

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Institutions of higher learning, and in particular universities, reflect the core values of their respective societies. All great universities share certain characteristics that shape their academic and scientific directions: they are committed to pluralism, diversity, multiculturalism and uphold the tenets of democracy and mutual co-existence. For these reasons and many more, institutions of higher education in North America cannot remain silent.

We, the undersigned, denounce terrorism and, in particular, condemn the attack at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem on July 31st that claimed nine lives and injured scores of people. We express our solidarity with the academic pursuits of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Universities serve as intellectual meeting places that should ideally invite dialogues between people from all backgrounds. Throughout its history, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has played a critical role in promoting co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians and amongst peoples of all nationalities, religions and cultures. The murderous act that took place on the Mount Scopus campus was intended to prevent the type of human interaction and discourse that can facilitate change and a more complex understanding of our challenging world.

We join The Hebrew University – and all universities – in a global quest to create productive avenues to peace and progress. We send our condolences to the families who mourn the loss of their loved ones and wish those who were injured a complete recovery.

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