

Public Records Response from Gaithersburg regarding efforts to ban Peace Action Montgomery from future parades.

In the discussions were 7 rabbis, 3 paid lobbyists for Israel and 2 journalists. We weren't involved (learned of it afterwards).

From the Israeli Lobbyist

From: DMiller@jcouncil.org
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:45 PM
To: Lauren Neal; potomacrebbe@cbtpotomac.org; [REDACTED]
Cc: Jonathan Reich; Rabbi & Mrs. Sholom Raichik; Mrs. Chana Raichik; Rabbi Steven Bayar; rabbidavid@shaaretorah.org; rfwerbin@kolshalom.com; Rabbi Adam Raskin; Jason DeMarchi; Carolyn Muller; Jud Ashman; Yamil Hernández; Neil Harris; Lisa Henderson; Jim McNulty; Robert Wu; Guila Franklin Siegel; cheryl.kagan@senate.maryland.gov; julie.palakovichcarr@house.maryland.gov; joe.vogel@house.maryland.gov; ryan.spiegel@house.maryland.gov; Halber, Ron; jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com; zbell@midatlanticmedia.com; rabbi@chabadpotomac.com; Mrs. Sara Bluming
Subject: RE: Thank you for your feedback on the Labor Day Parade

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Hi Lauren,
The JCRC truly appreciates your attention to this matter and Mayor Ashman's efforts to combat antisemitism in Gaithersburg.
Best,
Deborah



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One Rabbi notes that we are libelous to say Israel is committing a genocide

From: Stuart Weinblatt <potomacrebbe@cbtpotomac.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 9:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]; CityHall External Mail; Jud Ashman; Yamil Hernández; Neil Harris; Lisa Henderson; Jim McNulty; Robert Wu
Cc: Jonathan Reich; Rabbi & Mrs. Sholom Raichik; Mrs. Chana Raichik; Rabbi Steven Bayar; rabbidavid@shaaretorah.org; rfwerbin@kolshalom.com; cheryl.kagan@senate.maryland.gov; ulie.palakovichcarr@house.maryland.gov; joe.vogel@house.maryland.gov; ryan.spiegel@house.maryland.gov; Rabbi Adam Raskin
Subject: RE: Inappropriate and hateful display at yesterday's Labor Day parade

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This is most disturbing. Quite simply, the efforts to demonize the State of Israel and to intimidate and ostracize Jews and supporters of Israel have gotten out of hand. I hope some of the elected officials who received this email will have the courage and moral decency to object to libelous false claims about the actions of the only Jewish state in the world to defend its people from a terrorist organization that has said their intent is to commit genocide and that they wish to commit many other October 7's.

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation B'nai Tzedek

Second Rabbi says our presence is a safety issue

From: Rabbi Adam Raskin <rabbiraskin@harshalom.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Stuart Weinblatt <potomacrebbe@cbtpotomac.org>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; [REDACTED]; Yamil Hernández <Yamil.Hernandez@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Lisa Henderson <Lisa.Henderson@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jim McNulty <Jim.McNulty@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Frank Johnson <Frank.Johnson@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Jonathan Reich <Jonathan.Reich@ourshul.org>; Mrs. Chana Raichik <chana@ourshul.org>; Rabbi Steven Bayar <rabbidavid@shaaretorah.org>; rfwerbin@kolshalom.com; cheryl.kagan@senate.maryland.gov; ulie.palakovichcarr@house.maryland.gov; joe.vogel@house.maryland.gov; ryan.spiegel@house.maryland.gov
Subject: Re: Inappropriate and hateful display at yesterday's Labor Day parade

Dear Mayor Ashman,
I appreciate that you are taking this matter to heart. It sounds like the presence of these marchers was not only contrary to the spirit of Rockville's Labor Day Parade, but it also made people feel unsafe and embattled in their own community. I truly hope that future parades will be more discerning about participants so that no one is excluded from Rockville's diverse community, and the parade itself does not become a politicized event.
With sincere appreciation,
Rabbi Adam Raskin
Congregation Har Shalom, Potomac

Tag-teaming Approach

From: rfwerbin@kolshalom.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 2:15 PM
To: 'Rabbi Adam Raskin'; 'Stuart Weinblatt'; Jud Ashman; [REDACTED] Yamil Hernández; Neil Harris; Lisa Henderson; Jim McNulty; Robert Wu; Tanisha Briley; Frank Johnson
Cc: 'Jonathan Reich'; 'Mrs. Chana Raichik'; 'Rabbi Steven Bayar'; rabbidavid@shaaretorah.org; cheryl.kagan@senate.maryland.gov; ulie.palakovichcarr@house.maryland.gov; joe.vogel@house.maryland.gov; ryan.spiegel@house.maryland.gov
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I want to second rabbis Weinblatt and Raskin.
I also appreciate your decision to act speedily.
I was not present at the event, but I can imagine the feelings of those from the Jewish community (and hopefully others as well!) who were present.
Sincerely,

Rabbi Fabian Werbin

Our signs that say no money for weapons to Israel and Block the Bombs are hateful

From: Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 7:41:19 PM
To: Carolyn Muller <Carolyn.Muller@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Frank Johnson <Frank.Johnson@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Tom Lonergan-Seegeer <Tom.Lonergan-Seegeer@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: RE: Labor Day Parade

Thanks Carolyn. I don't think there would be an issue with flags – the message suggests they were carrying signs with hateful messages on them.

Grown man was scared of us and said we all wore black and our group was unidentified

[video](#)



Mayor intends to “tweak” the rules so that we can be excluded

From: Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:19 AM
To: Stuart Weinblatt <potomacrebbe@cbtpotomac.org>; [REDACTED]; Yamil Hernández <Yamil.Hernandez@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Lisa Henderson <Lisa.Henderson@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jim McNulty <Jim.McNulty@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Frank Johnson <Frank.Johnson@gaithersburgmd.gov>
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Subject: Re: Inappropriate and hateful display at yesterday's Labor Day parade

Rabbi,

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Thank you for this message. I was also surprised to see this contingent in our parade and disturbed by the messaging. I will be revisiting our policies with staff to determine if there are some legally allowable tweaks we can make in order to negate this in the future.

Yours,

- Jud

The goal is to get the policies in place before the St Patricks Day parade to prevent us from marching then

From: Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 5:01 PM
To: Carolyn Muller <Carolyn.Muller@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Frank Johnson <Frank.Johnson@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Tom Lonergan-Seegeer <Tom.Lonergan-Seegeer@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: RE: Additional information regarding handling of the incident during the parade

I would suggest that we have the new policy in place before the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The police monitored us that day

From: Carolyn Muller <Carolyn.Muller@gaitthersburgmd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaitthersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Frank Johnson <Frank.Johnson@gaitthersburgmd.gov>; Tom Lonergan-Seeger <Tom.Lonergan-Seeger@gaitthersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Additional information regarding handling of the incident during the parade

#2 – as I mentioned yesterday, Jason, Pete Loiodice and Marvin Martinez were in the Emergency Command Center. One of the police down at the parade location called over the radio saying “there is a group with Palestinian flags” (no mention of signs according to Jason) to which Peter responded to send them to the protest area. Apparently the police then saw them heading to the line up area where they stated they were part of the parade. Jason looked the group up on the computer and verified that Peace Action Montgomery was indeed scheduled to be in the parade. He then looked at their website and thought it looked legitimate and not necessarily politically charged. The camera view from the ECC is a rear shot at the beginning of the parade so they could not see the messages on the signs from their vantage point.

Peace Action has marched in the parade for many years with the same approach. We even won 2 awards.

From: Dorthy Winder [mailto:Dorthy.Winder@gaitthersburgmd.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:43 PM
Subject: CONGRATULATIONS! FROM THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG'S 81st ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE

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your unit was a winner at the City of Gaithersburg's Labor Day Parade!

Please stop by the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD between Sept. 29 and Oct. 12 to pick up your award at the front desk Mondays through Saturdays 8 a.m. -

9 p.m. or Sundays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are unable to pick up your award at the designated dates and times, please e-mail or call me to make other arrangements. After Oct 12, if you have not made other arrangements, another recipient will be selected by the committee.

All winners will be posted on the City's website: <https://www.gaitthersburgmd.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-parade> next week. Thank you for being a part of the 81st Annual Labor Day Parade in Gaithersburg. For questions and/or directions - Call 301-258-6350.

Look forward to Seeing you next year at

The city of Gaithersburg's 82nd ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE!

REMINDER: CONGRATULATIONS! FROM THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG'S 80TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE - YOUR AWARD IS READY TO BE PICKED UP!



Dorothy Winder <Dorothy.Winder@gaitHERSBURGmd.gov>
To

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 10/8/2018 11:53 AM

Good Morning – Just a reminder.

YOUR AWARD IS READY TO BE PICKED UP NOW! SEE DETAILS BELOW! ☺

YOUR UNIT WAS A WINNER AT THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG'S LABOR DAY PARADE!

Please stop by the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD until **Oct 14** to pick up your award from the front desk **Mondays through Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. or Sundays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** If you are unable to pick up your award at the designated days and times, please e-mail or call me to make other arrangements.

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**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT
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