

Addendum to “My View: A Partnership Betrayed at the American Psychological Association”

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Since publishing my recent [opinion piece](#), I’ve learned that some people are claiming that these 5 members of the APA’s Collaborative of Jewish Psychologists (CJP) — Miri Bar-Halpern, Cassie Feldman, Daniel Hoffman, Dean McKay, and Joshua Simmons — did not want APA’s accreditation status to be suspended or terminated. In my view, for that claim to be plausible, it would seemingly require us to believe that these individuals had no idea what was at stake regarding their voluntary testimonies. (I give them more credit than that.)

But by way of evidence, perhaps even more compelling is the following documentation, showing that the suspension — [“following scathing third-party comments”](#) — was actually **applauded** by various Israel advocacy organizations with which these CJP members have important connections:

*The [press release](#) from the **Brandeis Center** noted that its clients “provided powerful testimony...which had a notable impact on the committee’s deliberations.” The center’s chief policy officer [said](#), “We’ve made a serious impact on combating antisemitism with this decision. They can’t ignore this.” Bar-Halpern, Feldman, Hoffman, McKay, and Simmons are all apparently Brandeis Center clients.

***StandWithUs** (legally known as the “Israel Emergency Alliance”) posted a [Facebook message](#) congratulating its lawyers about their role in bringing about the suspension, and thanking “the therapists, clinicians and partner groups who stepped forward to voice their concerns about the APA.” Bar-Halpern, McKay, and Simmons were among the organization’s [highlighted speakers](#) at its 2025 conference. McKay conducts research with StandWithUs.

***Psychologists Against Antisemitism** posted a congratulatory [Instagram message](#) with the headline “Speaking Up Works” and noting “Testimony moved the committee” and “Your voice has power. Keep using it.” Bar-Halpern, Hoffman, and McKay (and possibly the others) are PAAS members. Bar-Halpern, Hoffman, McKay, and Simmons all signed the PAAS letter accusing the APA of systemic and virulent antisemitism.

*On its [website](#), **Gesher Community Care** has a congratulatory message titled “A call to moral courage” which thanks its “Mental Health Advisory Board Members” for their testimony. Those [board members](#) include Bar-Halpern, McKay, and Simmons.

*The [press release](#) from the **Anti-Defamation League** said that it “welcomed” the suspension. Bar-Halpern and Feldman (and possibly others) have been invited speakers at ADL-sponsored events, with Bar-Halpern receiving an award.

*As an additional note, **Bar-Halpern** herself posted an [Instagram comment](#) describing the suspension as “a sad **victory**” (emphasis added), noting that “being able to hold the organization accountable is important.”

There may be other examples; I haven’t taken the time to conduct a more thorough search. But I believe what I’ve shared here is important in assessing the credibility of claims that these CJP members did not seek to suspend or terminate APA’s accrediting status.

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