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Cornell Jewish Center Under Guard After Online Threats To Jewish Students

Source: New York Times

(New York) Campus police at Cornell University, in Ithaca, N.Y., were guarding the university's Center for Jewish Living on Sunday after online posts threatened violence against Jewish students, according to a statement by the Cornell president, Martha E. Pollack. The posts, which appeared on an online discussion forum about fraternities, included threats to shoot Jewish students and encouragement to others to kill them. They also called for the Jewish center, where a number of students live and which offers a kosher dining room, to be torn down. "We will not tolerate antisemitism at Cornell," said Ms. Pollack. "Threats of violence are absolutely intolerable, and we will work to ensure that the person or people who posted them are punished to the full extent of the law."

Campus police referred the threats to the F.B.I. as a potential hate crime, said Ms. Pollack, who visited the center on Sunday evening, according to a statement from the university.

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American Jewish Security Network Reports 'Alarming Rise' In Antisemitic Incidents On Campus

Source: Jerusalem Post

(United States) The Secure Community Network (SCN), an organization that coordinates security for Jewish communities across the United States, reported on Friday "an alarming uptick in antisemitic incidents

concentrated on college campuses" since the events of October 7 and the breakout of war in Gaza. Since the Hamas attack, SCN has logged 94 incident reports on college campuses, 15% of the 614 incidents it has logged across the country this month. October 2023 is on track to register more antisemitic incidents than any month ever recorded since the group's founding in 2004. SCN's National Director and CEO, Michael Masters, went a step further, declaring that "the rise in incidents on our college campuses exposes the utterly insufficient response by a disturbing number of educational institutions in response to vocal support for foreign terror groups and rank antisemitism." In a statement, SCN urged Jewish students "to remain vigilant, prioritize safety, and steer clear of potentially dangerous situations." The organization noted that any antisemitic incidents should be immediately reported to ReportCampusHate.org, which includes an option to report anonymously.

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Five Years Post-Tree Of Life Attack, Synagogues Balance Being Welcoming, Secure

Source: Jewish News Syndicate

(United States) The fifth anniversary of the mass shooting at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh comes amid rising antisemitism following Hamas's attacks the bloodiest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust. Masters told JNS that SCN is unaware of current "direct credible threats it's a very dynamic threat environment right now, so we're encouraging synagogues and other institutions to remain open and in operation but to also be vigilant and take good security measures," he said. "For synagogues, that means having access control, knowing who's coming in and out of their building, coordinating with law enforcement, coordinating with security if they're able to have it and making sure they have people in place trained," he said. "If they see something, say

something. Trust their gut. If something doesn't feel right, don't let them in. Call law enforcement." While Jews must remain vigilant, SCN encourages them to live Jewish lives. "While we don't have any direct credible threats against Jewish institutions, we are charting 300% to 400% increases in the number of antisemitic incidents and threats facing members of the Jewish community since Hamas initiated the war against Israel on Oct. 7" [said Masters].

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Hundreds Storm Airport In Russia In Antisemitic Riot Over Arrival Of Plane From Israel

Source: Associated Press

(Russia) Hundreds of people stormed into the main airport in Russia's Dagestan region and onto the landing field Sunday, chanting antisemitic slogans and seeking passengers arriving on a flight from Tel Aviv, Israel, Russian news agencies and social media reported. Russian news reports said the crowd surrounded the airliner, which belonged to Russian carrier Red Wings. Authorities closed the airport in Makhachkala, the capital of the predominantly Muslim region, and police converged on the facility. Video on social media showed some in the crowd waving Palestinian flags and others trying to overturn a police car. Antisemitic slogans can be heard being shouted and some in the crowd examined the passports of arriving passengers, apparently in an attempt to identify those who were Israeli. In a statement Sunday night, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Israel "expects the Russian law enforcement authorities to protect the safety of all Israeli citizens and Jews wherever they may be and to act resolutely against the rioters and against the wild incitement directed against Jews and Israelis." The Ministry of Internal Affairs for Russia's North Caucasian Federal District, where Dagestan is located, said that CCTV footage would be used to establish the identities of those who stormed the airport and that those involved would be brought to justice.

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