



Trigger Warning: Mentions of violence and antisemitism

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Dear Loyola Community,

The Student Government of Loyola Chicago (SGLC) is relieved to hear that a suspect is in custody after allegedly committing several targeted attacks against Jewish members of the Loyola Community. We are appalled to learn about the antisemitic symbols tagged on the Free Russian-Jewish Community Synagogue, the broken windows at several businesses, and the verbal assault of a community member. These actions are particularly distressing so soon after Holocaust Remembrance Day, and after the recent hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel just a few weeks ago. We understand these antisemitic attacks in our neighborhood only worsen feelings of alienation and fear that members of the Loyola community have been forced to process.

The SGLC has a responsibility to respond to hate and violence in our community, and to provide support to students who may have experienced harm because of it. The harm enacted by the individual who attacked our community is not just physical, and we seek to acknowledge the consequences these attacks have on the Jewish community. We are also committed to respecting and supporting our surrounding community as students. Below are important resources students can use to learn more, find support, support businesses harmed by these incidents, and express their concerns:

**If you see or hear about a hate crime, please contact Campus Safety.**

[https://www.luc.edu/safety/hate\\_crimes.html](https://www.luc.edu/safety/hate_crimes.html)

**You can also file under the Office of Equity & Compliance.**

<https://www.luc.edu/equity/gethelp/iexperienceddiscriminationorsexualmisconduct/>

**If you are looking for mental health resources:**

- Students can visit the Wellness Center by following this link:  
<https://www.luc.edu/wellness/mentalhealth/appointmentsfirststeps/>
- Sinai Chicago Behavioral Health has indicated their dedication to serving the Jewish Community, and was founded by Jewish immigrants:  
<https://www.sinaichicago.org/en/patients-visitors/services/behavioral-health/>
- Students and Community Members may visit the following link to find therapists in West Rogers Park that have indicated a focus on Jewish clients:  
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/jewish/il/chicago/west-rogers-park>
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**For student resources in the Loyola Community, Students can visit LUCommunity to find LUC Hillel. Students and community members can also visit Hillel Metro Chicago for broader community support:**

<https://www.metrochicagohillel.org/>

The SGLC condemns antisemitism wherever we see it. We are disheartened by the violence in our community, and we are present during this time to receive feedback and provide support. Please email [sglc@luc.edu](mailto:sglc@luc.edu) with any questions, comments, or concerns. Please visit [this website](#) to learn more about antisemitism at universities.

Signed,

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