

StandWithUs

NORTHWEST



IMPACT REPORT 2025

FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND
SUPPORTING ISRAEL ACROSS THE NORTHWEST

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Message from Leadership



2025 was an incredibly challenging year for Israel and for the Jewish people worldwide.

The plight of the hostages, the war in Gaza, rising antisemitism, hate and misinformation online and in the media, and a myriad of issues in K-12 and on campus led us to sharpen our focus on where we could uniquely add value within our Jewish community ecosystem. This report will highlight some of the activities that you — our valued donors and partners — have enabled.

StandWithUs Northwest has taken a leading role working with parents and school administrators across the region, sensitizing them to Jewish community concerns such as bullying and harassment; bias and misinformation in the classroom; and student protests, including on October 7. Our professional legal team continues to respond to historically high numbers of incidents of bullying and discrimination nationwide, while our local legal committee/pro bono network steps in to provide guidance and support to victims of harassment, and discrimination across our region.

Am Yisrael Chai עם ישראל חי

Randy Kessler, Executive Director, Northwest Region
Alayne Sulkin, StandWithUs Northwest Board Chair

2025 Key Accomplishments

- **Organized and supported dozens of Seattle-area marches, walks, and community rallies** in support of Israel and the hostages
- **Directly engaged school district leaders, advising them of their legal obligations** to ensure fair treatment for Jewish and Israeli students while also offering professional development and other forms of support
- **Deepened local media engagement**, with coverage in the Seattle Times, The Cholut, KOMO, KING, KIRO, and Portland's KXL-FM
- **Launched an "Antisemitism in the Healthcare Workplace" event** for more than 70 people
- **Supported Jewish educators and fought anti-Israel initiatives** at the NEA Representative Assembly in Portland, OR
- **Continued onboarding local attorneys** to our pro-bono network to support the community
- **Launched continuing education training courses on antisemitism** for Washington State public educators
- **Lobbied City Councilmembers across the region to oppose BDS** and keep the Middle East conflict out of municipal politics
- **Inspired hundreds** of community members and student groups by bringing expert voices **Yardena Schwartz, Haviv Rettig Gur, Carly Gammill, and Gil Hoffman** to the region

The StandWithUs High School Department educates, inspires, and empowers high school leaders so that they can share the story of Israel and the Jewish people with their peers.

Our staff provides students with the education, resources, and support they need to grow as leaders within their communities. The program continues to grow, with 230 outstanding student leaders from the United States and Canada in 2025–26. With education, leadership training, and mentorship, Kenneth Leventhal Interns act as a network of grassroots educators on the ground. The Northwest region is currently supporting the largest cohort of interns to date, with six in Washington and four in Oregon. We reach over 100,000 students nationally and more than 1,800 students in the Northwest region annually through our dynamic educational programs.

Taking Meaningful Action

In the Lake Washington School District in 2024, Jewish and Israeli students faced persistent bullying because of their

identity. In response, StandWithUs worked with parents and filed a Title VI complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, which launched an investigation in March 2025. In addition, Kenneth Leventhal Intern Addison Goldberg took decisive action by organizing a "Know Your Rights" presentation for Jewish parents in the community. Addison invited Carly Gammill, Director of Legal Policy at StandWithUs, to lead a comprehensive session equipping parents with vital tools to advocate for their children's safety and civil rights. The event offered timely, critical support to the parents and represented a meaningful step toward community education, empowerment, and action.

This year, our interns are hitting the ground running. One of them has already arranged a meeting with her school district superintendent and written an op-ed piece that was published in a local newspaper. We look forward to sharing more with you as the year progresses.



Hannah Abrams

StandWithUs Campus Corner

The StandWithUs Campus Department empowers student leaders to proudly bring Israel to their campuses, address and correct misinformation about Israel, and to effectively stand up to antisemitism.

While the anti-Israel encampments of Spring 2024 did not resurface in 2025, Jewish and Israeli students and faculty on campus still faced organized demonstrations and pressure campaigns from radical anti-Israel student groups, as well as from peers. Despite these pressure campaigns, no major university has agreed to join the BDS campaign against Israel.

In the Pacific Northwest, we have exceptional Emerson Fellows at the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Lewis & Clark College, and the University of Oregon. Students work with



PNW Emerson Fellows at the StandWithUs Training Conference in LA, August 2025

local Hillels, Chabads, and community groups to plan impactful events and share the story of Israel and the Jewish people on campus.

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Northwest – Around the Region



In July 2025, StandWithUs Northwest and the American Jewish Medical Association (AJMA) hosted “Antisemitism in the Healthcare Workplace,” an event specifically designed for healthcare professionals. Attendees from different specialties and institutions learned how antisemitism in healthcare is showing up locally and nationally and found out how to access people and professional development tools to make a difference locally. We helped to launch an inaugural chapter of the AJMA in Seattle which is open to physicians, allied health personnel, mental health workers, students, residents, and fellows.

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Dear StandWithUs,

The Jewish community of Corvallis owes you big-time. Not only did you alert us to the so-called “Ethical Investment” (really BDS) resolution being put forward at our city council, but you testified in opposition to it on October 20th. As you know, it was voted down that night, 6-3.

Your testimony was so clear about the issues at stake, the true nature of the BDS movement, and the fact that the mainstream Jewish community does not support sanctions against Israel. I am sure that your comments swayed a couple of councilors who were on the fence and educated all of them against future such efforts.

*Kol hakavod,
A supporter in Corvallis, Oregon*

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