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10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

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ANTISEMITISM**

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Antisemitism is rising around the world, with Jews facing isolation, harassment, bullying, and physical violence. We all have a responsibility to stand with the Jewish community against this bigotry.

Below are 10 ways you can proactively educate others and fight antisemitism.

- 1 Educate yourself and others** about antisemitism so you can identify and fight it. Understand the sources of this hatred (the far right, the far left, Islamist extremists, and others) and the different forms it takes, from open hatred of Jews to more subtle bigotry related to Israel or Zionism. Use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism as an educational tool. Refer to our booklets about antisemitism, available at standuptohatred.com/booklets.
- 2 Know your rights regarding free speech, hate speech, and discrimination.** Remember: you have free speech rights, so speak up and speak out against lies and hate about the Jewish people. See the StandWithUs booklets ***Know Your Rights*** and ***Best Practices***, available at standuptohatred.com/booklets.
- 3 Tell your story. Be proud!** Talk to others about what it means to you to be Jewish or an ally to the Jewish community. Share about Jewish identity, family history, traditions, and communities. If you have a story about what Israel means to you and the Jewish people, share that with your friends as well.
- 4 If you see or hear something antisemitic, take action.** If it comes from someone you know, engage them and figure out if it is coming from ignorance or genuine hate. Try educating them calmly about why their words are offensive. When this isn't an option, engage the appropriate authorities. Report antisemitic posts on social media and encourage your friends to do the same. (Use our booklets entitled ***Hate Speech & Reporting Tools for Social Media*** and ***Antisemitic Beliefs***.) If you think you need legal assistance, reach out to the StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department and the StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism for free help. You can fill out an incident report here: standwithus.com/report-an-incident.
- 5 Build relationships** with people who are not Jewish. Invite non-Jewish guests to Jewish cultural or religious events, like a Passover Seder. Welcome the stranger. Attend cultural events of other groups. Genuinely seek to learn about other people and what matters to them as you also seek to educate them about what matters to you. Work with other groups to solve problems in your community. These are proactive ways to fight antisemitism.

- 6 Fight other forms of hate.** Stand up to racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of discrimination. Build relationships with other groups to fight hate. There are many ways to find common ground—for example, white supremacists target not only Jews but also Latino, Black, Muslim, LGBTQ+, and other communities.
- 7 Work closely with security organizations** and personnel to keep pro-Israel and/or Jewish community events safe. Reach out to the Secure Community Network (SCN), an initiative of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that is dedicated to homeland security initiatives on behalf of the American Jewish community. Funds and guidance may be available through this network. Also, read our **Best Practices** booklet for strategies on how to handle security-related issues at local events.

In addition, you can get self-defense training through the StandWithUs partner StandStrong or other martial arts programs. If you have enough training, consider volunteering in a neighborhood coalition to keep your community safe.

- 8 Reach out to spiritual and religious leaders** to see what they are doing to educate about antisemitism and keep their community safe. Offer them our materials, speakers, and programs to share with their membership. Find out if they have security/self-defense strategies and programs to keep their facility and members safe, including proper lighting and visible security cameras. Make sure they know there are numerous government and private organization grants available to increase security for synagogues, schools, and community centers.
- 9 Reach out to local schools, school boards, and universities** and ask them what they are doing to educate about and combat antisemitism. Encourage school boards and campus administrators to require education and training about antisemitism and the Jewish community as called for by the White House Antisemitism Strategy. Share your personal experiences, and encourage them to use their free speech rights to speak out against antisemitism and other forms of hate.
- 10 Reach out to elected officials and your local police department** to ask what they are doing to fight antisemitism and prevent violence. Engage with local, state, and/or federal elected officials to share any personal experiences you have had with antisemitism. Urge them to take action to ensure the protection of the Jewish communities they represent. Work with law enforcement to ensure your synagogues, schools, and community centers are safe and receive increased patrols if needed. Ensure that police are working with any community groups that focus on safety and act as additional eyes and ears in your area. The goal is to deter threats and prevent problems before they happen.

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