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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Henry S. Herskovitz 250 Highlake Ave. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Mr. Herskovitz:

I am a member of the congregation of Beth Israel Synagogue. I have seen the signs and placards which you and other individuals have been placing in front of Beth Israel Synagogue on Saturday mornings.

I find your signs offensive and insulting, both to my Jewish religion and to the State of Israel, whose right to exist I strongly support. There is one sign which I find particularly offensive and insulting. The sign in question states: "End the Palestinian holocaust." This sign is defamatory and libelous, because it is a demonstrably false statement regarding how Israel is treating the Palestinian people. The sign implies that Israel's treatment of the Palestinians is comparable to the programmatic efforts by the Nazis to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe during World War II. The sign is stating that Israelis are therefore comparable to Nazis, a demonstrably false assertion. In addition, by placing this sign in front of a Jewish Synagogue, you and your followers are asserting that all of the Jewish members of the Beth Israel Congregation including myself, are complicit with Israel in a genocidal effort against the Palestinian people, a demonstrably false statement because there is no genocidal effort by Israel to exterminate the Palestinian people. In addition, by placing this defamatory sign in front of the Synagogue every Saturday morning, you and your followers are asserting that the members of the Synagogue who attend Sabbath services at the Synagogue, including myself, in supporting Israel are the equivalent of the Nazis, who sought to exterminate the Jewish people. This assertion is demonstrably false and libelous.

Pursuant to M.C.L. 600.2911(b), I am hereby demanding that you and your supporters stop using the sign which states, "End the Palestinian holocaust." I am also demanding that you publish a complete and unequivocal retraction of the statement, "End the Palestinian holocaust."

Yours truly,

Marvin Gerber

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