



City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

OFFICE OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS, Tel: 305.673.7575

Melissa Berthier, Email: melissaberthier@miamibeachfl.gov

Linda-Lee Stevens, Email: lindastevens@miamibeachfl.gov

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 24, 2025

“Healing Hate”: Confronting Antisemitism in Healthcare

— Nation’s Healthcare Leaders Gather in Miami Beach to Diagnose & Treat Growing Crisis —

Miami Beach, FL – Antisemitism, described as “the world’s oldest disease,” is now infecting our healthcare system at an alarming rate. Reports of discrimination, bias, and even threats against Jewish patients and healthcare professionals have raised a **Code Blue** among healthcare professionals and legislators.

“When we see healthcare workers openly admit on video to harming Jewish patients, the world should take notice,” explained **Miami Beach City Commissioner David Suarez**. “Antisemitism in healthcare is a direct threat to patient safety, and it must be confronted head-on.”

To confront this crisis, leading healthcare executives, policymakers and medical professionals will convene at **La Gorce Country Club** (5685 Alton Road, Miami Beach) on **Sunday, April 27** for a conversation on **“Healing Hate: Diagnosing & Treating Antisemitism in Healthcare.”**

“This isn’t just about fighting hate—it’s about upholding the fundamental ethics of medicine,” added **Mary Mayhew, President and CEO of the Florida Hospital Association**. “A hospital should be a safe space from discrimination.

Distinguished event speakers include:

- **David Suarez**, Miami Beach City Commissioner
- **Gino R. Santorio**, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach
- **Peggy Shapiro**, Executive Director, Center for Combating Antisemitism
- **Sheri Ross, MD**, Director of Medical Outreach, Center for Combating Antisemitism

“Physicians take an oath to do no harm, yet we see antisemitic rhetoric and behavior infecting medical spaces,” said **Dr. Sheri Ross**. “This event is about diagnosing the problem and prescribing real solutions.”

Media RSVP & Interviews

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event. To secure interviews with speakers, please contact Brandon Lloyd at BrandonLloyd@miamibeachfl.gov.

###

To request this material in alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and/or any accommodation to review any document or participate in any city-sponsored proceedings, call 305.604.2ADA (2232) and select 1 for English or 2 for Spanish, then option 6; TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service).