

# ***Jewish Council For Public Affairs***

**Statement of Jewish Council for Public Affairs Chair Steven Schwarz, July 29, 1998**

"The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) views as an important step forward the establishment of a permanent international criminal court with jurisdiction over genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression. Our overall support for this initiative reflects the organized American Jewish community's fundamental commitment to the protection of human rights and dignity for all peoples.

If utilized appropriately, we believe the court represents an historic achievement that will enable the international community to bring to justice perpetrators of serious crimes against humanity. We hope the court, which emerges at the close of a century that has witnessed unprecedented acts of barbarism, will finally provide a mechanism for enforcing the Genocide Convention."