

Tools for Understanding and Coping with Antisemitism

Online Resources

- [The Anti-Defamation League](#) was created after the lynching of Leo Frank, a Jewish man accused of murder in 1915; today, the ADL fights hate in all manifestations
 - ♦ [ADL's Antisemitism Uncovered Toolkit](#)
 - ♦ [ADL's Antisemitism Uncovered: A Guide to Old Myths in a New Era](#)
- [Facing History and Ourselves](#) is an article on how antisemitism rises on the left and right
- [Holocaust Encyclopedia: Protocols of the Elders of Zion](#) sketches the history and impact of the Protocols throughout the twentieth century
- [Holocaust Encyclopedia: Antisemitism](#) provides background on antisemitism in Germany, with a focus on the development of anti-Jewish thought in the late 1800s, as well as other time periods
- [Jewish On Campus](#) (Instagram: [@JewishOnCampus](#)) was created to amplify Jewish students' experiences with antisemitism and be a place for students to report incidents
- [Pride & Prejudice: Educational Resources](#) from the Jewish Ed Project
- [Shine A Light On Antisemitism](#) was conceived and created by Leah Goldman and is an 8-day, self-guided, online deep-dive into understanding antisemitism through various media
- [StopAntisemitism.org](#) is a repository of incidents, many of which aren't covered by mainstream media

Podcasts

- [Jewish History Matters](#) with Jason Lustig
- [Stories We Tell](#) (Union For Reform Judaism)
- [Unorthodox](#) (Tablet Magazine)

Film and Video

- [#AnneFrank Parallel Stories](#) (Netflix)
- [The Devil Next Door](#) (Netflix)
- [@Eva.Stories](#) (Instagram)
 - ♦ What if a teenage girl in Nazi-occupied Hungary had access to a smartphone?
- [How Cartoons Brainwashed Us](#) (YouTube)

Books

Jews Don't Count (David Baddiel, 2021)

Comedian and writer David Baddiel argues that those who think of themselves as on the right side of history have often ignored the history of anti-Semitism.

Jewish Pride: Rebuilding a People (Ben M. Freeman, 2021)

Born in Scotland, Ben M. Freeman, who is proudly gay and Jewish, has gained notoriety for his salient points about what being a progressive Jew in the 21st century can mean on college campuses, in the workplace, or on the streets of New York.

It Could Happen Here (Jonathan Greenblatt, 2022)

Insights from the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), who was previously a successful entrepreneur and served in the White House as Special Assistant to President Obama and Director of the Office of Social Innovation.

People Love Dead Jews: Reports From A Haunted Present (Dara Horn, 2021)

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award, Kirkus Prize finalist, and the New York Times Best Books of 2021, Horn “challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present.”

Antisemitism: Here And Now (Deborah Lipstadt, 2010)

The current Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism for the Biden Administration explores antisemitism from extremists to “dinner party” and “clueless” antisemites who have internalized anti-semitism that they exhibit through jokes, comments, or political actions.

Denial: Holocaust History on Trial (Deborah Lipstadt, 2016)

A blow-by-blow account of the legal battle that came out of Lipstadt's previous book, which called World War II author David Irving “one of the most dangerous spokespersons for Holocaust denial.”

Night (Elie Wiesel, 1956)

First published in Yiddish in 1955, Wiesel recounts the dizzying shift from everyday life as a Jewish boy in Hungary to his imprisonment in Auschwitz and what survival necessitated. This book has been used for decades in classrooms worldwide—and has been banned repeatedly for its realistic depiction of death camps and inhumanity, including violence. Ultimately, Wiesel reveals why he must tell his painful story for the world to hear.

In addition to these antisemitism-related publications, it is important to remember that Jewish stories of joy and holiday celebrations should also be shared, as should our stories of love, friendship, family, and life as members of the human race. Those are Jewish stories, too.

Recommendations for Teens

We need to see stories of conversion, LGBTQIA+ Jews, disabled Jews, interfaith Jewish families, Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews, Jews of Color, and Jews from all branches of Judaism. These links provide recommendations about Jewish plurality and diversity for young adults:

- [Eleven YA Novels Featuring Jewish Protagonists](#) (Hey Alma, 2020)
- [YA Novels Featuring Jewish Protagonists](#) (EpicReads, 2021)

There is abundant YA Jewish and Holocaust literature (non-fiction/historical fiction). In addition to your local library, please visit the [Jewish Book Council](#).

Guide

- [Transcending Jewish Trauma \(PDF\)](#)