

# LA Jews for Peace Policy Statement

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## **LA Jews for Peace Condemns The Overnight Raid of the Salhiyeh Family Home**

**LA Jews for Peace** condemns the overnight raid that arrested and evicted all 13 members of the Palestinian Salhiyeh family from their Sheikh Jarrah home, and demolished their home in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 19, 2022.

The eviction of the Salhiyeh family in the middle of the night by dozens of Israeli police, from the home where the family has lived for decades since being evicted from West Jerusalem during the Nakba, is incendiary, unjust, and harmful. We saw last May less incendiary attempts to evict Palestinians from their long-time homes in Sheikh Jarrah sparked a violent escalation in Jerusalem itself and across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, and triggered a war in Gaza.

The Jerusalem municipality claims that it will build a school for Palestinian children on the Salhiyeh homesite. This is simply an excuse — if the municipality really wanted to build a school, there is adequate empty land within Sheikh Jarrah. Rather, this eviction and demolition is part of Israel's continued actions to reduce the number of Palestinians and increase the number of Jews in East Jerusalem. It is part of an ongoing, systemic injustice by Israel to deepen the occupation that is already considered apartheid by B'Tselem and Human Rights Watch. It imperils Israel's own future as a democratic homeland for the Jewish people, and tramples on Palestinian rights.

We support J Street's calls:

- For the Administration to investigate if, in violation of U.S. law, any U.S.-supplied defense equipment was used to help carry out this eviction and demolition.
- For Congress to advance legislation that makes clear that U.S. aid and equipment cannot be used to carry out actions that violate international law.