



## Stop the JNF Bulletin: Focus on East Jerusalem.

### The Sumarins' fight to retain their home.

Webinar: "The Sumarin Family and Ethnic Cleansing in East Jerusalem," hosted by Stop the JNF and Partners. [Register here](#)

**Speakers:** Amal Sumarin, Silwan resident; Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Torat Tzedek; Dr Yousef Jabareen, Member of the Israeli Knesset Joint List; Richard Burgon, Labour MP for Leeds East. **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00 pm GMT**

*Since occupying East Jerusalem in 1967, Israel has imposed policies to drive Palestinians from the city, including through home demolition, eviction and forced displacement. Amal Sumarin, and her extended family face eviction from the home they have lived in for decades in Silwan, East Jerusalem. The eviction is being pursued in the Israeli courts by Himanuta, a subsidiary of the Jewish National Fund. JNF UK has charity status in this country.*

*The attempted eviction of the family has caused international outcry, including in the UK, with a cross-party group of 71 MPs endorsing Early Day Motion 529 condemning the eviction, and urging the UK government to uphold human rights and international law.*

**INVITE YOUR MP TO JOIN THE WEBINAR – Check if s/he has signed EDM 529 [here](#)**

### Background to the Sumarin case:

- Some people thought that the BBC drama series *McMafia*, portraying elements of the secret world populated by Russian oligarchs and the uses they put their newly acquired millions to was just a piece of imaginative fiction.



- A recent BBC Panorama programme *Banking Secrets of the Rich and Powerful* of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 was interesting enough as it was, but the last few minutes were stunning to those of us fighting for justice for Palestinians, revealing that Elad, the virulent Israeli Settler organisation behind the house evictions in East Jerusalem, had received funding in excess of \$100 million dollars from Roman Abramovich, the owner of Chelsea FC since 2013, to pursue their ethnic cleansing activities. Watch this [BBC Arabic service](#) film for an expanded version of what *Panorama* gave us.

And here is a separate [3 minute short](#) film about the Sumarin family



Entrance to the City of David

- **A major row erupts between JNF and Elad, who run the City of David park.** The international campaign against the JNF-inspired eviction of the Sumarin family has caused a major rift between the ethnic cleansing dream-team of Elad and Himnuta (JNF proxy). Read more [here](#)
- **The Israeli Embassy tries to claim that the state has no part in the East Jerusalem evictions.** Read more [here](#)
- **This article explains why the Sumarin family are being hounded out of their home in East Jerusalem:** “Ten Reasons ‘The City of David’ is not the wholesome Tourist Experience you thought it was.” By [Moriel Rothman](#), Times of Israel.



**The politicisation of archaeology in East Jerusalem.**

The City of David lies at the heart of the Zionist project: developing a national cult of the heroic leader, attempting to treat the Bible as record of verifiable fact, building a money-spinning tourist attraction/brainwashing project and an excuse for yet more ethnic cleansing as Jerusalem is relentlessly Judaised. Read more [here](#)

- **Find out more about how Elad is changing the facts underground in East Jerusalem** in this [short film](#) by [Emek Shaveh](#), an archeological group opposed to the politicisation of their academic discipline.
- **Himnuta operates over the Green Line too.** The Cassia family of Beit Jala, just west of Bethlehem and south of Jerusalem, had their home and restaurant demolished in August 2019. This account in [“The New Arab”](#) gives the story and includes a memorable definition of the JNF as “ The Fund for the Expulsion of Palestinians.” (LINK)

**NEXT STOP THE JNF WEBINAR:**

**Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm UK time:**

**Greenwashing and the JNF**

From biodiversity conservation to energy generation, from water conservation to climate change, the JNF has been causing environmental devastation and greenwashing crimes against the Palestinian people. **Join Eurig Scandrett and guests.**



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