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We are asking rabbis across the country to sign an open letter calling on Mayor Zohran Mamdani to apologize for his recent remarks about pro-Israel civic participation.

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Last week, Mayor Mamdani described AIPAC as “monsters,” accused it of moving “millions in dark money” to “preserve their power” and “turn us against one another.” This was not simply criticism of a political organization. It was dehumanizing language paired with conspiracy rhetoric about money, power, and manipulation.

Some of his own Jewish allies denounced his language. ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt called it “bigoted conspiracy mongering,” and AJC CEO Ted Deutch warned that it was “rooted in the oldest antisemitic conspiracy theories of secret control and nefarious agendas.”

Regardless of how one feels about AIPAC, demonizing pro-Israel Americans is dangerous and wrong. This is not only a New York issue. The demonization of pro-Israel Jews and our allies is spreading nationally, and extremists around the country have recently plotted mass-casualty attacks on the community. When public officials describe Jews and their allies as monsters and conspirators, they further inflame an already dangerous climate.

Please click [here](#) to add your name.

Thank you for raising your voice at this urgent moment.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Menachem Penner
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