

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

In light of the recent escalation in the Israel-Hamas war by the Islamic Republic of Iran, Voorhees Township Committee urges all members of our community to take action to ensure that no members of our community are dehumanized for who they are or what they believe. We have recently become aware of antisemitic incidents occurring at Eastern Regional High School, notably in regard to a student's courageous decision to enlist in the Israel Defense Forces upon graduation. Township Committee respects our students' choices and beliefs and while we acknowledge and respect that our community holds vast and differing opinions on the conflict, harassment, threats, and antisemitism may never be tolerated. Antisemitism and hatred in all forms must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. And while we understand the importance of free speech, we entrust our educators and administration to first ensure the safety, physical and psychological, of our children, and ask that they lead with kindness and understanding but without tolerance for such hatred at all times, but especially during the upcoming Passover holiday.