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MILWAUKEE JEWISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT ON MEIR KAHANE

The Milwaukee Jewish Council feels the moral imperative to make clear our total and unequivocal rejection of violence, racism, demagoguery and hate-mongering. It is particularly incumbent upon the Council to speak out when these actions emanate from other Jews. The pending visit of Meir Kahane compells us to respond.

Meir Kahane preaches hatred, bigotry and racism. What he stands for is inimical to Jewish thought and tradition, and an anathema to traditional Torah teachings. His statements and actions are a perversion of democratic values and are held to be repugnant and are soundly rejected by the vast majority of American and Israeli Jews.

The Milwaukee Jewish Council rejects and condemns Kahane's hate, his behavior, his philosophy and his methods of intimidation.

Statement for Media Response, re: Kahane Visit

The Milwaukee Jewish Council has always unequivocally rejected violence, racism and demagoguery. Once again we must speak out, this time because these actions emanate from a member of the Jewish community.

When Meir Kahane preaches hatred, bigotry and racism, his words counter Jewish thought and tradition, and are an anathema to Torah teachings. His goals for the State of Israel, and his methods for achieving these goals, are, as he has clearly stated himself, antidemocratic and defy the principles embodied in the Israeli Declaration of Independence.

The Milwaukee Jewish Council joins the vast majority of American and Israeli Jews in opposing these views, goals and strategies.