

Ep. 17: Fighting Antisemitism in Zohran Mamdani's New York - with Jonathan Greenblatt

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In this episode of Mideast Horizons, Lahav speaks with Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League about the rise of antisemitism and political extremism in the U.S. following Zohran Mamdani's election as mayor of New York. Greenblatt calls Mamdani's victory historic but troubling, highlighting his record as an anti-Zionist activist who has celebrated convicted terrorists and promoted boycotts of Israel.

Greenblatt details the ADL's response: a public tip line for antisemitic incidents, expanded research tracking hate in New York, and a "Mamdani Monitor" to follow municipal policies and appointments affecting Jewish residents. He warns that antisemitic incidents are at record highs, and that Jewish and Israeli New Yorkers increasingly fear expressing their identity in public.

He stresses the ADL's nonpartisan mission, noting its work with and criticism of both Republican and Democratic administrations, and highlights the challenges of combating online hate amplified by social media algorithms.

In the first segment, Lahav recounts the saga of Israel's Military Advocate General, who is accused of ordering the leak of a video showing alleged abuse of a Palestinian detainee at Sde Teiman prison. The 2024 release sparked global outrage and debate over Hamas prisoners. Lahav explains how police found she had orchestrated the leak, leading to her suspension, disappearance, and arrest, and how the scandal has shaken confidence in Israel's legal system.



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