

Murphy, Booker join N.J. leaders in denouncing rise in anti-Semitic attacks

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Gov. [Phil Murphy](#), U.S. Sens. [Cory Booker](#) and [Robert Menendez](#), and all of the state's representatives in the U.S. House — from both major parties — are among dozens of New Jersey leaders who joined together to denounce a recent rise in anti-Semitic attacks.

More than 90 political, faith, and community leaders [signed a joint statement](#) called "New Jersey Against Antisemitism."

Other participants include state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, state NAACP President Richard Smith, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of the Archdiocese of Newark, and Elder David L. Buckner of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. "In recent weeks, our area has witnessed an alarming rise in antisemitic attacks — physical and verbal, in-person and online," their statement reads. "Antisemitism, like any kind of hate, is unacceptable in any form. There must be no caveats and no qualifiers when condemning anti-Jewish hate, violence against Jews, and antisemitism in all spaces."

"We unequivocally condemn these attacks, reaffirm our solidarity with the Jewish community, and call on all community leaders to join us," they add.

The campaign was organized by the Jewish Federations of New Jersey.

Anti-Semitic incidents [reported to the Anti-Defamation League](#) rose by 75% during the recent two-week conflict between Israel and Hamas, the Palestinian group designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S., as compared with the two weeks before fighting broke out.

President [Joe Biden](#) said the attacks are "despicable, unconscionable, un-American, and they must stop."

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