

HATE STiNKS

Why It Matters

Understanding the impact of the HATE STiNKS initiative in the fight against antisemitism and all forms of hatred.

WHY NOW

The educational initiative HATE STiNKS represents an essential intervention in these times of war and violence in the Middle East — periods when fear and division often ripple into our own communities, fueling the spread of hatred. In such moments, silence is not an option. HATE STiNKS provides the tools needed to dismantle prejudice before it takes root. By teaching students to recognize and reject hatred, we empower them to become empathetic citizens who protect the safety and dignity of all.

HATE STiNKS is designed to help young people better understand antisemitism. This is an essential step — not only for Jewish people, but for every member of society. Here's why:

7 REASONS TO ACT

1

It teaches respect and inclusion

By learning what antisemitism is, young people discover the importance of respecting those who are different from them. This helps build a society where everyone feels included and valued, regardless of their religion, background, or culture.

EXAMPLE *If you understand why antisemitism is unacceptable, you'll more easily understand why other forms of prejudice, like racism or Islamophobia, are unacceptable too.*

2

It helps prevent hatred and discrimination

Antisemitism is one of the oldest forms of hatred, and it is not the only one. By educating young people about it, we help them recognize and reject all types of prejudice.

EXAMPLE *If someone learns to identify harmful stereotypes used against Jews, they will be better equipped to spot stereotypes aimed at other groups as well.*

3

It builds empathy and understanding

Discovering the history and lived experience of Jewish people helps young people develop empathy. Empathy means being able to understand and share the feelings of others. An empathetic young person will know how to put themselves in someone else's shoes and stand up for those who are treated unjustly.

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It strengthens our communities

Through this education, young people become allies — people who support and defend others. This makes our communities stronger and safer for everyone.

EXAMPLE *If a Jewish student feels supported by their classmates, they will feel happier and safer at school. This creates a positive climate for all students.*

5

It sharpens critical thinking

Learning about antisemitism helps young people critically analyze the information they see and hear. They learn to question stereotypes, lies, and disinformation — a crucial skill in today's world.

EXAMPLE *If a false rumor circulates about Jewish people, a well-informed young person will know to question it and seek the truth.*

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It can prevent future tragedies

Antisemitism has caused immense suffering throughout history, and it is once again gaining ground around the world. By educating young people, we ensure they understand the dangers of hatred so we can prevent it from spreading again — whether against Jews or any other group.

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It builds a more just society

By learning about antisemitism, young people take part in a broader movement to build a fair society. Fighting antisemitism means fighting for equality and human rights for all. **This strengthens our democracy.**

**Together, let's teach young people to recognize hatred
before it takes hold .**

HATE STINKS — for stronger, fairer, and safer communities.