



Anti-Semitism in Russia - Special meeting at the Knesset - March 17th

In light of the severe Anti-Semitic incidents that have recently occurred in Russia, and in other former Soviet Union countries (the most famous being the shocking and disgraceful letter, signed by newspaper editors, academics, intellectuals and 19 members of the Russian State Duma, calling to outlaw all Jewish organizations in Russia and accusing Jews of inciting ethnic hatred), the IAJLJ organized an urgent meeting on March 17th, held at the lecture hall of the Israeli Parliament – the Knesset, where Mr. Alexander Brod, from the Moscow Bureau of Human Rights, presented the rate of Anti-Semitic incidents in Russia, and stated that these incidents are rapidly increasing. Mr. Brod briefed the participants at the meeting, as to why the Russian law against Incitement of Ethnic, Racial and Religious Enmity is not being enforced. Mr. Brod showed the audience a video excerpt, prepared by the MBHR, showing meetings of Russian neo-Nazis, calling for violent acts towards Jews, as well as statements denying the Holocaust. In addition, Mr. Brod asked the IAJLJ for assistance in fighting these latest trends, stating that the contribution of an international association, like ours, is extremely important. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs – Mr. Natan Sharansky, who marked the importance of the activity of our association, by Israeli members of the IAJLJ's presidency, by the Israeli members of our association and by many other Israeli lawyers, jurists, state officials and law enforcement officials. More information will be available soon in the next issue of JUSTICE.