federal laws are used all the time to address irregularities or worse. Delay is a sign that the gears of democracy are grinding as they should.
 - **Trusted Sources:** Look for trusted sources such as Election Officials or Non-Partisan organizations such as your local JCRC or faith community in the wake of the election to receive credible info about what is happening.
 - **Social media starts and pundits will “spin” and speculate** to boost viewer ratings and sensationalism. This year, media reports will be filled with all kinds of guesswork about what long lines mean, or which party does better in absentee voting. No one should assume that early declarations are definitive. Every organization should help direct people to wait until there is an

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2020 NONPARTISAN GET OUT THE VOTE RESOURCE GUIDE

THE NEW YORK JEWISH WEEK

A Jewish Foundation Campaigns to Protect the Right to Vote

The Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah is educating clergy on election procedures -- and asking Jewish offices to close on Nov. 3.

By Andrew Silow-Carroll
October 14, 2020.

Aaron Dorfman rejects the idea that the right to vote is a partisan issue.

“For hundreds of years, we have aspired to the idea, not always successfully, that every citizen should vote. It’s a bedrock of our democracy,” says Dorfman, the president of The Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah. “The fact that any one candidate is trying to prevent that does not mean that advocating for the right to vote is a partisan issue.”

With that right seemingly under attack from various directions — restrictive voter ID laws, voter roll purges, voter intimidation and President Trump’s regular assaults on the integrity of mail-in voting — the Lippman Kanfer Foundation is taking action. Its Free&Fair: Our Duty to Democracy campaign is providing Jewish leaders and communities with resources to respond to confusion over voting procedures, the possibility of a contested election and the grim potential for political violence.

The campaign is also asking Jewish organizations to close their offices on Election Day, to allow staff to vote and engage with the process.

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

Jewish groups giving employees off for Election Day – to get out the vote and safeguard democracy

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2020 CANDIDATE ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered almost every aspect of the way we live and work—and inevitably, it will impact how we vote this November. Participating in the democratic process is a core American Jewish value—a civic and religious duty. This Candidate Engagement Guide offers resources, tools, and best practices for organizing candidate engagement programs and voter education, both for the Jewish community and in conjunction with intergroup partners.

The Jewish community has a rich and proud tradition of civic engagement and voter education.

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JCPA’s strategy in releasing this ahead of the election was to establish a nonpartisan stance and build a foundation for any post-election response if necessary. The statement called upon all candidates running for elected office, as well as all Americans, to engage during this election season in a thoughtful, respectful, and civil discussion over the future direction of this country. JCPA swiftly condemned the violent insurrection at the United States Capitol Building as a direct assault on our democratic process and nothing less than an attempt to disrupt the peaceful transition of power in a presidential election and an act of sedition.

Criminal Justice Reform

COVID Emergency in Prisons and Jails

Criminal Justice Reform remained a priority concern during the pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic, recognizing the potential catastrophe facing incarceration facilities in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, JCPA joined with its partners in the Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition and the Justice Roundtable to advocate for emergency practices at the federal, state, and local levels. JCPA's Criminal Justice Initiative launched an advocacy campaign to raise awareness of emergency conditions during the pandemic and mobilize the Jewish community to support decarceration efforts.

Highlights Include:

- Educational webinar series attended by thousands of people. Some examples: *Coronavirus in Prisons, Jails: An Emergency We Need To Address NOW*, *Over 6 Million Americans on Community Supervision: Reforming Pretrial, Parole, and Probation*, *Front End Justice: Exploring Why Pretrial Reform is Needed*.
- Letter writing campaign in which almost 800 Jewish community members sent letters to Congress asking their elected officials to prioritize these concerns and enact swift measures to stem the spread.
- Partnering with the Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration (EMI), of which JCPA is a founding member, to hold a town hall meeting on the COVID-19 emergency in prisons and jails.



National Jewish Network on Criminal Justice Reform

Beginning in the fall of 2020, JCPA's National Jewish Network on Criminal Justice Reform, made up of more than 65 experts, practitioners, and advocates from around the country, convened regularly and focused on developing a Jewish Values Framework entitled *A Jewish Call to Action: Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization*. It was signed by nearly 100 leading Jewish practitioners, experts, and advocates in the criminal justice space, and was launched during the JCPA2021 National Conference with a live reading, a plenary session on the topic and short social media video. JCPA believes this statement, which represents many months of dedicated work, will help inspire more Jews and Jewish organizations, local and national, to get involved in the fight against mass incarceration.

Police Reform

In response to the calls for defunding the police after the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, JCPA organized a number of programs and policy efforts to support efforts of the Jewish community to engage with coalitions to build communities that are safe for everyone. JCPA also remained active in its efforts for policy reform. This advocacy was based on JCPA's Restorative and Rehabilitative Justice Resolution passed in February 2020.

Criminal Justice Reform Video Playlist 2020

- *Coronavirus in Prisons, Jails: An Emergency We Need to Address Now*, April 2, 2020
- *Over 6 Million Americans are on Community Supervision: Reforming Pretrial, Parole, and Probation*, April 8, 2020
- *Front End Justice: Exploring Why Pretrial Reform is Needed*, May 1, 2020
- *A COVID-19 Emergency Virtual Town Hall*, May 8, 2020
- *Ending Racism in America, A Discussion with Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP*, June 16, 2020
- *Black Lives Matter and the Jewish Community: A Discussion with Eric Ward and Carly Pildis*, July 2, 2020
- *Ending Systemic Racism in Policing*, July 9, 2020
- *Understanding Policing and Where We Go From Here*, July 10, 2020
- *Redefining Public Safety: What Communities Need to Succeed*, July 10, 2020
- *Unpacking the Discourse on Policing and Public Safety*, July 10, 2020
- *Black Lives Matter: A Conversation on Being Black and Jewish in this Moment*, July 15, 2020
- *Understanding Policing and Public Safety*, July 16, 2020
- *The Role of the Congressional Caucus on Black Jewish Relations During Times Like These*, Sept. 1, 2020

Efforts included:

- Organized webinar series on understanding police reform and prepared resources including: *Resources for Understanding Police Reform 101* and *Priority Principles for Federal Legislation on Policing*. JCPA organized several webinars focused on reimagining policing and investing in community well-being.
- Continued to be an active member of the Leadership Conference Justice Task Force, which put together eight priority measures for federal policing reform in early June. JCPA endorsed these reforms along with over 440 other organizations. Through JCPA's action alerts some 800 people sent letters to their Congressional delegation in just over 24 hours. As a leader in the Washington Interfaith Coalition, JCPA signed on to a faith letter sent to Congress supporting police reform and racial equality.
- Submitted a Statement for the Record on the eight priorities to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability. JCPA worked with national coalition partners to secure improvements to the package of reforms, known as the Justice in Policing Act, which was introduced in the House, and included most of the eight recommendations.
- Advocated for the passage of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act by the House of Representatives. While JCPA and many other criminal justice advocates were disappointed that important improvements to police accountability and oversight provisions were not included, JCPA has been a strong advocate for this bill and urged representatives to vote yes to it. The bill sets a critical floor for police conduct. Unfortunately, as of this publication the bill remains stalled in the Senate, where any version that emerges from ongoing negotiations is likely to be substantially weaker.
- Joined the Leadership Conference Coalition letter urging improvement to the Justice in Policing Act.
- Submitted testimony on Law Enforcement Reform to the House Judiciary Committee in 2020.

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In the summer of 2021, JCPA launched its first Criminal Justice Reform Legislative Update. As part of our Criminal Justice Initiative, JCPA produced a legislative memo to inform the Jewish community relations field about Congressional criminal justice legislative efforts and any action needed.

COVID-19 Policy and Legislative Advocacy

JCPA worked closely with its coalition partners including the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the Washington Interfaith Staff Coalition. JCPA also continued to convene the Washington Representatives of Jewish Legislative Offices virtually to ensure the Jewish community was in regular contact around policy priorities and emergency response.

In just the first two weeks after the nation went on lockdown, JCPA immediately worked to coordinate its member agencies on COVID-19 legislation and priorities of different Jewish organizations. JCPA also organized an emergency meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee to set priorities and participated in JFNA's government affairs meetings and actions on the COVID-19 stimulus package.

Helping the Most Vulnerable During COVID-19

JCPA's legislative priorities focused first and foremost on helping vulnerable populations at higher risk of infection including individuals in prison, immigrants and children in detention, people in long-term care facilities and those experiencing homelessness. JCPA mobilized its field in support of COVID-19 relief, nutrition assistance, healthcare and paycheck protection. JCPA found that virtually showcasing high-profile, diverse speakers who were experts and advocates, was a great resource both to our own network and the Jewish community at large. JCPA partnered with its national Jewish member organizations to highlight their priority concerns and regularly amplified and shared JCRC-produced webinars.



Legislative Advocacy Objectives:

- **Poverty, Nutrition and Health** - Significantly increase funding and flexibility for food, housing, and other federal assistance programs, as well as expand and modernize Unemployment Insurance and paid sick and family leave. Focus economic stimulus measures first on vulnerable groups.
- **Voting Rights** - Provide \$2 billion for states to expand access to voting through vote-by-mail and early voting, online and same-day registration, and other voting and elections protections like a prohibition on polling location adjustments that disenfranchise voters.
- **Immigration**- Allow immigrants and others with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) to access Medicaid and economic relief and release as many immigrants as possible from detention.
- **Criminal Justice**- Ensure those in federal prisons have basic necessities and release as many people from incarceration as possible through existing mechanisms, particularly those that are elderly and medically vulnerable. For those who will be or already have been released, lift bans on access to social services and housing.

- **Jewish Agencies and Nonprofits-** Support the Jewish Federations of North America and Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies in advocating for nonprofits and social safety net programs.

JCPA's key action alerts on the Congressional relief packages, garnered thousands of signatures:

- Protect the Most Vulnerable from the Impacts of COVID-19
- Address the COVID-19 Emergency in Prisons and Jails
- Provide Critical Funding for Elections in Response to COVID-19
- Support the Paycheck Loan Protection Program
- Support Additional COVID-19 Relief

In March 2020, JCPA cosponsored a webinar on *A Faith Response to COVID-19* as an active member of the Interfaith Domestic Human Needs Working Group. JCPA also sent letters to House and Senate leaders, as well as an action alert that generated thousands of messages to Members of Congress to share faith principles for the COVID-19 crisis response.

Voting Rights

JCPA increased its advocacy on elections and voting rights as a major priority of the community relations network. JCPA joined members of the Faithful Democracy Coalition in signing Faithful Democracy 2020: Restoring the Voters Covenant and sending a letter from faith leaders to every Congressional office urging integrity, safety and fairness in the 2020 elections.

In July, JCPA and ADL released a Joint Jewish Communal Letter to the United States Senate Regarding Safe, Fair and Accessible Elections During COVID-19 signed by 147 other Jewish organizations. The letter called for the inclusion of election and voter safety protections and access in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus package.

JCPA joined our civil rights partners in a major campaign around election funding, mobilizing the community relations field to urge Congress to provide at least \$4 billion in funding to states and counties to administer the 2020 elections during the COVID-19 crisis. JCPA was successful in securing \$200 million in funding for state elections assistance, though much more was needed.

In 2021, with the start of a new Administration and Congress, JCPA continued to urge the passage of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Over the summer, JCPA issued an action alert on the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4), prompting hundreds of JCPA supporters to urge their representatives to take action. Due to immense public pressure, the House of Representatives reconvened in mid-August to pass H.R. 4, which would restore the Voting Rights Act, helping to protect the freedom to vote for communities of color across the nation and ensure that all Americans have the same opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. JCPA celebrated the passage of this critical legislation in a statement.

Welcoming a New Administration and Congress

JCPA's Policy Advisory Committee, the central address of JCPA's policy work, presented its first 100 days policy recommendations to the Biden-Harris Administration Transition Team at a virtual meeting in January. The gathering provided an opportunity for JCPA's national member organizations to share their top priorities as well.

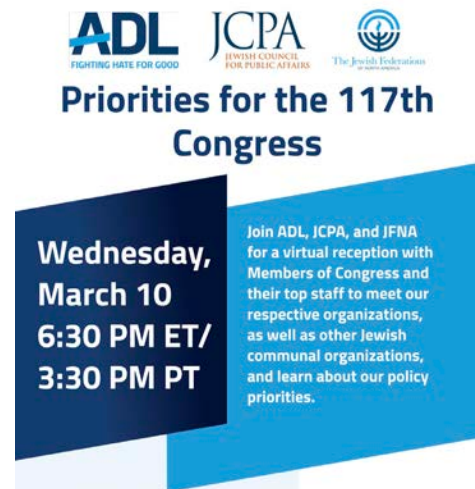
JCPA, in coordination with more than 45 faith-based partners, successfully called on the Biden Administration to re-establish a robust White House faith-based office, which JCPA believed would enhance the work of government and enable it to be better informed on pending decisions JCPA has been an active participant since its reestablishment, through direct contact with the White House faith-based liaison and in periodic briefing calls.

JCPA proudly cosponsored JFNA's first-ever Virtual Mission to DC in February 2021. This mission was an opportunity for communities across the United States to virtually join with political leaders and policymakers from both sides of the aisle. JCPA joined in advocating for laws to fight antisemitism, ensure strong U.S.-Israel relations, and provide government resources to keep Jewish institutions flourishing. JCPA also co-sponsored JFNA's Jewish Disability Advocacy Month, where diverse communities across North America came together to help advance policy that empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence.

In April 2021, JCPA joined with ADL and JFNA to organize a Congressional Briefing for Jewish Members of Congress to discuss our "first 100 days recommendations" and to hear from them about their priority issues. That program was attended by more than 20 Members of Congress and 300 Jewish leaders from around the country.

Antisemitism and Hate

In May 2021, President Biden signed into law the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act, following strong bipartisan passage in Congress. This new law will improve hate crimes reporting, tracking and response, which is critical amid alarming increases in hate, bigotry and discrimination in our country. JCPA worked closely with its interfaith and intergroup partners for over four years to achieve passage of the bill. In 2020, JCPA and ADL sent every Senator a letter signed by 26 national Jewish organizations urging them to pass the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act. This law will be crucial in fighting rising hate, including antisemitism, anti-Black racism, anti-Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate and more.



Immigration

Immigration remained a priority concern during the pandemic, with a specific focus on the humane treatment of those seeking asylum during COVID-19. JCPA and HIAS teamed up to organize a Jewish organizational letter, signed by almost 200 Jewish groups, urging legislators to ensure that the country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic include resettled refugees, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) recipients, asylum seekers, and asylees. In addition, the letter also urged the Administration to restart the U.S. refugee resettlement program as soon as public health experts deemed it safe and to reverse recent policies that deny people access to our asylum system.



Immigration and the New Administration

- On February 24, President Biden issued an executive action revoking proclamations that separated and harmed families by banning hundreds of thousands of immigrants from accessing visas and green cards. The ban impacted most family-based visas, diversity visas and some employment-based and non-immigrant visas. The President's action was due in large part to JCPA and other immigrant rights groups' advocacy.
- JCPA closely monitored the Biden Administration's decision to reopen a temporary influx shelter in Texas for unaccompanied immigrant children. These facilities have been the sites of some of the worst conditions and systemic abuses over the past few years. JCPA and its partners continued working with the Administration on non-carceral solutions for handling fluctuating rates of child migration, significantly reducing the average time a child currently spends in this type of restrictive setting.
- JCPA and other human rights organizations have called on President Biden to end the misuse of Title 42 public health statute which is being used to deport asylum seekers and migrants, including children, without due process, to the very countries they have fled. JCPA joined the chorus of public health, humanitarian and faith-based groups calling for repeal and joined 20 organizations in endorsing a Congressional "Dear Colleague" letter that garnered signatures from more than 60 members of Congress.

2021 August Recess Advocacy Toolkit

August recess, when Members of Congress return to their home districts, is one of the best opportunities for the Jewish community relations network to advocate strategically on priority issues. To support the network and advance JCPA's legislative priorities, JCPA published its 2021 August Recess Advocacy Toolkit, which provides tips that include presenting an issue making an effective "ask," and issue briefs with background information. It also includes talking points on the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, bipartisan sentencing reform, and interfaith recovery bill recommendations.



International Human Rights

Combating genocide and mass atrocities has always been a JCPA priority. As a co-founder and active member of the Jewish Rohingya Justice Network, JCPA continued to press the Administration to make a genocide determination for the Rohingya people and for Congress to provide more humanitarian aid, as well as targeted sanctions.

On February 1, 2021, the Burmese military seized power through a *coup d'état*, choosing to flout the outcome of democratic elections in November 2020. In response, JCPA, as part of the Jewish Rohingya Justice Network, condemned the military's coup in Burma (Myanmar), its brutal crackdown on peaceful protests, and the unjust and arbitrary detention and arrest of democratic leaders, activists and protesters. This is the same military that perpetrated a genocide against the Rohingya people. JCPA is continuing to monitor the situation and urge the government to release a genocide determination.

Beginning in December 2020, JCPA expanded its work to include the genocide of the Uyghur, a Turkic ethnic minority residing in the Xinjiang Province of China. Since 2017, China has detained more than one million Uyghurs in internment camps. Uyghur people have been tortured, sterilized and murdered as part of an ongoing genocide.



As a first step in educating the Jewish community, JCPA organized at its January 2021 Delegates Assembly Educational Session a panel that focused on advocacy to end the genocide of the Uyghurs. Building on the success of this panel, which featured a Uyghur advocate whose brother is currently imprisoned, JCPA partnered with Jewish World Watch and other groups for a Uyghur Week of Action which included a Freedom Seder and a webinar on Combating the Genocide of the Uyghur People, featuring a firsthand account from a Uyghur advocate and a survivor. JCPA also covered this issue at the JCPA2021 Conference, where the Delegates Assembly also passed a resolution condemning the genocide and urging the U.S. government to apply additional sanctions and expand the targeted ban on products produced in or imported from the region.

Israel

While pandemic restrictions prevented JCPA from holding its annual Leadership Mission to Israel in 2020 and 2021, supporting Israel's quest for peace and security remained a top priority. JCPA advocated for the passage of the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act, applauded the Abraham Accords and studied and educated the field on the possibility of Israel's changing policies in the West Bank.

Israel's Changing Policies in the West Bank

In preparation for a possible Israeli government decision on applying sovereignty or annexation over parts of the West Bank, JCPA, in coordination with the Israel Action Network, put together a Task Force to assist JCRC Directors and Chairs in responding locally. Given the lack of consensus position on this issue, the field was concerned such a move could cause great conflict within the Jewish community. As JCPA does not have specific policy on this issue, the Task Force prioritized the need for education on all sides of the discussion and supported a two-state outcome. JCPA compiled articles, webinars, and studies on the issue to assist the JCRC field. The Israeli government has since paused on moving forward this policy.

Achieving Passage of the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act

After years of advocacy by the JCPA, including organized Hill days, Congress passed the bipartisan Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act, which provides \$250 million over five years to expand coexistence between Arabs and Israelis, fund peace building programs in the region, and support projects to strengthen the Palestinian economy. This historic legislation will help create an environment in which the parties can eventually achieve peace in the Middle East. The President signed the bill into law on December 27, 2020. As a strong advocate for this legislation, JCPA issued a press release applauding its passage.

Abraham Accords



On August 13, 2020, JCPA welcomed the Abraham Accords and the normalization of ties between Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States. Since then a number of other countries have entered into agreements with Israel such as Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. JCPA passed a resolution praising the Accords and ran a webinar entitled *Israel and the UAE: The first Official Israeli Visit*.

Hamas-Israel Hostilities

In May 2021, there was an escalation of violence in Jerusalem followed by a barrage of more than 4,000 Hamas rockets fired into Israeli cities. JCPA condemned the incitement by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas and urged all parties to do what they could to deescalate the situation. JCPA stood in solidarity with Israel's right to defend itself and urged all parties to work together against hate and violence toward efforts for peace, safety, and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. In May 2021 JCPA welcomed the ceasefire.

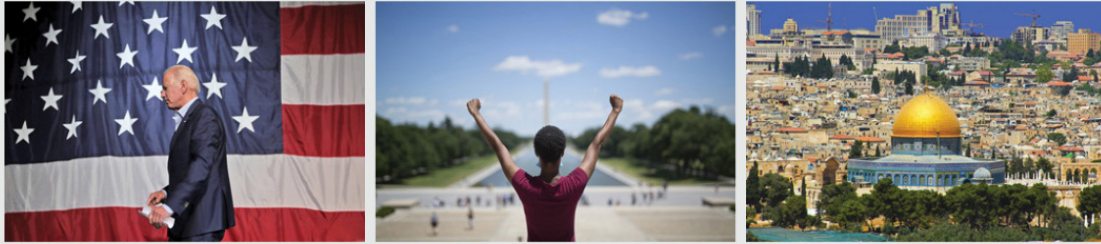
Israel and Climate Change: Successes and Challenges

JCPA is working with the Israeli Consulate, Dayenu and Hazon to raise awareness about Israel's expertise on combating the climate crisis. In addition to a webinar with experts in March 2021, the group organized a follow-up in-person meeting at the Israeli embassy with Ambassador Gideon Behar, Israel's Special Envoy for Climate Change and Sustainability.



JCPA2021 National Virtual Conference

The JCPA2021 National Conference took place virtually on April 25-26, 2021, bringing together more than 600 professional and lay community relations leaders from local and national organizations around the county. The conference tackled today's most challenging issues in a series of powerful plenaries and workshops, and participants left with the skills, training, and networks they need to be successful in their community relations work.



PLENARY & WORKSHOP TOPICS

**100 Day Policy Priorities • Israel and World Affairs • Racial Justice •
Voting Rights • Criminal Justice Reform • Antisemitism • Poverty •
White Nationalism • Genocide • COVID19 • Climate Change**

The conference brought notable speakers for interactive sessions to educate and set strategy on a range of cutting-edge priority issues, including racism, antisemitism and hate, racial justice, criminal justice reform, poverty, democracy and voting rights, Israel and world affairs, climate change and more.

Movie and Talk Back



The conference featured a movie and talk back on *Shared Legacies: The African American – Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*. The movie documented crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation working for voting and civil rights. With divisive seeds of hate taking root anew in the American landscape, this inspiring story of unity, empathy, and partnership validates the ubiquity of the human experience, and how freedom and equality for all can be achieved

only when people come together. The movie was followed by an esteemed panel that had worked together during the civil rights movement who discussed its impact, best practices, and what steps can be taken to reignite our partnership. *Speakers: Sherry Frank, Founder, Black Jewish Coalition of Atlanta; Shari Rogers Director, Writer, Producer, Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance; Honorable Andrew Young, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Moderator: Yolanda Savage Narva, Director, Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Union for Reform Judaism.*

Featured Plenaries:

- **The State of Black America: Pathways Toward Racial Justice** examined how can we work to strengthen partnerships to achieve goals of achieving equity and justice for all people, and communities where everyone is safe and supported. *Speakers: Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP; Marc Morial, President & CEO, National Urban League. Moderator: Cheryl Wills, Veteran Anchor, Spectrum News NY1.*
- **Remarks from the Israeli Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations Gilad Erdan** (Closed Session)
- **Athletes Against Antisemitism** highlighted the important work of athlete activists working with the media and within local communities to champion change. *Speakers: Zach Banner, Pittsburgh Steelers, NFL; Alysha Clark, Washington Mystics, WNBA; Yael Averbuch West, Techne Futbol. Moderator: Dr. Lauren Apter Bairnsfather, Director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.*
- **Keynote by Honorable Reverend Dr. Raphael Warnock**, Georgia Representative to the U.S. Senate

More information on the conference can be found on JCPA’s website, jewishpublicaffairs.org.

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Featured Speakers

Israel: Abraham Accords, Elections and Peace Process



Honorable Gilad Erdan
Israel's Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations



Fleur Hassan Nahoum
UAE-Israel Business Council;
Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem

Civil Rights and Racial Justice



Marc Morial
National Urban League



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Presentation of the Albert D. Chernin Award

JCPA was proud to present Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York with JCPA's highest honor, the Albert D. Chernin Award, at the JCPA2021 National Conference. "Senator Schumer, Washington's highest-ranking Jewish elected official ever, has proven time and time again to not only be a relentless advocate on behalf of the Jewish community, but for all people," said Michael Fromm, JCPA Chair. The Chernin Award is presented annually to an American Jew whose life work best exemplifies Judaism's social justice imperatives, Jewish history, and protection of the U.S. Bill of Rights.



Delegates Assembly Resolutions Voting Session

The conference included a voting session of the JCPA Delegates Assembly. JCPA has seen an increase in participation in the resolutions process by over roughly 500% due in large part to the creation of the Delegates Assembly in 2018. The Delegates Assembly showcases JCPA's commitment to providing additional annual education and engagement on both the resolutions process and the resolution topics.

The Delegates Assembly—composed of representatives of 125 JCRCs and 16 national Jewish agencies—debated and voted to adopt four resolutions:

- **Resolution on Expanding Voter Access**
Expresses the belief that recent voter suppression efforts are a disservice to democracy with particularly negative impacts on Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, transgender, low-income, young and elderly voters. The resolution calls on the Jewish community to advocate for legislation to make voting more accessible and to oppose efforts to suppress the vote.
- **Resolution Condemning the Genocide of the Uyghur People**
Condemns the Chinese Communist Party's ongoing genocide against the Uyghur people, a Turkic ethnic and religious minority residing in the Xinjiang region. The resolution calls for additional sanctions, as well as an expansion of the targeted ban on products produced in or imported from the region.
- **Resolution on Renewing Our Commitment to Combating Climate Change**
Elevates the urgency of the climate change crisis and calls on Jewish communities to take action. The resolution calls on the Jewish community to educate itself and demand that our leaders be guided by the best available science and work together towards achieving climate justice.
- **Resolution on Supporting the Abraham Accords**
Commends the individuals and governments whose work resulted in the signing of the Abraham Accords, including the United States, Israel and Arab nations. The resolution urges the Biden Administration to seize upon the progress made in the Middle East, as evidenced by the Abraham Accords, which the Trump Administration helped to bring about, and use its voice and leverage to expand the relationships between Israel and Muslim countries.

Inaugural Virtual Benefit

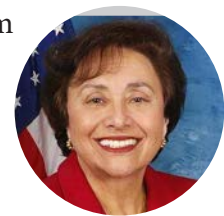
The premiere of JCPA's first Virtual Benefit was an incredible night for the organization, with hundreds of people attending and generously supporting JCPA, exceeding our fundraising goal and garnering over \$80,000. The benefit showcased JCPA's response to the pandemic's challenges, racism, hate and the new civil rights movement. The Benefit included a video on JCPA's work during the COVID-19 pandemic and highlighted guest speakers including Deborah Lipstadt, Yossi Klein Halevi, Neshama Carleback, and more.



Presentation of the 2021 *Tikkun Olam* Awards

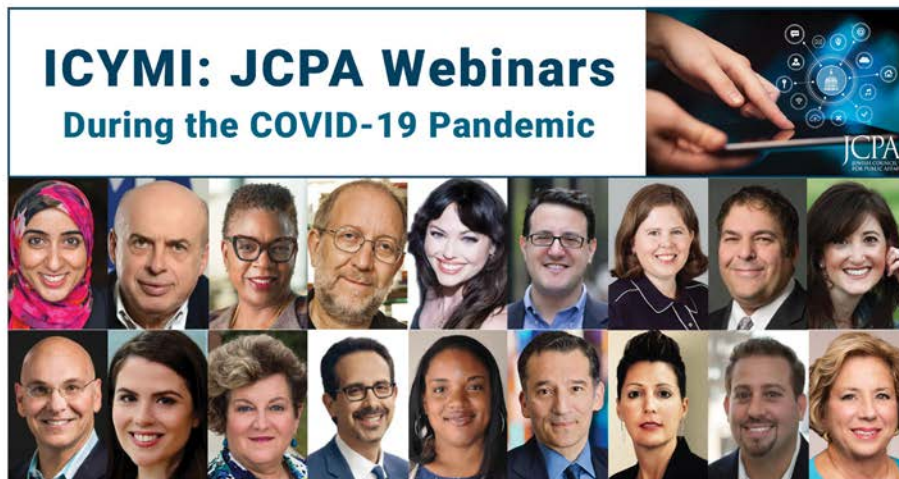
During the Benefit, JCPA presented its esteemed *Tikkun Olam* Award: Partner in Repairing the World to Congresswoman Nita Lowey and community advocate Harvey Reiter. The *Tikkun Olam* Award is one of JCPA's most prestigious awards, honoring individuals who demonstrate a deep commitment and extraordinary effort to improving the lives of people everywhere, and who embody the Jewish principle of *tikkun olam*.

JCPA honored Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey on the eve of her retirement from Congress, where since 1988 she had served sixteen terms in the US House of Representatives, representing parts of Westchester and Rockland Counties. She was the first woman to chair the powerful House Appropriations Committee. A longtime champion of human rights and enhancing the role of women in development, Lowey has taken a key role in fighting for democracy, justice, and economic opportunity around the world.



Harvey Reiter grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and is an active member of JCPA's Policy Advisory Committee and is a former JCPA Board member. He is a past president of the JCRC of Greater Washington. Among his community activities, he serves on the advisory board of *Tzedek* DC, a non-profit organization providing pro bono legal assistance on debt issues to low-income residents. Harvey is a partner in the Stinson law firm's Washington, DC office, where he conducts a wide range of pro bono work. He currently represents a group of plaintiffs, including the City of Gaithersburg, MD, the JCRC of Greater Washington, JCPA, and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota challenging the Department of Homeland Security's "public charge" rule.

Communications and Special Programs



JCPA Webinars During COVID

During the COVID19 Pandemic, JCPA increased its virtual programming work to effectively communicate with the community relations field. It utilized the latest technology to stream special events tailored to stakeholders needs and provided them with programming to educate, advocate, and mobilize their communities. During this period, JCPA released over 50 webinars and virtual briefings that reached more than 40,000 people, bringing more than 8,000 new people to join the Friends of JCPA mailing list. Highlights include:

Criminal Justice Reform and Racial Equity

- Understanding Policing and Public Safety, July 16, 2020
- Black Lives Matter: A Conversation on Being Black and Jewish in this Moment, July 15, 2020.
- Unpacking the Discourse on Policing and Public Safety, July 10, 2020,
- Redefining Public Safety: What Communities Need to Succeed, July 10, 2020,
- Ending Systemic Racism in Policing, July 10, 2020.
- Black Lives Matter and the Jewish Community: A Discussion with Eric Ward and Carly Pildis, July 2, 2020.
- Ending Racism in America, A Discussion with Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, June 16, 2020.
- A COVID-19 Emergency Virtual Town Hall, May 7, 2020.
- Front End Justice: Exploring Why Pretrial Reform is Needed, May 1, 2020,
- JCPA Delegates Assembly Meeting on COVID-19, April 20, 2020.
- Over 6 Million Americans are on Community Supervision: Reforming Pretrial, Parole, and Probation, April 7, 2020.
- Coronavirus in Prisons, Jails: An Emergency We Need to Address Now, April 2, 2020.

Domestic Affairs

- Priorities for the 117th Congress, April 14, 2021.
- Elections and the Jewish Community, November 5, 2020,
- The Jewish Case for Voting and Civic Engagement, September 30, 2020,
- Special Jewish Memorial Service for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, September 25, 2020,
- The Role of the Congressional Caucus on Black Jewish Relations During Times Like These, September 1, 2020,
- Balancing Public Health and Privacy in the COVID-19 Era, June 1, 2020.
- Women During the Pandemic, April 27, 2020. The Jewish Community and the Pandemic, March 20, 2020.
- Jewish Values During a Pandemic, March 17, 2020.

Antisemitism, White Supremacy, and Hate

- Should Jews Forgive Antisemitism? Competing Visions of Jewish Advocacy? August 12, 2020,
- White Nationalism, Racism and Antisemitism in America Today, June 10, 2020.
- Antisemitism and Hate on the Internet During a Pandemic, March 24, 2020.

Immigration and Human Rights

- The Guardian of Memory Screening and Talk Back, February 22, 2021,
- Protecting Immigrants During the COVID-19 Pandemic, April 7, 2020
- Combating the Genocide of the Uyghur People, April 2, 2021,

Israel and the Middle East

- Political Change and Social Unrest: The Arab Minority and Jewish-Arab Relations in Israel, June 15, 2021.
- Understanding the Changing Geopolitical Situation in the Middle East, June 10, 2021.
- Understanding the Recent Hostilities with Israel and Hamas, June 4, 2021.
- Israel's Election Insights, April 1, 2021,
- Israel's Upcoming Elections, What's at Stake? March 15, 2021.
- The Arab Vote: A Watershed Moment in Israeli Politics? March 9, 2021,
- Israel and Climate Change: Successes and Challenges, March 3, 2021,
- The Biden Administration and the Middle East – A Two Part Series Part II – Bret Stephens, February 10, 2021,
- The Biden Administration and the Middle East – A Two Part Series Part I – Mara Rudman, February 9, 2021,
- Israel on the Global Scene, September 17, 2020,
- Israel and the UAE: The First Official Israeli Visit, September 9, 2020,
- Israel's Race for the Cure: A Conversation on Public Health Policy, Testing, and Vaccine, May 21, 2020.
- Democracy in Israel: An Analysis of the Current Political Situation, May 14, 2020,
- A Conversation with Natan Sharansky: The Pandemic and the Jews, April 1, 2020.
- Yossi Klein Halevi Discusses Coronavirus and Israeli Democracy: Crisis and Opportunity, March 27, 2020.
- Israel's Third National Elections: Results and Analysis, March 3, 2020.

JCPA Remembered Two Great Americans: Congressman John Lewis and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



JCPA mourned the passing of two American heroes, Congressman John Lewis and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The leadership and impact that they have had on shaping a just and pluralistic America is highly valued and appreciated by JCPA and the community relations network. JCPA held a memorial for Ruth Bader Ginsburg with Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Jewish Women International (JWI), and the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) which brought together more than 5000 participants.

Four-Year Review (2016-2020)

Over the last four years, JCPA has worked tirelessly to meet the challenges of the day. JCPA strengthened its local-national network and helped shape it into a vibrant, dynamic and impactful force in the community. JCPA also increased its national advocacy on domestic policy concerns and built trusted relationships in common cause with diverse communities.

Highlights of JCPA’s Impact 2016-2020 - JCPA carried out a four-year review of its work and impact from 2016-2020. The report focused on JCPA’s efforts to meet the challenges of the day. JCPA strengthened its local-national network and helped shape it into a vibrant, dynamic, and impactful force in the community. JCPA also increased its national advocacy on domestic policy concerns and built trusted relationships in common cause with diverse communities. It demonstrated that when our community comes together, we can make an impact. This report provides substantive information about JCPA’s impact and accomplishments.

Strengthening the Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) Network 2016-2020 - In 2016, under new leadership, JCPA set out as its major goal to strengthen the JCRC Network by developing resources, providing skill training, supporting professionals and lay leadership, and raising the Network’s national profile. With an eye toward supporting and advancing the field, JCPA’s work is organized into three major areas: network support, leadership, and public policy advocacy. We are proud to share with you our accomplishments, knowing that there is more to be done



Statements and Press Releases

2020

- [JCPA's Delegates Assembly Adopts Emergency Resolutions on Issues Related COVID-19](#), May 8, 2020
- [JCPA and 400+ Civil Rights Organizations Send Letter on Federal Policing Priorities](#), June 1 2020
- [JCPA and 130 Jewish Organizations Issue Statement of Solidarity Pledging to End Systemic Racism in Law Enforcement and Work for a Just Society](#), June 2, 2020
- [JCRC Network Speaks Out on The Killing of George Floyd](#), June 9, 2020
- [JCPA Submits Testimony to House Judiciary Hearing on Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability](#), June 10, 2020
- [JCPA Mourns Death of Congressman John Lewis: A True American Hero](#), July 19, 2020
- [Antisemitism and Violent Hatred on Facebook "Needs To Stop"](#), August 10, 2020
- [JCPA Mourns the Loss of Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), September 21,2020
- [JCPA Reiterates Statements on the Need for Civil Discourse and Condemnation of White Supremacy](#), October 1, 2020
- [JCPA Pleased that Facebook Has Banned Holocaust Denial](#), October 12, 2020
- [JCPA Statement on Elections and Democratic Principles](#), October 19, 2020
- [The Jewish Community Relations Network Speaks Out for Free and Fair Elections](#), October 29, 2020
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- [Powering the Network: JCPA's Virtual Benefit to Take Place December 8, 2020](#), November 25, 2020
- [JCPA Applauds Passage of the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act](#), December 21, 2020

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- [JCPA Condemns Violence and Insurrection](#), January 6, 2021
- [JCPA Releases "First 100 Days" Recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration](#), January 13, 2021
- [JCPA Expresses Concern About the Reopening of Temporary Influx Shelter for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children](#), February 24, 2021
- [American Jewish Organizations condemn Military Rule in Burma, Call for U.S. Action](#), February 25, 2021
- [Statement of Solidarity with Asian American-Pacific Islander Communities](#), March 17, 2021
- [JCPA Sends Senate Judiciary Committee Letter Regarding Kristen Clarke's Civil Rights Record](#), April 6, 2021

- [Senator Chuck Schumer to Receive Albert D. Chernin Award at JCPA2021 National Conference](#), Posted on April 7, 2021
- [JCPA Opposes Decision to Maintain Record Low Refugee Admissions Cap for FY21](#), April 16, 2021
- [JCPA Statement on Conviction of the Police Officer Who Killed George Floyd](#), April 20, 2021
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- [JCPA Applauds Passage of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act](#), May 21, 2021
- [JCPA Condemns Antisemitic Incidents in the Wake of Israel-Hamas Hostilities](#), May 24, 2021
- [JCPA Commemorates the Murder of George Floyd](#), May 25, 2021
- [David Bohm Elected as JCPA's New Board Chair](#), May 28, 2021
- [Here's How to Help Miami in Wake of the Building Collapse](#), June 25, 2021

Appendix I: Sign-on Letters

2020

March

- International Refugee Assistance Project Letter to the Departments of State and Homeland Security to extend visa and entry deadlines and reinstate refugee admissions
- Faithful Democracy Coalition Faith Letter on the Importance of the Census and Counting Everyone
- Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition Letter on Priorities for Incarcerated People and Prison Staff
- National Women's Law Center letter opposing the non-profit Medicaid exclusion in COVID-19 package
- Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights' Hate Crimes Task Force Letter to White House and FBI on Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Due to COVID-19
- JCPA Letter to Schumer on Priorities for the 3rd Stimulus Bill
- Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights' Voting Rights Task Force Letter Urging \$2 Billion for Elections Funding During COVID-19
- National Immigration Law Center Letter on Immigrant Exclusion from Medicaid and Cash Assistance in the 3rd Stimulus Package
- WISC Faith Letter on Principles for Legislation Addressing the COVID-19 Crisis (3rd Package)
- Interfaith Coalition on Domestic and Sexual Violence (JWI) Letter on Priorities for the 3rd COVID-19 Response Package
- NY Coalition on Criminal Justice Reform Jewish Community Letter on Bail Reform
- "Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Letter on Voting Rights During COVID-19"
- Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC) Domestic Human Needs Working Group Letter on Stimulus Package #3 Priorities
- MAZON and NCJW Jewish Letter on Nutrition Assistance During COVID-19
- Interfaith Coalition on Domestic and Sexual Violence (JWI) Letter on Addressing the Increase in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Due to COVID-19 Lockdowns
- Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC) Domestic Human Needs Working Group Letter on Stimulus Package #2 Priorities
- Jewish Coalition on Criminal Justice Reform Statement on Coronavirus and Conditions in Prisons & Jails
- ADL/JCPA Joint Statement by Jewish Communal Organizations on COVID-19 Scapegoating and Discrimination
- HIAS Letter Opposing the Remain in Mexico (MPP) Program

April

- Home is Here Coalition Letter Supporting Dreamers and Pathway to Citizenship
- Faithful Democracy Coalition Urging Protection of Voting Rights During COVID-19 Pandemic
- National Council of Nonprofits National Nonprofit Sign-On Letter Urging Reforms to the CARES Act
- MAZON Letter on Including SNAP Increase in Future COVID-19 Legislation
- Stand Up America Coalition Open Letter to Congress on Election Assistance
- Interfaith Working Group on Foreign Assistance Letter Supporting International Aid
- COVID-19/Elections Stimulus 4 Sign-on Letter
- Leadership Conference Letter to Congress Urging Additional Funding for Election Assistance in 4th COVID-19 Package
- Coalition Against Religious Discrimination Public Comment on Proposed Faith-Based HUD Regulations
- KIND, USCRI, NIJC, and WRC Letter Opposing DHS Expulsions of Unaccompanied Children
- Center for Gender & Refugee Studies Letter to DHS Urging Restoration of Asylum Protections to Domestic Violence Survivors
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) and National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) Letter pushing back against the rise of xenophobic discourse and racist violence
- Common Cause Letter Supporting Vote-by-mail, early voting, and other election funding
- HRC Sign-On Urging President Trump to Fully Invoke Defense Production Act
- National Immigration Project and the Southern Poverty Law Center Letter Urging Reforms and Greater Due Process in the Context of the Remain in Mexico (MPP) policy
- National Council of Asian Pacific Americans Letter to Congress on Supporting Res. Condemning COVID19 Anti-Asian Sentiment, expressing our support of H.Res. 908, and opposing H.Res. 907, introduced by Rep. Jim Banks
- Americans United for the Separation of Church and State Amicus Brief in Trump v. Pennsylvania in Support of the Respondents
- Leadership Conference Letter to HHS on Fixing Medicare and Marketplace Enrollment
- Amigos Priorities Organizational Sign-On to Priorities for COVID-19 Package #4
- HIAS/CWS Refugee Letter Supporting Refugee Priorities in COVID #4
- Leadership Conference Letter to AG Barr Rejecting the PATTERN Risk Assessment Tool (from the First Step Act) For Determining Priority Treatment for Home Confinement in Response to Pandemic

May

- Small Lobby Letter to Congressional appropriators asking them to introduce and pass bills that promote access to health care and protect reproductive freedom
- #cut50/Collateral Consequences Resource Center Letter Opposing U.S. Small Business Administration Business Loan Program; Paycheck Protection Program Interim Final Rule, No. SBA-2020-0015, RIN 3245-AH34 Provision Barring Individuals with Record of Arrest or Conviction
- ISNA Letter Urging to Restoration of USAID Funding to Yemen
- Human Rights Watch Letter Urging Senate Leadership to End Qualified Immunity in Senate JPA
- Endorsed the HEAL Act to Waiting Period for Qualified Immigrants to Be Eligible for Medicaid and CHIP
- NELP Letter Expressing Grave Concerns About Dept. of Labor Guidance Forcing Workers Back to Unsafe Workplaces
- Jewish Rohingya Justice Network Letter Urging State Department to pressure Burma to agree to a ceasefire, lift its internet blackout, and allow freedom of movement so that ethnic minorities can access lifesaving testing and treatment.
- Leadership Conference Letter Calling for DOJ Civil Rights Investigation into Murder of Ahmaud Arbery
- JCPA/HIAS Letter Signed by 192 Jewish Organizations on Protecting Asylum Seekers and Refugees During COVID-19
- Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition Letter Regarding the criminal justice-related response to the Covid19 crisis

June

- Public Comment Opposing DHS Proposed Rule on Procedures for Asylum and Withholding of Removal; Credible Fear and Reasonable Fear Review
- #StopHateforProfit Coalition Letter Supporting Facebook Ad Boycott to Stop Spread of Hate
- Leadership Conference Letter supporting the HEROES Act Elections Funding
- *Unbranded Letter Supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement with 600+ Jewish Organizations
- Leadership Conference Letter Urging Senators to Vote No on The Motion to Proceed JUSTICE Act
- Leadership Conference Letter on Need to Strengthen H.R. 7120 “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act”
- Tahirih Justice Center Public Comment Opposing DHS Proposed Rule Eliminating Gender-Based Asylum
- JCPA’s Statement for the Record for the House Judiciary Committee Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability

- HOWO-WISC letter on George Floyd and needed reforms
- Declaration for American Democracy Letter opposing the use of military/unidentified federal personnel against the protesters in DC and Supporting HR 51, the DC Statehood Bill
- FRAC Letter Urging Investment in SNAP and Other Nutrition Programs During COVID-19
- Endorsed Amash/Pressley Ending Qualified Immunity Act
- Leadership Conference Letter requesting that DOJ be transparent about Findings of the FBI's criminal investigation into Mr. Floyd's death
- Leadership Conference Letter to AG Barr Requesting that DOJ open a federal civil rights and pattern or practice investigation into the Breonna Taylor's Death and Louisville Metropolitan Police Department
- Letter Endorsing the Police Exercising Absolute Care with Everyone or "PEACE Act" to raise the standards for use of force by law enforcement officers
- WISC Faith Leader Letter Calling on Congress to Enact Policing Reforms and Address the Racial Income and Wealth Gap
- JCPA Solidarity Statement Signed by 130 Jewish Organizations Pledging to End Systemic Racism in Law Enforcement and Work for a Just Society
- Leadership Conference Letter with 440+ Orgs Outlining Eight Federal Policing Priorities

July

- Sentencing Project Letter Endorsing the Emergency Community Supervision Act as a component of Congress's final COVID response package
- National WIC Association Letter Urging the Extension of WIC Waivers
- Leadership Conference Letter Urging Congress to Honor Late Representative John Lewis by Passing VRAA and HEROES Act
- Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition Sign on Statement Opposing the Death Penalty
- Children's Defense Fund, First Focus on Children, and the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) letter Urging Congress to include the Pandemic TANF Assistance Act in next COVID relief package
- Faithful Democracy Letter Supporting Emergency Election and Census Funding in Senate COVID response
- Demand Progress Letter Urging the Inclusion of 1033 Repeal in NDAA

August

- NCJW Jewish Organizational Letter to ICE Regarding a Medically Vulnerable Immigrant Held Without Access to Kosher Food and the Violation of Religious Freedom
- JCPA Letter to Facebook Signed by 90+ Jewish Orgs Urging Action on Antisemitism and Hate (in coordination with #StopHateForProfit)

October

- JCPA Statement, “A Jewish Statement on Elections and Democratic Principles,” Signed by 90+ Jewish organizations, including 15 national member agencies and 76 local Jewish community relations councils and Federations
- Endorsed Rohingya Genocide Determination Act of 2020

December

- NRCAT Biden Transition Letter with Recommendations for Ending Solitary Confinement
- Indianapolis JCRC Letter Opposing the relocation of the Rohingya population to Bhasan Char
- WISC International Affairs Working Group Sign-on request to Biden to restore the Office of Religion and Global Affairs
- JCPA/ADL Letter Signed by 26 Jewish Orgs Urging Passage of the NO HATE Act
- Amigos Coalition Letter Urging Congress to create an Article I immigration court to ensure all removal proceedings are fair and impartial

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January

- ACLU Letter Urging Biden to Take Executive Actions Opposing the Death Penalty
- Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition Statement Condemning the Death Penalty
- Faith Letter in Support of Urging Reestablishment of White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

February

- JCPA and NCJW Jewish Organizational Letter Supporting H.R. 1
- Human Rights First Letter Opposing Use of Title 42 for Family/Child Deportations
- Interfaith Domestic Human Needs Working Group Letter Supporting the American Rescue Plan
- Endorsed the PROKID Act to Ensure Tracking and Monitoring of All Children in Department of Health and Human Services Custody
- Campaign Against Assault Weapons Support Letter for Florida Assault Weapons Ban
- Jewish Rohingya Justice Network Statement Condemning the Coup in Burma
- Vera Institute COVID-19 in Corrections Data Transparency Act Sign-on Letter
- American Immigration Lawyers Association Letter urging Biden to repeal the immigrant and non-immigrant visa bans (10014 and 10052)

- e-DearColleague: Letter to the Biden Administration Calling for an end to Title 42 Expulsions
- Washington Interfaith Coalition Heads of Office Letter Supporting Vanita Gupta's Work as a Partner to Faith Communities
- Leadership Conference Letter on Bureau of Prison's Authority to Release During COVID-19
- Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition Letter on COVID-19 in Prisons and Jails
- Amigos Coalition Letter to President Biden and DHS Secretary Mayorkas Requesting TPS for 18 Countries
- Faith Letter in Support of Raising the Minimum Wage

March

- JCPA and NCJW Jewish Organizational Letter on H.R. 1 Vote Recommendation
- National Gun Violence Prevention Table Letter Supporting the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and the Enhanced Background Checks Act
- FRAC Letter Endorsing the Summer Meals Act
- Endorsed COVID-19 in Immigration Detention Transparency Act
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Letter Urging Attorney General to Ease Restrictions on Home Confinement and Compassionate Release
- Justice Roundtable Letter Urging the Repeal of Mandatory Minimums for Drug Offenses
- Human Rights First Letter Urging the Administration to Speed Up the Repeal of the Remain in Mexico Policy
- Interfaith Immigration Coalition Letter Urging President Biden to Issue New Refugee Admissions Goal of 62,500
- Interfaith Immigration Coalition Faith Leader Letter Urging President Biden to Issue New Refugee Admissions Goal of 62,500
- Protection and Prevention Working Group Letter Requesting FY22 Appropriations for Peacebuilding, Atrocity Prevention, and Human Rights
- Jewish Rohingya Justice Network Letter Urging Blinken to Conduct a Genocide Determination for the Rohingya People
- Interfaith Working Group on Foreign Assistance Letter Urging Robust FY22 Appropriations
- NCJW Jewish National Organizational Letter Responding to Attacks on the AAPI Community
- JFNA Jewish National Organizational Letter Responding to Attacks on the AAPI Community

April

- Leadership Conference Hate Crimes Task Force Coalition Letter Supporting the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act
- Leadership Conference Letter Calling for an End to the 1033 Program
- AJWS Letter to Congress Requesting Letter Supporting FY2022 Global LGBTQI+ Funding
- Joint JWW/JCPA/RAC Letter Urging Support for the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act
- Drug Policy Alliance/FCNL Letter Urging the Repeal of SNAP/TANF Drug Felony Ban
- Drug Policy Alliance/FCNL Letter Endorsing the Making Essentials Affordable and Lawful (MEAL) Act
- Drug Policy Alliance Letter Endorsing the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act

May

- JFNA Letter on COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act
- Drug Policy Alliance Letter Opposing Extension of Trump Fentanyl Sentencing Policy

June

- National Religious Campaign Against Torture Letter on Federal Reform Recommendations for Ending the Practice of Solitary Confinement
- Bend the Arc/We Are Home Campaign Jewish Organizational Letter Urging the Inclusion of Pathways to Citizenship in Recovery Legislation
- Leadership Conference Letter Supporting the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
- Washington Interfaith Staff Coalition Faith Letter to Expand Medicaid Coverage for Non-expansion states, Incarcerated Individuals, Puerto Rico and Legal Perm. Residents
- Interfaith Immigration Coalition Asylum & Title 42 Letter for Faith-Based Organizations
- Leadership Conference Immigration Task Force Letter to Biden Calling for Reforms to Immigration Detention

Appendix II: Links

Thank you for reading JCPA's Annual Report. We hope you have enjoyed learning about our work during the pandemic. If you are interested in reading the documents referenced throughout the report, please see the links below.

COVID-19 Response Plan

- JCPA Delegates Assembly Emergency Response Adopted Resolutions:
 - [Immigration Concerns During a Pandemic](#)
 - [Criminal Justice Reform During a Pandemic](#)
 - [Voting Rights and Elections During a Pandemic](#)
 - [Principles for Responding to a Public Health Crisis](#)

JCPA's Racial Justice Platform and Advocacy

- [JCPA and 130 Jewish Organizations Issue Statement of Solidarity Pledging to End Systemic Racism in Law Enforcement and Work for a Just Society.](#)
- [My Fellow Jews: Get in the Fight](#), *Forward*, Melanie Roth Gorelick, JCPA Senior Vice President.
- [“Dear Jewish Community – Here’s What to Do Now”](#), *Forward*, JCRC Directors Association: Jeremy Burton, Josh Sayles, Lindsey Mintz and Rori Picker Neiss
- [600+ Jewish Organizations and Synagogues Say: Black Lives Matter](#), *Medium*
- [JCPA/JCRC Guide for Civil Rights Engagement](#)
- [JCPA Template for Jewish Community Relations Virtual Program Series on Today’s Civil Rights Movement](#)
- [JCPA’s Fact Sheet on the Black Lives Matter Movement](#)
- [JCPA Talking Points on Antisemitism and the Black Lives Matter Movement](#)
- [Eric Ward on How the Jewish Community Can Navigate the Current Political and Social Moment](#)
- [JCPA Toolkit on Strengthening Jewish Communal Engagement with Black Communities](#)
- [JCPA 2021-The State of Black America: Pathways toward Racial Justice](#)
- [Racial Justice and the Jewish Community: One Year after the Death of George Floyd,”](#) *eJewishPhilanthropy*, Leslie Dannin Rosenthal, Lois Frank, and Melanie Roth Gorelick
- [Jewish Community Still Striving to Make Good on Racial Justice Pledges Year after George Floyd Murder](#), *Forward*, Asaf Shalev
- [JCPA2021 - Ending Mass Incarceration & Keynote by U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock](#)

Highlights of Program Priorities During COVID-19

- [A Letter of Support to Our Friends in the Chinese American and Chinese Communities.](#)
- [“Dozens of US Jewish Groups Issue Open Letter of Support for Chinese Communities Amid Coronavirus Outbreak”](#), *Algemeiner*, Benjamin Kerstein
- [“Anti-Asian Racism and Violence Are Surging Amid Coronavirus Fears. Here’s How Groups Are Responding”](#), *Prism*, Carolyn Copeland
- [“Coronavirus is Unnecessarily Harming Our Squirrel Hill Economy”](#), *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*, Marian Lien and Josh Sayles
- [Video News Update](#), *Jewish Broadcasting Service*
- [“Chinese-American groups return a Jewish message of solidarity by providing protective gear to agencies”](#), *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, Ron Kampeas
- [“U.S. Jewish Group Calls for Solidarity Against Virus-Generated Xenophobia in Letter”](#), *Xinhua*, Shi Yinglun
- [“74 Jewish Groups Condemn Racism against Chinese Americans Amid Coronavirus Outbreak”](#), *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, Josefin Dolsten
- [Antisemitism and Violent Hatred on Facebook “Needs To Stop” - The Jewish Appeal to Facebook on Charlottesville Anniversary](#)
- [JCPA Pleased that Facebook Has Banned Holocaust Denial](#)
- [Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the nomination of Kristen Clarke](#)
- [“Why Tucker Carlson Is Obsessed With Kristen Clarke”](#), *The New York Times*, Farah Stockman
- [“Jewish Groups Push Back Against Attacks on Biden’s Deputy AG Pick on Eve of Confirmation Hearing”](#), *Forward*, Jacob Kornbluh
- [JCPA Sends Senate Judiciary Committee Letter Regarding Kristen Clarke’s Civil Rights Record](#)
- [JCPA Condemns Antisemitic Incidents in the Wake of Israel-Hamas Hostilities](#)
- [“Biden Faces Growing Pressure to Take Action on Antisemitism”](#), *The Hill*, Alex Gangitano
- [Virtual Day of Action Against Antisemitism](#)
- [Action Alert: #ActAgainstAntisemitism](#)
- [A COVID-19 Emergency Virtual Town Hall](#)
- [Faithful Democracy 2020: Restoring the Voters Covenant](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert: Urge Congress to Provide Critical Funding for Elections in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [2020 Elections: #EveryVoteCounts](#)
- [JCPA 2020 Candidate Engagement Guide](#)
- [JCPA 2020 Nonpartisan “Get Out the Vote” Resource Guide](#)
- [The Jewish Case for Voting and Civic Engagement](#)
- [A Jewish Statement on Elections and Democratic Principles](#)

- [JCPA Reiterates Statements on the Need for Civil Discourse and Condemnation of White Supremacy](#)
- [JCPA Statement Condemning Violence and Insurrection](#)
- [Webinar Series on Criminal Justice Reform and Reimagining Policing](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert Addressing the COVID-19 Emergency in Prisons and Jails](#)
- [Jewish Values Framework - A Jewish Call to Action: Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization](#)
- [A Jewish Call to Action - Launch of the Jewish Values Framework](#)
- [JCPA Restorative and Rehabilitative Justice Resolution](#)
- [JCPA Resources for Understanding Police Reform 101](#) and [JCPA Priority Principles for Federal Legislation on Policing](#)
- [Faith Leaders Call on Congress to Enact Policing Reforms and Address the Racial Income and Wealth Gap](#)
- [Jewish Council for Public Affairs Statement for the Record Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability House Judiciary Committee](#)
- [Leadership Conference Coalition Letter Urging Improvement to the Justice in Policing Act](#)
- [JCPA Testimony on Law Enforcement Reform Submitted to House Judiciary Committee in 2020](#)
- [JCPA Statement on Conviction of the Police Officer Who Killed George Floyd](#)
- [JCPA Criminal Justice Reform Legislative Update](#)

COVID-19 Policy and Legislative Advocacy

- [JCPA Action Alert: Protect the Most Vulnerable From the Impacts of COVID-19](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert: Addressing the COVID-19 Emergency in Prisons and Jails](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert: Urge Congress to Provide Critical Funding for Elections in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert: Fund and Improve the Paycheck Protection Loan Program](#)
- [JCPA Action Alert: Ask Congress to Support Additional COVID-19 Relief](#)
- [JCPA's letter to Congressional leaders sharing faith principles for the COVID-19 crisis response](#)
- [Faith community's letter on legislative principles during COVID-19](#)
- [JCPA-cosponsored webinar on "A Faith Response to COVID-19"](#)
- [Faithful Democracy 2020: Restoring the Voters Covenant](#)
- ["Faith Leaders' Statement on Integrity, Safety, and Fairness in the 2020 U.S. Election"](#)
- ["Joint Jewish Communal Letter to the United States Senate Regarding Safe, Fair and Accessible Elections During COVID-19"](#)
- [JCPA Applauds Passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)
- [JCPA's "First 100 Days" Policy Priority Recommendations - Topline summaries](#) and [JCPA's "First 100 Days" Policy Priority Recommendations-Full version](#)
- [Call to Re-establish Robust White House Faith-Based Office](#)
- [Congressional Briefing for Jewish Members of Congress to discuss their "first 100 days](#)

[recommendations](#) and [JCPA's presentation](#)

- [Jewish Letter to Ensure the Country's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Included Resettled Refugees](#)
- [Protecting Immigrants During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [JCPA, AILA and Partners Urge President Biden to Rescind the Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Bans](#)
- [JCPA Expresses Concern About the Reopening of Temporary Influx Shelter for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children](#)
- [Letter to Repeal Title 42 Public Health Statute Used to Deport Asylum Seekers and Migrants without Due Process](#)
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- [JCPA/ADL Coalition Letter in Support of the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act](#)
- [Hate Crimes Task Force Coalition Letter Encouraging Bipartisan Support for the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act](#)
- [JCPA Applauds Passage of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act](#)
- [American Jewish Organizations Condemn Military Rule in Burma, Call for U.S. Action](#)
- ["These American Jewish Activists Are Trying to Make the Uyghur Cause Another Darfur", Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Ron Kampeas](#)
- [Jewish & Uyghur Freedom Seder 2021](#)
- [Combating the Genocide of the Uyghur People](#)
- [JCPA 2021 August Recess Advocacy Toolkit](#)

Israel

- [JCPA Israel Annexation Resource Page](#)
- [JCPA Applauds Passage of the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act](#)
- [JCPA Welcomes Ceasefire Between Israel and Hamas](#)
- [The Biden Administration and the Middle East with Bret Stephens](#)
- [The Biden Administration and the Middle East with Mara Rudman](#)

JCPA2021 National Virtual Conference

- [JCPA2021 Conference Roundup](#)
- [JCPA2021 Talk-back on the movie "Shared Legacies: The African American – Jewish Civil Rights Alliance"](#)
- [The State of Black America: Pathways toward Racial Justice](#)
- [Remarks from the Israeli Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations Gilad Erdan and Athletes Against Antisemitism](#)
- [A Jewish Call to Action: Ending Mass Incarceration with Keynote by the Honorable Reverend](#)

- [Dr. Raphael Warnock, Georgia Representative to the U.S. Senate](#)
- [JCPA2021 Presentation of JCPA Chernin Award to Sen. Chuck Schumer](#)
- [Senator Chuck Schumer to Receive Albert D. Chernin Award at JCPA2021 National Conference](#)
- [JCPA Network Adopts Four New Resolutions at 2021 National Virtual Conference](#)
 - [Resolution on Expanding Voter Access](#)
 - [Resolution Condemning the Genocide of the Uyghur People](#)
 - [Resolution on Renewing Our Commitment to Combating Climate Change](#)
 - [Resolution on Supporting the Abraham Accords](#)

Inaugural Virtual Benefit

- [JCPA Inaugural Virtual Benefit](#)

Communications and Special Programs

- [JCPA Webinars March 2020-June 2021](#)
- [Special Jewish Memorial Service for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)
- [Highlights of JCPA's Impact 2016-2020](#)
- [JCPA Report on Strengthening the Jewish Community Relations Council \(JCRC\) Network \(2016-2020\)](#)

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- American Jewish Congress
- B'nai B'rith International
- Hadassah
- Jewish Labor Committee
- Jewish War Veterans
- Jewish Women International
- National Council of Jewish Women
- ORT America
- Orthodox Union
- Rabbinical Assembly
- Reconstructing Judaism
- Jewish Federations of North America
- Union for Reform Judaism
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
- Women's League for Conservative Judaism

125 Local Jewish Community Relations Council Members

- JCRC of Akron
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