A BRAVE NEW WORLD: COMBATING the RISE of ANTISEMITISM

Resource Guide

Introduction

The tragedy of October 7, 2023, lit the fuse for an explosion of worldwide antisemitism that few of us could have imagined.

As the Jewish community in Israel and the Diaspora reeled in shock, the reaction ranged from brutal physical and malicious verbal attacks to nonchalance and silence. Support was rare. In the years since, antisemitism has run rampant. For many, the trauma of October 7th never ended.

No matter where you rest on the political spectrum, everyday life- not just politics- has been infused with antisemitism, often in the guise of anti-Zionism. As a people, the Jewish community has been targeted with being personally responsible for Israeli policy toward Palestinians, and especially what's being called the "genocide" in Gaza. Wearing Jewish symbols can earmark us for assault. We realize all too well that we, our homes, synagogues, schools, businesses, or even beaches can be targeted for attack.

Considering that antisemitism can travel around the world in mere seconds, the Jewish community faces its biggest threat since the Shoah. The complexity of this new/old antisemitism is daunting. The *A Brave New World: Combating the Rise of Antisemitism Resource Guide* will offer tools to provide you with personal support, as well as to give your Sisterhoods ideas for programming. The District can provide the program's replay link upon request.

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Strategics for Programs

Sisterhoods can provide strong programming on the current political climate by considering their goals, recognizing past and present antisemitism within their communities, and examining possible solutions.

Look for expertise within your Sisterhood and congregation. A nearby college or university also may be a prime source of experts and potential speakers, as well as national, regional or local organizations with offices nearby. Additionally, other religious/ethnic groups may commit to interact with your Sisterhood in a program or project in hopes of creating or building lasting relationships.

Keep a close eye on the news, social media and websites of interest to Jewish audiences. Tap into Pacific District and WRJ Zoom programs to use them as launching pads for programs you can tailor to the needs of your Sisterhood, congregation or community. Think "outside the box" and try to create a program that is unique and adds to the discussion.

Contemplate programming to target audiences. For example, offer support and educational opportunities for parents of schoolchildren to provide ways to deal with safety issues, as well as how to explain antisemitism to their younger children.

Finally, consider hybrid or Zoom-only programs. Not only do they open the possibility of engaging speakers who otherwise could not attend an in-person event, but also they confirm to Sisterhood members and potential members that you value their presence, even if online.

Antisemitism is a disturbing subject that strikes at our very core. Nevertheless, it offers the opportunity to provide solid programming and hopefully, to engage in dialogue to lessen the security concerns in your community. Unfortunately, antisemitism has become so pervasive that some may believe that Sisterhoods should not offer programs because the situation is depressing and hopeless. But seek comfort in the words of the *Pirkei Avot* (*Ethics of the Fathers*) 2:16, "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

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Organizations Fighting Antisemitism

--American Jewish Committee

AJC builds alliances and pursues policies to confront resurgent hate.

https://www.ajc.org/playbook

--Anti-Defamation League

ADL works to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all. In the face of rising antisemitism, they protect, advocate, educate and seek to create a world without hate.

https://www.adl.org/

ADL H.E.A.T. Map™ (Hate, Extremism, Antisemitism, Terrorism) is the first-of-its-kind interactive and customizable map detailing specific incidents of hate, extremism, antisemitism and terrorism by state and nationwide. This interactive map lets you read details on specific incidents, better understand tactics extremists use, compare activity by type and/or state and access and download raw data.

https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-to-track-hate/heat-map

To report an antisemitic, bias or discriminatory incident:

https://www.adl.org/report-incident

Words to Action- prepares students to recognize and respond to antisemitism effectively

https://www.adl.org/words-to-action

--Combat Antisemitism Movement

With partnerships encompassing over 850 interfaith organizations, influential decision-makers, and a network of more than five million activists and 250 social media influencers, CAM leads a united front against Jew hatred.

https://combatantisemitism.org/

--Fighting Online Antisemitism

By leveraging the power of global volunteers and utilizing a unique AI system, FOA has been able to monitor, report and remove significant amounts of antisemitic content from various social media platforms, thus preventing real-world violence against Jews.

https://foantisemitism.org/

--Nexus Project

The Nexus Project engages with American civic and political leaders, scholars, and decision-makers to fight antisemitism and protect democratic freedoms, including free speech.

https://nexusproject.us/

--Project Shema

A support and training group built by Zionist progressives to help Jewish communities cope with hatred in positive ways, including workshops to empower Jewish leaders and allies to navigate difficult conversations about antisemitism.

https://www.projectshema.org/

--Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

The Union for Reform Judaism and Religious Action Center continue to work for the safety and security of Jewish communities. Judaism consistently teaches the importance of tolerance and the acceptance of others, even those different from ourselves. Even more than simply preaching tolerance, they actively teach the importance of working to improve, open, and make our communities safer.

https://rac.org/issues/antisemitism

--Secure Community Network

Information on surveillance, security training, reporting antisemitic incidents and other tools:

https://www.securecommunitynetwork.org/

--StandWithUs

Library of resources about Israel, Jewish identity, and Antisemitism (organized by topic): https://standwithus.com/library/

To report an antisemitic incident: https://standwithus.com/report/

SWUBOT, an AI tool providing info on Israel, antisemitism, and activism: https://standwithus.com/swubot/

From the StandWithUs Conference in Las Vegas March 24, 2026 (Other Conference speakers also available on YouTube.):

Luai Ahmed: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B95GLmguSZM

Recommended Books on Antisemitism

Best Books on Antisemitism as Recommended by former ADL National Director Emeritus Abe Foxman z"l in 2025:

https://fivebooks.com/best-books/anti-semitism-abe-foxman/

As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us – A Defiant Memoir of Heritage, Identity, and Antisemitism

by Sarah Hurwitz, former Presidential appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (aka United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Board of Trustees), senior speechwriter for President Obama and head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama

National Jewish Book Award Winner in Contemporary and Jewish Life, 2026

Antisemitism, an American Tradition

by Pamela S. Nadell, two-time National Jewish Book Award Winner and Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History, American University

National Jewish Book Award for American Jewish Studies Celebrate 350 Award, 2025

Antisemitism: Here and Now

by Ambassador Deborah E. Lipstadt, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, and Distinguished Professor of Modern History and Holocaust Studies, Emory University

National Jewish Book Award Winner in Jewish Education and Identity, 2019

WRJ PD *Trauma on Campus Resource Guide*

After the October 7, 2023 massacre, antisemitism raged through college campuses. During the spring of the following year, the Pacific District presented its two-part *Trauma on Campus* series: *Freedom of Speech v. Antisemitism and Examining the Israeli-Palestinian Protest Narrative*. WRJ honored the series with a Gold Or Ami "Light of My People" Award for exceptional programming.

The *Trauma on Campus Resource Guide* also was posted on the PD page under Programs. It contains solid knowledge to navigate the new realities of antisemitism on college campuses.

https://www.wrjpacific.org/trauma-on-campus-resource-guide.html