



Commission on Human Rights

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STATEMENT FROM NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER AND CHAIR ANNABEL PALMA

White House recognizes Commission's training as effective tool in tackling discrimination and building awareness.

“We are grateful that the White House included the New York City Commission on Human Rights’ unique training, ‘[Understanding Jewish Experiences and Antisemitism](#)’ as a valuable resource to address bias and discrimination faced by Jewish communities in the US. The Commission’s training is featured as an effective example of local government action. Our training aims to cultivate dialogue in New York City, and we hope this inspires other local governments and community organizations to collaborate to combat the bias, discrimination, and hate harming many Jewish communities across the country.

The training is grounded in a human rights lens and addresses the intersecting forms of discrimination that Jewish people face because of their identity. The training, informed by community input, emphasizes cultural competence and understanding of New York’s varied Jewish communities. It introduces diverse Jewish cultures and religious practices, and outlines ways to effectively understand and respect Jewish identity and makes clear that the proliferation of prejudice against Jewish people uplifts all kinds of bigotry and hatred. The training also distills the protections of the New York City Human Rights Law - one of the most robust civil rights laws in the country - which applies to everyone in New York City.

This project is a true New York collaboration. The Commission is grateful to all the community partners who provided invaluable input and contributions to the portion of the training that focuses on developing cultural competence regarding Orthodox Jewish communities.

The training has been used by city employees, public officials, law enforcement, teachers, hospitals, nongovernmental organizations, schools, and other private sector institutions. We are proud to have our training highlighted and hope it will help other local governments across the nation support and protect their Jewish communities.”

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The Commission is committed to preventing discrimination and believes that education is key to this mission. We offer a [wide array of trainings](#) that seek to help people in New York City unlearn prejudice and bias and develop cultural competency when interacting with the diverse communities in our city. New Yorkers can request a workshop or training by filling out this [form](#)

Anyone in New York City who feels they have experienced or witnessed discrimination can reach out to the Commission by calling 212-416-0197, [filling out the online form](#), or visiting one of the Commission's offices.

The New York City Commission on Human Rights seeks to prevent discrimination and enforces the New York City Human Rights Law—one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law includes more than 25 protected classes in housing, employment, and public spaces.