



JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# HOLOCAUST CENTER



## Educating for a World Free of Hate

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### Our Work



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# ANTISEMITISM

## How to Identify It and What to Do

*The best way to counter antisemitism is to recognize and respond to it.*

### RECOGNIZE

**Antisemitic behaviors** can be intentional or unintentional actions involving stereotyping, imagery, and language.

**Antisemitic incidents** include vandalism, harassment or assault against a person or property where either:

- circumstances indicate an anti-Jewish motivation or
- a reasonable person could plausibly conclude they were being targeted due to their Jewish identity.



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**RESPOND** *Scan the QR code or enter the URL for support to develop your response to antisemitic behaviors and incidents.*



#### 1 Report

Report incidents to the ADL: [www.adl.org/report](http://www.adl.org/report). Receive prompt guidance on documenting and investigating the nature and impact of antisemitic incidents and behaviors.

#### 2 Outreach & Communication

Seek guidance for communicating about the incident to the school, district, and/or broader community.

#### 3 School Community Programming

Convene town halls, panels, assemblies, or other programming in collaboration with the school community and partner organizations to educate and unify the school and wider community.

#### 4 Educator Resources & Professional Learning

Provide curricular resources, classroom instruction, professional learning, and speaker presentations to educate and counter antisemitism and other prejudices and stereotypes.

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