AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

APA RESOLUTION **on Antisemitism (2026)**

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WHEREAS prejudice and discrimination has caused untold human suffering throughout recorded history; and

WHEREAS anti-Jewish hostility has been perpetrated by many groups throughout history (United Nations, 2019) and was a central factor in the perpetration of the Holocaust in Europe by the Nazis in the 1940s, which eventuated in the brutal annihilation of six million Jews (e.g., Charney, 2000); and

WHEREAS multiple contemporary definitions of antisemitism all share the recognition that antisemitism involves hostility, prejudice, discrimination, harassment, hatred, or violence against Jews as Jews (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, (n.d.); Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, (n.d.); Nexus, (n.d.); T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, (n.d.)); and

WHEREAS antisemitic acts of violence in the United States and around the world have increased dramatically since the Hamas-led attacks of October 7, 2023 and Israel's invasion of Gaza that followed (Institute for Economics & Peace, 2025; Vision of Humanity, 2025); and

WHEREAS many college campuses have become sites of heightened debate, tension, and conflict since the October 7, 2023 Hamas-led attacks and Israel's subsequent assault on Gaza, creating intense tension between the need to counter antisemitism, while safeguarding principles of free speech (APA, 2025; Mazower, 2025); and

WHEREAS there is broad agreement that, in regard to the state of Israel, it is antisemitic to hold Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the state of Israel; to require Jews to publicly condemn Israel; to assume that Jews are more loyal to Israel than to their home countries; and to deny Jews in Israel/Palestine the right to exist and flourish as Jews on the basis of legal equality (e.g., International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, (n.d.)); and

WHEREAS the weaponization of antisemitism — the manipulative or bad faith invocation of accusations to silence legitimate criticism, scholarship, or activism — creates significant adverse consequences for Jews and non-Jews who oppose the state of Israel's actions and support Palestinian rights (Mann & Yona, 2025; Stern, 2019); and

WHEREAS every antisemitic act creates a climate of fear, anxiety and insecurity, both for the individual and the community; as such, Jews are exposed to suffering from feelings of vulnerability, anger, depression and other sequelae of victimization (e.g., Altman et al., 2010; Bowers & Yehuda, 2016; Valent, 2002); and

WHEREAS antisemitic acts also harm the perpetrators by desensitizing them to violence, and raise concerns about their generalizing such acts to other groups (e.g., Crandall & Eshleman, 2003; Ezequiel, 1995, 2002; Staub, 1990, 2005); and

WHEREAS the American Psychological Association has recognized the profound psychological consequences of hate crimes motivated by prejudice (APA Council of Representatives, 2005); and

WHEREAS the American Psychological Association opposes prejudice and discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or physical condition (American Psychological Association, 2021); and

WHEREAS as psychologists, we respect the dignity and worth of all people and are committed to improving the condition of individuals, organizations, and society, we are aware of and respect cultural, individual, and role differences among individuals, including (but not limited to) those based on religion and/or ethnicity (American Psychological Association, 2021); and

WHEREAS psychologists recognize and protect civil and human rights and strive to help the public develop informed judgments and choices concerning human behavior (American Psychological Association, 2017):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association condemns all antisemitic attitudes and actions, and will use its influence to promote fairness, respect, and dignity for all people, regardless of religion or ethnicity, in all arenas in which psychologists work and practice, and in society at large.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association will take a leadership role in opposing antisemitism.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association encourages all psychologists to act to eliminate all discrimination of an antisemitic nature.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association will conduct regular impact assessments to ensure that our antisemitism policy addresses the harms of antisemitism along with intersecting forms of oppression.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association encourages research to better understand the characteristics, causes, and consequences of antisemitism.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Psychological Association will include appropriate information on antisemitism in its multicultural and diversity training material and activities, and that diversity and multicultural efforts will take cognizance of antisemitism and will attempt to overcome it.

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