



## **Selfhelp Community Services Applauds New York City Mayor's Executive Order and Legislative Proposal to Address Startling Rise of Antisemitism**

**New York, NY (June 16, 2025)** – [Selfhelp Community Services](#) CEO Stuart C. Kaplan issued the following statement, applauding New York City Mayor Eric Adams's Executive Order directing city agencies to utilize the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's \(IHRA\) working definition of antisemitism](#).

"The Mayor's announcement comes [amid skyrocketing antisemitism in the United States](#), including violent attacks on Jews in Boulder, Colorado and Washington, D.C. The IHRA definition includes specific examples to illustrate how hatred manifests in daily life, facilitating municipal efforts to crack down on antisemitism.

As the largest provider of comprehensive care to Holocaust survivors in North America, we have been working with the survivors of such crimes for almost 90 years. By adopting the clear, illustrative IHRA definition of antisemitism, City agencies will be better equipped to identify, monitor, and combat this disease. And history tells us that though this hatred starts with Jews, it leads to persecution far beyond.

We urge the City Council to follow suit, so the full force of municipal government can be wielded against this rising threat to Jews and all New Yorkers."

### **About Selfhelp**

Selfhelp is dedicated to providing care that is compassionate, trusted, and innovative, always respecting the life experiences of those they serve. Their unique approach is rooted in their longstanding work with Holocaust survivors. Each year, they support 25,000 individuals through affordable housing, home care, and community-based services, supporting aging with dignity and independence. [www.selfhelp.net](http://www.selfhelp.net)

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