The following is a statement by Rabbi Chaim Wasserman, Co-President of the Council of Young Israel Rabbis in Israel:

"Despite reports in the media to the contrary, Rabbis Macy Gordon and George Finkelstein are not currently associated with the Council of Young Israel Rabbis in Israel (CYIR) or the National Council of Young Israel. Although each of these individuals did at one time serve on an advisory committee for the CYIR, they no longer do so and neither of them has served in any official or unofficial role in our organization for over two years. This is entirely unrelated to the allegations that have recently surfaced in the media concerning these individuals."