

**Jewish Women International of Canada**

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**Organization's mandate/goals:**

Jewish Women International (JWI), founded in 1897 as B'nai B'rith Women, is dedicated to breaking the cycle of violence through education, advocacy and action - locally, nationally and around the world. Guided by the vision of a safe world for women, children and families and the Jewish concept of tikkun olam, repair of the world, JWI fulfills its mission through many programs, initiatives and philanthropic activities. For over 50 years, JWI has been helping severely emotionally disturbed children break the cycle of violence by funding a unique treatment center in Israel. For the past decade, JWI has been a leader in the Jewish community in bringing awareness to the issue of domestic violence in the Jewish community. JWI facilitates the work of many organizations and individuals by sponsoring a web-based listing of resources on domestic violence in the Jewish community that provides national, state-by-state and international information.

**Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**

**Working with Vulnerable Groups – Advocacy**

JWI is actively working for increased funding and attention to women's health matters, which includes supporting stronger anti-stalking laws and other legislation that affects the safety of women and their families.