"Hello, my name is Naphtali Nektalov and I am a third year transfer student majoring in political science. I am here on behalf of the organized Jewish community at UCSB and as a member of the greater UC community to bring to your attention a concerning cartoon which appeared in the daily Californian on October 18."

As our peers at Berkeley said eloquently, "This cartoon was published in the Daily Californian, a few days after Alan Dershowitz spoke to an audience of students in the Boalt Auditorium. It uses classic anti-Semitic tropes and imagery. This rhetoric and imagery is nowhere more common than in Nazi propaganda used by the Third Reich. We are strong supporters of productive political discourse through campus media, but this is not productive. To a Jewish student on this campus, seeing this cartoon in the DailyCal is a reminder that we are not always welcome in the spaces we call home. It is terrifying that the cartoonist and the editors did not do their due diligence and research to know about the pervasive use of this rhetoric by the Nazi propaganda machine. The editorial team should ask themselves why they felt it was acceptable to portray a Jewish person - who is not even Israeli - with an arachnoid body. This should have rung some alarm bells in someone’s mind, but it apparently did not. The fact that our campus newspaper printed this cartoon is deeply disturbing, traumatizing, and disrespectful to the Jewish students at this school."

Additionally, we wanted to share with you the "Letter to the Editor" released by the Chancellor of UC Berkeley after she saw the cartoon.

One year ago, members of UCSB’s Jewish community stood before you – this representative body –  and raised to the Senate's attention another cartoon, this one published in the Daily Bruin. And in the last year, additional incidents similar to this have occurred and harmed the Jewish community across the UC and across the country, including one here at UCSB.

The targeting of Jewish students on campus and making our community feel attacked and isolated is a continuing problem -- and a problem that needs to be taken seriously, similar to any other minority community that is attacked on our campus.  We hope that this latest incident illustrates the need to work extra hard to make sure our campus climate is welcoming to all students, including the Jewish students, who come from many diverse backgrounds and political affiliations.

Thank you.