

**A message to community members from the Board of Directors of the
Minneapolis Jewish Federation pertaining to the
Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Iran Nuclear Deal)**

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As the worldwide Jewish community vigorously debates the details of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation recognizes and respects the wide range of local views held by our community members. In spite of the spectrum of opinion, our community is united in our steadfast support of efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution that ends Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and ensures the ongoing safety of the State of Israel.

Whether approved or defeated, the proposed agreement between the P5 + 1 and Iran has given rise to several issues and concerns, which we call on the United States government, in partnership with our global allies, to address including:

- Iran, a state that repeatedly and consistently calls for the destruction of the United States and Israel, must never be allowed to obtain nuclear weapons.
- Iran must be prevented from enabling terrorist activities that threaten the safety of the United States and Israel.
- Israel's security must never be compromised.

One key role of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation is to build community and welcome respectful dialogue on all points of view pertaining to concerns relevant to the world's Jewish community. In that role, and with the strong desire to ensure ongoing and non-partisan support of the special alliance between the United States and Israel, the Board of Directors has decided that a position encouraging community members to become informed and take action as individuals, rather than speaking on their behalf, was seen as the most respectful response to those holding vastly differing opinions.

Since the prospect of a nuclear Iran is so critically related to our mission to care for the welfare of Jews everywhere, the Board of Directors encourages every member of our community to learn about the details of the proposed agreement. Many educational resources are available. One site we recommend is the Jewish Federations of North America's Iran Nuclear Agreement page:

<http://jewishfederations.org/update-iran-nuclear-agreement>.

The Board of Directors encourages community members with strong feelings on this matter to communicate their concerns to their elected officials, who will have a direct impact on whether or not the agreement receives congressional approval in September.



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As we enter the most holy period of the Jewish calendar, the Board of Directors wishes everyone *L'Shana Tova*, a good year, with the world's Jewish community united in support of Jews in Israel and around the world.

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