



The following statement was issued by Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright following an anti-Semitic attack involving an individual scrawling anti-Semitic graffiti on Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Synagogue while members were gathered on the Sabbath:

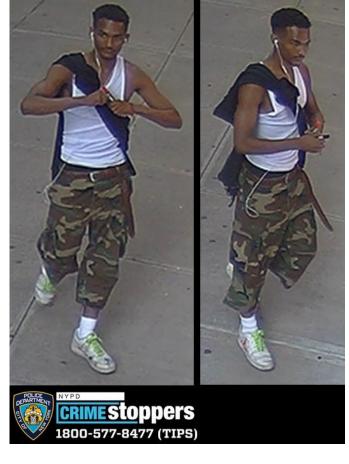
"I stand with Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and the New York Jewish community to denounce heinous and cowardly acts of anti-Semitism in our community.

Disturbingly the latest incident comes on the heels of a string of nationwide anti-Semitic attacks, according to the Anti-Defamation League. A group of online trolls are behind a series of incidents involving the disruption of Jewish prayer through swatting and fake bomb threats across the country using highly antisemitic language and targeting at least 26 synagogues that livestream their services.

Anti-Semitic incidents across the country rose 36% in 2022, according to an annual report by the Anti-Defamation League. The raging epidemic of anti- Semitic attacks is horrific and must be strongly condemned at every conceivable level of our city and state.

In response to the surge of hate crimes, including those against my district office, I was the lead sponsor of a bill signed by Governor Hochul requiring all those convicted of hate crimes to undergo tolerance training as a condition of their sentence and rehabilitation.

Anyone with information on the individual who wrote anti-Semitic graffiti on the Synagogue, please call 1-800-577-TIPS."



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