

Zeta Beta Tau

A Brotherhood of Kappa Nu, Phi Alpha, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Sigma Delta, Zeta Beta Tau

Position Statement on Antisemitism and Israel

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Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity was founded as a Zionist organization and soon became the world's first Jewish fraternity, due to the exclusion of Jewish men from other fraternal organizations. One hundred twenty-four years after its founding, acknowledging the increase in antisemitism across the United States, ZBT reiterates its commitment to combatting and condemning antisemitism in all forms.

Furthermore, we stand steadfast in our support of the right of the State of Israel and its people to live in peace and security with its neighbors and the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in their historic homeland. We condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement and any other movement that aims to delegitimize Israel for any reason. We firmly stand against any movement that creates a hostile environment for Jews on university and college campuses. We denounce measures that encourage, condone, or permit antisemitic statements or actions.

Recognizing the increase in antisemitism across the United States, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity has adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of "antisemitism" which states:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Examples of antisemitism from the IHRA can be found [here](#)¹.

This definition of antisemitism has been adopted by the United States government and governments of dozens of other [countries](#)², dozens of institutions of [higher learning](#)³, and over 400 global [organizations](#)⁴.

Zeta Beta Tau will continue to combat and denounce antisemitism whenever and wherever it occurs. We will continue to partner with organizations who share these values. We will not be silent in the face of intolerance.

¹ <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism>

² <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism/adoption-endorsement>

³ <https://www.ajc.org/us-campus-adoption-of-the-working-definition>

⁴ https://en-humanities.tau.ac.il/sites/humanities_en.tau.ac.il/files/media_server/TAU%20Press%20Release%20-%20Adoption%20of%20the%20Working%20Definition%20of%20Antisemitism%2026.5.21.pdf