



2024 MAYORS SUMMIT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Directing Change From City Hall

OVERVIEW

The 2024 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism – hosted by the City of Beverly Hills, California, and chaired by its Mayor, Lester Friedman, in partnership with the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) – is bringing together municipal leaders from over 200 cities throughout North America and Canada in a shared mission to eradicate hate. The Summit will be more than just a meeting – it will be a pivotal step forward in our mission to combat antisemitism and protect our communities.

With the unprecedented rise in anti-Jewish discrimination plaguing our communities, mayors and other local decision-makers are uniquely positioned to counter this growing threat where it is most viscerally experienced, on the streets of their communities.

Under the theme “*Directing Change from City Hall*,” the goal of the 2024 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism is to provide mayors with a comprehensive understanding of the current state of antisemitism and to supply them with actionable items they can implement in their own communities. The Summit will focus specifically on empowering municipal leaders to work effectively with law enforcement, adopt strong ordinances, consider campus and protest issues, and foster community unity. By the end of the Summit, mayors will be equipped with practical strategies and solutions to combat antisemitism and build a safer, more welcoming environment in their cities.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Registration/Check-In

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Welcome Cocktail Reception

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Opening Gala Dinner

7:00 - 9:30 PM



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Buffet Breakfast

7:45-8:30 AM

Plenary Session

8:30 - 9:15 AM

Interactive Audience Poll: What is antisemitism?

9:20 - 9:30 AM

Antisemitism Uncovered: A Brief Overview

9:30 - 9:45 AM

The opening session will offer an introduction of the historical development of the world's oldest hatred, tracing its origins, examining its evolution over the ages, and highlighting the societal urgency of identifying and confronting its contemporary manifestations.

Antisemitism Experienced: A Student's Story

9:45 - 9:50 AM

IHRA Definition of Antisemitism: A Tool for Local Action

9:55 - 10:10 AM

This session explores the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism and its practical application for local governments. Learn how to adopt and implement this essential tool to identify and combat antisemitism in your community effectively.

City Hall's Role in Combating Antisemitism: Leadership, Safety & Collaboration

10:15 - 11:00 AM

This session focuses on the fundamental role of municipal leadership in ensuring the safety and well-being of Jewish communities. Panelists will discuss how mayors, city officials, and law enforcement can work together to protect vulnerable populations, build trust, and foster unity in diverse communities.

Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:15 AM



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Breaking the Cycle of Hate: Municipal Responses to Extremism and Radicalization

11:15 - 11:50 AM

A reformed neo-Nazi and an ex-Islamist will share their journeys from extremism to becoming advocates for empathy and allyship. This panel offers mayors and municipal leaders actionable insights on addressing radicalization, fostering community resilience, and creating pathways for positive social transformation in diverse urban settings.

Mayors in Action: Safeguarding Cities from Antisemitism

11:55 AM - 12:45 PM

In this dynamic TED-style session, leading mayors will share powerful stories and innovative strategies from their cities on confronting antisemitism. Through short, impactful presentations, these municipal leaders will highlight the real-world challenges Jewish communities face, showcase successful initiatives, and inspire actionable steps to create safer, more inclusive cities that support and celebrate Jewish life.

Board Buses to Afternoon Programming

1:00 PM

Summit Delegation Photo

1:10 PM

Lunch and Networking

1:40 - 2:30 PM

Leading Beyond Borders: Insights from the Mayoral Delegation to Israel

2:30 - 2:40 PM

Inspiring lunchtime session as two South Florida city leaders, recount their transformative journey during CAM's mayoral solidarity mission to Israel this past summer. Discover how this unique experience reshaped their perspectives and influenced their leadership strategies back home, fostering deeper connections and innovative approaches in their communities.



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Threat Analysis: Essential Strategies for Mayors in Law Enforcement

2:45 - 3:15 PM

Explore how mayors can leverage technology, advanced threat analysis, and coordinated efforts with law enforcement to prevent antisemitism and strengthen public safety. Key strategies include integrating data-driven tools, fostering collaboration between security agencies and community leaders, and implementing proactive measures to safeguard cities while building trust across diverse communities.

Strengthening Education: The Role of Mayors in Addressing Antisemitism in Schools and Universities

3:20 - 4:20 PM

Mayors have a vital role in addressing antisemitism across all levels of education, from schools to universities. This session features personal accounts from students who have experienced antisemitism in educational settings, shedding light on the challenges within classrooms and campuses. Practical strategies will be discussed to help mayors and municipal leaders collaborate with educational institutions, faculty, and community members to implement policies and initiatives that effectively combat antisemitism and foster respect and accountability.

Coffee Break

4:20 - 4:35 PM

The Municipal Antisemitism Action Index

4:40 - 5:40 PM

In this session, CAM will officially unveil the Municipal Antisemitism Action Index, a new tool designed to classify and rank municipalities based on their commitment and effectiveness in combating antisemitism, providing a clear framework and roadmap to measure progress, identify gaps, and promote best practices in local government action against hate and intolerance.

Board Buses Back to Hotel and Free Time

5:40 - 6:50 PM

Board Buses to Closing Dinner

6:50 PM

Closing Gala Dinner

7:30 - 10:30 PM



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Board Buses Back to Hotel

10:30 PM

Friday, December 13, 2024

Buffet Breakfast

8:00-9:00 AM

Board Buses to Offsite Location

9:00 AM

Welcome Remarks

9:30 - 10:15 AM

Historic Bonds, Modern Challenges: A Conversation with Dr. Benjamin Chavis

10:20 - 11:00 AM

Dr. Benjamin Chavis will discuss the deep historical ties between the Black and Jewish communities in the United States while exploring new avenues for collaborative action to address the modern-day challenges facing both communities.

Building Bridges Amid Tensions: Municipal Strategies for Interfaith Harmony

11:05 - 11:45 AM

The milestone Abraham Accords created a model for interfaith initiatives to emulate, and this panel will highlight city-level programming opportunities to cultivate understanding, solidarity, and harmony between residents of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds.

Coffee Break

11:50 AM - 12:05 PM

Antisemitism Then and Now

12:10 - 12:40 PM

A Holocaust survivor and Nova music festival massacre survivor discuss resilience and perseverance following tragedy and trauma.

Closing Lunch and Networking

12:40 - 1:25 PM

Private Tour

1:25 - 2:30 PM



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Screening and Director Talk-Back: The Children of October 7
2:30 - 3:20 PM

Board Buses Back to Hotel
3:30 PM