

Jewish American Heritage Month Resources



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By Congressional resolution and Presidential proclamation in 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month is commemorated in May and is a national month of recognition of the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievement of the Jewish community in the U.S.

Below is a list of K-12 educational and family resources to bring Jewish American Heritage Month to schools, communities and homes.

Children's Books

Children's literature is a great way to open doors to conversations about Jewish people, history and culture as well as Jewish people's struggle against hate and antisemitism.

Books about Jewish Culture and Anti-Semitism

Books about Judaism

Books about Genocide and Holocaust Resources for Educators

LESSON PLAN

Survival to Service: Examining Lives of Hidden Children of the Holocaust

MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

Based on the life of a hidden child of the Holocaust, middle and high school students learn about individual stories of loss, survival and rescue to raise awareness about the Holocaust and taking action to combat bias and hate.



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Children of the Holocaust: A Discussion Guide

This discussion guide recounts the war-time experiences of three child survivors to help high school students understand the Holocaust and how it affected the children. These survivors speak for their friends and siblings—the one-and-a-half million children who were murdered during the Holocaust.



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Challenging Antisemitism: Debunking the Myths and Responding with Facts

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

This multi-grade curriculum unit provides students with a basic understanding of Judaism and the cultural, historical and religious aspects of the U.S. Jewish community and ways to effectively respond to antisemitic incidents.





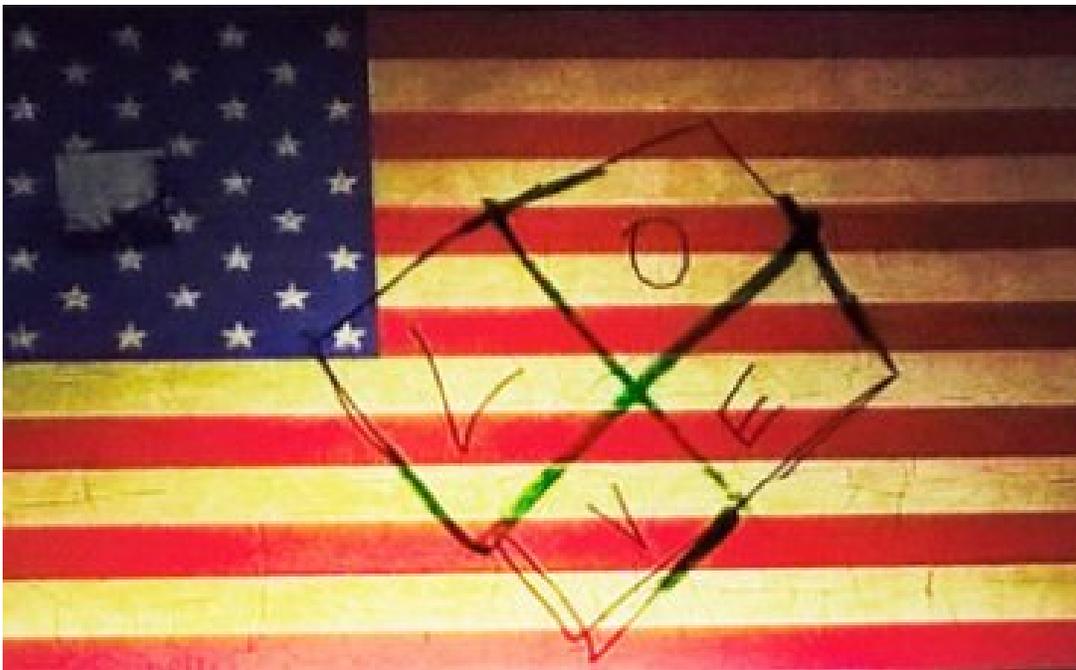
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Antisemitic Incidents: Being an Ally, Advocate and Activist

MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

The surge of antisemitic incidents in the United States is alarming to many. Middle and high school students examine incidents and explore ways to be an ally and how these actions, whether on a large or small scale, can make a difference.



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Antisemitism Around the World: Global 100

HIGH SCHOOL

Help high school students understand antisemitism by exploring antisemitic attitudes and stereotypes by people around the world using ADL's Global 100 website.



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On the Rise: Antisemitism in Europe

HIGH SCHOOL

With an alarming rise of antisemitism in Europe, help students understand and identify antisemitism and explore what can be done about it in Europe.





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BACKGROUNDERS

The People v. Leo Frank

The People v. Leo Frank, a 2009 film by Ben Loeterman Productions, vividly brings to life one of the most fascinating criminal cases in American history: the 1913 murder of a...

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The Resilience of Antisemitism: The Lies of The Protocols of The Elders of Zion

HIGH SCHOOL

This three-part high school curricular unit has been prepared as a companion to Will Eisner's *The Plot*. It aims to increase student understanding of the history of antisemitism and the destructive influence of antisemitic stereotypes over time and throughout the world.





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Swastikas and Other Hate Symbols

HIGH SCHOOL

High school students consider the significance of symbols in our society and explore what can be done about the prevalence of hate symbols.



Education Programs and Resources

Holocaust Education

Holocaust education programs provide education and resources to help educators and students study the history of the Holocaust.

Words to Action

Words to Action programs empower middle, high school and college students to effectively respond to anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias.

ADL Education's Antisemitism Programs, Trainings and Resources

Learn more about Binah - Building Insights to Navigate Antisemitism and Hate, the new interactive online course and Echoes & Reflections, a holocaust education program for teachers.

Resources for Families

TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

Antisemitism Today

This family discussion guide shares current information about the state of antisemitism in the U.S. today. *(Ages 12 and up)*



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Hate Symbols

We see symbols every day in all aspects of our lives. Lately, a proliferation of hate symbols is increasing concern. Use this discussion guide to engage youth in conversations about swastikas and other hate symbols. *(Ages 13 and up)*



TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

Shooting at a Pittsburgh Synagogue

Tips and strategies for parent and family roundtable discussion with youth about the deadly shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, antisemitism and hate.

(Ages 12 and up)



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BLOG

Discussing Anti-Semitism: A Guide for Reflection and Conversation

In 2019, ADL recorded 2,107 antisemitic incidents across the U.S., the highest number in the forty years that ADL has tracked such incidents. The record number of incidents came as the Jewish community grappled with vicious antisemitic attacks against communities in Poway, Jersey City and Monsey, and a spree of violent assaults in Brooklyn..

