

Apple drops 'Jew or not Jew' iPhone app

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A customer displays his newly purchased iPhone outside an Apple store in New York City. French anti-racism groups have dropped anti-Semitism suits against Apple after it withdrew a "Jew or not Jew" iPhone app from its online stores worldwide, the groups' lawyer has told AFP.

French anti-racism groups have dropped anti-Semitism suits against Apple after it withdrew a "Jew or not Jew" iPhone app from its online stores worldwide, the groups' lawyer said on Thursday.

Groups including the French Jewish Students Union, SOS Racisme and the Movement Against Racism and for Friendship Between People had brought a suit against Apple in Paris demanding it withdraw the app worldwide.

"Listed for you, thousands of Jewish personalities (through their mother), 'half-Jewish' (through their father), or converts," the app's inventor Johann Levy promised potential buyers on the French [Apple](#)

[Store.](#)

Rights groups dropped their suits "after the withdrawal of the application from every country in the world, which satisfies our demand," the groups' lawyer Stephane Lilti said in court.

Apple France was not immediately available to comment.

"I'm satisfied that Mr Levy has belatedly repented and taken the wise decision to withdraw the application," Lilti said, speaking for four rights groups.

Apple on September 14 withdrew the app from its French online shop after an outcry from [rights groups](#), which demanded the California-based [computer giant](#) also drop the app from its other stores.

On October 18 Apple withdrew the app from all its online stores in Europe, but the app, listing 3,500 Jewish personalities, was still available elsewhere in the world.

The International League Against [Racism](#) and anti-Semitism (LICRA) has also dropped its demand that Apple uninstall the app from all devices where it has already been installed.

"Where is the anti-Semitism in this case?," Apple's lawyer, Catherine Muyl, said during a hearing for the LICRA case on November 17, insisting that "this is not a discrimination case."

"When Johann Levy conceived his application, he was worried that it would be perceived as too 'pro-Jewish'," Muyl explained.

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