Procedure for Responding to Intercommunal Bigotry and Tensions

IJMA: Inter Jewish Muslim Alliance

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We should consult and consider taking action when speech or actions originating from either of the two communities constitutes bigotry towards the other community. Our intent is to improve intercommunal relations by focusing on outreach and education. This protocol is intended to supplement education and outreach measures by laying out the rules for a direct response to instances of public bigotry.

Procedure for Taking Action

Any IJMA member can bring to the IJMA intercommunal relations committee an instance of public bigotry. This committee will meet either in person or via teleconference operating under IJMA bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. The IJMA committee will decide either to act on behalf of IJMA or refer the matter to IJMA’s full 30-member board. The range of actions that either IJMA full board or IJMA’s intercommunal relations committee could take include:

- Privately reaching out as a Muslim-Jewish collective body to the offending person or persons in a “calling in.”

- Facilitating a private “calling in” not as a collective but by some members of IJMA.

- Publicly “calling out” the offensive speech or action as a Muslim-Jewish collective.

- Facilitating a public “calling out” by some members of IJMA.

We will move forward trusting in the judgment of our members and in the belief that we can serve as a model for all Americans in responding to bigotry.