



# Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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Rabbi Stephanie Max  
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Dear Rabbi Max:

via email [smax@texashillel.org](mailto:smax@texashillel.org)

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) writes to express our appreciation for your outstanding dedication to the safety and support of Jewish students at The University of Texas at Austin.

Founded in 1896, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is the premier voice for Jewish uniformed service members and veterans in the United States. The JWV affirms that Jewish men and women serve honorably and heroically in the military forces of the United States of America during peacetime and war. The JWV defends the rights and benefits of all service members and veterans, combats antisemitism, and supports the State of Israel.

JWV commends your exemplary leadership in providing a nurturing and protective environment for more than 3,000 Jewish students on campus. Your role as a mentor and guide extends beyond religious boundaries, setting a remarkable standard for all students to aspire to. Your tireless commitment to their well-being is a testament to your compassion and strength of character.

We applaud your swift response in addressing the recent act of vandalism at the Hillel. Your decisive action not only showcases your leadership but also serves as a source of comfort and assurance for the entire Jewish community at the university. Your steadfast support during times of adversity speaks volumes about your dedication to upholding the values of tolerance and inclusivity.

Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to the Jewish students and the student leaders of Hillel, Austin Texas. Let them know that the Jewish War Veterans stands in solidarity with them, and that they are not alone.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the welfare of the Jewish community at The University of Texas at Austin.

If we can help in any way, please contact our National Executive Director Ken Greenberg ([kgreenberg@jwv.org](mailto:kgreenberg@jwv.org)), our Outreach Team Bryn Garick ([bgarick@jwv.org](mailto:bgarick@jwv.org)), and Brenna Van Stone ([bvanstone@jwv.org](mailto:bvanstone@jwv.org)).

Sincerely,

Colonel Barry Lischinsky (Retired)  
National Commander 2023- 2024

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