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MEDIA ALERT

JCRC-NY LAUNCHES “ROGER WATERS IS #OUTOFTUNE WITH NEW YORK” CAMPAIGN

Digital campaign to call upon New Yorkers to sign a statement that Roger Waters is Out of Tune with New York, raising awareness of his use of anti-Semitic imagery, anti-Israel messages, and advocacy for the BDS movement against Israel

New York, N.Y. – The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) announced today the launch of its “[Roger Waters is #OutOfTune with New York](#)” campaign which is intended to raise awareness of the anti-Semitic imagery and anti-Israel messages espoused by the Pink Floyd co-founder. JCRC-NY encourages New Yorkers to [sign a statement](#) exposing Waters in the lead up to his concerts at New York’s Barclays Center and Nassau Coliseum from September 11-16.

Roger Waters has used his musical platform in an effort to delegitimize Israel’s right to exist as the democratic national homeland of the Jewish people. On stage and off, he has used [anti-Semitic stereotypes](#) and Nazi imagery, overly simplistic distortions of the complex Arab-Israeli conflict, and outright lies about the State of Israel, and has obsessively pressured artists to cancel their upcoming performances in Israel. Many popular artists have [publicly repudiated Waters’ viewpoints](#), including Thom Yorke (Radiohead), Mick Jagger (Rolling Stones), J.K. Rowling (*Harry Potter*), Ziggy Marley, and more.

The #OutOfTune campaign will be sending a message to Roger Waters from New Yorkers that anti-Semitic and anti-Israel messages are not welcome in New York – a place where people of diverse backgrounds and faiths celebrate differences and stand in solidarity to fight bigotry and combat hatred.

“We demand that he stop spreading propaganda and lies about Israel and cease employing classic anti-Semitic imagery during his performances,” said Charles S. Temel, JCRC-NY President. “He must also end his promotion of the cultural boycott of Israel, which rejects the power of music to build bridges of peace and will make the conflict more difficult to resolve.”

“Intolerance and hate aimed at any population is intolerance and hate toward all,” said Michael S. Miller, JCRC-NY Executive Vice President and CEO. “Now is the time for all people of good will throughout New York to join together and reject the bigoted message of Roger Waters and uphold the true American values of tolerance, respect and civility.”

JCRC-NY urges New Yorkers of all backgrounds to visit www.OutOfTuneNY.com and [sign our statement](#) affirming that that Roger Waters is #OutOfTune with New York.

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The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York is the central coordinating and resource body for over 60 major Jewish organizations in the New York metropolitan area.

