

### **ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN**

Abraham H. Foxman is world-renowned as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination. Mr. Foxman regularly speaks out on issues of global anti-Semitism, the war on terror, church/state issues, religious intolerance and issues relating to the Holocaust and Israel. He is a passionate supporter of the State of Israel and a voice for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Foxman is National Director Emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He retired from ADL in 2015, having served a total of 50 years with the organization, including serving as National Director from 1987 through July 2015.

He is currently Director and Chairman of the Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City, Visiting Lecturer at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Affairs, and Non-Resident Research Fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Foxman is the co-author of *Viral Hate* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) and 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).

During his long career, Mr. Foxman had direct consultations with world leaders in Europe, Russia, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, Japan, South Africa, Argentina and elsewhere, and with Palestinian leaders, on problems of ethnic hatred, violence, terrorism and promoting democracy. He had multiple audiences with Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis and has conferred with U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama, as well as with Members of Congress.

A Holocaust survivor, Mr. Foxman was a member of the President’s United States Holocaust Memorial Council, appointed by Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Clinton. He has been a member 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, he 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.

### **Awards and Honorary Degrees**

*2016 Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany*  
*2015 ADL America’s Democratic Legacy Award*  
*2015 Honorary Sign of the Bulgarian Head of State*  
*2015 Defender of Jerusalem Award, Office of the Mayor*  
*2015 Pope John Paul II Medal of Honor*  
*2014 Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Suffolk University-Boston Law School*  
*2013 Menachem Begin Prize*  
*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. & Donald R. Mintz Freedom & 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, Florida International University*

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