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YOUNG ISRAEL STATEMENT ON THE FEDERAL JURY'S DECISION TO HOLD THE  
PA AND PLO LIABLE FOR ACTS OF TERROR IN ISRAEL

The National Council of Young Israel (NCYI) issued the following statement regarding today's verdict in federal court, which found that the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) were liable for a rash of terrorist attacks in Israel more than ten years ago. The jury ordered the PA and the PLO to pay \$655.5 million to the victims' families, which marked the conclusion of the five-week long trial that resulted from a 2004 lawsuit which was filed under the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Act.

“The National Council of Young Israel is gratified that the jury in this case came to the conclusion that the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Liberation Organization should be held liable for a wave of terror attacks in Israel that terrorized a nation and tragically claimed the lives of so many people. This verdict sends a clear message that inciting terrorism, supporting terrorism, and celebrating terrorism cannot and will not be tolerated, and that those responsible for perpetrating acts of terror will be held responsible and forced to pay a heavy price. While no amount of money can ever reclaim the lives of those innocent people who were brutally murdered, today's verdict is a major victory for basic human decency and a big blow to terrorist organizations that openly embrace and encourage violence.”

*For the past 102 years, the National Council of Young Israel has ably served the broader Jewish community. With more than 25,000 member families and nearly 200 branch synagogues throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel, the National Council of Young Israel is a multi-faceted organization that embraces Jewish communal needs and often takes a leading role in tackling the important issues that face the Jewish community in North America and Israel.*