

A Resolution to Condemn Anti-Semitism in the NJCU Community

Whereas in 2010 the Department of State adopted the “Working definition” of anti-Semitism promulgated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, which states that “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;”¹

Whereas the U.S. Department of State outlines the following contemporary examples:

- “Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews (often in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion).
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective—especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations”;

Whereas the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office 2017–2018 Bias Incident Report reported 172 anti-Jewish bias incidents across New Jersey in 2018, which accounts for 86% of reported incidents motivated by the victim’s religion;²

Whereas on December, 10th, 2019 two shooters killed Detective Joseph Seals and deliberately targeted the JC Kosher Supermarket, killing Mindy Ferencz, 31, Miguel Douglas, 49, and Moshe Deutsch;

Whereas New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal described the shooters as motivated by a hatred for the Jewish people as well as hatred of law enforcement. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the University Senate of New Jersey City University—

- (1) adopts the definition of anti-semitism above; and
- (2) unequivocally condemns all forms of anti-Semitism; and
- (3) rejects attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration; and
- (4) rejects anti-Semitism as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values and mission of New Jersey City University.

¹<https://www.state.gov/defining-anti-semitism/>

²https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases19/2017-2018_Bias-Incident_Report_080719a.pdf