

Statement from the Drexel Jewish Student Association Board

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

These past few weeks have been tough on our Jewish community. Our grandparents and cousins have been forced to shelter from rocket attacks in Israel. Friends and classmates are abused for publicly supporting Israel's right to defend itself. Attacks against Jews are on the rise across the globe. And now, antisemitic thoughts and actions have permeated Drexel's campus. Our community is feeling unsafe and in need of more support. We condemn any action that makes Jewish students feel unwelcome at Drexel. We urge University administration to reimagine how it helps all Dragons to feel welcomed, safe, and celebrated regardless of their race, religion, or ethnicity.

We continue to assert that Israel has the right to defend itself and pray for enduring peace throughout the whole of Israel. We are committed to continue learning about Israel with and from our peers. We will not, however, stand idly by in the face of any form of hatred against Drexel's Jewish community nor against any other identity group on campus. In keeping with thousands of years of tradition and in the face of any threat, our community will continue to do what it does best — bring people together in celebration and mourning, to repair our world, and in honor of those who have come before.

וְשָׁמֹר צִאֲתָנוּ וּבֹאֲנוּ לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

Guard our coming and our going; grant us life and peace, now and always.

-Ma'ariv (evening service)

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