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Jewish Support for Clarke

The American Jewish community has been and remains in broad support of President Biden’s nomination of Kristin Clarke to the position of Assistant Attorney General. This strong and enthusiastic championing of Ms. Clarke was undeterred by right-wing attempts to weaponize allegations of antisemitism towards her nomination, and instead spurred greater vocal support for her in our community.

Following these attempts, the Jewish community came together to demonstrate strong, pluralistic support of Ms. Clarke. To name a few:

- On February 3rd, Rabbi Jonah Pesner released a [statement of support](#) for Ms. Clarke. Rabbi Pesner heads the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, an organization representing the Reform Jewish Movement, which is the largest denomination of Judaism in America with **1.8 million congregants**, 2000 rabbis, and 850 congregations. Rabbi Pesner writes, *“Americans’ civil rights are at a critical moment. Antisemitism and hate crimes are rising. More than four centuries of systemic racism have left a widening gap between the lived experiences of white Americans and Americans of Color. In education, health care, employment, wages, and all areas of life, we have yet to realize the promise of civil rights for Americans of Color. LGBTQ individuals, women, and people with disabilities also continue to experience civil rights violations that inhibit the United States from achieving its highest aspirations. A strong and experienced leader at the helm of the DOJ Civil Rights Division, like **Kristen Clarke**, can help address these injustices.”*
- On February 17th, more than 70 local, state, and national [Jewish organizations](#) representing **millions of members** nationwide endorsed Kristen Clarke for the position of Assistant Attorney General. They wrote, *“Clarke has spent her entire career dedicated to the pursuit of equal justice and civil rights. She is a **deeply qualified and passionate civil rights leader** with an unparalleled depth and breadth of experience, and is the leader our country needs in this vital role right now.”*

- On February 19th, the Anti-Defamation League CEO and National Director Jonathan Greenblat released a statement of support for Ms. Clarke, citing her “***much needed and well-rounded experience in the defense of civil rights***” as necessary in the current times. Mr. Greenblat continues, saying, “*ADL is directly aware of her **deep and unambiguous personal commitment to justice for all**, including her steadfast support in the fight against antisemitism. I have watched her work in collaboration with advocates representing the full spectrum of racial, ethnic, and religious communities.*”
- Multiple statements of support released on social media platforms from prominent American Jewish leaders, including, but not limited to, [Jason Kimelman Block](#), the Washington Director at Bend the Arc Jewish Action; [Halie Soifer](#), CEO of Jewish Democratic Council of America; [Rabbi Jill Jacobs](#), Executive Director of T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights; [Sheila Katz](#), CEO of the National Council for Jewish Women; [Rabbi Jack Moline](#), President of Interfaith Alliance, [Amy Spitalnick](#), Executive Director for Integrity First for America, and [Judge Merrick Garland](#).

As evidenced by the broad and sweeping support of Ms. Clarke, the American Jewish community has no reservations in the confirmation of Ms. Clarke to the position of Assistant Attorney General. We are confident in her experiences and ability to fight the civil issues we face today and know that our civil liberties are safe in her hands. Our community looks forward to continuing our partnership with Ms. Clarke to better both our community and the nation as a whole.

Statements of support have been Compiled from the following organizations:

ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal
 Ameinu
 American Jewish Congress
 Anti-Defamation League
 Avodah
 Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
 Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Pittsburgh (PA)
 Bend the Arc: Jewish Action South Jersey (NJ)
 Congregation Nevei Kodesh, Colorado
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 IKAR, Los Angeles (CA)
 Jewish Community Relations Council, Howard County (MD)
 Jewish Community Relations Council, Silicon Valley (CA)
 Jewish Democratic Council of America
 Jewish Community Action (MN)
 Jewish Labor Committee
 Jewish World Watch
 Jewish Women International
 Keshet

Kohenet Hebrew Priestess Institute
Mitsui Collective
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women Arizona
National Council of Jewish Women California
National Council of Jewish Women Colorado
National Council of Jewish Women Florida
National Council of Jewish Women Georgia
National Council of Jewish Women Illinois
National Council of Jewish Women Kentucky
National Council of Jewish Women Maryland
National Council of Jewish Women Massachusetts
National Council of Jewish Women Michigan
National Council of Jewish Women Minnesota
National Council of Jewish Women Northern Virginia
National Council of Jewish Women Tennessee
National Council of Jewish Women Texas
National Council of Jewish Women Washington
New Jersey Jewish Labor Committee
New York Jewish Agenda
Playful Resilience
Reconstructing Judaism
RAC, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Society for Humanistic Judaism
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
The Shalom Center
The Workers Circle
United Hebrew Trades – New York Jewish Labor Committee

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