

Not fit to print: The NYTimes on Sheikh Jarrah

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In a nearly [here](#). Note that the houses are on land legally owned by Jews from before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, when the small neighborhood was known as Shimon Hatzaddik because the grave of the 3rd century sage is located there. In Arabic, the area is called Sheikh Jarrah. It was overrun by Jordanian forces during the War of Independence and Arab squatters then took over the homes. In the 1967 Six Day War the area was returned to Israel. The Arab families have already been formally evicted by a lower court. Israel's Supreme Court is expected to rule in the coming days on whether it will allow an appeal by four of the Arab families to go forward.

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