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Subject: Campus Antisemitism Demands Action, Not Overreach
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Dear Jillian,

Antisemitism on college campuses is a genuine crisis that demands serious attention, but we are concerned about the extent and scope of the current approach taken by the Administration to Harvard.

ADL's forthcoming Audit of Antisemitic Incidents counted a staggering increase in incidents on campus in 2024. An [ADL-Hillel poll](#) last year found that 83 percent of Jewish college students experienced or witnessed antisemitism since the October 7 Hamas attacks. These numbers are mind-boggling. No one should look away. Jewish students deserve the very same civil rights, the very same constitutional protections, as those provided to all other students. Slandering them as "[Zionists](#)," blocking their [entry](#) to campus spaces, [vandalizing](#) their common spaces on campuses, committing acts of masked intimidation and outright violence under the guise of '[decolonization](#)' — these are not courageous acts of conviction. These are cowardly acts of bigotry. Unfortunately, far too many of our most prestigious universities have failed to address such offenses, let alone punish the perpetrators after the fact. The [stories](#) are [legion](#).

When Jewish students cannot safely access education, when they face discrimination and harassment in violation of Title VI, such civil rights violations demand the same level of attention and urgency as would be applied in any other scenario. In our [Campus Antisemitism Report Card](#), while many colleges improved their grade, far too many fell short. Just like the students enrolled in their classes, every school should aim for an A.

That's why we support solutions that correct the problem, push universities to do better, and ultimately result in stronger, more welcoming institutions that can focus on what they do best: teaching students hungry to learn; pursuing knowledge; developing cures to the most devastating diseases; and finding solutions to our most vexing challenges.

However, any actions taken to address campus antisemitism — including the potential withholding of federal funding — must be grounded in clear evidence and conducted in a manner consistent with Title VI procedures and other laws. The penalty should be proportionate and reasonably calculated to address the antisemitism on these campuses and to protect the rights of Jewish students on campus. Denying federal funds (whether in part or in total) is an extremely serious and rightfully rare punishment that should be used only in the most severe situations with institutions incapable or unwilling to improve.

Against this backdrop, the situation at Harvard University is both simple and complex.

To be clear, there has been a serious problem of antisemitism in Cambridge for years. ADL repeatedly raised this issue with Harvard leadership and provided clear asks to protect Jewish students. Often our requests fell on deaf ears — and Jewish students and staff suffered as a result. This is why the university earned an “F” on our [first Campus Report card](#) in 2024.

However, since then, Harvard has taken a set of actions that boosted their [grade to a “C”](#) this year. To be clear, this is not a grade that satisfies ADL, nor should it satisfy anyone associated with one of the most elite universities in the world. Nonetheless, it’s a step in the right direction.

The federal government recently engaged Harvard on these issues. They made a set of [demands](#) consistent with many of our longstanding asks, but they also are insisting on reforms that go far beyond ensuring the civil rights of Jewish students and faculty. They are imposing or suggesting extremely severe penalties that don’t tie to the issue of reducing antisemitism, such as investigating its tax-exempt status.

It should be obvious, but purely punitive gestures will not lead to long-term progress. Additionally, the issue of combating antisemitism on campus should be addressed on its own process and merits. Other debates on higher education may be important, but they can and should be resolved separate from fighting antisemitism on campus.

This does not take Harvard off the hook. Far from it. The institution needs to do a demonstrably better job to ensure that Jews benefit from the same privileges and protections as those provided to all other students. Harvard will continue to suffer reputational damage and donor repercussions until supporters and the public see credible change. However, the fight against

antisemitism must be about antisemitism — nothing more, nothing less.

We hope that the situation at Harvard and other universities is resolved quickly. This means that meaningful, measurable steps are identified that will ensure the civil rights of Jewish students and faculty. Once implemented by the institution, we would expect to see the resumption of funding from public and private sources for its important work serving students and life-saving research serving humanity.

Our universities are the envy of the world. They have attracted students from across the planet because of their academic excellence, their intellectual integrity and the career opportunities that they generate. Resolving the very real crisis of antisemitism should not jeopardize the entire enterprise of our system of higher education. We should be able to hold institutions accountable for protecting Jewish students, faculty, and staff while maintaining a commitment to academic freedom and independent inquiry. Again, nothing more, nothing less.

Sincerely,

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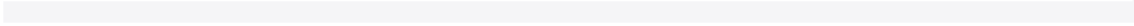
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[Over 9300 Acts of Antisemitism](#)



STUDENTS WERE CALLING FOR HIS EXPULSION, BUT HE WAS THE ONE ATTACKED.

Dear Jillian,

College campuses have become an epicenter of American antisemitism.

Close to 20% of all antisemitic acts recorded by ADL in 2024 occurred on college or university campuses.*

Jewish students are harassed, threatened and assaulted. Many no longer feel safe on campus and hide their Jewish identity.

When Max courageously attempted to share his perspective on his campus, he was physically assaulted and ended up in the hospital.

As Max describes it: *"I got approached by an individual wearing a ski mask...after about four minutes of dialogue...an accomplice of his came up from behind me and struck me on the back of the head multiple times...."* He continues, *"what was the worst part is that I got up after, and I had other students coming up to me telling me I got what I deserved."*

Wanted posters with Max's name and face appeared on campus. Students were calling for his expulsion. He was getting death threats every day.

"I got in touch with ADL... because I didn't know where to turn," Max said. "The support that I've received has just been incredible."

Max quote



A shocking 83% of Jewish college students have experienced or witnessed antisemitism on campus since the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks.

ADL supporters like you helped demand justice for students like Max who've been assaulted, harassed or threatened.

ADL supporters like you also made it possible to produce our Campus Antisemitism Report Card — which provides students and their families with information about the current state of antisemitism on campuses and grades how universities and colleges are responding.

Bad grades on the Report Card prompted many schools to take meaningful action. Over half the schools initially graded have enacted major policy changes that address rising campus antisemitism. Today, there are schools across the country that are safer for Jewish students, staff and visitors because of the generosity of supporters like you.

These are the type of historic gains supporters like you can make possible.

This is a critical moment, and I am grateful to you for helping to keep Jewish students and Jewish communities across the country safe.

Sincerely,

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**According to ADL's 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents*

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Thank You



**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FIGHT ANTISEMITISM IN SCHOOLS
AND ACROSS CAMPUSES.**

Dear Jillian,

Last school year, the support of people like you helped protect Jewish students who faced heightened antisemitism and increasingly hostile environments on campus.

In students' own words:

Quotes



Close to 20% of all antisemitic acts recorded by ADL in 2024 occurred on college or university campuses.*

As the new school year gets underway, we are **working tirelessly to address the historic rise in antisemitic activity and to help Jewish students and allies feel safe on campus.**

Your actions actively enable ADL to act swiftly and decisively to fight antisemitism, including making sure schools are safe and welcoming for Jewish students and faculty. Here's how:

- **[Not on My Campus](#)** — provides tools and resources for students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni to demand that school administrators take steps to protect all students.
- **[No Place for Hate](#)**[®] and **[Awareness to Action](#)** — empower K-12 educators and students with strategies to address antisemitism and hate and broaden perspectives among non-Jewish students.

- [Campus and K-12 Antisemitism Legal Assistance](#) — provide free legal assistance and support for college students, faculty members and parents of K-12 students who have experienced antisemitism in educational settings.
- [Campus Antisemitism Report Card](#) — holds colleges and universities accountable for their efforts to prevent antisemitism. In our latest annual report card, a third of schools improved their grade, with 10% jumping two full grades, making campuses safer — thanks to your support.

Your support also helps drive positive change by fueling advocacy on critical educational issues. Just last month, when the National Education Association presented a resolution to boycott ADL's educational materials on antisemitism and the Holocaust, our active community sent more than 200,000 emails to NEA leaders encouraging them to vote down the boycott, and thankfully they did. **That's the power of our unified voices.**

Jillian, this is a crucial moment, and I am grateful to you for helping to protect Jewish students and everyone in our communities.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Jillian, you can help fight antisemitism by [making your first gift today.](#)

* According to ADL 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents.

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[ADL Never Is Now](#)



Dear Jillian, I want to invite you to [join me next week at Never Is Now](#), a flagship ADL event that has become the world's largest summit on antisemitism and hate.

The halls will be packed with people from the Jewish community and our allies around the world. By showing up together, we are saying loud and clear that that we are champions in this fight against antisemitism, but we cannot win it alone.

I will kick off the opening session with my annual "State of Hate" address. I want to tell you a little about what I'll be talking about.

We are living through a historic moment yet again, with a military conflict in the Middle East and uncertainty swirling for Israel and for Jewish communities around the world.



The numbers are stark and the incidents of hate have gotten worse since Hamas attacked Israel on 10/7 and since the upheaval that followed. In just the past twelve months there have been deadly attacks in Washington DC; in Boulder, Colorado; Manchester and Bondi Beach. At the summit we will hear from Bob and Nancy Milgrim, whose wonderful daughter Sarah was slain in the Washington attack. This violence is unacceptable and must not stand.

I will discuss how we are pushing back against this hatred on campus, on city streets and on Wall Street. I'll highlight how ADL — both our professional staff and everyone in the ADL community — protects Jews, advocates for Jewish communities and educates adults and children on antisemitism.

All of us in that room together in New York will feel a renewed sense of resolve, and vow to find ways to translate that purpose into action. And at the end of the day, you will take home effective, actionable ways to do just that — to fight antisemitism in your communities.

So please, [join me March 16-17 at Never Is Now](#). Click the button below to find out more about the informative sessions and inspiring speakers. Then register to join me in New York.

[Register Now](#)

I look forward to seeing you there. Let's make a difference together!

Sincerely,

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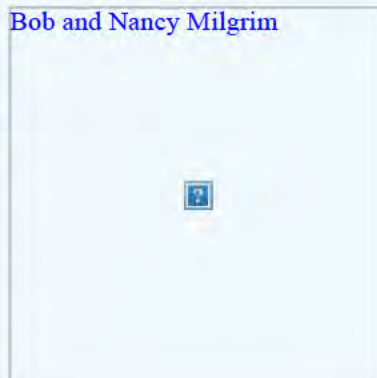


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[Personal Insights into the Deadly Toll of Antisemitism](#)

Hear from Bob and Nancy Milgrim in a powerful mainstage conversation about the deadly toll of antisemitism. Their daughter, Sarah Milgrim, z"l, was tragically killed in an antisemitic attack at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. in May 2025, alongside Yaron

[Bob and Nancy Milgrim](#)



Lischinsky. In a deeply moving conversation, they will honor Sarah's memory while sharing the profound impact of this tragedy and the urgent need to combat antisemitism in all its forms.

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