



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS

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The International Association of Jewish Lawyer and Jurists, a 40 year old legal association ,headquartered in Israel, with members throughout the world, advocates respect and tolerance among all people regardless of race, gender ,religion or ethnicity. Indeed, these values are fundamental to the system of justice in Israel.

We are currently facing harmful and illegal activities on the part of extreme religious elements directed against women in Israel. These activities severely undermine the respect for the State of Israel, which has entrenched human dignity and liberty in its Basic Laws.

Along with sister legal organizations, on both the national and local scale, the IAJLJ believes there is no reasonable alternative to the rule of law. Therefore, as a leading legal professional organization, the IAJLJ hereby states full support for those who advocate tolerance and deplore vicious and hateful language and behavior, disguised as religious advocacy ,reported recently from Bet Shemesh, Israel and elsewhere.

Diversity in any multi-cultural society requires that positive words and ideas will triumph over the most basic instincts of violence. With full respect and honor to people of all religious, or no religious orientation, the IAJLJ and its member lawyers and jurists ,calls upon all women and men of good will to make themselves heard and for all leaders of the Israeli government to redouble efforts to ensure tranquility and security in our neighborhoods. To fight against this phenomenon and to uproot it before it spreads further.

To do otherwise or remain silent would be an even more shameful lacuna than the actions of the perpetrators. Indeed Jewish history demands of us no less and even in recent times has taught us the danger of inaction in the face of evil.