

---

## **ACTION ALERT/JERUSALEM ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

**ZOA's Israel Office defending Israel's sovereign and legal rights, fighting Arab violence and incitement, promoting stronger legislation, bringing U.S. leadership on board**

---



Israel's sovereignty on the Mount of Olives (foreground) and Temple Mount (background) and all eastern Jerusalem under heavy threat



---

## **ACTION ALERT**

**Help ZOA's Israel Office fight out of control violence in eastern Jerusalem, promote stronger legislation, elicit condemnations**

---

### **You need to act now especially ...**

Because the violence in Jerusalem is spiraling out of control. Because the Jewish People's holiest sites, the Temple Mount and Mount of Olives Cemetery, are under renewed attack.

Because sovereignty in Jerusalem is at its greatest level of risk since reunification.

Insist that safety and security, not to mention rights, for Jews in Israel's eternal capital city must be restored. Speak up as a concerned diaspora Jew or as a resident of Israel. Either way you have the right to demand a policy of zero-tolerance toward antisemitic terror attacks in eastern Jerusalem.

### **Help us help Jerusalem as we ...**

- promote stronger action and legislation together with our allies in the Knesset and Congress ([click here](#)), in particular stalwart MK Miri Regev ([click here](#)) along with her Interior Committee
- encourage efforts by the Cabinet of Israel to protect the rights of mourners, pilgrims, tourists and of course residents in eastern parts of Jerusalem ([click here](#))
- bring American victim stories to the attention of U.S. Consul General Ratney and State Department officials ([click here](#)), and supportive members of Congress ([click here](#))
- elicit condemnations from the U.S. administration ([click here](#)), and from Palestinian and local Arab leaders in Arabic, with U.S. funding meanwhile reconsidered ([click here](#)) in light of Palestinian culpability

## ACTION

**STEP ONE.** Catch up on lots of **BACKGROUND** material describing ZOA ISRAEL's agenda for Jerusalem (click links above, more information starting on page 4). Also review the news highlights diligently covered by media outlets such as [Arutz 7](#).

**STEP TWO.** In your own words, much more effective than a boilerplate, concisely and respectfully compose one of three letter types:

- a. **[Thank You]** 'I appreciate what is being done to protect Jerusalem...'
- b. **[Complaint]** 'I am distressed about what is/is not happening in Jerusalem...'
- c. **[U.S. Request]** 'I am counting on the U.S. government to issue and demand condemnations, revise reporting to accurately describe Jerusalem attacks as antisemitism and terrorism, attend to American victims...'

**STEP THREE.** Set up your email to look like this:

To: **Jeff Daube** <[zoaisraeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:zoaisraeloffice@gmail.com)>

Subject: (*choose only one of three*) **Thank You, Complaint, or U.S. Request**

**Dear Mr. Daube,**

**Please deliver the following message to the appropriate government authorities and agencies.**

---

**To Whom it May Concern:**

*Your message here.*

*Close with your **name, citizenship, and U.S. state** (current or last residence). Also, helpful but not required, provide **email contact information** so letter recipients can respond.*

**STEP FOUR.** This is where ZOA's Israel Office comes in. We will sort your letters by type, and aggregate them to present personally to the relevant government officials (listed in next section).

## GOVERNMENT PLAYERS

If the Israel Office were to deliver your letter today, these are the principals whom we would approach in your name and how they would divide. While not everyone on this list or the more expansive version has the power to effect change directly, such names are included because they can persuade and even pressure those who do.

Note that positions and actions taken are in [continual flux](#). So, for example, when Mayor Barkat stated earlier that we should keep the news quiet because it was frightening away Jerusalem visitors, we might have delivered *complaints* to his address. Then he started acting tougher, for which a more encouraging *thank you* is appropriate.

### THANK YOU - ISRAEL ADDRESSEES

- > Reuven Rivlin, President of Israel, 8th generation Yerushalmi ([“we must do everything for security”](#))
- > Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem ([“the terror will only toughen us up”](#))
- > MK Miri Regev, Chair of Knesset Interior Committee, [leading ZOA ally](#) on Jerusalem violence
- > MK Danny Danon, former Deputy Minister of Defense ([“demands greater security on Mt. of Olives”](#))
- > MK Moshe Feiglin, Deputy Knesset Speaker, risking personal safety to [defend Israeli sovereignty](#)
- > MK Naftali Bennett, Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs ([“need new Operation Defensive Shield”](#))
- > MK Uzi Landau, Minister of Tourism ([“hoping war-weary tourists will return to Israel”](#))
- > [David Azoulay](#), [Moti Yogev](#), [Yoni Chetboun](#), [Tzipi Hotoveley](#), [Nissim Ze’ev](#), [Hilik Bar](#), [Orit Struk](#) *et al* — more Knesset leaders working closely with ZOA’s Israel Office on eastern Jerusalem matters

### COMPLAINT - ISRAEL ADDRESSEES

- > Aharonovich, Minister of Internal Security ([“denies terror in Jerusalem”](#))
- > Yohanan Danino, Police Commissioner ([“violence is not spiraling out of control”](#))
- > Moshe (Chico) Edri, recently appointed Jerusalem District Police Commander, re the failures of his predecessor

### REQUEST - U.S. ADDRESSEES

- > Michael A. Ratney, U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem ([“violence of any sort is absolutely unacceptable”](#))
- > Daniel Shapiro, U.S. Ambassador to the State of Israel ([“highest priority is protection of U.S. citizens”](#))
- > Ira Forman, U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, State Department
- > Heather Cartwright, Director of Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, Justice Department
- > Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), ranking member of House Foreign Affairs, Mt. of Olives [rock-throwing target](#)
- > Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), sponsor of successful [Protect Cemeteries Act](#)
- > Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) and Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), sponsors of successful [legislation](#) seeking justice for Americans attacked by Palestinians
- > Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA), Rep. Tom Marino (D-PA), Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY), Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) *et al* — on [rewarding PA terror](#) and incitement with unconditional U.S. aid

## BACKGROUND

Follow the links in this section to round out your understanding of ZOA ISRAEL's role in the local picture. Parts of a cogently articulated UN address by Israeli Ambassador Ron Prosor follow.

Arab aggression meant to wrest Jerusalem control away from Israel is getting bolder. The level and types of violence throughout eastern Jerusalem, especially in the vicinity of the Mount of Olives and City of David, is worse than Israel has seen in more than a decade.



Arab youths stoning car in near lynch of Jewish passengers  
(Photo shared by Meir Tal, Ateret Cohanim security officer)

Many say this is leading to a *de facto* division of Israel's capital. Others are calling it a silent Jerusalem intifada. (Note [ZOA prediction](#) after Kerry remarks just a year ago.)

'Silent' refers only to the underreporting. Not the sounds of daily rioting, rock-throwing and firebombings, some resulting in serious injury; or the cries of traumatized children, with daycare centers and school buses also under attack.

You already know about some American victims — Tova Richler, Yoeli Harfenes and Nechama Meir — reported by us previously, for example [here](#). Among the more recent American terror casualties now there is Temple Mount activist [Rabbi Yehuda Glick](#), student counselor [Chanan Kupietzky](#), slain 3-month-old [Chaya Zissel Braun](#), and [slaughtered Rabbis](#) Aryeh Kopinsky, Calman Levine and Moshe Twersky.

**Word is getting out finally**, with ZOA's Israel Office and partners having contributed their part. Anyway, it's hard to ignore **5,000 violent incidents monthly** — up from the already disturbing 200 of a few months ago, before the excuse of Operation Protective Edge — or the PA's **official role** in instigating the violence.

'Israel is Raping Al-Aqsa' posted by the National Security Forces of the Palestinian Authority. [Click here](#) for more examples of the PA's inciting violence in Jerusalem, collected by Palestinian Media Watch and disseminated by ZOA's Israel Office.



**Click the links to learn more about ZOA's Jerusalem agenda, which this year has included...**

- working with the Cabinet Secretary and Director General in the [Prime Minister's office](#) to halt and disincentivize violence
- promoting a more robust [response](#) to the violence in coordination with the [Knesset Interior Committee](#), for example [punitive legislation](#) modeled on U.S. statutes
- informing U.S. Consul General Michael Ratney about attacks on American citizens; appealing for help to [elicit condemnations](#) and better State Department reporting; and providing an on-site private [briefing](#) for him and Jerusalem Consulate staff
- requesting help from a number of [congressional offices](#) to investigate American dollars funding terrorism, both incited and incentivized by the PA; especially when [convicted terrorists](#) released prematurely from Israeli jail are the [perpetrators](#)

## ZOA ISRAEL's recent activities for Jerusalem also have included...

- facilitating public responses by victims of recent attacks, for examples Mt. of Olives spokesperson and resident [Miriam Schwab](#) (Hebrew video)
- publicizing desecrations of Jewish cemetery graves of dozens of Hasidic leaders, smashed and defaced in repeated incidents from [Rosh Hashana](#) to the present



Photo credit: Jeff Daube

- opposing, with [Legal Grounds](#) co-chair Arlene Kushner, [discriminating words and policies](#) when it comes to Jews building legally and legitimately in their capital
- highlighting [Arab MK incitement](#) against the State of Israel, now focused on [Jerusalem](#)
- depicting outrageous discrimination against non-Muslims on the [Temple Mount](#), and co-organizing the HALIBA conference (with director [Yehuda Glick](#), our nearly assassinated colleague on Israel sovereignty issues) on restoring Jewish freedoms there
- reinforcing Israel's claim to Mount Zion and its environs, believed to contain the burial remains of King David, by [mobilizing with four MKs](#) (Yoni Chetboun, Moshe Feiglin, Meir Porush and Nissim Zeev), starting with a tour in advance of the Pope's arrival
- talking up the *Jerusalem Birthplace Act* and [Zivotofsky case](#), now being re-decided in the U.S. Supreme Court
- providing radio interviews for the Hebrew and English media, for example:
  - TLV-1/So Much to Say, [How to Bring Calm to Jerusalem](#), 11/06
  - KERI/ Denice Gary-Pandol Show, [Assassination Attempt in Jerusalem](#), 11/01
  - Voice of Israel/Judy Balint Show, [One Man Who Cannot Stay Silent](#), 10/02
  - Voice of Israel/Josh Hasten Show, [Is There a Silent Intifada in Jerusalem?](#) 10/01



---

“It’s hard to ignore 5,000 violent incidents monthly — up from the already disturbing 200 of a few months ago — or the PA’s official role in instigating the violence.”

---



Official [Fatah page](#) on Facebook, Nazareth billboard, and [social media](#) all spreading 'Car Intifada' message to Palestinians: run over or kidnap Jews

The powers that be need to hear from you NOW. That you want to visit and feel safe and secure. That you no longer will accept business as usual: Arab violence and incitement, holy site desecrations, and denying religious rights for Jews in Jerusalem.

Tell them you care most deeply — **because Jerusalem belongs to you.**

## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? IDEAS?

Contact Jeff Daube, ZOA's Israel Director

By email: [jdaube@zoa.org](mailto:jdaube@zoa.org)

By phone: (in Israel) 058-538-0840; (from the US) 011-972-58-538-0840



## Excerpted remarks on Jerusalem by Israeli UN Ambassador Prosor



### **Distributed by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

The following is excerpted from remarks to the Security Council by Ambassador Ron Prosor, UN Permanent Representative of Israel, during the Emergency Session on Jerusalem (October 29, 2014).

[Full video here.](#)

- I am here to convey one simple truth. The people of Israel are not occupiers and we are not settlers. Israel is our home and Jerusalem is the eternal capital of our sovereign state.
- There are many threats in the Middle East, but the presence of Jewish homes in the Jewish homeland has never been one of them.
- It says a great deal that the international community is outraged when Jews build homes in Jerusalem, but doesn't say a word when Jews are murdered for living in Jerusalem. The hypocrisy is appalling.
- Throughout history, Jerusalem has been the capital for one people and only one people – the Jewish people.
- Jerusalem is central to our identity and our tradition. The holy city is named more than 900 times in the Bible. On holidays we sing *לשנה הבאה בירושלים* – “Next year in Jerusalem.”
- For thousands of years, through persecution and massacres, expulsions and crusades, blood libels and pogroms, Jews turned their hearts in prayer towards Jerusalem. The connection between the Jewish people and our capital cannot be denied.
- The Palestinians and others have had the audacity to accuse us of trying to alter the historic Jewish character of our ancient city. Really? The truth of the matter is that Jerusalem had a Jewish character long before most cities in the world had any character. It was the capital of the Jewish people long before Homer composed the Iliad, before Romulus and Remus founded Rome, and before the armies of Alexander the Great swept across the Middle East. Jerusalem is steeped in Jewish history.

- Earlier this month, he [Palestinian President Abbas] called on Palestinians to prevent Jews from visiting the Temple Mount using (quote) “all means” necessary. Are these the words of a leader committed to making peace?
- The video of his hateful remarks was broadcast on official Palestinian Authority television 19 times in three days -19 times in three days. The results of these inflammatory remarks were almost immediate. Hundreds of Arabs rioted in Jerusalem damaging the light rail system and a Hamas terrorist deliberately drove full speed onto a Jerusalem train platform and killed two people. Did President Abbas express outrage or remorse over the senseless killings? Of course not. He couldn’t even muster the courage to denounce an attack that left a three-month-old baby dead.

Rather than trying to extinguish the flames of conflict, the Palestinian leadership is adding fuel to the fire. First they incite violence on the Temple Mount and then they run to the Security Council to complain about the consequences. If this isn’t manufacturing a crisis, I don’t know what is.

- Following Israel’s victory in 1967, Israel reunited Jerusalem. Since then, all people – and I mean all people - regardless of religion and nationality can visit the city’s holy sites.

And while we were victorious and assumed control over all of Jerusalem, Israel extended a hand in peace to the Muslim world. According to the status quo brokered between Israel and the Waqf [the Islamic religious authority], Muslims would enjoy access to pray at their holy sites, while all other religions would be allowed access to the Temple Mount.

Israel went one step further and decided that Jews would not be allowed to pray on the site. I want to make sure you understand this. The Temple Mount is Judaism’s holiest place, but we were willing to restrict our own freedoms for the sake of peace. Can you think of another nation that would make this compromise? Can you think of another religion that would make this sacrifice?

Today, Jerusalem under Israeli authority is united for Muslims, united for Christians, and united for Jews. As Prime Minister Netanyahu reiterated this week (and I quote), “We are maintaining the status quo and allowing everyone access to the holy places, and we will continue to do so.”

Israel is doing everything in its power to minimize tensions. Even when riots break out, Israeli security forces, acting in coordination with the Jordanian government, refrain from entering the mosque and its courtyard unless there is an imminent threat to the site and its visitors.

The Palestinians, on the other hand, are doing everything in their power to inflame tensions. The Waqf has violated the status quo agreement by restricting access to Judaism's holiest place – the place where we believe that God began the act of creation, where Abraham brought his son Isaac, and where Jacob fell asleep and dreamed of angels.

Today a Jew who wishes to visit this sacred site is threatened with violence. But you don't have to take my word for it. Earlier this month, Hanan Ashrawi, a prominent member of the PLO Executive Committee, said that allowing Jews to visit the Temple Mount is a (quote) "declaration of war against Islam."

There are the irresponsible words of a person trying to ignite a religious war. You don't have to be a Catholic to visit the Vatican. You don't have to be a Jew to visit the Western Wall. But the Palestinians would like to see the day when the Temple Mount is only open to Muslims – and that will not take place

- It is time for the Palestinians to realize that the children of Abraham - all the children of Abraham - Jews, Christians and Muslims alike - are not doomed to live together in war, but rather destined to live together in peace.
- And so today I issue this promise from the people of the Promised Land - under our watch, Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish people, will remain a free and open city for all people and for all time.