

Abraham Cooper Biography

Abraham Cooper is the Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. He was appointed by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

He is Associate Dean and Director of Global Social Action for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a leading Jewish human rights organization with more than 400,000 family members.

Rabbi Cooper has been a longtime activist for Jewish and human rights causes on five continents. In 1977, he came to Los Angeles to help Rabbi Marvin Hier found the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Together with Rabbi Hier, Rabbi Cooper regularly meets with world leaders, including Pope Francis, presidents and foreign ministers to defend the rights of the Jewish people, combat terrorism and promote multi-faith relations worldwide.

Rabbi Cooper is an acknowledged expert on online hate and terrorism and has helped produce and present the SWC's renowned traveling exhibitions at the Vatican, the UN, Knesset, US Congress, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Buenos Aires. He is a

founder of the Global Forum on Anti-Semitism. Rabbi Cooper has worked extensively with Arab leaders in the Gulf States and witnessed the historic UAE/Bahrain/Israel Abraham Accords ceremony at the White House.

He is a recipient of Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Community Service Leadership Memorial Award, a recipient of an honorary doctorate from Yeshiva University and the Orthodox Union's National Leadership Award. His op-eds appear in major US and Israeli outlets, in Asia and in the Arab News and Al-Arabiya. Newsweek/Daily Beast lists Rabbi Cooper and Rabbi Hier as No. 8 among the 50 Most Influential Rabbis in the US.