

Statement of the *MetroWest Interfaith Community* In Light of Recent Incidents of Antisemitism in Holliston

We of the **MetroWest Interfaith Community** were deeply disturbed to learn of another antisemitic incident that took place in Holliston. This has become a troubling pattern of behavior in our town, one that exemplifies the persistence and rise of antisemitic sentiments and behavior in this national political climate. We stand with the Jewish community of Holliston in this painful moment, together with towns throughout the MetroWest that also reported antisemitic incidents in the last couple of years.

As an interfaith community, we believe that Holliston must be a place where people of all religions and spiritual traditions can thrive, together with our nonreligious neighbors. We must foster the truth of our oneness as members of this larger community while also honoring our diversity with reverence. We bring our *one interfaith voice* to bear in our solidarity to overcome explicit and implicit bias of all kinds in our communities.

We as the MetroWest Interfaith Community commit to being part of the solution. We commit to partnering with other community leaders and institutions to take action to combat antisemitism and all other forms of oppression, and to building a deeply connected multifaith and multicultural community together.

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