



## *Combatting Antisemitism in Medicine*

*Bernard Horwich JCC -- 3003 W. Touhy Avenue, Chicago, IL*

*March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-9:00 pm*

Goals: Antisemitism is not a new challenge in Medicine. Originally manifested by quota systems for Jews in medical school, training programs and professional opportunities, it was addressed by the network of Sinai, Beth Israel, and Jewish Hospitals in the US. But after resolving in the 1960s, Jew hate has recently begun to re-emerge in Medicine driven by Middle East conflict. A shocking surge in antisemitism appeared since the Oct 7 Hamas massacres, that is part of a trend in the US, particularly in universities and among young adults, and has surprisingly spread to physicians, residents, students, and allied health professionals. The AJMA is a new national organization that was established to support these professionals in meeting these challenges. During this session we will discuss the nature and extent of Jew hate and how it has affected health care professionals, as well the implications for patients. Participants will learn strategies to mitigate antisemitism and time for networking will enable formation of partnerships to facilitate this effort.

### **Speakers**

**Alderman Debra Silverstein**, 50<sup>th</sup> Ward, launched a Sisyphean battle against the Chicago City Council resolution that demanded an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Alderman Silverstein has spearheaded many projects to protect the housing needs of the elderly population, including a joint effort between the Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Housing Authority. She is a thought leader, visionary, and activist. Her legislative record demonstrates that she is a true champion of the needs of the Chicago Jewish community.

**Steven (Shmuel) Roth, MD, FARVO**, Michael Reese Endowed Professor, Associate Head for Research, Faculty Development, and Faculty Affairs, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Roth in addition to his clinical and other responsibilities performs research on nanoparticle therapeutics with research support from the National Institutes of Health. He heads the Publications Committee of the AJMA and the Healthcare Council of the Coalition for Jewish Values.

**Amy Neustein, Ph.D.**, Series Editor of Speech Technology and Text Mining in Medicine and Health Care (De Gruyter); Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Speech Technology (Springer); and Co-author of Innovative Data Integration and Conceptual Space Modeling for Covid, Cancer and Cardiac Care (Elsevier). She was featured in 2018 in the SpringerNature "Women in STEM." Her opinion columns have appeared in The Jerusalem Post, City Journal (Manhattan Institute), The Hill, The Washington Jewish Week, Israel National News, and other publications.

The three presentations will take one hour or less. Following the three speakers, there will be Q and A and networking. Questions about the program should be addressed to Dr. Roth at email: [rothgas@uic.edu](mailto:rothgas@uic.edu).