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## Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

Following Report Showing Alarming Increase in Hate Crimes Against Jewish Floridians, AG Moody to Host Law Enforcement Training to Combat Antisemitism



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Following the latest Hate Crimes in Florida Report showing an alarming increase in hate crimes against Jewish Floridians, Attorney General Ashley Moody will be hosting a law enforcement training to address antisemitism on college campuses. The recently released report detailed an alarming 94% increase in hate crimes against Jewish Floridians from 2022 to 2023. The report also noted that the Jewish community has been increasingly targeted on college campuses since the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel in October 2023. Florida stands with the nation's ally, Israel, and Attorney General Moody is proud to announce an upcoming training designed to help law enforcement and investigators combat hate crimes and antisemitism on college campuses.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Florida is a law-and-order state, and we have taken extraordinary steps to protect the Jewish community since the October 7th attacks. While law enforcement continues to vigilantly protect Jewish Floridians, we are seeing an increase in reported antisemitic hate crimes. That is why we are hosting a training to help combat antisemitism on college campuses." Following the Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attacks on Israel, antisemitic incidents <u>more than tripled</u> across the United States. The epicenter of much of the antisemitic activity is college and university campuses. Attorney General Moody previously reached out to higher education officials in 2023 and 2024 advising them of Florida's zero-tolerance policy against antisemitism and provided information on state statutes that outlaw antisemitic hate crimes and supporting terrorist organizations.

Attorney General Moody is a strong proponent of the U.S.'s ally, Israel, and standing up for Jewish Floridians. Some of these actions include:

- AG Moody Urges University Police Departments to Enforce the Law and Protect Jewish Students from Hate Crimes and Violence;
- Attorney General Moody and Coalition of 26 Attorneys General Condemn Hamas Terrorist Attacks on Israel;
- VIDEO: AG Moody, FDLE and FLHSMV Urge Floridians to Report Suspicious Activity Following Heightened Terrorist Threat Due to Hamas Attacks;
- Attorney General Moody Urges Congress to Defund UN Agency That Employed Terrorists;
- <u>As Colleges and Universities Begin a New Academic Year, AG Moody Advises Higher</u> <u>Education Officials About Legal Protections and Shared Commitment to Jewish Students in</u> <u>Florida;</u>
- Attorney General Moody Calls for Removal of Student Visa Holders Who Provide Support to Terror Groups;
- Attorney General Moody Urges Senate to Pass the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act;
- Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Probe into Allegations That MSCI is Embracing Anti-Israel BDS Move; and
- AG Moody Calls on Unilever and Ben & Jerry's to Drop Boycott of Israel.

In partnership with the Combat Antisemitism Movement, Attorney General Moody is proud to announce an upcoming training designed to educate law enforcement and investigators about hate crimes and antisemitism on college and university campuses.

The training program was developed from the George Washington University's Program on Extremism and addresses the presence of Hamas in America and campus protests. Specifically, it examines Hamas' history in America and the network's evolution, tactics, key players and activities, including the roles of Iranian and Hezbollah networks in propaganda, education and campus-related initiatives. The training is tailored to educate individuals from federal and state agencies, detectives, police officers, sheriff's deputies, university police and other public-safety officers.

The training will be held at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus on April 30th, from 8 a.m.-Noon. Those interested in attending the training should reach out to Gabe Groisman, Senior Advisor of the Combat Antisemitism Movement, at gg@groisman.llc for further information.

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