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We believe strongly in the idea of the “Jewish and...” identity. We recognize that there is no single way to be a Jew.

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“To the extent we are guilty of anything, it is of not speaking up sooner against a pattern seen as part of an ongoing political conflict, as part of a “cycle of violence”, and not condemned as intolerable unacceptable assaults on the most basic of human rights – the right to life.”

— *Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt*

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“It’s really hard being an American Jew right now, It is exhausting and scary.”

— *Meara, 38, New Jersey*

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There is a need to be “socially conscious,” often at the expense of one’s consciousness as a member of Israel as a nation.

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“My moral compass tells me to help the Palestinians, but then I cannot shake an ingrained paranoia every time I hear someone make anti-Israel statements . Taught to revere Israel as the protector of Jews everywhere, it is a very real identity crisis.”

— *Dan, 33*

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"I'm on a search for the truth, but what's the truth when everyone has a different way of looking at things?"

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"This is a generation who are very moved and inspired by social justice causes and want to be on the right side of justice. But they're falling into overly simplistic narratives, and narratives driven by true enemies of the Jewish people."

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"The history of white American slaveholders is not the correct frame for viewing the Israeli government or the global Jewish experience of oppression. "

— *Neil Lazarus*

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"You go to a college campus and want to get involved in anti-racism or social justice work, but it seems that even in our own communities it is becoming acceptable that, if you support the state of Israel, YOU are the problem."

— *Ari, 39, educator*

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"Every conversation is so unproductive, and so aggressive, that it stresses you out and forces you away from wanting anything to do with the Jewish community."

— *Jonas, 18*

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"There is a sense of betrayal as friends, colleagues and family members post online their apparently unequivocal support for the Palestinians, and are silent in the face of hate and murder of Jews. Comparing Israel to Nazi Germany, saying that they can hate Israel and that Zionism is racist but that they don't really hate Jews. They're not seeing the facts, they're just reading the propaganda... and I have no way to respond."

— *Esther, 28*

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"With anti-Semitism on the rise ... there is an urgency for U.S. Jewry to find a common ground with each other across different denominations and age groups."

— *Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation*

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"Belonging connects us to something larger than our own individual experience. I belong to the Jewish people because claiming this connection enters me into a millennia-old conversation."

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"If ever there was a time for clarity and Jewish unity, a time to stand with fellow Jews in the face of such an outpouring of blatant anti-Semitism and danger, it is now. Yet sadly, some have chosen not to stand with their people."

— *Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt*