



Executive Council
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Response to Israeli Rabbis' Petition to Forbid Renting Homes to non-Jews

The ECAJ condemns unreservedly the statements made yesterday in a petition by 40 municipal Rabbis in Israel to forbid renting homes to non-Jews.

Those statements are antithetical to Jewish values and contrary both to the letter and spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence which guarantees complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex.

The ECAJ welcomes the denunciation of the statement by Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and by some of the most eminent Rabbis in Israel who have said that the statement constitutes a serious distortion of Judaism, and is against basic human morality.

Israel remains the only country in the Middle East in which public statements of bigotry from any source and against any target are met with immediate repudiation from senior mainstream political and religious leaders.

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