

U.S., EUROPEAN MAYORS UNITE TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

As U.S. and European leaders have acknowledged, antisemitism is on the rise. In response, AJC reached out to mayors across Europe and the U.S., urging them to publicly condemn and take concrete actions against this pathology. These 188 European mayors from 31 countries, representing over 67 million people, and 319 U.S. mayors and municipal leaders from 50 states and the District of Columbia, representing over 82 million people, have signed the Mayors United Against Antisemitism statement.

“Antisemitism is not compatible with fundamental democratic values,” asserts the Mayors United Against Antisemitism statement.

“As Mayors and municipal leaders, we have a special responsibility to speak out against the growing menace of antisemitism.” The statement affirms that:

“We, the undersigned,

- Condemn anti-Jewish hatred, in all its forms;
- Reject the notion that antisemitic acts, while sometimes carried out in the name of a political cause, may ever be justified or excused by one’s opinions about the actions or existence of the State of Israel;
- Declare that prejudices against Jews or others due to differences in religious faith are inconsistent with our core values;
- Support government efforts directed at eradicating anti-Semitism and preventing extremist indoctrination and recruitment; and support expanded education programs, including Holocaust programs, that increase awareness and counter intolerance and discrimination;
- Recognize the ever-present need to be vigilant about efforts to prevent and report acts of antisemitism, and other hate crimes; and
- Believe that communities that promote a climate of mutual understanding and respect among all citizens are essential to good governance and democratic life.”

If your mayor is listed, please take a moment to thank him or her for standing up against antisemitism. Otherwise, mayors can join this global effort by contacting mayorsunited@ajc.org. If not now, when?

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