

HoCoJAG Statement on the Murder of Israeli Embassy Staffers in Washington, D.C.

We are heartbroken and outraged by the brutal murder of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim outside the Capital Jewish Museum. This horrifying act of violence is a stark and tragic reminder that antisemitism—including hatred directed at Jews because of their connection to the Jewish State—is a growing and deadly threat, even here on American soil.

The Howard County Jewish Advocacy Group (HoCoJAG) unequivocally condemns this act of antisemitic terror. We stand in solidarity with the victims' families, with the people of Israel, and with Jewish communities around the world who are mourning yet another senseless loss.

We call on our elected officials and community leaders—at every level—to forcefully and unequivocally denounce all forms of antisemitism, including antisemitism that targets the supporters of the Jewish State of Israel. Words matter. Silence emboldens hate.

We renew our call for Howard County and the State of Maryland to adopt the **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism**, which provides a clear and internationally recognized framework for identifying and combating antisemitism in all its forms.

This attack is not just an assault on individuals—it is an attack on the Jewish people. Let us meet this moment with moral clarity, courage, and a commitment to justice.

#StopAntisemitism | #HoCoJAG | #IHRA | #JusticeForTheVictims

