

Obama clarifies 'undivided' Jerusalem

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WASHINGTON , D.C. -- Barak Obama says he did not rule out Palestinian sovereignty over parts of Jerusalem when he called for Israel's capital to remain "undivided." The presumptive Democratic nominee for U.S. president sought to clarify remarks made to the American Public Affairs Committee conference on Wednesday. His comment, made to rousing applause from a 7,000-plus audience, was, "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided." But, a campaign adviser clarified to The Jerusalem Post later that Obama believes "Jerusalem is a final status issue, which means it has to be negotiated between the two parties" as part of "an agreement that they both can live with." "Two principles should apply to any outcome -- Jerusalem remains Israel's capital and it's not going to be divided by barbed wire and checkpoints as it was in 1948-1967," the adviser said. The Post said the explanation "extremely disappointed" the Orthodox Union.

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