



**Jewish Community
Relations Council**
of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Washington State Toolkit to Improve Jewish Safety and Belonging in Schools





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The [Jewish Community Relations Council \(JCRC\)](#) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle is a network of 36 Jewish organizations in Puget Sound. The JCRC advocates for and supports our local Jewish community and is a connector to local resources and support.

Here are four things you can do to create safe and inclusive spaces for Jewish students in your school community:

1. Strengthen safety through policy and institutional accountability.
2. Educate and train staff on Jewish identity and recognizing anti-Jewish harm.
3. Foster belonging and Jewish joy by celebrating Jewish heritage in calendaring and curriculum.
4. Create an environment for expression where Jewish students and staff feel safe, valued, and connected. Provide opportunities for civil discourse.

This document showcases best practices and offerings for educators, schools, and districts from local Jewish communal organizations dedicated to supporting the needs of K-12 students. The resources have been categorized by organization and by type of resource. **Please utilize the Key below to better understand how each resource may support your needs.**

Distribute this guide to your directors of teaching and learning, curriculum committees, and directly to your school leadership teams.

Resource Key

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| ● Elementary School
Age appropriate curriculum | ● School Guidance Counselor
Resources | ● Facilitated Program |
| ● Middle School
Age appropriate curriculum | ● School Leadership
Resources | ● Articles and Reading
Resources |
| ● High School
Age appropriate curriculum | | ● Professional Clock
Hours Provided |





Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Pacific Northwest's mission is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. We work in partnership with schools, organizations and communities to design and deliver anti-bias education, both online and in person.

No Place for Hate® ●●

This initiative is a free student-led initiative for K-12 schools committed to improving school climate. Participating schools sign a No Place for Hate pledge, form a Student Committee, and commit to student-wide activities to promote respect and inclusion. After participation throughout the school year, ADL designates a school as “No Place for Hate.” [Learn more and register here.](#)

Words to Action® ●●

An interactive education program designed to help Jewish young people, college students, and adult audiences examine their identities and be equipped with constructive and effective responses to combat antisemitism in their lives, including recognizing the implications of antisemitism on oneself and community, responding to stereotypes, processing internalized antisemitism, and situating antisemitism inside a broader matrix of oppression. Words to Action can be offered virtually or in-person throughout the Pacific Northwest.

ADL Resources to Address Antisemitism in the K-12 Schools:

[Landing page of ADL Education](#) (Programs, Online Learning, Classroom Resources, Family Resources)

- [A Guide for Responding to School-Based Bias Incidents](#) ●●●●●
- [Antisemitic Incidents: Being an Ally, Advocate, and Activist Lesson Plan for Middle and High School](#) ●●
- [6 Tips for Supporting Jewish Students in the Classroom](#) ●●●●●
- [10 Ways to Have Conscientious Conversations on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#)
- [Crisis, Controversy and Activism: Tips and Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) ●●●●●
- [Tips for Engaging and Disengaging on Social Media](#) ●●●●●
- [Lesson Plans and Toolkits](#) ●●●●●
- [Antisemitism Mini-Lesson for Educators](#) ●●●●●
- [Anti-Bias Mini Activities for Student Learning](#) ●●●●●
- [ADL Ora](#) ●●●●●

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Antisemitic Incident Reporting

Please report all incidents of antisemitism and bias to ADL via our incident reporting portal at adl.org/report-incident.

HOLOCAUST CENTER *for* HUMANITY

Educate. Inspire. Take Action.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity teaches the history of the Holocaust and other genocides, inspiring students of all ages to confront bigotry and indifference, promote human dignity, and take action. We work closely with countless school districts and schools, both public and private, providing free professional development and programs and resources designed to help students make meaning from history so as to, among other things, recognize and combat hatred in all its forms.

The following represents two timely, free professional development opportunities available to school districts and schools:

Antisemitism Today: Unraveling and Addressing Its Complexities ●●

Antisemitism is at its highest levels in this country, more than at any other time in recorded history. We believe the best way to combat antisemitism is through education. This highly engaging workshop helps educators AND students become grounded in the history of antisemitism – including the Holocaust – up to and including its myriad contemporary manifestations. Participants will also gain tools both to recognize and confront antisemitism. Runtime 60-90 minutes

Navigating Critical Conversations and Tough Topics ●●

The polarized nature of our current society can make educators hesitant about bringing potentially controversial issues into the classroom. We fundamentally believe that this is a time not to avoid those topics and conversations, but to lean into them, to model in our classrooms what a healthy democracy looks, sounds, and feels like. Teachers equipped with clear goals, academic resources, and discussion strategies that foster civil discourse can turn their classrooms into model democracies. Centering around [Facing History and Ourselves](#) resources, we will model how to build a reflective and honest classroom that is rooted in identity and belonging, we will examine critical histories and their enduring legacies, and we will practice strategies to design and hold these spaces for students and community members. Runtime 60-90 minutes.

Additional free professional development offerings may be found [here](#). Upcoming events can be found [here](#).

Holocaust Center for Humanity K-12 Resources

- [Resources for School Districts - Holocaust Center for Humanity](#) ●●●●
- [Lesson plans and best practices for teaching about the Holocaust, genocide and antisemitism](#) ●●●●
- [Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#) (Institute for Curriculum Services) ●●
- [Navigating Misinformation about the Israel-Hamas War](#) (News Literacy Project) ●●●●
- [Teaching Current Events: Educator Guide](#) (Facing History & Ourselves) ●●●●
- [Navigating Critical Conversations Guidance](#) (Facing History & Ourselves) ●●●●

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American Jewish Committee (AJC) is the global advocacy organization for the Jewish people. From world capitals to college campuses, AJC works with leaders across society to stand up for Israel; confront antisemitism, no matter the source; and uphold the democratic values that unite us.

[Translate Hate Glossary](#) ●●

This glossary offers definitions, background information, and education on antisemitic terminology – what makes a term or phrase problematic, and the history of it. It is best utilized in educational settings or when meeting with community or elected leaders to discuss a specific incident that involves one or more of the terms in the glossary.

[AJC Campus Library \(Resources for Students\)](#) ●●

This online library of resources includes resources for students and parents in both grade school and college.

[Guides for America](#) ●●

This page includes guides on countering antisemitism for different parts of society.

[AJC's Combating Antisemitism Playbook](#) ●●

This resource provides a strategic guide for educational institutions to understand, respond to, and prevent antisemitism within the education sector.

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StandWithUs

StandWithUs is a nonpartisan educational and advocacy organization with a mission to support Israel through education and to fight antisemitism. We do this through a mix of on-the-ground engagement and support, educational programs and booklets, legal actions, student leadership development programs, and social media.

Support and Guidance for Parents and Students ●●

We offer comprehensive, local support to parents and students when antisemitism takes place. This includes educating parents on school policies and procedures, providing support in working with school officials, and bringing in the StandWithUs Saidoff Law team for guidance and/or escalation.

Bring Education on Israel and the Jewish People to Your School ●●●●

StandWithUs Northwest can bring professional speakers and educators to speak with any audience, helping them understand the experience of the Jewish and Israeli people and offering strategies to assist. Reach out to our local office for consultation and scheduling.

Booklets, Fact Sheets, Reports ●●●●

These resources cover a wide range of topics related to the Jewish people, Israel, and antisemitism. They are available for free download and are also offered in print format.

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The Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) is a nonprofit organization that enriches K-12 education by ensuring accurate, high-quality classroom materials and teaching about Religious Literacy and Jewish history. We offer free, live virtual workshops for educators, held monthly and led by ICS educators, covering topics from Environmental Cooperation, Exploring Strategies for Analyzing Primary Sources, and Jewish Immigration to the history of European antisemitism, each paired with ready-to-use, standard aligned, primary-source classroom resources. In Washington, this approach echoes the primary-source, community-voice framework many educators already know from Since Time Immemorial, offering another lens for exploring identity and history in the classroom.

[Curriculum offerings](#)

[Learn more or register for a session](#)

To schedule a session directly, contact Sam Sugar, ICS's Oregon and Washington Education Specialist at sam@icsresources.org

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Kol Chadash promotes inclusion and visibility for Jewish people in civic life and provides practical help to individuals, families and neighbors in the wake of antisemitism, bias or other harms. We provide campaign materials for cultural inclusion, as well as provide support and peer advocacy for individuals and their families who have experienced overt antisemitism or are navigating less obvious bias at school, at work, or in the community. Kol Chadash is a project of [Kol HaNeshamah](#).

Inclusion Materials

- [We Say No To Antisemitism](#) poster
- [If Not Now](#) poster
- Order (free) Helping Hamsa coloring books and posters for your school, club, workplace or community group by emailing programcoordinator@khnseattle.org.

Advocacy & Support

Seeking help to talk with a teacher, another parent, employer, or other practical support? Have you experienced a hate or bias crime and need support to process what you experienced and heal? Kol Chadash staff are trained crime victim advocates and have experience helping people rebuild community connection after a bias incident.

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National Best Practice Resources

[Project Shema Campus Resources](#) ●●●

These resources help K–12 administrators address anti-Jewish bigotry. By unpacking harmful narratives—especially in mainstream and Israel–Palestine discourse—they aim to protect all students so they can focus on what matters most: their education.

[Weitzman Museum of American Jewish History](#) ●●●●

Curricula and professional development with lessons about Jewish Americans and history that fit into existing curriculum and standards.

[Stories That Shaped a Nation: Jewish Lives in America](#) ●●●

A ready-to-use curriculum from the Weitzman Museum exploring Jewish American history, values, identity, and belonging.

[Antisemitism Checklist for Pre-K- through Higher-Education](#) ●●●●●●

checklist developed by NEA's Jewish Caucus to screen for an anti-Jewish bias in incidents

[UNESCO | Addressing- Antisemitism in Schools: Training Curriculum for Primary Education Teachers](#) ●

An A-to-Z teachers guide for addressing antisemitism in primary education.

[PBS Teachers Lounge | 10 Tips for Teaching About the Holocaust](#) ●●●

Organized and actionable guide for teaching about the Holocaust regardless of experience level.

[Echoes and Reflections | Gringlas Unit on Contemporary Antisemitism](#) ●●●

Lesson plan for anyone looking to teach teens or adults about antisemitism in the post Holocaust era.

[Dear Colleague Letter](#) ●●

From the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) regarding protecting students from discrimination with shared ancestry or ethnicity