



JCRC-NY Statement on the Empowerment of Otzma Yehudit

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY), the central resource for the organized Jewish community in the Metropolitan area, is deeply disturbed that the extremist right-wing *Otzma Yehudit* (Jewish Power) party might acquire parliamentary representation in the upcoming Israeli election and potentially join the governing coalition due to its merger with the *Habayit Hayehudi* (Jewish Home) party. It is JCRC-NY's conviction that *Otzma Yehudit* and its racist views have no legitimate place on an Israeli national platform or in any future governing coalition.