

## **Resolution to Address and Combat Antisemitism At Denison University**

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### **Section 1: Purpose**

*Whereas*, the Denison Forward was created to advance commitment to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism (IDEA).

*Whereas*, the Louis D. Brandeis Center 2021 survey shows 65% of openly identifying Jewish students feel unsafe due to Antisemitic attacks and 50% actively hide their Jewish Identity

See full survey reports: <https://www.aepi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/LDB-AEPi-AEPhi-Poll-press-release-9.19.21.pdf>

<https://brandeiscenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Brandeis-Survey-Findings.pdf>

*Whereas*, DCGA and Denison Community should be promoting campus discourse and space for dialogue over issues of interest that guarantees the safety of students from all religious, ethnic, racial, and national origins.

*Whereas*, addressing antisemitism and having proper implications put into place will ensure improvement of practices and safety for Jewish and Israeli Members.

### **Section 2: Implementation**

*Be it herein resolved*, Denison Forward Task Force and all relevant parties will Implement the following immediate actions to address and combat the rising antisemitism at this university:

- I. Issue a public statement condemning antisemitism in all forms, including political, social, and religious discourse that targets Jewish, and/or Israeli members, and Organizations.
- II. Incorporate the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition](#)

[of Antisemitism](#) into the university's discrimination and harassment policies.

- III. Engage in an initiative to provide frequent appropriate training on antisemitism to University administrators, staff, faculty, and students through seminars, previously established courses by Jewish organizations, or other ideas that the administration may have.
- IV. Ensure that there are Jewish voices on the Denison Forward Practices Subcommittee, which is responsible for “assessment of, reporting of, and responding to incidents of racism and other forms of bias.” This will allow antisemitism to have equal prioritization to other forms of bias and prejudice on campus.