

About Anti-semitism I'll start with a poem called
The New Colossus
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Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

I was reminded yesterday by a good friend about my roots. Like millions of Jews in the world, my grandparents fled their homes in Germany and Romania and teenagers, forced to be young adults. They were Jewish, just regular people, not Hassidic, not extremists of religion, they were kids. Kids with dreams, my grandfather was a metal-smith, a trade I actually took up after him. My grandmother was a linguist, she was so talented she spoke 10 languages. After fleeing Europe, they met on a Kibbutz in Palestine, then ventured further to NY, where the infamous Lady Liberty welcomed them with open arms at the golden gate of NY harbor. This is part of my history, but it's not an entirely unique one. Millions of Jewish families have similar stories. We need not ask why, but we need to prevent history from repeating itself.

A few days ago, according to an article by Christopher Brennan of the Daily News, "The FBI is investigating possible civil rights violations after nearly 30 Jewish community centers, including JCC Manhattan, received the second round of bomb threats in two weeks."

Posner and advisor for the JCC said "While the bombs in question are hoaxes, the calls are not. We know that law enforcement at both the local and national level are continuing to investigate the ongoing situation".

How is it possible we've come so far over so many years, only to have the circle of hate repeat itself. The calls, the threats, the derogatory remarks, the continued hate speech against so many communities, where does it all end? Why has the new president said nothing on this topic, or on other similar issues such as racism against Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Muslims and more?

Anti-semitism is a corner stone of the white supremacy movement. The new president has been quoted in the past for making derogatory statements against his own Jewish employees. His constant insults of the media and certain journalists and comedians such as John Stewart whom he tweeted an anti-Semitic statement about his Jewish birth name is unacceptable. His tweet stated "I promise you that I'm much smarter than Jonathan Leibowitz - I mean Jon Stewart @TheDailyShow. Who, by the way, is totally overrated. A twitter war between the 2 followed, in which the president continued his anti-semitic language. He has encouraged the extreme right with his hateful rhetoric and through his normalization of racism and all -ism given a tacit permission to these factions to act on their hate.

We will not accept this. We see through the false pretenses you are trying to show to Israel. We see your continued support of white supremacy leaders. We are not blind and we cannot be conned. Mr. President, your hatred will fail you ultimately, no person of any race or religion will be manipulated by your rhetoric. We will not let history repeat itself and we will not let you do what the Nazis did to us, to any other community. Never forget.