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Dear Students,

It has come to our attention that late last week, several students found some anonymously-posted messages in their first-year dorm. The messages were on small scraps of paper, folded and placed behind construction paper that was covering a quote board. One of the scraps contained a drawing of a left-facing swastika. It was unclear to the dorm residents how long the messages had been there, and they were not able to identify the writing or the source of the paper scraps. An investigation is ongoing, and anyone who might have any information is requested to contact Kim Callahan in Campus Safety.

With the distressing rise in anti-Semitism nationally and locally, and in the spirit of support and concern for religious and all other forms of tolerance and respect, we are assuming that anti-Semitic intent is a possibility that should be addressed, and we are proceeding accordingly. I would therefore like to call two events to your attention:

Wednesday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Rohr Center for Jewish Life (780 College Ave), there will be a lecture and conversation with Holocaust survivor Marius Gherovici. Mr. Gherovici will relay his story, and a discussion will follow focused on the power of symbols and the importance of tolerance. In addition, the Center will be open every day this week through Friday until 11 p.m. if students and others from the Bi-Co community wish to stop by.

After spring break, the OMA and the CPGC will offer a Re(Act) conversation, as part of their ongoing series, on combating anti-Semitism; details to follow.

We anticipate that more events will be planned in the coming weeks, and we welcome your input and feedback.

Many thanks for your attention and your engagement as our community and our country continue to grapple with complicated intersections of respect, tolerance, freedom of expression and powerfully-held values.

On behalf of the Dean's Office, and with all best wishes,

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