



2024 MAYORS SUMMIT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Directing Change From City Hall

OVERVIEW

The 2024 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism, hosted by Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman in partnership with the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), is uniting leaders from over 200 North American cities to confront the rise of antisemitism.

Under the theme “Directing Change from City Hall,” the Summit will empower mayors with actionable strategies to counter antisemitism through collaboration with law enforcement, legislative initiatives, and fostering interfaith community unity.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Welcome Cocktail Reception

Beverly Wilshire Ballroom

6:00 - 7:00 PM

- Explore an **art installation** inspired by the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism.
- Participate in a **virtual reality** (VR) experience that brings modern-day examples of antisemitism to life.

Opening Gala Dinner

Beverly Wilshire Wintergarden Reception Room

7:00 - 9:30 PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Dean Tarantalis**, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- **Lester Friedman**, Mayor of Beverly Hills, California, joined by Beverly Hills Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian and Councilmembers John Mirisch, Craig Corman, and Mary Wells
- **Sacha Roytman-Dratwa**, CEO, Combat Antisemitism Movement
- CAM Civic Leadership Award to **Bruce Blakeman**, Nassau County Executive presented by **Adam Beren**, Founder of Combat Antisemitism Movement
- **Israel Bachar**, Consul General of Israel in Los Angeles
- **Keynote Speaker: Peter Paltchik**, Israeli Olympic Bronze Medalist in Judo
- **Lindsey Horvath**, Los Angeles County Supervisor
- **Orna Wolens**, Chair of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
- CAM Advocacy Award to **Brett Smiley**, Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island, Presented by **LaToya Cantrell**, Mayor of New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Natalie Sanandaji**, Public Affairs Officer, Combat Antisemitism Movement and Survivor of the October 7th Nova Music Festival Massacre



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Emceed by Jacki Karsh, six-time Emmy-nominated journalist

Buffet Breakfast

Beverly Wilshire Wintergarden Reception Room

7:45 - 8:30 AM

Plenary Session

Beverly Wilshire Ballroom

8:30 - 9:15 AM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Lisa Katz**, Chief Government Affairs Officer, Combat Antisemitism Movement
- **Rabbi Noah Farkas**, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles
- **Phyllis Dickerson**, CEO, African American Mayors Association
- **William Daroff**, CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations
- **Todd Gloria**, Mayor of San Diego, California

Interactive Audience Poll: Can You Identify Antisemitism?

9:20 - 9:30 AM

- **Peggy Shapiro**, Director of Special Projects, Stand With Us

Antisemitism Uncovered: A Brief Overview

9:30 - 9:45 AM

Introduction of the historical development of the world's oldest hatred.

- **Dr. Michael Berenbaum**, Director of Sigi Ziering Institute and Professor of Jewish Studies, American Jewish University

Antisemitism Experienced: A Student's Story

9:45 - 9:50 AM

- **Shaya Keyvanfar**, Student at UC Berkeley

IHRA Definition of Antisemitism: A Tool for Local Action

9:55 - 10:10 AM

Explore the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism and its practical application for local governments.

- **Evan Bernstein**, VP, Community Relations, Jewish Federations of North America

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

10:15 - 10:55 AM

Discussion on how mayors, city officials, and law enforcement can work together to protect vulnerable populations, build trust, and foster unity in diverse communities.



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City Hall's Role in Combating Antisemitism: Leadership, Safety & Collaboration (cont'd)

MODERATOR: Richard Hirschhaut, Los Angeles Director, American Jewish Committee

PANELISTS:

- **Nathan Hochman**, Los Angeles District Attorney-Elect
- **Mark Stainbrook**, Chief of Police, Beverly Hills, CA
- **Rasha Gerges Shields**, Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners
- **Steven Meiner**, Mayor of Miami Beach, FL

OCTOBER H8TE: Movie Trailer Screening, Coffee, and Conversation

10:55 - 11:15 AM

An introduction to *OCTOBER H8TE* – a documentary exploring the surge of antisemitism on college campuses, social media, and American streets following the events of October 7th. Join us to hear insights from its director, **Wendy Sachs**.

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.

MODERATOR: Laura Ellsworth, Board Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate

PANELISTS:

- **Myrieme Churchill**, Executive Director of Parents4Peace
- **Arno Michaelis**, Reformed Neo-Nazi, Parents4Peace
- **Mubin Shaikh**, Reformed Islamist, Parents4Peace

Mayors in Action: Safeguarding Cities from Antisemitism

11:55 AM - 12:45 PM

Leading mayors will share powerful stories and innovative strategies from their cities on confronting antisemitism.

MODERATOR: Stephanie Hausner, COO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Bruce Blakeman**, Nassau County Executive
- **Daniel Rickenmann**, Mayor of Columbia, South Carolina
- **John Muns**, Mayor of Plano, Texas

Board Buses to Afternoon Programming

S Rodeo Dr & Wilshire Blvd

1:00 PM

Summit Delegation Photo

Beverly Hills Sign and October 7th Memorial Flag Display

1:10 PM



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Lunch and Networking

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts - Terrace
Lunch generously sponsored by Cedars-Sinai

1:40 - 2:30 PM

Leading Beyond Borders: Insights from the Mayoral Delegation to Israel

2:30 - 2:40 PM

Mayors **Lester Friedman** and **Larissa Svechin** share how CAM's mayoral solidarity mission to Israel transformed their leadership and strengthened their communities.

Threat Analysis: Essential Strategies for Mayors in Law Enforcement

2:45 - 3:15 PM

How mayors can leverage technology, threat analysis, and law enforcement partnerships to combat antisemitism and enhance public safety through data-driven tools, coordinated security, and community trust-building.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Stephanie Viegas**, Deputy National Security Advisor, Secure Community Network
- **Oron Mincha**, CYBERPRO.Ai US General Manager

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

3:20 - 4:20 PM

Empower mayors to combat antisemitism in schools and universities through strategic collaboration, fostering respect, accountability, and effective educational policies.

MODERATOR: Joanna Mendelson, SVP, Community Engagement, Jewish Federation LA

UNIVERSITIES:

Personal Account: Jake Putzel, Student at University of Southern California

PANEL:

- **Dr. Sharon Nazarian**, Founder, UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies
- **Jonathan "Jay" Sures**, University of California Board of Regents
- **Jesse Gabriel**, California State Assemblyman

K-12:

Personal Account: Sadie Gryczman, Santa Monica High School student

PANEL:

- **Tamar Caspi**, Co-founder, PeerK12
- **Nick Melvoin**, Member, Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education
- **Dr. Amanda Stern**, President, Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education
- **Max Samarov**, Executive Director of Research & Strategy, Stand With Us

Coffee Break

4:20 - 4:35 PM



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The Municipal Antisemitism Action Index

4:40 – 5:40 PM

Unveiling of the Municipal Antisemitism Action Index: a framework for municipalities to effectively combat antisemitism, measure progress, address gaps, and share best practices.

- **Lisa Katz**, Chief Government Affairs Officer, Combat Antisemitism Movement

Board Buses Back to Hotel and Free Time

5:40 – 6:50 PM

Board Buses to Closing Dinner

S Rodeo Dr & Wilshire Blvd

6:50 PM

Closing Gala Cocktails and Dinner

Paramount Pictures Studio

7:30 – 10:30 PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Lester Friedman**, Mayor of Beverly Hills, California, and Summit Chair
- **Steven Reed**, Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, and President, African American Mayors Association
- **Keynote Address: Sgt. Daniel Kopylov**, Wounded IDF Soldier and **Danielle Yablonka**, Activist
- **John Ondrasik**, Singer-Songwriter
- **Levar Stoney**, Mayor of Richmond, Virginia
- **Ifat Ovadia-Luski**, Chairwoman of KKL-JNF Israel
- CAM Guardianship Award to **Steven Fulop**, Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey. Presented by **Frank Scarpitti**, Mayor of Markham, Ontario
- **Yisrael Ganz**, Head of the Binyamin Regional Council (Israel)
- **Elan S. Carr**, Former U.S. Special Envoy & CAM Advisory Board Member

Board Buses Back to Hotel

10:30 PM

Friday, December 13, 2024

Buffet Breakfast

Beverly Wilshire - The Cut Restaurant and Lounge

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Board Buses to Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance

S Rodeo Dr & Wilshire Blvd

9:00 AM



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Welcome Remarks

9:30 - 10:15 AM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Representative Mike Garcia**, United States Congressman
- **Melissa Aviles-Ramos**, Chancellor, New York City Public Schools
- **Vince Williams**, Mayor of Union City, Georgia
- Presentation of CAM Unity in Action Award to **Francis Suarez**, Mayor of Miami, Florida and **Honorable Roy K. Altman**, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida

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

10:20 - 11:10 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.

MODERATOR: Stephen Smith, Holocaust and genocide education expert and former Executive Director of USC Shoah Foundation

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Benjamin Chavis**, CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association and Former Executive Director and CEO, NAACP
- **Sam Nahmias**, Mayor of Lawrence, New York
- **Yasmine-Imani McMorris**, Mayor of Culver City, California

Building Bridges Amid Tensions: Municipal Strategies for Interfaith Harmony

11:15 - 11:55 AM

The panel will bring the spirit of the Abraham Accords to highlight municipal opportunities to cultivate understanding, solidarity, and harmony between residents of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds.

MODERATOR: Dillon Hosier, CEO, Israeli-American Civic Action Network

PANELISTS:

- **Anila Ali**, Founder of American Muslim & Multifaith Women's Empowerment Council
- **Father Ed Benioff**, Church of the Good Shepherd, Beverly Hills
- **Rabbi Erez Sherman**, Sinai Temple, Los Angeles
- **Wilmot Collins**, Mayor of Helena, Montana

Coffee Break

11:55 - 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.



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Antisemitism Then and Now (cont'd)

MODERATOR: **Nicolas Slobinsky**, VP, Pacific Region for Canadian Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

PANELISTS:

- **Beth Kean**, Chief Executive Officer, Holocaust Museum Los Angeles
- **Natalie Sanandaji**, Public Affairs Officer, Combat Antisemitism Movement / Nova Survivor
- **Eva Perlman**, Holocaust Survivor

Lunch and Networking

12:40 - 1:25 PM

Screening and Director Talk-Back: The Children of October 7

1:25 - 2:20 PM

On October 7, children were among the most vulnerable victims. Of the 1,200 Israelis murdered, 38 were children. 96 children lost one parent, 20 lost both parents, and 42 children were kidnapped to Gaza. In addition, hundreds of children were injured, and thousands were displaced from their homes. The Children of October 7 is dedicated to the children affected most on that tragic day - and now face the task of coping with reality. The documentary features sensitive conversations with children who were released from captivity, children who became orphans, and those who survived the massacre, providing a poignant and heartfelt depiction of their experiences.

MODERATOR: **Alix Desulme**, Mayor of North Miami

FEATURED SPEAKER:

- **Montana Tucker**, Social Media Influencer, Singer, Dancer, and Actress
- **Asaf Becker**, Film Director

Closing Remarks

2:20 - 2:30 PM

Private Museum and Social Lab Tour

2:30 - 3:40 PM

Board Buses Back to Hotel

3:40 PM