



HABONIM DROR NORTH AMERICA

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The Labor Zionist Youth Movement

Yesterday we watched as violent domestic terrorists attempted a coup of the Capitol while Congress was counting electoral votes, following the encouragement of the President of the United States. We watched as the police force allowed these individuals to break into this building, putting the lives of many at risk, and were met with no resistance. We listened to the media describe these individuals as “protestors” as they scaled the wall surrounding the Capital building with firearms. We saw that this insurrection was unsurprisingly littered with Confederate flags, giant crosses, Nazi imagery, and other images that convey clear messages of hatred, violence, and white supremacy. From the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue to the white supremacists in Charlottesville shouting “Jews will not replace us” to viral picture of the man in the “Camp Aushwitz” hoodie from yesterday, we are all too aware that anti-Semitism is a foundational element of white supremacist thought and action. HDNA views the struggle against anti-Semitism as an inseparable part of the struggle for an antiracist society.

During the summer, we walked alongside our partners who were protesting against the brutality and eager disposal of Black lives in America. We watched peaceful protests end in severe violence due to incredibly high police presence. We watched as the police met almost every protest with intense brutality, and as the president had protestors tear-gassed so he could get a photo opportunity with a bible. We listened to the media describe these individuals as violent rioters, and looters, and were more upset by broken windows than broken bones.

Habonim Dror North America stands with BIPOC who are constantly reminded, especially in this time, that whiteness retains immense power over all other lives in America. In this moment, we call upon our Jewish community to speak out about the anti-blackness and white supremacy that is so deeply intertwined with yesterday’s events. We send love and support to our community members of color as they process the most recent event in this continued racialized trauma. We commit to remembering the true narrative, that this is the same America that was built on the brutalization of BIPOC and will continue to do everything in its power to uphold these systems of power. As Jews and individuals that care deeply about social justice and equity, it is our continued duty to support our movement and community members of color, in addition to the overall struggle for Black lives. Take this moment to keep reading, writing, donating, reflecting, starting conversations, and educating your chanichimot. Our democracy will continue to fail unless we are actively antiracist in all of our actions.

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