

**Rabbis for Ceasefire Condemns Trump Executive Order that Seeks to Shut Down
Organizing for Palestinian Rights, Calls on Jewish Leaders and Organizations to Loudly
Join our Condemnation**

President Donald Trump has issued a dangerous Executive Order targeting "pro-Hamas aliens and left-wing radicals" and threatening punishments including "removal of resident aliens." This is a harmful move because it claims to address antisemitism, but instead only conflates antisemitism with critiques of the state of Israel in order to attack those who are bravely protesting the wrongs they see Israel committing. Meanwhile, it does nothing to address real antisemitism which is on the rise in the US, overwhelmingly from white nationalist extremists. Devastatingly, there are many examples of their violent antisemitism, including white nationalists killing Jewish worshippers in synagogues in Pittsburgh and near San Diego. Just last week, Elon Musk, tapped by the president to head the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, repeatedly gave Nazi salutes during the inauguration rally. The president himself has [repeatedly stated](#) that Jewish Americans supposedly owe him their political loyalty because of his anti-Palestinian racism and pro-Israel policies, an antisemitic trope which builds upon historic allegations of "dual loyalty."

In the midst of these blatant displays of real and longstanding antisemitism, Jewish organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee, Betar and others have been shamefully complicit by supporting these cynical efforts to couch anti-Palestinian racism and Islamophobia as concern for Jews and Judaism.

This Executive Order is reminiscent of the attacks against student protests of the Vietnam War and apartheid in South Africa, which like today included thousands of Jewish activists. We are proud of American Jewish participation in nonviolent protest generation to generation, arm in arm with Palestinian, Muslim, Latine, Asian, queer, trans, immigrant, and Black students.

In this era of repression, we call on Jewish organizations, synagogues, and communities to publicly condemn this Executive Order in the strongest terms, and to support, encourage, and ally with colleges and universities who refuse to abide by this fascist approach to quelling student dissent.