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### **Human rights within the corporation**

On March 11, in cooperation with Tel Aviv law firm Herzog Fox & Neeman, IAJLJ held a [conference](#) on the emerging responsibility to protect human rights within the corporation. IAJLJ members Gavriel Mairon and Daniel Reisner participated, as did Miki Adiv, a principal of security company G4S. Look for Gavriel Mairone's article on this conference in the next issue of Justice.

### **New IAJLJ members in Italy**

President Irit Kohn reports that following a series of presentations she made in Rome and Milan during March several Jewish lawyers and jurists in those cities joined IAJLJ. Congratulazioni ai nostri nuovi membri in Italia!

### **UN Human Rights Council update**

The UN Human Rights Council, which after many years in November 2013 finally accepted Israel's application for membership, held its 25th Regular Session in March in Geneva. Tom Gal, IAJLJ's resident representative to the United Nations in Geneva, addressed the council on such subjects as the civil war in [Syria](#), Ouda Seliman [Tarabin](#), the Israeli Bedouin held for more than 11 years in Egypt, the [65th anniversary](#) of the UN's Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and the [role](#) of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East), as well as the Council's latest report on [Israel](#) in its regularly-issued Universal Periodic Review.

### **IAJLJ protests Anne Frank vandalization in Japan**

IAJLJ called on Japanese Minister of Justice Sadakazu Tanigaki to [bring to justice](#) the criminal who vandalized more than 300 copies of Anne Frank's 'The Diary of a Young Girl' at public libraries throughout Tokyo in March.

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### **IAJLJ at London conference with BICOM and WJC**

IAJLJ provided its legal expertise at a consultation, held in London on April 6 devoted to the current state of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel. Conference sponsors were BICOM (Britain Israel Communications and Research Center) and the World Jewish Congress.

### **IAJLJ convenes BDS and cyber terror panels at Israel Bar conference**

Activities anti-Israel, known as the BDS (boycott, divest, sanctions) movement and the legal and technology aspects of cyber-terror were the subjects of [panels](#) convened by IAJLJ at the annual conference of the Israel Bar Association, held in Eilat on (date). BDS panel participants included members of a delegation of English lawyers.

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### **IAJLJ's UNRWA Side Event at UN**

More than 100 people participated in IAJLJ's United Nations' [Side Event UNRWA – Providing Humanitarian Relief or Prolonging the Palestinian Refugee Problem?](#), held in New York on 19 May in conjunction with our colleagues, the American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. The event concluded a year of activity on the issue that included meetings with ambassadors of UNRWA donor countries at which we raised three main points: the inflated number of Palestinian refugees; UNRWA's lack of transparency and abuse of donations; and UNRWA's support of incitement against Israel. Read the complete event program [here](#), as well as the event's extensive [media coverage](#). IAJLJ is preparing a special edition of Justice magazine on UNRWA for publication in fall 2014. To see the full event see:

<http://webtv.un.org/watch/part-1-unrwa-providing-humanitarian-relief-or-prolonging-the-palestinian-refugee-problem/3576017015001/> - Part 1;

<http://webtv.un.org/watch/part-2-unrwa-providing-humanitarian-relief-or-prolonging-the-palestinian-refugee-problem/3576310872001/> - Part 2.

### **IAJLJ condemns UNHRC denial of IAJLJ participation in UN Palestine roundtable**

IAJLJ sent a [letter of protest](#) to Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General at the United Nations when the HRC held a two-day [meeting](#) on April 24 titled [Legal Aspects of the Question of Palestine](#) to which UN-accredited groups such as IAJLJ – which has a direct interest in the subject – were denied entry. A [response](#) received a few days later from the UNHRC stated that the roundtable discussion had been declared a closed meeting by its organizer, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, a decision the UNHRC says the organizer was entitled to make. IAJLJ [replied](#) that a decision to hold such a meeting behind closed doors is unacceptable, and that complete transparency, including decisions taken at the meeting, was a fundamental requirement.

### **Reminder: Membership dues are due**

IAJLJ members who have not renewed their membership for 2014 are urged to do so, because it is your membership fees that allow us carry out our program. For your convenience, we've placed on our website an electronic [form](#) that upon completion can be sent to us. Membership includes the right to list yourself in our lawyers' [database](#). You can also tell friends and colleagues about this handy way to join IAJLJ.

### **IAJLJ condemns Brussels hate crimes**

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IAJLJ harshly condemns the hate-crime murders committed at the Jewish Museum in Brussels on May 24, and hopes that the Belgian authorities will speedily bring the perpetrator or perpetrators to justice. We offer our deepest condolences to the families of the four victims. In early June, IAJLJ President Irit Kohn joined a World Jewish Congress delegation to Brussels to express solidarity with the local Jewish community. At a memorial service convened by Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, the delegation also met with Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade & European Affairs, Didier Reynders, Minister of Justice Annemie Turtelboom and the Minister of the Interior Joëlle Milquet.

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**IAJLJ: As European anti-Semitism rises, so does need for criminalizing anti-Semitism**

IAJLJ, in partnership with lawyers from Austria, is planning a one-day brainstorming conference on promoting legislation throughout Europe that criminalizes anti-Semitic activity and that also provides precise definitions of such activity. The need for such legislation is increasing in parallel to the rise in anti-Semitic activity throughout Europe in recent years. Look for an announcement of time and place soon.

**Save the date: 19 November 2014**

*International Human Rights and Israel – Politicization or a Complex Reality* will be the theme of IAJLJ's [15th Congress](#), to begin in Eilat, Israel, on 19 November 2014. Elections to the IAJLJ presidency, Executive Committee and Board of Governors will also be held at the Congress. Members are invited to submit topics for discussion, and to look for updates and further announcements on IAJLJ's [website](#).

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