

**Antisemitism** has a long history, spanning many centuries, and has resulted in significant persecution and discrimination against Jewish communities around the world. It has often been fueled by religious, economic, social, or political factors, leading to harmful consequences for Jewish individuals and communities.

**The Anti-Defamation League** has extensive, additional resources on its website about antisemitism, how they fight it, and how to take action. (<http://www.adl.org>)



**Temple B'nai Chaim** also has a list of online resources available on its website.

**Scan this QR Code or use the link below:**



<https://templebnaichaim.org/antisemitism-and-hate-crimes>

***In ALL cases of antisemitic, bias-related, or discriminatory incidents:***

- **Report** the incident to your Cantor, Rabbi, or other religious leader.
- **Report** the incident to the ADL. The ADL tracks, documents, and responds to antisemitic acts and other forms of hate across the country. Use the QR code below to let them know what happened.

**To report an incident, just scan this QR Code or follow the link address to retrieve the ADL form:**



<https://www.adl.org/report-incident>

This brochure was created by Temple B'nai Chaim to empower its congregants and others to identify and report antisemitic acts they may observe or encounter.

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**CONFRONTING  
ANTISEMITIC ACTS**



***"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."  
- Eli Wiesel***

## WHAT IS ANTISEMITISM?

A formal definition has been developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) that has been adopted by many countries, including the U.S. It reads in part

*Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred. Manifestations of antisemitism may be directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.*



Antisemitism can involve

- **prejudice, discrimination, or hostility** towards **Jewish people** based on their religion, ethnicity, or heritage
- holding **negative beliefs, stereotypes, or biases** about Jews
- **verbal insults, social exclusion, physical attacks, or even genocide.**

## WHAT ARE ANTISEMITIC ACTS?

### The kinds of antisemitic acts we might encounter:

- **Hate speech** Name calling, abusive language, expressions of hatred or contempt.
- **Harassment** Persistent actions intending to alarm, annoy, or intimidate verbally.
- **Vandalism** Deliberate destruction or damage to public or private property.
- **Discrimination** Unjust or prejudicial treatment of people because of their religion, ethnicity, or heritage.
- **Bullying** An act that causes physical or emotional harm to an individual, placing the individual in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm; or infringing on the rights or opportunities of an individual at school.
- **Assault/Battery** Threatening to do physical harm or intentionally harming another person.

## HOW TO DEAL WITH ANTISEMITIC ACTS

### If the event is an isolated incident of hate speech (protected under the 1st Amendment):

1. **If safe, Engage** with the speaker in real time. Ask questions, explain why the speech is hurtful.
2. **Report** it to parents, teacher, guidance counselor, HR department, store manager, etc.
3. **Report** it to the Cantor, Rabbi or other religious leader.
4. **Report** it to the ADL.

### If the event is more than an isolated incident of hate speech:

- **If you are fearful for your safety, call 911 immediately!**
- **Document** the incident and preserve any evidence. If you must touch or move documents or items for any reason you should wear gloves, minimize contact with the items, and wait for the police to respond.
- **Report** it to the ADL **ASAP** and to others as indicated above.