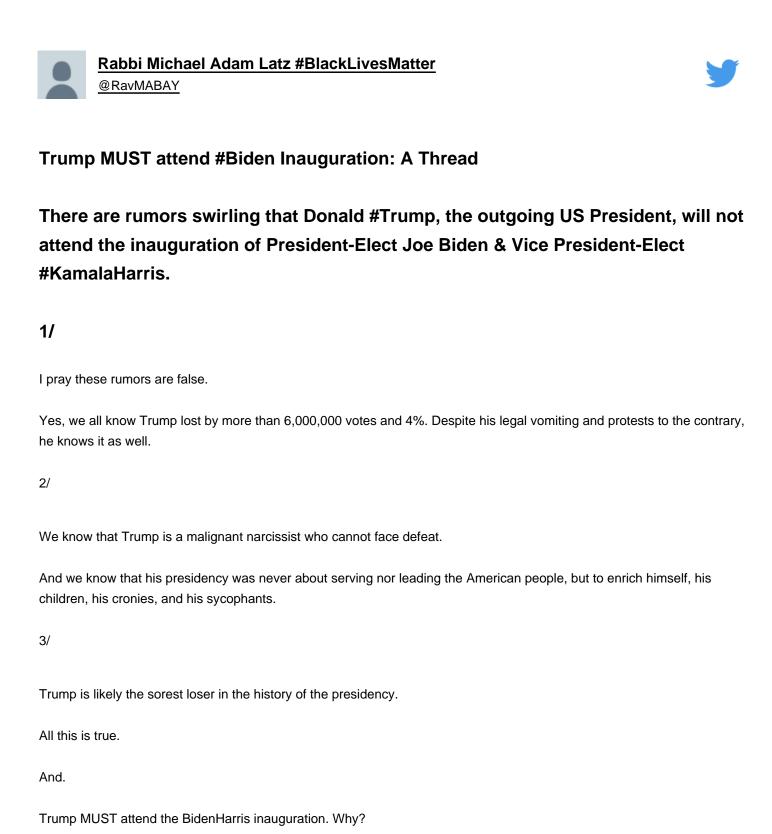
Twitter Thread by Rabbi Michael Adam Latz #BlackLivesMatter



I. American democracy is a covenant of trust and respect. Our institutions are strong because we the people give them power. Trump's absence would be a violation of that trust. Every Republican official MUST call upon Trump to attend.
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II. It matters to the world that we have a peaceful transfer of power. Our strength as a world leader would be harmed immensely should Trump not attend. Could the damage be repaired? Yes. But it would take years, if not a generation.
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III. It matters to how we see ourselves. In a democracy, people need the ritual of inauguration passed from one president to the next. Our democracy is fragile—especially after four years of the Trump presidency. It is his obligation as president to attend.
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IV. Finally-and this may be the only argument that actually sways Trump-because God knows he only cares about himself-it would irreparably damage HIS legacy if he fails to attend.
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V. And let me be clear: This is not about Trump's feelings or Biden's feelings or even my feelings. Feh. I'd be happy to never have to see nor hear from that monstrosity of a disaster again. This is about our commitment to the American democratic experiment.
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