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NYC'S FIRST STRATEGY TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM

NEW YORK – Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani and the Mayor’s Office to Combat Antisemitism today released New York City’s first-ever municipal Strategy to Combat Antisemitism, a comprehensive, whole-of-government plan to confront antisemitism, protect Jewish New Yorkers and strengthen Jewish institutions, traditions and communities across New York City.

At a time when Jewish New Yorkers face a disproportionate share of hate crimes in the city, the strategy makes historic investments in prevention, security, education, survivor support and Jewish cultural life. The strategy includes \$6.4 million in Partners Against the Hate (P.A.T.H.) grants, doubling last year’s funding to community organizations such as the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) that focus on hate crime prevention and survivor support. It also includes \$1 million to strengthen the physical security of synagogues and other houses of worship.

The Mayor’s Office to Combat Antisemitism will support implementation of Mayor Mamdani’s historic \$26 million investment in the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes. The Mamdani administration will also relaunch the once-disbanded interagency Security Infrastructure Working Group, providing technical and strategic support to Jewish houses of worship and cultural institutions seeking to strengthen their security.

“Antisemitism has no place in New York City. Jewish New Yorkers have helped build this city, shaped its culture and strengthened our communities for generations, and they deserve to be safe, celebrated and protected by a city government that stands with them. Our administration’s Strategy to Combat Antisemitism makes historic investments in securing Jewish cultural institutions and synagogues, increasing educational opportunities for young New Yorkers and improving public awareness of Jewish history,” said Mayor Zohran Mamdani. “Together, we will root out the scourge of rising antisemitism and build a city where Jewish New Yorkers are not only safe but celebrated.”

“As a Jewish New Yorker who is deeply dedicated to the work of combating antisemitism and uplifting Jewish communities, I am honored to release the nation’s first municipal-level Strategy to Combat Antisemitism. Antisemitism is a complex and persistent form of hate, and it cannot be addressed through a single program or agency. This Strategy brings the full power of City government to the work of preventing hate, supporting survivors, protecting Jewish institutions, educating New Yorkers and celebrating Jewish life,” said Phylisa Wisdom, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Antisemitism. “We will continue listening to Jewish New Yorkers across the city and working alongside communities to make New York a place where everyone can live with dignity and without fear.”

Investing in Jewish Life and Education

The strategy recognizes that to truly combat antisemitism, we must ensure that Jewish history, culture and contributions to New York City are taught and celebrated.

The administration will work with New York City Public Schools to address complaints of discrimination against any of our public school students, including Jewish students. The City will also expand opportunities for students to visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage, helping more young New Yorkers learn about Jewish history, the Holocaust and the stories of Jewish New Yorkers.

The City is investing \$2 million to complete the Queens Holocaust memorial and \$2.5 million in the Center for New Jewish Culture in Central Brooklyn, strengthening institutions that preserve Jewish history.

Making it Easier to Report Hate and Discrimination

The administration will launch a campaign to increase awareness of the City Human Rights Law and make clear how New Yorkers can report suspected discrimination to the City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR). The campaign will appear on LinkNYC and in other public spaces across the five boroughs.

A Whole-of-Government Approach

The strategy is organized around seven strategic objectives that will guide the City’s work to combat antisemitism: **Prevent hate violence:** Encourage and direct sustained investment in programs that prevent hate violence before it occurs.

Combat antisemitism in all its forms: Address physical, verbal and digital antisemitism across New York City through coordinated initiatives led by MOCA and agency partners.

Educate New Yorkers: Invest in education about Jewish New Yorkers’ contributions to the city, the Holocaust, Jewish history and the lived experiences of Jewish New Yorkers.

Support survivors: Ensure victims of antisemitic incidents and hate crimes can access resources, services and support.

Protect and celebrate Jewish life: Preserve New York City as a special place to be Jewish, while working with community partners to strengthen and celebrate Jewish communities across the five boroughs.

Listen to Jewish New Yorkers: Maintain regular, meaningful engagement with Jewish New Yorkers across the ideological spectrum so City government can better understand community needs and deliver services with dignity and respect.

Celebrate Jewish culture and tradition: Use City policy, programming and public messaging to celebrate and cherish Jewish culture and traditions as an essential part of New York City’s identity.

The strategy builds on the administration’s existing commitment to protecting Jewish New Yorkers. In September, Mayor Mamdani and Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch announced heightened security around synagogues, yeshivas and other Jewish institutions during the High Holy Days. The Mayor’s Office to Combat Antisemitism, continued by Executive Order No. 2 in January 2026, is charged with developing efforts to combat antisemitism and anti-Jewish hate crimes, supporting victims and celebrating Jewish culture and traditions. The office also coordinates with the City’s Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, the New York City Police Department (NYPD), City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) and other agencies through an interagency task force.

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HOW CAN COLLEGE STUDENTS PRACTICE SELF-CARE?

1. Give yourself time: It’s normal to feel uncertain when you first start college. Take it one day at a time. Do not let others pressure you into doing things that make you feel anxious.

2. Prioritize self-care: Make sure you’re eating well, taking regular breaks, and being active. Monitor your drinking when you’re at different parties and do not rely on drugs and alcohol to relieve your stresses and anxieties.

3. Get proper rest: Many college students pull all-nighters, studying through the night to prepare for an exam. Depriving your body of sleep can lower cognitive function, academic performance, happiness, and mental health. If you have trouble sleeping, try techniques such as avoiding caffeine, relaxing, and putting away technology at least one hour before bed.

4. Manage your studies: Most college classes involve writing many papers and a lot of studying. The key is to learn to take things one step at a time and use time management skills to stay on top of things. If you’re swamped with work, you might be able to get an extension on an assignment by explaining your situation to your professor.

5. Stay organized: It may seem overwhelming to keep track of everything with a schedule crammed full of classes, taking exams, and having a social life. Before assignments start piling up, it’s crucial to find ways to stay organized. Calendars and planners are valuable tools that help reduce distractions.

Where Can College Students Find Mental Health Support?

Most colleges provide on-campus or virtual mental health services. Explore these resources via your school’s official website. If immediate help is needed, contact student services for guidance on counseling, clinics, or online screenings.

Using these services supports your mental health and helps you thrive academically and socially.

How Can College Students Choose the Right Career Path?

College is a time to explore who you are and what you want from your future. Don’t worry if things don’t go exactly as planned—you always have the option to change schools, switch majors, or pursue other opportunities that align with your career goals.

Take the time to understand what makes you feel comfortable and motivated. By reflecting on your personal and professional goals, you can make choices that best support your growth and success.

How Can Students Cope With Homesickness in College?

Starting college can feel lonely, and feelings of homesickness, anxiety, or worry about fitting in are completely normal. The key is to notice these emotions and ground yourself, recognizing that adjustment takes time.

Take one small step: reach out to peers, join a student group, or visit the campus counseling office. Reflect afterward: did these actions help you feel less alone or more confident? Over time, consistently building connections and knowing where to find support can make college life feel more manageable and enjoyable.

How This Fits the Managing Fear Framework

Many people try to manage fear by searching for a single solution, but fear can appear in different situations and may require different approaches. The Managing Fear Framework combines multiple strategies and techniques to help individuals explore different tools, discover what works best for their situation, and develop a more flexible way to respond to fear.

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QUINN SIMPLE SCENES – MY RETURN TO FASHION

by Rix Quinn

All my life, I’ve found it hard to resist a good bargain. So, the pandemic a few years ago briefly curtailed my excellent purchasing decisions. I was always out in the stores, shopping for the latest in exercise equipment, self-help videos, or ideas to impress my supervisors. I really liked clothes. At work, I usually wore nice khakis and a golf shirt that made me look semi-cool. I shopped both in-store and online. Truth is, I wanted to look better than I actually am. I believe in that old saying, “If you don’t have a good act, you better wear a good costume.”

But my shopping stopped when in-office activities got cancelled temporarily. Instead, my company scheduled a series of daily video conferences. So, I had to adjust to just looking great above the waist. I positioned my home office in a small storage space. I put a bookcase behind my chair, so viewers would think I had actually read those books. But each day at home my physical appearance descended closer to Hades. First, I quit shaving my scraggly beard. I looked like a guy who fell face-first onto lawn clippings. I started to wear sweatshirts with the sleeves cut off. I bought two pairs of gray sweatpants, which I alternated every other week.

One day a cousin came for a visit, and he suddenly appeared at my storage room desk. He said he found me by the smell. But eventually we returned to the office. I’m showering every other day now, and my wife says I look almost normal again. Truthfully, my socks don’t match every day. But that’s a style choice.

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