



# How Cities Can Lead the Fight Against Rising Antisemitism

## 6 STEP ACTION PLAN FOR MAYORS

**At the 2022 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism in Athens, Greece, the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) announced a new six-point plan for municipal leaders to take impactful action to fight religious bigotry and secure and nurture Jewish life worldwide.**

Mayors have a unique power to confront antisemitism at the local level, where it is most directly felt, and this plan encapsulates the cities-oriented approach driven by CAM and the international coalition of municipal officials it has built over the past two years.

Together, we can forge a better future, free of hatred and prejudice, for the Jewish people and all humanity.

### The plan urges mayors and municipal authorities to:

1. **Appoint a coordinator** responsible for liaising with the city's Jewish community and organizing the municipal-level response to incidents of antisemitism.
2. **Adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism**—the most authoritative, comprehensive, and widely-accepted tool used to delineate contemporary manifestations of antisemitism across the ideological spectrum. Numerous [cities](#) are among the more than 1,000 entities globally that have already done so, using the definition and its 11 examples as a guide for anti-hate policies.
3. **Allocate municipal resources** for initiatives fostering interfaith tolerance, understanding, and harmony.
4. **Enforce a zero-tolerance policy** for antisemitism, with municipal officials uniformly speaking out to condemn each and every local act of Jew-hatred.
5. **Devise an educational plan** to train municipal staff and law enforcement personnel how to detect and react to all forms of modern-day antisemitism.
6. **Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month and European Day of Jewish Culture** with annual municipal programming in highlighting the rich and storied history of the Jewish people in the U.S. and Europe and the positive contributions of Jews to American and European culture and society.

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