



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
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Today, Jews and Jewish institutions are facing antisemitism with alarming frequency, in the United States and abroad. According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), 2022 was the highest year on record for antisemitic incidents in the United States since ADL began conducting its annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents in 1979. In Kentucky, 2022 recorded a 128 percent increase in antisemitic incidents compared to 2021;

As explained in the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, antisemitism threatens not only the Jewish community, but all Americans. United States intelligence agencies have determined that domestic terrorism rooted in white supremacy, which includes antisemitism, is the greatest terrorist threat to our country today. Accordingly, “[p]rotecting the Jewish community from antisemitism is essential to our broader fight against all forms of hate, bigotry, and bias—and to our broader vision of a thriving, inclusive and diverse democracy[.]”;

Part of the National Strategy includes the establishment of a Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force to engage with the community and study and recommend a strategy to counter antisemitism in the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.029, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force is hereby created and attached to the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Community Involvement for administrative purposes.
- II. The eighteen (18) members of the Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor. The initial Task Force shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. Jonathan Miller, Chair;
 - b. Craig Greenberg, Mayor of Louisville;
 - c. Karen Berg, State Senator;
 - d. Daniel Grossberg, State Representative;
 - e. David Kaplan, Chairman, Jewish Community of Louisville;
 - f. Ralph Green, former Chairman, Jewish Community of Louisville;
 - g. Sara Wagner, President and CEO, Jewish Federation;
 - h. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, President, Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors;
 - i. Corrie Shull, Pastor, Burnett Avenue Baptist Church;



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- j. Nancy Hoffman, former Co-President, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass;
- k. Mindy Haas, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass;
- l. Beth Solomon, board member, National Council of Jewish Women;
- m. Bill Altman, retired EVP, Kindred Health Care;
- n. Aaron Ann Cole-Funfsinn, managing attorney, Hicks and Funfsinn;
- o. Lior Yaron, CEO, LSY Companies;
- p. Jerry Abramson, former Lieutenant Governor and former Mayor of Louisville;
- q. Muhammad Babar, family medicine specialist and;
- r. Gary Broadbent, board member, Anti-Defamation League Cleveland.

Furthermore, the following members shall serve in an ex-officio capacity:

- s. Lawrence Whethers, Lexington Police Chief; and
- t. Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel, Louisville Police Chief

Please issue commissions to them.

- III. The members of the Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force shall serve for terms of two (2) years. In the event of a vacancy occurring other than by the expiration of a term, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- IV. The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force. As set forth above, the Governor designates Jonathan Miller as the first Chair of the Task Force.
- V. The Task Force shall convene at least quarterly, beginning in January 2024. The first meeting shall be called by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Community Involvement. Subsequent meetings shall be called by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Community Involvement or the Chair.
- VI. The duties and responsibilities of the Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force shall include:




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- a. Identifying and acknowledging the growing threat of antisemitism in the Commonwealth by conducting a comprehensive review of the state of antisemitism within Kentucky.
 - b. Strengthening community relations by identifying and creating opportunities for new points of connection between state and local governments and the local Jewish community;
 - c. Engaging with the community and providing public officials across Kentucky with recommendations and support for combatting antisemitism and hate in all its forms;
 - d. Assessing the state of antisemitism and Holocaust education in Kentucky, making recommendations regarding what additional programs are needed;
 - e. Advising on training programs for law enforcement relating to the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes;
 - f. Assessing existing state programs relating to education digital media literacy, identifying gaps, studying efficacy, and planning for enhanced educational offerings;
 - g. Working with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights to ensure educational resources are available to employers and employees regarding all forms of discrimination and hate and how to address them; and
 - h. Supporting local cross-community and interfaith solidarity-building projects.
- VII. The Kentucky Antisemitism Task Force shall provide an annual report to the Governor on or before January 31 of each year setting forth the Task Force's activities, findings, and recommendations.


ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State