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**JEWISH BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO RALLIES LEGAL COMMUNITY TO  
RESPOND TO PLANNED “ALT-RIGHT” MARCH ON CRISSY FIELD**

The Jewish Bar Association of San Francisco (JBASF), representing nearly 500 attorneys and businesspersons of different races, backgrounds, and ethnicities who support the Jewish Community in the San Francisco Bay Area, has organized a “GoFundMe” fundraiser to benefit the Southern Poverty Law Center in response to an upcoming “alt-right” march currently scheduled for August 26, 2017, at San Francisco’s Crissy Field. The march is organized by “Patriot Prayer,” which at previous marches has attracted a variety of white supremacist, white nationalist, and neo-Nazi attendees who had the apparent aims of provoking violence. The permit contemplates 300 attendees.

JBASF’s fundraiser, titled “Adopt-a-Nazi (Not Really),” asks individuals to donate a penny, a dime, a quarter, a dollar or even more for each white nationalist who might decide to march on Crissy Field. The campaign is in talks to receive matching support from several major law firms.

The GoFundMe page can be accessed at: <https://www.gofundme.com/adopt-a-nazi-not-really>.

Cody Harris, a partner at Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP, was the JBASF board member who came up with the idea. He based it on a [similar fundraiser](#) held by villagers in the German town of Wunsiedel, who in 2014 responded to a neo-nazi march by raising 10 euros apiece for each of 250 neo-nazis who marched in the parade. “As Jews, Americans, and lawyers, it’s important that we confront groups that support or attract elements that are antithetical to the constitutional principles of equal protection and due process,” said Harris.

“Organizers of alt-right rallies seek the media attention that comes through violent confrontation,” said Ben Feuer, chairman of the California Appellate Law Group LLP and the president of the JBASF. “This approach is appealing because it effectively supports the Southern Poverty Law Center’s efforts to oppose extremist groups, while avoiding falling into the extremists’ own attention-seeking trap.”

As of the time of this release, on August 18, 2017, the page had already received more than \$20,000 in contributions.

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The Jewish Bar Association of San Francisco is a 501(c)(3) public charity that provides opportunities for Jewish and non-Jewish lawyers in San Francisco to connect with one another, discuss shared goals and ideas related to law and legal practice, explore legal issues related to Judaism and the Jewish-American experience, and deepen their relationships with each other and the community. Learn more about JBASF on the web and sign up for our mailing list at [www.jbasf.org](http://www.jbasf.org).