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New Jersey-Israel Commission Statement Condemning Racial Bias
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Through its Members, the New Jersey-Israel Commission is uniquely and tragically aware of what it means to face oppression and dehumanization through a painful lens shaped by some of the most terrible events in human history. With this perspective in mind, we stand together and condemn the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and incidents of racial bias across the country, as a stark reminder of the historic injustices faced by African Americans in the United States. Now, more than ever, we loudly call for the defeat of racism in our society and the end of discrimination against our brothers and sisters in the black community.

At this critical moment, we join in solidarity, with those across New Jersey and the nation who are speaking out against prejudice and bigotry directed at communities of color, in opposition to all forms of hate no matter how it is manifested. As leaders of the Commission, we unequivocally add our voices to proclaim that black lives matter.

Together we look forward to better days of real change, in which black lives are fully respected and no person is judged by the color of their skin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew H Gross".

Andrew H Gross
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Levenson".

Mark Levenson
Chair