

The Jewish Federations of New Jersey released the following statement regarding Rutgers University

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Over the past few weeks, there has been an uptick of antisemitic incidents, both in-person and online. The recent conflict between Israel and the terrorist organization Hamas has been used to amplify antisemitic rhetoric, embolden dangerous actors, and attack Jews and Jewish communities. Equating Jewish people and institutions with Israel is not activism or a foreign policy debate – it's antisemitism.

At a time when perpetrators of these attacks deliberately target Jewish institutions and individuals for no other reason than their religion – justifying it with age-old antisemitic tropes, exaggerated claims, and inflammatory rhetoric – it is imperative that people of good conscience and good faith speak out and stand up to antisemitism. But let's be clear – there must be no caveats and no qualifiers when condemning anti-Jewish hate, violence against Jews, and antisemitism in all spaces.

Jewish Federations are committed to ensuring that all of our campuses remain a safe and welcoming environment that fosters and inspires vibrant Jewish life. We believe that Rutgers University shares these values. We look forward to further conversations and dialogue to ensure we achieve these goals together.

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