

ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN
National Director

Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) since 1987, is world-renowned as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination and the author of *Jews & Money: The Story of a Stereotype* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) and *Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism* (HarperSanFrancisco, 2003).

In the forefront of major issues of the day, including the rise of global anti-Semitism, the war on terrorism, church/state issues, religious intolerance and issues relating to the Holocaust, he consistently speaks out against hatred and violence wherever they occur.

Mr. Foxman regularly confers with elected officials and community leaders here and abroad. He has had consultations in Europe, Russia, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, Japan, South Africa and Argentina, and with Palestinian leaders, on problems of ethnic hatred, violence, terrorism and promoting democracy. He has had six audiences with Pope John Paul II and four with Pope Benedict XVI. Mr. Foxman is a passionate supporter of the State of Israel and a voice for peace in the Middle East.

A Holocaust survivor, Mr. Foxman was a member of the President's United States Holocaust Memorial Council, appointed by Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton. He has been a participant of official Presidential delegations to special events in Europe and Israel.

Born in Poland in 1940, Mr. Foxman was saved from the Holocaust by his Polish Catholic nursemaid who baptized and raised him as a Catholic during the war years. His parents survived the war, but 14 members of his family were lost. He arrived in America in 1950 with his parents.

A graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Brooklyn, NY, Mr. Foxman has a B.A. in political science from the City College of the City University of New York, graduating with honors in history. He holds a J.D. degree from New York University School of Law, and did graduate work in advanced Judaic studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary and in international economics at The New School for Social Research. Mr. Foxman is fluent in several languages. He joined ADL in 1965.

Mr. Foxman appears frequently on national news programs and is quoted often in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time* and *Newsweek*, among other media. His op-eds have appeared in newspapers across the country, and he is a regular contributor and blogger at *The Huffington Post* and *The Jerusalem Post*.

Awards and Honorary Degrees

2010 Medal of "Grand Officer" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic;
2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, New York University;
2008 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Yeshiva University;
2007 Honorary Doctorate, Bar Ilan University;
2007 Jan Karski Eagle Award;
2006 French Legion of Honor Award;
2004 Commendatore of the Italian Republic;
2003 Honorary degree, Clark University;
2002 The Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award;
2001 State University of New York at Albany's University Medallion;
2001 Austria's Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold;
2000 Bulgaria's Order of the Madara Horseman;
1999 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree, University of Sofia, Bulgaria;
1999 Honorary degree, Iona College;
1997 Martin Luther King, Jr. and Donald R. Mintz Freedom and Justice Award, Dillard University;
1994 Townsend Harris Medal, City College of New York Alumni Association;
1993 Ellis Island Medal of Honor;
1992 Honorary Doctor of Law degree, Florida International University.