

LA Jews for Peace Determined to Protect Muslims and People of Color from Attack by the Trump Administration

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LA Jews for Peace is determined to stand in solidarity with Muslim Americans, Blacks, Latinos and Latinas, immigrants, and all other groups, including Jews, who may be isolated, identified, brutalized, criminalized, or subjected to registration and mass detention or deportation due to the Trump administration enacting a white supremacist agenda. We intend to speak out and stand up along with allied civil rights and human rights organizations.

The Trump camp has suggested that Muslims may be required to register themselves along with possible detention in internment camps similar to those imposed on Japanese American citizens during World War II. Jonathan Greenblatt, Director of the Anti-Defamation League, said, "We have painful memories of when we ourselves were identified, registered and tagged ... the day they create a Registry for Muslims is the day that I register as a Muslim because of my Jewish faith, because of my commitment to our core American values."¹

If the government instituted a Muslim registration program, **LA Jews for Peace** would join Greenblatt and other civil rights leaders in registering as Muslims to defeat the program. We would act in solidarity with Muslims in the spirit of the slaves in the film "Spartacus" who all stood-up and said "I am Spartacus" to protect him.

In other circumstances of government attacks on minorities, **LA Jews for Peace** will act non-violently in a manner appropriate to the context of government attacks that we want to peacefully resist. We will act in the spirit of, and may join with, many civil and human rights leaders who have always chosen non-violent protest and civil action.

LA Jews for Peace is closely following incidents of anti-Semitic statements, Nazi rhetoric, and swastika defacings which emerged since Steve Bannon took leadership of the Trump campaign, and escalated after he was named as a key advisor in the Trump administration. We intend to speak out and stand up strongly against these attacks.

¹ <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/donald-trump-jewish-muslim-registry-president-elect-rights-adl-anti-defamation-league-a7426341.html>.