

# Antisemitism in our Community - 4-12-22

## **Subject: Antisemitism in our Community**

### **Recent Bias Incident in our Community**

There has been a bias incident involving antisemitism in our community. Incidents like this that target or threaten individuals or a group based on their identities is unacceptable and is not in line with our values as a community.

### **What is a bias-related incident?**

A bias-related incident is an incident that negatively targets, intimidates, or threatens an individual or group due to race, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical, mental, and intellectual disabilities, as well as past/present history of mental disorders. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, or images that harass or intimidate individuals or groups due to the above characteristics.

*[Video: What is hate speech?](#)*

### **What is AntiSemitism?**

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jewish people, which may be expressed as hatred toward those in the Jewish community. As well as hostility or discrimination against Jewish persons as a religious group. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

### **Contemporary Examples of Antisemitism:**

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jewish persons in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion
- Using symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms, or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II

For more examples and information, please visit: [state.gov/defining-anti-semitism](https://www.state.gov/defining-anti-semitism)

## **What Can I Do to Be a Part of the Solution?**

1. Educate yourself
2. Hold yourself accountable for your words and actions and how they impact others
3. Hold others accountable and assist in their learning if you're able to

Visit resources such as:

- UConn Hillel: <https://www.uconnhillel.org/>

Chabad at UConn: <https://www.jewishuconn.com/>

<https://inform.uconn.edu/>

## **What's Next?**

If you have any information regarding this incident or are impacted, please contact Devon Walker at [devon.walker@uconn.edu](mailto:devon.walker@uconn.edu).