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The Union for Graduate Employees at New York University

New York University's Graduate Student Organizing Committee condemns the recent wave of anti-Semitic attacks and denounces the harassment and threats lobbied against Jewish institutions and individuals. In recent weeks, we have witnessed the horror of the mass murder at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the vandalization of Union Temple in Prospect Heights, and arson at synagogues and Jewish schools in Williamsburg--among other incidents in New York City and around the country.

GSOC stands in solidarity with Jewish communities in confronting anti-Semitism. We appreciate the proud history of Jewish involvement and leadership in the labor movement and unionism, especially in New York City and the Washington Square campus of NYU. We are the beneficiaries of the fruits of their struggle. We assert that it is critical for labor unions to say loud and clear that anti-Semitism, fascism, and white supremacy are not welcome in our cities, against our members, or in our ranks.

As a union of graduate workers, we especially condemn anti-Semitic attacks in academic institutions. No one should face violence and harassment in their workplace or school because of their religion, race, gender, or sexuality. It is critical for graduate unions to stand with their workers facing such persecution. It is also incumbent upon everyone in the academic community, given the severity of our moment, to recognize the threats of anti-Semitism before more people are hurt. This means that we have to work to stop the spread of racist and white supremacist ideas by dismantling platforms for far-right ideologues (such as [Milo Yiannopoulos](#), who was recently invited to speak in an NYU classroom).

We stand in solidarity with progressive Jewish groups leading the way to fight anti-Semitism, including but not limited to If Not Now, Bend the Arc, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ). To quote JFREJ in their resource [Understanding Antisemitism](#): "Antisemitism is real. It is antithetical to collective liberation, and it hurts Jews but not only Jews — it undermines, weakens and derails all of our movements for social justice and collective liberation." To that end, our opposition to anti-Semitism is part of a broadly anti-racist politics which insists that this struggle, and the struggle against white nationalism and white supremacy, racism and Islamophobia, anti-feminist and anti-queer prejudice, and anti-migrant xenophobia are all inextricably linked. This is clearly evident in the policies and rhetoric of the Trump administration and its supporters. We are proud to be part of a broader movement fighting for collective liberation, and we speak out against and challenge anti-Semitism when it occurs.