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The answer lies in the ideological left's war on the West that has promulgated ideas like intersectionality that falsely analogizes the Palestinian war on Israel's existence to the struggle for civil rights in the United

Commentary...

Stopping Anti-Semitism Needs More Than a Successful Rally

By Jonathan S. Tobin

After the Hamas atrocities on Oct. 7, followed by more than a month of antisemitic rallies and incidents including violence against Jews on the streets of American cities and on college campuses, American Jewry needed a feel-good moment. And that is exactly what the Nov. 14 "March for Israel" on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., provided.

Attended by as many as 300,000 people, the rally was the largest pro-Israel event in American history and offered a contrast to the smaller anti-Israel mass protest that took place in Washington the previous week, held to show support for a ceasefire that would allow Hamas to get away with mass murder and its modus operandi of wiping Israel from the map. Unlike that event, by all accounts, there was no violence, vandalism, arrests, thuggish wearing of masks to conceal the identities of the attendees, anti-Americanism or chants for the mass slaughter of other groups. The presence of leaders on both sides of the aisle—congressional Democrats and Republicans—as well as a representative of the Biden administration also showed that Israel and the Jewish community retain the support of America's political establishment, even if that's no longer true for a considerable segment of the Democrats, including its future leaders.

Though the rally provided a powerful example of the strength of the pro-Israel community and the refusal of Jews to be silent in the face of antisemitism, by itself it is an insufficient response to a much larger problem. Unless Jews and supporters of Israel of all faiths attack the source of the surge in Jew-hatred, the rally will have accomplished nothing.

What's needed are not just expressions of solidarity with the Jewish state, calls for the return of the hostages or even the necessary opposition to calls for a ceasefire to the military operation begun by Israel following the mass murders of its citizens. The only way to deal with the rising tide of Jew-hatred is a concerted effort to roll back the conquest of American institutions by toxic theories about intersectionality and critical race theory, which have provided a permission slip to the post-Oct. 7 surge in antisemitism.

At no point in living memory have Jews felt as vulnerable and isolated as they have been in the last weeks as mobs in cities and at the country's elite academic institutions rallied in favor of the Hamas slogan "from the river to the sea." That means wiping Israel off the map and the genocide of its population. This shocking response of the political left and Muslim Americans to the largest mass slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust created a massive uptick in violence against Jews, along with the demonization of the one Jewish state on the planet. This animus has made itself felt in a variety of ways including the fact that certain bus drivers refused to drive Jewish rally-goers to the march site.

Yet acknowledging this reality requires an understanding of what could possibly have created a constituency for Hamas and its genocidal goals. Why do leftists bear such animus for Israel—which, by contrast, is a bastion of the liberal societal values they purportedly uphold, as well as a remarkable success story in settling displaced Jewish refugees from around the world? Add to that its enormous contributions to science and technology that have been sought internationally, including by Arab countries. And how could such a vile, regressive movement as Hamas, coupled with other variants of Palestinian nationalism and Islamist ideology that stand in opposition to everything that American progressives claim to hold dear, such as the rights of women and gays, become a cause embraced by the American left?

States. Toxic ideas like critical race theory (CRT) that divide humanity into two perpetually warring groups—oppressors and victims defined solely by race and ethnic origin—have led to the widespread belief among left-wingers in the myth that Israel and the Jews are "white" oppressors of Palestinian people of color.

In the face of such ideological determinism, Israel's achievements or even the fact that it remains the one true democracy in the Middle East—and its foes advocates of a disturbing mix of Islamism and fascist authoritarianism that has revived a Nazi-style belief in the genocide of the Jews—become meaningless details to be ignored and/or shoved aside in order to focus on the broader goal of intersectional victory against white Jewish oppressors.

By inaccurately defining all of Israel—and not just Judea and Samaria or Jerusalem—as a "colonial" enterprise could so many academics and the generation that has been indoctrinated in their neo-Marxist lies about the world be led to believe that the one Jewish state has no right to exist. The lunacy required to believe that Islamist terror is part of a necessary process to "de-colonize" the world is entirely dependent on a willingness to swallow the CRT mindset that erases the fact that the Jews are the indigenous people of the land of Israel. Only the left's war on the West could allow the obliteration of Jewish rights and history necessary for the belief that Israel, alone among all the nations, is the one country on the planet that must be destroyed.

Yet sadly, much of the organized Jewish community, including many of the groups that helped organize the rally for Israel and against antisemitism, has acquiesced in or even aided the left's long march to foist such lies on American society.

Desperate to stay in sync with their traditional liberal allies, as well as groups purporting to represent minority groups, organizations like the Anti-Defamation League and the liberal religious movements failed to defend the interests of the Jewish community and that of American society in general. They not only endorsed the antisemitic Black Lives Matter movement but also the woke catechism of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) that is an integral part of the new secular leftist religion being imposed on the country. Indeed, the ADL even incorporated some of the same toxic ideas about "white privilege" that are used against Jews and Israel in its "No Place for Hate" educational programs.

Every Jewish group that upholds the DEI mantra that is antithetical to equality is both undermining Jewish rights and empowering a movement that has provided the ideological foundation for the hatred for Israel and the Jews on display on the streets and on campuses since Oct. 7. As Bari Weiss recently wrote in The Free Press, DEI does nothing to advance minority rights. Rather, it is a power play by the hard left that threatens Jews as well as American liberty.

ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt was correct this week to declare that the response to Oct. 7 must be rooted in policy and law. But his advocacy for enshrining the Biden administration's national strategy to counter antisemitism into law by Congress is profoundly mistaken. Biden's proposal didn't unequivocally endorse the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)'s working definition of antisemitism that rightly labels anti-Zionism as antisemitism.

It also reflected the obsession of liberals with far-right extremist loathing of the Jewish people. While right-wing antisemitism exists, it lacks the power of the left-wing variety seen on display during the war on Hamas. The mainstreaming of Jew-hatred is now entirely a leftist problem and a strategy that ignores the need to abolish the DEI bureaucracies that are legitimizing antisemitism will do more harm than good.

The rally for Israel proved a strong political statement and

comforted a community desperately in need of reassurance in the face of an aggressive antisemitic movement that can count on the support of much of the corporate mainstream media and academia. But until the intersectional lies are driven back to the fever swamps of American political life where they belong, leftist antisemitism will continue to flourish. Only by banning CRT from the classrooms and firing the woke DEI commissars proliferating throughout the worlds of politics, business and the arts can we begin the process by which American Jews and Israel will be made safer. (JNS Nov 15)

Fighting the Hamas Supporters' Lies

By Shmuel Katz.

Deception, misinformation and incitement are being promoted by some members of Congress. Reps. Rashida Talib (D-Mich.), Cory Bush (D-Mo.), Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and others are seeking to advance the agenda of Hamas and Hezbollah. These organizations and many others are being nurtured, financed and trained by the biggest supporter of international terrorism: the Iranian regime.

One of the most blatant recent examples of the psychological warfare employed by these politicians and others is the blood libel. For example, they accused Israel of intentionally bombing a Gaza hospital and causing hundreds of casualties despite the overwhelming evidence, documented by both Israeli and U.S. intelligence services, that the rocket in question was launched by Islamic Jihad terrorists. Moreover, the rocket hit the parking lot of the hospital and caused a limited number of casualties.

Obviously, the current attacks on the State of Israel and its citizens do not distinguish between Jews, Christians, Muslims or anybody else. But it should not be ignored that the entire free world is also facing the serious long-term risk presented by the incitement of ignorant individuals by radical Muslims and other groups.

Multiple anti-Western entities have been promoting worldwide unrest by exploiting the ignorance of students, journalists, politicians and others. Hopefully, once these people realize that their own skin may be in the game, they will wake up, stand up against evil and support peaceful coexistence.

Some of the most oft-used deceptive claims against Israel include:

1. The lie that the Land of Israel was always a Muslim territory.

The Land of Israel was historically a Jewish territory, documented clearly in the Bible and with archeological evidence. The Jews entered the land of Israel in 1400 BCE. They established the kingdoms of King David and King Solomon, built their two Temples and much more. The exile of the Jews from their ancestral homeland occurred after the defeat of the Jews by the Romans in about 130 CE. Despite the exile, throughout the centuries there were always Jews in the Land of Israel. In an attempt to disconnect the Jews from their land, the Romans renamed the Land of Israel "Palestina" and renamed the city of Jerusalem "Aelia Capitolina." Islam was founded only in the seventh-century CE, which is many hundreds of years after the documented Jewish presence in the Land of Israel. The fact is that never in the history of the world did a country by the name of "Palestine" exist in the Land of Israel.

2. The lie that Israel refused the partition of the disputed Land of Israel with its neighbors.

In the 1917 Balfour Declaration, Britain endorsed the "Zionist aspirations" to reestablish the Jewish homeland in Palestine and promised to "facilitate" the effort. In 1920, the Covenant of the League of Nations adopted this promise and turned it into international law. In 1920, the Arabs instigated deadly anti-Jewish riots in the city of Jerusalem out of anger at the British presence in Palestine. In 1922, Britain cut off about 77% of the territory of Mandatory Palestine to Jewish people and gave it to the Hashemites, who created the state of Trans-Jordan in 1946. This was essentially a two-state solution, in which most of the original territory of the British Mandate, which was supposed to become the modern homeland of the Jewish people, became the state of Trans-Jordan.

In 1937, the Peel Commission recommended a further partition of the remaining 23% of the Land of Israel. In 1939, under Arab pressure, the British further restricted Jewish immigration to Palestine (even

from Nazi Germany) on the eve of the Second World War. Despite all this, the Jews supported the British, and most Arabs supported Nazi Germany. In 1948 the British Mandate for Palestine ended. In accordance with the U.N. Partition Resolution, and in accordance with the legal favorable vote by the U.N., the State of Israel was established on about 10% of the land included in the original British Mandate for Palestine and became an official member of the U.N. Israel asked the local Arabs to become a part of the reestablished Jewish state in its ancestral homeland, but on the same day, surrounding Arab states, along with many local Arabs, started a war to destroy it.

In 1964, while the Arabs were still in control of Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and Gaza, the Palestine Liberation Organization was founded with the intention of destroying the State of Israel. In 1967, Arab countries tried again to destroy Israel, but were defeated in what was later called the Six-Day War. Following the war, the Arab League announced the famous "three No's": No Peace, No Negotiations and No Recognition of Israel. In 1973, on Yom Kippur, Arab countries launched another all-out war. They were once again defeated. Since then, peace agreements were achieved with Egypt in 1979, with Jordan in 1994 and with the UAE, Sudan, Morocco and Bahrain in 2020 via the Abraham Accords.

Despite the Oslo Accords, which were signed by Israel and the Palestinian Authority in 1993, the Palestinians continued their traditional hostilities and refused to recognize the Jewish state within any borders. The Palestinians continued with multiple destructive and indiscriminate terror attacks despite very generous peace offers, which included relinquishing to the Arab Palestinians more than 95% of the disputed land. These generous offers to settle the dispute were made by various Israeli prime ministers and mediated by various American presidents, but the Arab Palestinians refused to accept any of them.

In 2005, Israel left 100% of Gaza hoping that the Arab Palestinians would create the Singapore or Monaco of the Middle East. Instead, they created a vicious terror state that did not care about its own people or any other people. Supported by Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah became ruthless proxies and helped to undermine international stability. Israel was defined as "The Little Satan," while the U.S. was crowned "The Great Satan."

3. The lie about Israel expelling most of the Arab Palestinians from the territories of the British Mandate.

Upon the creation of the modern State of Israel, local Arabs were offered the chance to become equal partners in building the country. Many thousands of Arabs accepted the offer and became citizens of Israel with equal rights, but too many listened to the corrupt Arab leadership's propaganda and instead became involved in a brutal military confrontation with Israel. Many others just left the country, even before the escalation of the military confrontation, hoping to return after the destruction of the Jewish state. The estimated number of these Arab refugees from the 1948 war was about 500,000. At the same time, the State of Israel absorbed about 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab lands.

4. The lie that Israel is an apartheid state.

In Israel, all citizens, whether they be Jews, Arabs, Christians or others have equal rights under the law.

Israel has Arab members of Knesset. Arab citizens of Israel have served on the Supreme Court and are employed in government positions. Arabs have freedom of speech, can vote freely in parliamentary elections and can practice any profession they choose.

At the same time, the Palestinian Authority practices real apartheid by not allowing Jews to live or buy any property in any area under their control. The P.A. gives money to terrorists and their families as a reward for killing or injuring Israelis. Despite political differences, the P.A. supports terror attacks against Israelis, including the most recent unprovoked vicious terror assault on Israel that claimed the lives of more than 1,400 innocent civilians and the abduction of about 240. These innocent victims included babies, women and the elderly.

The bizarre broad international support for the recent unprovoked atrocities that were perpetrated by Hamas terrorists and their

supporters is a very clear sign that deception and misinformation are influencing too many ignorant individuals. Unfortunately, many of these people are unknowingly supporting evil, which may ultimately put they themselves in danger. We must know the facts and address this problem wisely and as soon as possible in order to save the future of the free world.

The following are a few first steps that we can take to help the free world address these dangerous trends:

Show how anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activities, deception and incitement will harm everybody, including non-Jews. People must understand that, should evil prevail, their own skin is going to be in the game. It is not only a Jewish problem; it is a free-world problem.

Show who is providing most of the funds to these bad operatives. For example, Qatar, Iran and their representatives.

Show how much of the money, which is used and misused by these bad operatives, will also be directed towards their own benefit. For example, several Hamas leaders are millionaires who live in Qatar. Show how some of the money is being used to deceive, incite and brainwash the current and next generation, which will end up undermining the stability and welfare of our society. For example, the various related NGOs that operate on universities and college campuses.

Show how these self-serving malicious individuals may benefit not only from simple financial and personal gains but also from many other privileges and perks.

The sooner we wake up and expose and marginalize evil, the better it will be for humanity. (JNS Nov 15)

J Street Stands with Hamas – Naturally

By Gregg Roman

The shocking and horrific Hamas attack on Israelis on October 7 – the mass murder, rape, abductions, torture, and mutilation – was a paradigm-shifting event. Israel's war in response is a starkly black-and-white conflict.

Yet J Street, the lobbying group that advertises itself as "pro-Israel" and "pro-peace," has not seen it that way. It recently opposed two pro-Israel House bills, arguing that they unduly ruffle Iran's feathers (J Street's view is that Iran must be appeased).

It also pressed House Democrats to oppose another resolution, this one condemning support for Hamas on college campuses.

J Street has been consistent in its approach since its founding in 2007: put zero onus on the Palestinian Arab leadership and fire all criticism toward the Jewish state.

As for Jewish fears about raging increases in antisemitism, J Street scoffs.

Per J Street's president Jeremy Ben-Ami, "We're debating whether or not a particular tweet or expression is anti-Semitic. The issues I'd like to see a focus on are the occupation, the settlements, and the question of whether we can end this conflict."

In J Street's view, Israel's government must be treated by the United States as a wayward child and the proper role for Americans living safely in the U.S. is to undercut support for Israel by relentlessly criticizing it while cloaked in a false flag of being "pro-Israel."

Consider this shocking truth: J Street is against penalizing the antisemitic BDS movement.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism includes the denial of Israel's right to exist and the equating of Israel with Nazi Germany. J Street pushed the Biden administration to exclude the IHRA's definition from its own definition of antisemitism.

After the signing of the Abraham Accords, which instituted landmark peace agreements between Israel and Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, Ben-Ami brought the argument right back to the Palestinian Arabs.

In a Washington Post op-ed, Ben-Ami minimized the Abraham Accords, calling them mere "business and security deals," not a resolution to the "actual conflict."

How to actually end the conflict? Why, end the "occupation". This, as always, confuses cause and effect. The so-called "occupation" is an

effect of the conflict. The cause is and has always been violent Arab rejectionism toward any sovereign Jewish presence in the region.

Israel withdrew from the 'West Bank' and Gaza in the 1990s, only to be faced with the bloody Second Intifada. The Israel Defense Forces had to go back in. Israel then unilaterally withdrew from Gaza in 2005. We see the results today.

But pressuring Israel to end the "occupation" is the principal arrow in J Street's quiver. Israel's actual history of making sacrifices with the hope and expectation of peace is entirely ignored.

Ben-Ami, of course, does not even mention the destructive role of Iran, even though it has constructed a "ring of fire" around Israel consisting of terrorist proxies.

When it comes to Iran, J Street was and is a key backer of the Obama administration's nuclear deal. Until Obama begrudgingly supported sanctions on Iran, J Street opposed them.

The same year the Iran deal was passed, J Street sought to kill a bipartisan anti-BDS resolution. Chapters of J Street U, the group's campus organization, have provided cover for pro-BDS student groups such as Jewish Voice for Peace and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP).

At the University of Maryland, when SJP promoted a BDS resolution, J Street tried to square the circle of supporting SJP without supporting the specific resolution: "We support the writers of this bill in their effort to protect human rights in Israel-Palestine through divestment of the settlements," but do "not support the bill in question."

This cowardly approach is typical.

J Street U has also sought to undercut Birthright, which sponsors free trips to Israel for young Jewish Americans, saying that it "serves the right-wing annexationist agenda." It even joined forces with the viciously anti-Semitic SJP to lambast Hillel for accepting funds from the Maccabee Task Force, a pro-Israel organization.

After the horrors of October 7, Israel's friends must stand with it shoulder-to-shoulder as it fights to destroy Hamas. J Street's history shows that it is anything but "pro-Israel."

Members of Congress, administration officials, and others should take note and steer clear. (Arutz Sheva Nov 11)

A War for the Jews' Right to Live

By Dr. Shuki Friedman

The wave of antisemitism that has washed over the world since the outbreak of the war between Israel and Hamas is intensifying. Jews in many countries are living in fear.

One possible explanation for the wave is Israel's actions in Gaza. But there is another explanation: Jew-haters feel that Israel's current plight is an opportunity to rise up against the Jews living among them.

Thus, while victory in this war is essential to Israel's continued existence, it is no less important for Diaspora Jews' right to feel safer than they do now.

A recent survey conducted by the Jewish People Policy Institute, in cooperation with the World Zionist Organization and Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, showed that American Jews' sense of security has severely eroded. Around 50% of them feel less safe than they did before the war. Another survey found that only 27% of Jews feel comfortable showing any outward sign of their Judaism in public, compared to 65% before the war.

Given the sharp rise in anti-Semitic violence around the world, this sense of insecurity is understandable. In France and Germany, Stars of David have been painted Nazi-style on Jewish homes. London has been flooded with anti-Israel "protests" that feature undisguised murderous anti-Semitism. Across U.S. college campuses, Jewish students have been verbally and physically attacked by pro-Hamas anti-Smites.

Since the war began, there have been as many anti-Semitic incidents reported in Britain as in the first nine months of the year, the highest number since the U.K. began tracking domestic antisemitism. In France, the number of antisemitic incidents is nearly double that of 2022. In Germany, there has been a 240% increase.

The U.S. is not an exception. The ADL has found a 400% increase in anti-Semitic incidents since the war started.

Hatred of Jews, of course, has existed for as long as the Jewish people have existed. After the Holocaust, however, anti-Semitism became, for a time, unfashionable. Antisemites were usually unequivocally denounced. But as the years passed and the memory of the Holocaust began to fade, the situation changed. The old antisemitism deeply embedded in Western culture was joined by radical Islamic and far-left anti-Semitism. Both groups deny Israel's right to exist and hate the Jews for supporting that right.

There is no doubt that the Oct. 7 Hamas massacre both fed the sadistic impulses of today's anti-Semites and created the impression that Israel is weak. That the attack followed months of internal turmoil in the Jewish state only reinforced this—quite mistaken—belief. Thus, antisemites saw all Jews as vulnerable and believed now was their opportunity to strike—emulating the Hamas terrorists who committed the massacre. They were emboldened to publicly and proudly express their seething racism and hatred. As a result, antisemitism is now in vogue.

Whether they like it or not, Jews are identified with the State of Israel. Israel's perceived strength deters antisemitism and perceived weakness emboldens it. Thus, a clear victory in the war and the annihilation of Hamas will have a decisive impact on the security and safety of Jews around the world.

Of course, even if Israel restores its image as a strong nation that will fight to defend itself and the Jewish people, antisemitism will not disappear. But public expressions of that hatred and antisemites' willingness to act upon it will diminish. The haters and racists, like the rats in Albert Camus's *The Plague*, will return to the dark subterranean holes from which they emerged. (JNS Nov 14)

Open Cries for Massacre of Jews and Israel

By Jason Shvili

On Oct. 7, Hamas did more than brutally and methodically slaughter 1,200 people, mostly Jewish civilians, in cold blood. The event gave the terrorist group—and tens of thousands of supporters worldwide—freedom to expose their true genocidal intentions.

Not only do Hamas and its apologists celebrate the murderous rampage as a great victory, they also promise Jews and Israel to repeat the massacre until “Palestine” is free of Jews and the Jewish state. This is a public demand for genocide.

To liberal minds who hold humanitarian values sacred, such open advocacy for barbarism is both shocking and horrifying. Demonstrators on American streets swear allegiance to Hamas and its methods, under the battle cry, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free”—by whatever means necessary. Those means obviously include beheading, rape, incineration, torture and cold-blooded mass murder.

Who was surprised, then, when in Los Angeles last week a supporter of Israel was killed by a pro-Hamas demonstrator? Or that a rabid backer of the Palestinian cause broke the nose of a Jewish Tulane University student?

The sudden surge of antisemitism has obviously made Jews around the world unsafe. Jews are now being told to hide their identities on the street, in their neighborhoods—and to avoid non-essential travel. University and college campuses have become particularly hostile—and dangerous—for Jews.

In the past, antisemites could mask their Jew-hatred as “resistance” to Israel's “occupation” of Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip. Today, outrageous behavior is normalized. Apparently, no ethical line is sacrosanct.

What does this say about us as a society...and where do we go from here?

Hamas's attack has led to an unprecedented increase in antisemitism around the world—including the United States, where, according to the Anti-Defamation League, antisemitic attacks between Oct. 7 and Oct. 23 surged 388% compared to the same period last year. A poll released by the Jewish Federations of North America revealed that 70% of Jewish Americans feel less safe than they did just a few

months ago.

The U.K.'s Jewish community reported that antisemitic incidents rose by 324% in the days following the Hamas massacre compared to the same period last year. France, which is home to Europe's largest Jewish community, also saw a surge in antisemitism, with 819 incidents over the three weeks following the Hamas massacre—more reported incidents than over the entire past year. The Netherlands has recorded an 800% jump in antisemitic incidents since Oct. 7.

China has seen an explosion of antisemitic, anti-Israel content on the internet following the Hamas massacre. This includes content praising Hitler and Nazi Germany, as well as content that compares Jews to the Nazis.

Jews worldwide are threatened, sustaining antisemitic attacks reminiscent of 1930s Germany. In France, Stars of David have been sprayed on Jewish homes. In Sydney, Australia, attendees at a pro-Palestinian rally chanted “gas the Jews.” And in the United States, ADL has tracked at least 109 rallies since Oct. 7 in which demonstrators expressed support for Hamas and/or violence against Jews in Israel.

Israel's enemies falsely accuse it of colonialism. The perpetrators of this antisemitism often justify it in the name of Critical Race Theory, which asserts Israel is a project of white colonial imperialism that oppresses people of color. It must, therefore, be “decolonized,” they argue.

Of course, facts destroy this accusation: A wide majority of Jews in Israel are people of color, hailing from North Africa and the Middle East. Israel is a manifestation not of colonialism, but of the desire of a people for a free nation in their indigenous homeland—the opposite of colonialism. Moreover, Israel didn't colonize another nation or political entity in the Holy Land—the Palestinians have never had sovereignty over any land anywhere.

Hate for Israel on U.S. campuses, expressed as hate toward Jewish students, is at an all-time high. The Secure Community Network, which coordinates security for Jewish communities across the United States, has recorded dozens of antisemitic incidents on college campuses since the Hamas massacre. At Cornell University, Jews received a series of threats of violence online, including a post calling on people to follow a Jewish person home and “slit their throats.”

At New York City's Cooper Union, Jewish students locked themselves in a school library, upon feeling threatened by unruly anti-Israel protesters. At George Washington University, a pro-Hamas message, “Glory to our martyrs,” was projected onto the university's Gelman Library building. And at New York University (NYU), there have been rallies with protestors chanting, “death to Jews.”

How can decent souls respond to racist hate unleashed with impunity in the public square? Above all, we must remember: “Never Again.” We cannot sit as passive observers to outrageous lies about Jews and the Jewish state. As people who revere humanitarian values, we must raise our voices and our fists—noting that antisemitism and anti-Zionism are one and the same. Calling Israel a terrorist nation, a genocidal state, colonizers, a perpetrator of apartheid—when the opposite is true—is unadulterated antisemitism.

Let us identify the slanderers of Jews and Israel. Let us follow the example of U.S. business leaders who demanded to know the names of the Harvard University students who signed a statement to “hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence,” so they could avoid hiring them in the future.

Secondly, we should harness the democratic process as never before. As the U.S. elections of 2024 approach, we must commit to and elect candidates who courageously oppose antisemitism and boldly support Israel's right to defend itself, without regard to party. We must also vocally and financially oppose candidates who endorse the genocidal actions of Hamas.

Now, more than ever, is the time to oppose antisemitism in all its forms—including any support whatsoever of the Hamas monsters. Stand up—and march—to support fairness toward Jews and Israel in schools and legislatures. Finally, make antisemites pay sorely for their hate. (JNS Nov 15)