

**An uptick of antisemitic incidents continue to plague Jewish communities across the United States and around the world following the Hamas massacres of October 7th.**

- Last Thursday, a man was arrested after he fired a shotgun in the parking lot of Temple Israel in Albany. According to responding officers, the shooter made the statement “Free Palestine” when he was taken into custody.
- Within the past 10 days, multiple Jewish facilities in Minnesota, the New York City metro area, and a synagogue right here in Greater Toledo were targets of shooting or bomb threats in a series of swatting incidents.
- Multiple incidents have been reported of vandalized menorahs outside synagogues or other Jewish institutions.
- On Tuesday, FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the increase in hate crimes since October 7th, saying in reference to the Jewish community, “When you look at a group that makes up 2.4%, roughly, of the American population, it should be jarring to everyone that that same population accounts for something like 60% of all religious-based hate crimes, and so they need our help.”
- After his 41-minute long address on antisemitism from the Senate floor last month, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) requested \$1 billion in funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program in order to protect Jewish and other faith-based communities as hate crimes are rising, representing a drastic increase from the current funding level of \$305 million.
- An ADL poll found that antisemitic incidents increased by 316% in the month following the Hamas massacres, compared to the same time period last year. Since October 7th, 70% of Jewish people say they feel less safe than before the war started, according to a Jewish Federations poll.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is standing up to antisemitism. This Thursday is our sold-out annual Shine a Light on Antisemitism event. Our Jewish Community Relations Council speaks to schools, businesses, nonprofits, community leaders, and more about the rising threat of antisemitism and how it impacts all of society. Join us in standing up to anti-Jewish hate.