



# B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

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January 29, 2020

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.  
Commissioner  
Major League Baseball  
245 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10167

Dear Commissioner Manfred:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International's more than 100,000 members in over 40 countries, we write to express our deep dismay at mlb.com's advertisement of presale tickets to a Roger Waters concert tour. Waters is an avowed anti-Semite whose views on Jews and Israel far exceed the boundaries of civil discourse.

Roger Waters has performed while displaying a large inflatable pig prominently marked with a Star of David. He participates in the discriminatory, anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and castigates other musicians for performing in Israel. He has blamed "the Jewish Lobby" for intimidating anti-Israel critics like him. And he has falsely labeled the Jewish state a "racist apartheid regime" and claimed Israel is guilty of "ethnic cleansing."

In 2016 the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) adopted a working definition of anti-Semitism, one that speaks to Waters' sinister allegations about Jewish influence in the music industry, by citing "mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions." Furthermore, the IHRA definition references the sort of despicable apartheid comparisons and ethnic cleansing allegations that Waters makes: "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."

Mr. Commissioner, Major League Baseball has figured prominently in the advancement of civil rights and the struggle against hatred, most notably with the integration of the sport in 1947. B'nai B'rith is saddened and outraged that baseball — the sport of Jackie Robinson, Hank Greenberg, Sandy Koufax, and Roberto Clemente -- would use its online resources to publicize an individual with an alarming history of anti-Semitic hatred. We call on MLB to cease providing Roger Waters a platform.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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President

Daniel S. Mariaschin  
Executive Vice President and CEO

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