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**JCRC Condemns Kidnapping, Supports Israeli Efforts to Bring Teens Home**

*Monday, June 16, 2014, The Jewish Community Relations Council, 121 Steuart Street, San Francisco, California* - We were deeply saddened to learn of the abduction of three Israeli teenagers, Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gil-Ad Shaer, 16, and Naftali Frenkel, 16 and an American citizen, who were kidnapped last Thursday in the West Bank. We are outraged by this senseless crime. Our thoughts are with them and their families as we pray that they be returned speedily and unharmed.

We commend United States Secretary of State John Kerry and other international leaders who have unequivocally condemned the teens' abduction, and echo his calls for the Palestinian leadership and security forces to cooperate fully with Israeli authorities to ensure that Eyal, Gil-Ad and Naftali are returned to their families unscathed as soon as possible.

It is heartbreaking that innocent children have been taken captive. Our community stands in solidarity with the people of Israel and supports Israeli efforts to bring these boys back to their families.

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