

# **US Jewish Group Says Mount Should be Shared**

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Washington - The Temple Mount should not remain under full Israeli sovereignty if it will prevent Israelis and Palestinians from reaching a peace deal, says a statement released yesterday by the Maryland-based Jewish Peace Lobby.

"We do not want the site of our Holy Temple to be an obstacle to peace between our two peoples. Judaism does not demand exclusive sovereignty over this site, one we are not permitted to visit in pre-messianic times," read the statement, signed by over 100 American rabbis. It added that the presence of Islamic holy places on the Temple is "a partial fulfillment of our prophet's vision."

It was drafted by Reconstructionist Rabbi Arthur Green, a professor of Jewish thought at Brandeis University, and conservative movement Rabbi Rolando Matalon of B'nei Jeshurun Synagogue in New York City.