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STATEMENT BY JEREMY BEN-AMI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF J STREET, ON MCCAIN CAMPAIGN ATTACK ON OBAMA FOR YAD VASHEM REMARKS

We are shocked and dismayed by today's exploitation by aides to Senator John McCain of the memory of the Holocaust while Senator Barack Obama was visiting Yad Vashem in Israel.

It is one thing to have a legitimate disagreement over keeping American troops in Iraq for sixteen months or a hundred years.

It is another to shamelessly exploit the sacred memory of six million victims of the worst crime in human history to score political points in the heat of a partisan election campaign.

Political candidates should want to wake up the morning after an election, look themselves in the mirror, and be able to say, win or lose, they waged their campaign with dignity and lived up to their own high standards of morals and decency.

This is not a moment that can make Senator McCain proud of the way his campaign is being conducted.

We expect more of Senator McCain and we are certain he will immediately and firmly not only set the record straight but set his aides straight on what's in and what's out of bounds in his presidential campaign.

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