For Immediate Release:
Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Contact: Rabbi Doug Kahn, Executive Director
(415) 957-1551, dkahn@jcrc.org

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL CONDEMNS JERUSALEM BOMBING ATTACK

San Francisco – The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) strongly condemns today’s vicious bomb attack against Israeli civilians in Jerusalem.

The explosion occurred in central Jerusalem in the middle of the day. The bomb was placed at a busy bus stop and hit two buses full of passengers in front of a convention center, and across the street from the Jerusalem Central Bus Station.

A 59 year-old woman was killed and there were several dozen people wounded in the blast including 3 in critical condition. The majority of the victims are young, ranging from 15-30 years-old.

This destructive act of violence comes on the heels of over 80 missiles and mortars that landed in and around southern Israeli cities and towns, fired by terrorists from Hamas-ruled Gaza, the massacre of an innocent family (including 3 children) in Itamar, and the recently intercepted Iranian arms shipment headed for Egypt.

We express dismay at this escalation of violence directed at Israeli civilians and urge the Palestinian leadership to condemn acts of terrorism. The JCRC stands with the State of Israel in its commitment to peace. We support Israel’s right to protect its citizens.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families and we pray for healing and peace in Israel and throughout the region.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the central public affairs and community relations arm of the organized Jewish community. Representing synagogues and Jewish institutions throughout the Bay Area, JCRC promotes a just society and a secure Jewish future.

XXX