



NASW-NYC Condolences and Statement on Violence Against the Jewish Community

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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that”.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-

As we return from the holiday season and reflect on the fact that this season should have been filled with love, peace, and happiness, we, like many, are struggling to grapple with the rise in attacks and senseless violence against the Jewish Community in NY and across America. We are hurt, we are confused, and we are angry at the ongoing violence and trauma that continues, and we stand ready to be of support.

The New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers strongly condemns **any** act of discrimination and harm against all individuals, groups, and communities. We offer our deepest, heartfelt condolences to our Jewish brothers, sisters, friends, loved ones, and colleagues who have been harmed and lost their lives as a result of the ongoing rise in anti-Semitic violence.

Interested in Taking Immediate Action?: In response to the ongoing violence and in a show of love and solidarity, The Leadership Conference released a statement condemning the growing wave of violence which you can read [here](#) and will sponsor the "No Hate. No Fear." march scheduled to take place **Sunday, January 5 at 11:00 a.m. in New York City**. NASW-NYC has signed on to be one of the supporters of this non-partisan rally that will focus on standing up against hate and supporting the Jewish community. The march will start in lower Manhattan and participants will march across the Brooklyn Bridge to Cadman Square in Brooklyn. Attached and [at this link](#), you can find a flyer for individuals who are interested in attending.

As a profession, we are called to be advocates and to value the dignity and worth of each person. We extend our undying love and support and call on our profession and

colleagues to join us in speaking out against hate while taking action to make our communities safer.

In solidarity and with deep sympathy,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Claire Green-Forde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Claire Green-Forde, LCSW

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