

A Statement of Comfort and Cogency to Our Fellow Jews

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I have been a proud Jew for all of my life and have never before witnessed times like these. Here in our America, antisemitic, racist gangs roam freely, spewing their rotten, filthy lies on the homes of innocent people, and not only Jews. We always knew that they existed: the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Southern Poverty Law Center have been busy, as well as the FBI. Sadly, the racists were encouraged by past demagoguery, and it may take a while to deal with them, because of First Amendment rights to which we Americans are devoted.

What causes antisemitism? I have read a great deal on the subject and conclude that it is mainly jealousy. We Jews are among the highest-achieving people for Nobel Prizes, Pulitzers, accolades for charity and good citizenship, and accomplishments that have long benefited both America and all of humanity, wherever we have lived. Yet any fool or madman who is unhappy with their lives, income, or mental status can attack the Jews.

It is as simple as this: if a lunatic says, “Little green men from Mars are controlling my mind—no, all of us!—and we must fight them,” others will say, “*Nebich*, a lunatic!” and mostly ignore him. If that same lunatic says, “The Jews are controlling us,” other benighted souls may regard him as a great political philosopher, and he will be given a platform on the media. But he is no saner than the fool crying about Green Martians. Our media is moving much faster than the days of newspapers, and internet fame comes and goes quickly. What is there to do?

1. Education—people are ignorant of Jews and Judaism, and we must ourselves become representatives of our people. There are more books and info online than ever before. Learn!
2. Resistance—using modern methods of communication and the internet, we must be sure to disseminate the truth about ourselves, our beliefs, and our commitment to democracy.
3. Protection—our institutions must be in touch with local law enforcement, so that they can respond appropriately when needed. This includes legal challenges and exposure of these hooligans as un-American. It also means forging alliances with other embattled minorities during this current social climate.
4. Support of Israel—in spite of the current crisis, Israel remains a fortress ready to protect Jews everywhere. That was, and remains, its founding purpose.

Finally, all of us can recall why we are Americans, why our ancestors chose to settle in this blessed land. I have faith in our government and country.

Ahm Yisrael Chai—The People of Israel Live and Endure!

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