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Academic Engagement Network and ADL Form Partnership to Support Campus Faculty and Staff Facing Rising Antisemitism

New York, NY, March 4, 2025 – The Academic Engagement Network (AEN), an organization that mobilizes networks of university faculty and administrators to counter antisemitism, and ADL (the Anti-Defamation League), the world's leading anti-hate organization, announced a new collaboration today to leverage the strengths of both organizations to fight antisemitism on U.S. campuses and in the broader academy.

In implementing this partnership, the two organizations will work together on multiple initiatives, starting with surveys of faculty networks to replicate ADL's efforts surveying students on campuses; toolkits and best practice guides for leaders and members of academic and professional associations; and the development of a staff network for Jewish and Zionist staff members on campus.

"We are thrilled to join forces with the Academic Engagement Network to combat antisemitism on U.S. campuses, underscoring our shared commitment to empowering staff and faculty facing increased level of hate and discrimination," said **Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO.** "Our aim is to empower faculty and the broader academic community with the tools to stand up against anti-Jewish and anti-Israel bias, by promoting a campus culture that celebrates all identities and faiths."

Miriam Elman, Executive Director of AEN added: "Jewish and Zionist faculty, scholars, and staff are facing unprecedented levels of hostility and bias on campuses and in the broader academy. This new partnership will allow us to develop and share new resources and to implement collaborative strategies aimed at fostering the inclusive and tolerant workplaces and learning communities that everyone deserves."

The partnership will develop and disseminate resources, engage a wider network of Jewish and Zionist faculty and staff, enable joint research and programming, and implement targeted initiatives to foster safer, more inclusive campus environments.

The project will also prioritize strengthening faculty leadership; collaborating to address antisemitism and anti-Israel bias in professional associations and other academic settings; and developing a new and robust network for Jewish and Zionist staff that will complement AEN's strong faculty network.

The collaboration is being announced on the second day of ADL's <u>Never is Now Summit</u>, the world's largest summit on antisemitism and hate, which features a delegation of AEN faculty members from across the country and panel presentations by AEN's executive leadership.

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AEN is a national organization that mobilizes networks of university faculty and administrators to counter antisemitism, oppose the denigration of Jewish and Zionist identities, promote academic freedom, and advance education about Israel.

ADL is the leading anti-hate organization in the world. Founded in 1913, its timeless mission is "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Today, ADL continues to fight all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens, ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.