

**Conference of Presidents Member Organizations
Adopt IHRA Definition**

***51 Major American Jewish Organizations Across the Political
and Religious Spectrum Take Critical Step to Combat
Antisemitism***

New York, NY, January 26th, 2021 – On the eve of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and 51 member organizations announce they adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism. The organizations join 30 countries, including the United States, Arab and Muslim countries, and the European Union, as well as the United Nations Secretary-General, and hundreds of other governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, sports leagues, universities, and religious groups around the world that adopted the definition. This global coalition, which continues to expand daily, reflects the broad support that exists for the most authoritative and internationally accepted definition of antisemitism as an educational tool, as well as the widespread view that it is critically important to define antisemitism in order to combat it successfully.

The adoption follows the approval – without objection – of a Conference of Presidents resolution calling for member organizations to adopt the IHRA definition (including examples) in November. The definition received bipartisan support in Congress, and is consistent with and builds upon definitions endorsed by the last three US Presidential administrations.

“At a time of increased antisemitism at home and abroad, as well as great divisiveness in America, American Jewry is sending a clear message that we are united in our determination to combat antisemitism in all of its manifestations,” said Arthur Stark, Chairman, William Daroff, CEO, and Malcolm Hoenlein, Vice Chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major

American Jewish Organizations. “The IHRA definition, which is anchored in the principles of human and civil rights, as well as antidiscrimination principles and policy, serves as an educational tool to assist local, state, and national authorities that are responsible for identifying, combating, and monitoring antisemitism and hate speech. It also helps to educate the public about the multidimensional and evolving nature of antisemitism today.”

“In order to begin to address the problem of antisemitism, there must be clarity about what antisemitism actually is. The **adopted working definition** helps provide guidance in addressing this challenge,” the leaders continued. “The Conference of Presidents intends to build upon this unprecedented communal agreement to encourage others to adopt the definition, as a key tool to combat antisemitism. The unity reflects our commitment to take on the dangers posed by Jew hatred in a unified and coherent effort.”

The Conference of Presidents member organizations that adopted the IHRA definition are:

Alpha Epsilon Pi
Ameinu
American Friends of Likud
America-Israel Friendship League
American Israel Public Affairs Committee
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
American Sephardi Federation
American Zionist Movement
AMIT
Anti-Defamation League
ARZA
B’nai B’rith International
Bnai Zion
CAMERA
Central Conference of American Rabbis

Emunah of America
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
HIAS
Hillel International
Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel
JCC Association of North America
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Federations of North America
Jewish Institute for National Security of America
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish National Fund
Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
Jewish Women International
Mercaz USA, Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement
NA'AMAT USA
NCSEJ: National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Young Israel
ORT America, Inc.
Rabbinical Assembly
Rabbinical Council of America
Religious Zionists of America
UJA-Federation of New York
Union for Reform Judaism
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
WIZO
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Women of Reform Judaism
World ORT USA
World Zionist Executive USA
Zionist Organization of America