



# JUSTICE FOR JEWS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES

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### *Palestinians not the only Middle East Refugees*

## BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO FOCUS ON JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ARAB COUNTRIES

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(LONDON, ENGLAND) June 16, 2008 - The first ever hearing in the British Parliament on the subject of Jewish refugees from Arab countries will take place on **Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 7:00-9:00 pm** in the **House of Lords, Committee Corridor, Committee Room 2A**.

Convened by Labour MP **John Mann** and **Lord Anderson of Swansea**, this Joint Briefing is being organized by *Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC)* in association with the *Board of Deputies of British Jews*.

When the issue of ‘refugees’ is raised within the context of the Middle East, people invariably refer only to ‘Palestinian refugees’. Neither the mass violations of human rights, nor the displacement of Jews from Arab countries, has ever been adequately addressed by the international community. This Joint Briefing will underscore that two refugee populations emerged as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict; and will assess the most appropriate role that the UK should play in seeking to resolve issues affecting all Middle East refugees.

Featured speakers will include renowned historian **Sir Martin Gilbert** who will speak on the “*Historical Narrative and the UK’s Response to Middle East Refugees*” and former Canadian Minister of Justice, **The Hon. Irwin Cotler**, MP who will speak on “*International Law and Middle East Refugees*.” Two former refugees will testify on their flight from Iraq and Egypt and their resettlement in the UK.

Invited to the Joint Briefing will be Members of the House of Lords and House of Commons, government and Foreign & Commonwealth Office senior staff as well as the international and national NGOs and the media. Persons interested in more information should contact Stanley Urman (020-7244-0222) or US cell 917-640-8028 or email [info\(at\)justiceforjews.com](mailto:info(at)justiceforjews.com).

*Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC)* is an international coalition of major Jewish communal organizations operating to ensure that justice for Jews from Arab countries assumes its rightful place on the international political agenda and that their rights be secured as a matter of law and equity ([www.justiceforjews.com](http://www.justiceforjews.com)).