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# INTRODUCTION

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## Overview of JCPA's Work

2016 was a year of great transition and progress for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA). JCPA undertook a wholesale reexamination of our structure, governance, and function within the Jewish communal space. A renewed and restructured focus on JCPA's role as a national hub of the community relations field led to significant realignment in staffing, enabling us to better serve our stakeholders and our national and local member agencies. We hired new personnel, consolidated the Washington, D.C. office, and enhanced staff coordination.

JCPA's new structure proved timely, enabling our organization to respond to the outcome of the 2016 election and the resulting increase in fast-paced, high-stakes advocacy now called for to protect programs and populations for which JCPA has long fought. At the national level, JCPA and its interfaith and secular partners focused first on preparing for a new Administration and a new Congress. We were soon immersed in preventing the rollback of policies and programs that reduce poverty, welcome newcomers to our country, and support humanitarian assistance. At the same time, we expanded our advocacy to ensure that the U.S.-Israel relationship would remain strong and built greater support for meaningful criminal justice reform, which JCPA launched as a new Criminal Justice Initiative. With a streamlined spotlight on specific policy areas, JCPA was a more effective advocate, both for the Jewish community and as an intergroup partner in our coalitions.

Under the new structure, JCPA also focused more on bolstering and serving the Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs). Discovering that more than 60 directors had assumed their positions only within the prior two years, JCPA pivoted to onboarding, skill and resource development, and support for these new directors. In addition to retreats, trainings, and one-on-one consultations, JCPA produced a host of written materials for those new to community relations work.

### **For 2016-2017, JCPA set out five strategic goals:**

- Strengthen JCPA's role as the national network hub of the community relations field;
- Narrow the scope of national advocacy to key issues on which JCPA can make a distinct impact;
- Enhance much needed support and services to JCRCs, such as JCRC staff trainings and developing turnkey programs;
- Make the case for community relations within the Federation system; and
- Diversify JCPA's revenue streams.

## Aligning Staffing

In order to align staffing to the new strategy, JCPA made significant changes. In January 2016, David Bernstein took over as the new President and CEO and embarked on a 25-city listening tour, meeting with local JCRCs, Federation leadership, and other community leaders. JCPA also recruited Melanie Roth Gorelick as Senior Vice President, who brought extensive experience in the JCRC and advocacy arenas. David also consolidated JCPA's Washington office, appointing a Washington Representative and moving its offices into the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Washington office to promote coordination between the two organizations. Other hires included a new development professional to diversify the campaign, a communications associate, and a Senior Policy Associate in the New York headquarters.

## Aligning Governance

The JCPA leadership team worked to re-align its governance structure with the new strategy. They moved JCPA's traditional structure away from large standing committees devoted to policy development and toward more action-oriented task forces able to respond and adapt quickly to the organization's key priorities. A Policy Advisory Committee to oversee the short-term task forces was established, which included member agencies, board members, and policy experts. The Committee's main function would be to oversee policy and respond rapidly to emerging issues. JCPA also established a Governance Task Force to examine a broader range of governance changes.

## JCPA's 2016-17 Task Forces and Committees

### Program and Policy:

- Policy Advisory Standing Committee
- Israel Two-State Solution Task Force
- Muslim-Jewish Outreach Task Force
- Criminal Justice Reform Task Force

### Leadership:

- Governance Task Force
- Nominating Committee
- Development Committee
- Emerging Leaders Committee





# STRENGTHENING THE JCRC NETWORK

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Over the summer, JCPA surveyed the field on their issue based priorities and structures to determine commonalities as well as challenges and differences, with a 90% participation rate. Through this survey JCPA discovered that more than 60 directors were new to their jobs in the past two years, so JCPA pivoted its focus to onboarding, skill development, and the ongoing work of educating the new directors. More than half of the staff's time was spent working with the JCRCs around the country.

JCPA made professional development a priority in 2017 as well. JCPA launched a new professional development program for JCRC Professionals and Chairs, for which JCPA received a generous supplemental grant from the National Federation/Agency Alliance (Alliance) of The Jewish Federations of North America. We brought in a consultant to assist in building and running the program. JCPA organized a two-day Shabbat Retreat for 20 new JCRC directors based on the newly developed curriculum and toolkit for directors. The retreat was followed with a webinar for all JCRC staff introducing the toolkit. In addition, we prepared a Playbook for new JCRC professionals, and a JCRC Resources Guide for seasoned professionals. We onboarded every new JCRC director individually, and provided individual counseling to JCRCs as a whole.

JCPA also rolled out a new initiative to train and support JCRC Chairs, strengthening their connections to JCPA and to each other. JCRC Chairs play an important role in carrying out JCPA's work, as they often shape, lead, and advocate for the JCRC's agenda. During our national conference, we held a breakfast with 23 JCRC Chairs and launched the JCRC Chairs Initiative.



## Highlights of JCPA's Accomplishments:

- Assisted the field in responding to current events, by numerous briefing calls for JCRC staff and lay leadership, including police shootings, refugees, Israel and the Middle East, national elections, executive orders, and the Women's March in D.C.
- Compiled best practices around the country on gun violence programs, prepared a guide for local action on policing and the inner city, and provided civility guidance for polarized communities during the election.
- Developed a strategic planning template for JCRCs and produced a toolkit for new JCRC Professionals.
- JCPA worked with several Federations around the country to help establish JCRCs, including Phoenix, Orange County, Atlanta, and Buffalo.

# PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

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## National Elections and the Jewish Community

JCPA focused on civic engagement during the national election period. JCRCs typically carry-out election education programs and partner with other community groups on voter turnout drives. To support these efforts, JCPA created an [election guide](#) that included information on how to run a program forum, candidate questions, program resources, and voter turnout.

At the national level, JCPA focused on civility, developing and pushing for adoption of a “plank” encouraging civility in the Democratic and Republican party platforms. JCPA led a sign-on letter signed by 32 Jewish organizations urging the parties to adopt the plank. [Click here](#) to read the letter. Ultimately, the Democratic party adopted the plank in its platform. In addition, David Bernstein was a featured panelist at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions. JCPA also promoted National Voter Registration Day and “Get Out the Vote” efforts around the country.

After the election, JCPA, in partnership with the JFNA Washington office, set up a New Administration Engagement Task Force, a group of prominent lay leaders seeking connections with the new White House. JCPA also held a post-election conference call with JFNA for a post-election round-up a few days after the election, featuring JTA Editor in Chief Andrew Silow-Carroll and Lynn Sweet, the Washington Bureau Chief of the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

## Muslim-Jewish Engagement

In order to strengthen ties between Muslims and Jews, and reduce the potential for conflict, JCPA established a Muslim-Jewish Task Force. JCPA held a four-part Muslim-Jewish engagement webinar series for JCRC professionals and lay leaders. More than 300 people participated in this programming.

JCPA helped to launch the “Know Your Neighbor Campaign” as one of three organizations (and the only Jewish organization). The Know Your Neighbor Campaign is an interfaith initiative made of 70 interfaith organizations to encourage individuals and groups to encounter people of faith different from their own. To read more [click here](#).



## Civil Rights and Criminal Justice Reform

JCPA made a strategic decision to mobilize the community relations network on civil rights and criminal justice reform. The aim was to strengthen historic alliances with the African American and Latino communities on issues of common concern. JCPA created a Criminal Justice Task Force to drive the agenda. We began by holding two educational webinars for professionals and lay leaders, with participation from more than 60 JCRCs, and held a third national webinar featuring Corey Booker, which garnered nearly 800 participants.

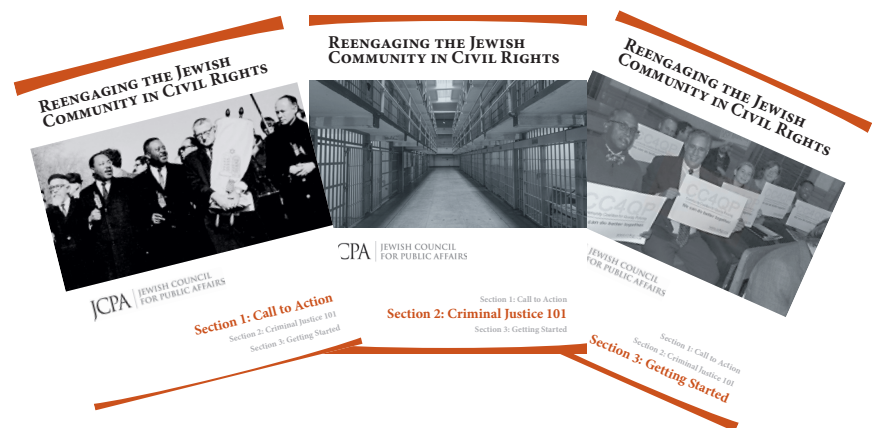
JCPA developed resources for the field including a call to action, criminal justice 101 overview, and a substantive resource page on our website. The JCPA2017 National Conference also focused heavily on criminal justice reform, with an opening panel featuring Glenn Martin, who appeared in the Netflix documentary “13TH,” followed by four breakout panels with experts on the topics of re-engaging the Jewish community in the civil rights movement, juvenile justice, reforming police practices, and life after lockup.

The Criminal Justice Task Force prepared a comprehensive plan for leading the Jewish community on criminal justice reform and leaning in to strengthen relationships with Black and Latino partners and neighbors, who make up the majority of people impacted by the U.S. criminal-legal system. JCPA moderated a panel of advocates on Capitol Hill entitled, “Faith Perspective on Criminal Justice Reform.”

Advocates briefed House staff on the Sentencing Reform Act. JCPA partnered with the Prison Fellowship and 50 other organizations, to promote a campaign to make April “Second Chance Month” to raise awareness about the obstacles facing the 1 in 4 American adults who have a criminal record. As a result, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution declaring April 2017 “Second Chance Month.” [Click here](#) to read more highlights from the campaign.

In July 2016, JCPA condemned the shootings and loss of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, two Black men killed by police, as well as the killings of five Dallas police officers in the aftermath. JCPA called for calm, deep reflection, and a serious commitment to political and social change. [Click here](#) to read the full statement, “JCPA Condemns Violence, Calls for Policy and Social Change”. [Click here](#) to read the full op-ed published in *Haaretz*, “How the Jewish Community Can be a Better Ally to Black Lives Matter.”

JCPA also responded to the accusations of “apartheid” and “genocide” in Israel in the Movement for Black Lives platform. The lengthy policy platform calls for a series of measures designed to promote racial justice and reduce economic inequality. Unfortunately, the platform also singled out Israel. To respond to the platform, JCPA worked with JFNA and the Israel Action Network (IAN) to prepare talking points for the JCRC field and Federation leadership, jointly convened two conference calls for JCRC professionals, and helped create a constructive approach for outreach with the African American community to discuss this concern.





# POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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JCPA's newly established Policy Advisory Committee includes representatives from all the national member agencies with legislative offices, chairs of past JCPA policy-related task forces, and representatives of the JCRC Directors Association. The Committee is mandated to oversee JCPA's policy and advocacy work, respond to emerging issues and make policy recommendations to the Board, manage JCPA's policy work, and facilitate the resolutions process.



## Highlights of JCPA's Policy Work

### Immigration

JCPA opposed the executive orders instituting a Muslim travel ban and expanded detention for undocumented immigrants. JCPA has long standing policy in support of refugees, comprehensive immigration reform, and ensuring a pluralistic America that were counter to the new order laid out by the Administration. To this end, JCPA issued a statement opposing the original order and signed on to an amicus brief filed by ADL. With the issuance of the new Muslim Travel Ban, JCPA continued to assist the field by providing analyses, updates, and engagement opportunities. [Click here](#) for coverage in JTA.

JCPA partnered with HIAS to mobilize the community relations field in support of refugees, including urging President Obama to raise the annual refugee admissions cap. In March 2017, JCPA sponsored a #JewsforRefugees Assembly, organized by HIAS and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and attended by nearly 800 people. JCPA also sponsored a National Day of Jewish Action for Refugees organized by HIAS in February 2017. See some of our media coverage [here](#) and [here](#).



### Israel

JCPA worked with the IAN and JFNA to create a strategy for the field on the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War to counter any possible efforts by Israel's detractors to portray the Jewish state as a permanent occupier. To that end, JCPA organized a consultation with 35 Israel advocacy professionals and developed a toolkit for Federations and JCRCs, which included a framing document, program ideas, frequently asked questions, a model op-ed, and a proclamation for state and local government. [Click here to see the Resource Page](#).





JCPA endorsed the International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace Authorization Act (H.R. 1221), which would establish an International Fund that would take a strategic long-term approach to scale up grassroots peacebuilding and to build the constituency necessary for the implementation of a two-state solution.

JCPA spoke out against the United Nations vote to condemn all Israeli settlements. True Middle East peace must come from the Israelis and Palestinians – not international bodies. Together with JFNA, JCPA organized a conference call to deconstruct John Kerry's speech explaining the U.S. abstention.

## Antisemitism

In 2016, JCPA participated in a high-level United Nations forum on antisemitism, which is on the rise around the world. JCPA participants heard from the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power, and Israeli Permanent Representative Danny Danon.

JCPA endorsed and advocated for the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act. The Senate passed the bill. However, the House of Representatives did not take it up before the end of the session.

In 2017, in response to bomb threats against JCCs, ADL, and other Jewish institutions as well as vandalism of Jewish cemeteries around the country, JCPA and the community relations field were vocal and active in ensuring that a comprehensive investigation took place. JCRCs in Maryland, New Jersey, St Louis, and Philadelphia held major events and press conferences with elected officials, and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation met with FBI officials during their mission to Washington, D.C. [Click here to read JCPA's statement](#). JCPA also endorsed a letter ultimately signed

by all 100 U.S. Senators to the Administration recognizing the antisemitic sentiment behind this spate of threats and encouraging the federal government to work with law enforcement and Jewish institutions. [Click here](#) to read coverage in Politico.



## Helping the Most Vulnerable

In 2016, President Obama's Advisory Council for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships released its final report on poverty, which included recommendations to increase opportunity and end poverty. Former JCPA President Steve Gutow, a council member, helped draft the final report.

JCPA also issued a joint action alert with JFNA urging Members of Congress to protect the Emergency Food and Shelter Program from a proposed \$20 million cut. [Click here](#) to read the alert.

In March 2017, President Trump released a “skinny” budget request outlining his priorities for the federal government's FY2018 spending, which conflicted significantly with JCPA's beliefs. In response, JCPA and its interfaith partners published a “Faithful Budget” outlining a moral budget that would protect the most vulnerable and our unity in opposing the budget cuts. [Click here](#) for JCPA's budget analysis, which summarizes and compares the budget request with our policy.

## International Human Rights

JCPA is an active member of the Jewish Coalition for Syrian Refugees, an emergency effort of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to help Syrian refugees. The coalition was created as a reaction to the dire nature and vast scale of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2013 by a special group of devoted Jewish organizations who came together to develop a Jewish response. Since its creation, the coalition has raised just over \$2 million that has been allocated to more than twenty organizations to aid thousands of Syrian refugees through critical medical, nutritional, and psychosocial care.

JCPA also joined the Jewish Coalition for East Africa, newly created to respond to severe food insecurity in East Africa. JCPA is one of ten inaugural organizations. The coalition's first action was to contribute \$10,000 to the Abayudaya community in Uganda for a safe water program following the drought in that region.

In early April, JCPA joined Bread for the World, CARE, Mercy Corps, and Oxfam in a tweet storm, using the hashtag #FightFamine, to raise awareness about the humanitarian crises sweeping across Africa and asking that Congress allocate \$1 billion to fight famine in the region. On May 3, Congress fulfilled that request by passing a 2017 spending bill that provides \$990 million in emergency funding to address famine in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Nigeria.



# NATIONAL CONVENINGS

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As the national hub of the community relations network, JCPA held in-person national meetings to grapple with current issues of the day, hear from experts, and set strategy.

## 2016 Fall Meeting

In September 2016 more than 85 leaders representing communities from around the country attended JCPA's Fall Meeting, which focused on strengthening the community relations field and launching a national criminal justice reform initiative. At the meeting, the JCPA Board and community relations leaders focused on the future of Jewish activism.

Highlights included a panel discussions on how BDS can be countered on college campuses, new directions in Jewish community advocacy, and Jews and the new Civil Rights frontier. [Click here for a recap of the meeting.](#)



## JCPA2017 National Conference in Washington, D.C.



In February, JCPA2017 brought together 200 of the top Jewish community relations professionals and lay leaders to discuss and debate a path forward on important issues at a time when our community and our nation had been divided. The conference focused on civil rights and criminal justice reform. In policy-driven sessions, participants not only learned from experts, but also from their peers, who showcased their successful models for local community engagement on civil rights, immigration and refugee policy, policing and criminal justice reform, and advancing a two-state solution. [Click here](#) for video recordings from our panels. Read an [overview of JCPA's 2017 annual conference by New York Jewish Life](#).

### Conference Highlights Include:

- An opening plenary session featuring Glenn E. Martin and Rabbi Jonah Pesner followed by breakout groups with top leaders in the field focusing on Juvenile Justice, Life After Lock-Up, and Police Reform.
- Workshops addressing policy concerns post-2016 elections and how to strengthen the community relations network.



- Adoption of three resolutions by the community relations field focusing on voting rights, ending domestic violence and sexual assault, and celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's reunification.
- The JCPA *Tzedek* award was presented to Wade Henderson, CEO and President of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; The *Tikkun Olam* award was presented to William Daroff, Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of JFNA; and the Albert D. Chernin award was presented to Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center Founder and Co-President.
- A powerful closing plenary session, featuring NAACP President Cornell Brooks, who spoke to our Board and conference participants about the future of civil rights.



## 2017 Spring Meeting

In June 2017, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Six Day War, JCPA cosponsored a half-day “Symposium on the Seventh Day: Israel at a Crossroads on the 50th Anniversary of the Six-Day War” with the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), Union for Reform Judaism, and World Zionist Organization (WZO), which was attended by more than 200 people. The seminar featured, among others, Ambassador Dani Dayan, Dr. Elana Stein Hain, J.J. Goldberg, Rabbi Noa Sattath, and Rabbi Rick Jacobs. JCPA also prepared a resource guide that was widely circulated and held public webinars featuring Ambassador MK Michael Oren, and Ken Stein.

The second day of JCPA's Spring Meeting brought together over 150 community relations leaders to network, learn, and discuss domestic public policy challenges. We learned about health care

priorities that needed our attention and on which our field should engage and mobilize the Jewish community for action. The complexities facing Israel today in achieving a two-state solution, and how we can be effective to turn the tide on the changing attitudes of Americans toward Israel were also discussed.



# ISRAEL

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JCPA's Israel advocacy work focuses on ensuring that the community relations field has the nuanced understanding of the complexities, challenges and successes faced by this young nation state. JCPA runs an annual Leadership Mission to Israel and engages with the Israeli consulate and government to share feedback on Israel policy. JCPA supports coexistence programming and efforts for peace while also ensuring that Israel remains a strong and secure homeland for the Jewish people.



## 2016 Israel Leadership Mission

JCPA headed to Israel on its annual JCPA Israel Leadership Mission in December 2016. The 20-person mission included eight Frank Fellows, five JCRC Directors, Board members, and JCPA staff. The mission helped participants become more nuanced advocates for Israel in the U.S. and also provided us with an opportunity to share the field's perspective with Israeli officials.

The mission focused on five thematic areas chosen to enhance local advocacy through firsthand experiences with what was happening in Israel—both the country's accomplishments and remaining challenges. Through this experience, participants returned better equipped to explain Israel's complexity to those who might otherwise be influenced by anti-Israel voices. The focus areas included racial and gender equality, pluralism and freedom of religion, current efforts for peace and a two-state solution, humanitarian support for Syrian victims, and security.

During the trip, participants:

- Visited the Ziv Hospital to see firsthand Israel's aid to Syrians injured in the civil war. Israel has provided care and support to more than 2,000 Syrians over the last three years. Participants also visited the Bialik-Rogozin School, which serves refugee children regardless of whether the parents are in the country legally. The school is providing education to more than 1,000 students from fifty nations.
- Met with Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat in Ramallah, Knesset members, and foreign ministry officials. We noted a strong longing and support for achieving two-state status for two democracies, especially with concerns about ISIS, and war on the borders.
- Met with Latin Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa and Lutheran leader Munib Younan, who discussed concerns around pluralism in Israel. Policy for egalitarian prayer is working its way through the legislature and the court system and is of major concern for the diaspora community.
- Visited Efrat and spoke with the mayor who shared his reality of trying to live in coexistence with Palestinian neighbors as well as working toward peace. We also visited with Roots, a grassroots coexistence project based on non-violence between settlers and Palestinian activists.
- The mission strengthened participants' resolve that the community relations field should be bolstered to support Israel's democracy and participate on these missions, which enable us to discuss Israel's strengths and weaknesses, counter those who make false claims against Israel, and create relationships with those in the U.S. who can influence Palestinians and Israelis.

## LEADERSHIP

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### Frank Family Leadership Institute

Each year JCPA's Frank Family Leadership Institute educates a talented group of young leaders from around the country for involvement in the Jewish community relations field.

In 2016, eight emerging leaders participated from Jewish Federations and JCRCs across the country, joining a trip to Poland and Israel, JCPA's annual conference, and a series of webinars geared toward educating them to be future leaders of the community relations field. The fellows included: Noah Appley, Atlanta; Magda Schaler-Haynes, Greater Metrowest; Nina Lukin, Buffalo; Michael Maistelman, Milwaukee; Joel Neid, Tidewater; Jennifer Steinberg, Delaware; Jordan Weiss, Detroit; and Randal Whitlatch, Pittsburgh. Past Frank Fellows were integrated into JCPA's leadership ranks this year.



### New Partnership with the National Association of Jewish Legislators (NAJL)

JCPA and NAJL formed a partnership to build stronger ties with state legislators and Jewish community relations councils in a coordinated and unified effort as more public policies are debated in the states. As a first step, NAJL has relocated its office to JCPA's New York headquarters. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

## COMMUNICATIONS

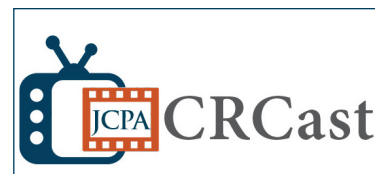
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### E-Update

JCPA launched our "E-Update" newsletter, an informal roundup of JCPA and the larger community relations network's ongoing initiatives. The aim is to keep leaders of our network informed on the latest issues, requests to the field, and timely activities happening around the country. To read the E-Updates, [click here](#).

### CRCast

JCPA launched the CRCast, a regular webinar series tackling Jewish advocacy and community relations issues. From the rise of antisemitism worldwide to the new Administration to the challenges facing Israel, the CRCasts provide insight into both complex issues and practical solutions. Guests have included Jose Angel N, Author; Julie Hammerman, Executive Director, JLens; Dr. Michael Oren, Deputy Minister for Diplomacy and Special Envoy in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office; and Gidi Grinstein, Founder, Reut Institute.





## Sign-On Letters (January-June 2017)

In addition to meeting with federal legislators and other government officials, JCPA also frequently joined its partners in sending letters to policymakers, submitting hearing testimony, and joining amicus briefs.

### January

- *ACLU Coalition Letter in Support of Planned Parenthood*
- *Jewish Coalition Against Human Trafficking Statement of Jewish Values for Human Trafficking Awareness Month*
- *National Anti-Hunger Organizations Letter in Support of Federal Nutrition Programs*

### March

- *ADL Amicus Brief for International Refugee Assistance Project, et al. v. Donald Trump*
- *Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking Letter in Support of Human Trafficking Programs in FY18 Appropriations*
- *Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Letter Opposing the Americans with Disabilities Act Education and Reform Act of 2017*
- *National Religious Partnership for the Environment Letter in Support of Antiquities Act and National Monument Designations*
- *Justice Roundtable Letter in Support of the DOJ Smart on Crime Initiative*
- *Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty Letter in Support of the Johnson Amendment*
- *National Council of Nonprofits Community Letter in Support of Nonpartisanship*

### April

- *Interfaith Working Group on Foreign Assistance Congressional Testimony on FY18 Foreign Aid Appropriations*
- *Interreligious Working Group for Domestic Human Needs Justice Letter in Support of FY17 & FY18 Census Appropriations*
- *ACT4JJ Letter in Support of FY18 Juvenile Justice Appropriations*
- *Coalition For Juvenile Justice Letter in Support of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017*
- *HIAS Letter in Support of Extending the Lautenberg Amendment in FY18 Appropriations*
- *HIAS Jewish Letter in Opposition to Funding for Harsh Immigration Enforcement Tactics*

### May

- Endorsed H. Res. 276, expressing the sense of the House that more should be done to instill Holocaust education in school curricula around the country.
- *Leadership Conference Letter in Support of Nominating a Census Bureau Director*
- *Leadership Conference Letter in Opposition to the “Thin Blue Line Act of 2017”*
- *Leadership Conference Letter in Opposition to the “Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017”*

## June

- *Coalition to End Hate* Letter to Mayors in Cities with Anti-Muslim Protests
- *Interfaith Working Group on Foreign Assistance* Letter on FY18 Foreign Aid Appropriations
- Endorsed the “Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocity Prevention Act of 2017”

## Statements

- [JCPA Condemns Shooting of Congressman Scalise - June 15, 2017](#)
- [JCPA Applauds the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling on Refugee Executive Order - May 26 2017](#)
- [Nine Reasons Jewish Organizations Should Issue Fewer Public Statements -March17, 2017](#)
- [JCPA and NAJL Partner to Strengthen Jewish Voice in Nation’s State Capitols - March 10, 2017](#)
- [JCPA Calls for Action Against Bomb Threats Against Jewish Community - March 1, 2017](#)
- [JCPA2017: The Path Forward Feb 25-28, Washington, DC: At Time of Unprecedented National Debate Jewish Communal Leaders Convene to Shape Agenda Under the New Administration - February 9, 2017](#)
- [Jewish Council for Public Affairs Opposes Executive Orders Targeting Immigrants and Refugees - January 29, 2017](#)
- [JCPA Dismayed at Presidential Candidates Statements – Urges Civility and Engagement - August 3, 2016](#)
- [JCPA Condemns Terrorist Attack in Nice and Stands with France to Combat Hatred and Violence - July 15, 2016](#)
- [JCPA Condemns Violence, Calls for Policy and Social Change - July 8, 2016](#)
- [JCPA Mourns the Death of Elie Wiesel, z”l - July 5, 2016](#)

## Resolutions

- [Resolution on Voting Rights](#)
- [Resolution on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)
- [Resolution on the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 War](#)

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