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

New York, NY (June 10, 2025) – [Selfhelp Community Services](#) CEO Stuart C. Kaplan today 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 are heartened by the City's action to stamp out this vicious, ancient hatred. By adopting the clear, illustrative IHRA definition of antisemitism, City agencies will be better equipped to identify, monitor, and combat it. We urge the City Council to follow suit, so the full force of municipal government can be wielded against this rising threat to Jewish New Yorkers."

About Selfhelp

For 89 years Selfhelp Community Services has been serving the most vulnerable among us. Through home care, affordable housing, and social services, we serve over 25,000 older and vulnerable New Yorkers each year while remaining the largest provider of comprehensive services to Holocaust survivors in North America. Our overarching goal is to help our community live with dignity and independence. www.selfhelp.net

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