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A Statement from the Office of the Town Manager/Select Board:

The physical and emotional safety of Needham residents is of paramount concern to the Town, and we will continue to use all of our resources and collaborate with local houses of worship to ensure our residents are safe. The Needham Police Department continues to investigate the November 19, 2023, swatting incident and urges the public to stay vigilant and to promptly report suspicious activity. We are grateful for their rapid response and coordination of government resources.

As acts of antisemitism such as this one continue to rise throughout the world, the Town of Needham strongly condemns all acts of hate and violence here in our own community and beyond. The Town strives to make all our residents feel valued and seen and acknowledges our Jewish and Palestinian residents who may feel especially vulnerable in light of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.

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