



THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION NEEDS TO STOP THEIR ANTISEMITIC ATTACKS OVER RENT CONTROL

In the extreme times we live in today, trading in ugly images of Jewish people is dangerous.

Shylock was the Jewish moneylender in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Its modern-day definition is a person without pity in business dealings. This is exactly how California Apartment Association (CAA) is portraying AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) president and cofounder Michael Weinstein in their ads. They intentionally ignore the millions of lives he's helped to save across the globe.

The stereotype of rich Jews is a favorite of antisemites. The California Apartment Association continually has portrayed Michael as a billionaire, which they know is untrue. They, on the other hand, are controlled by billionaires.

Jewish conspiracies are age-old. According to the CAA, Michael is the mastermind behind a selfish plot to harm renters when he really is trying to empower them.

The truth is, they're the culprits. They're the ones operating without pity and using antisemitism to divert and deflect.

It's shameful and dangerous. And it must stop.