

Antisemitism in 2022

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WHY ANTISEMITISM?

THE WORLD'S OLDEST HATRED, TODAY.

IHRA DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

KEY STATISTICS

90% OF AMERICAN JEWS BELIEVE ANTISEMITISM IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM OR SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM (2021)

60% OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC BELIEVES THAT ANTISEMITISM IS EITHER A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM OR SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM (2021)

OLDER AMERICANS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SAY ANTISEMITISM IS A PROBLEM - 70% OF THOSE 65+ AS OPPOSED TO 52% OF THOSE AGES 18-35 (2021)

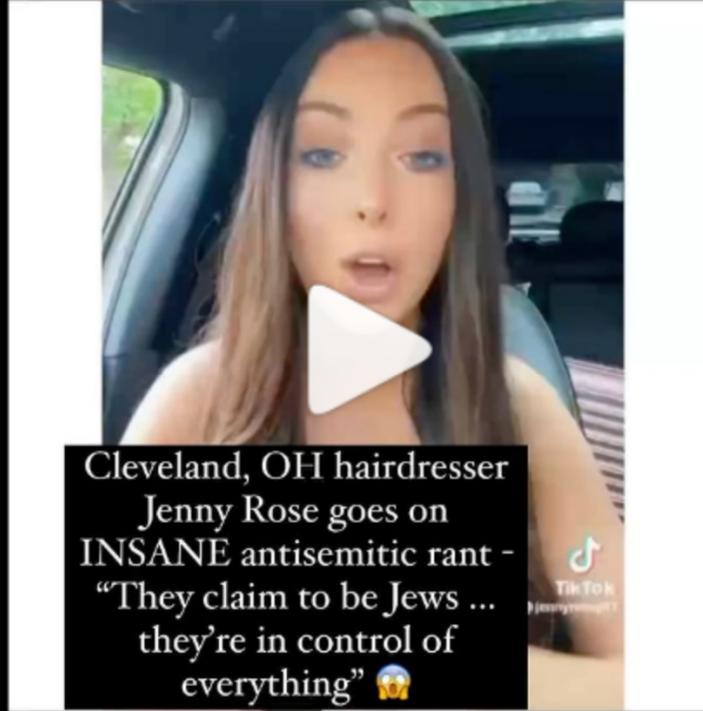
1 IN EVERY 4 AMERICAN JEWS WAS A VICTIM OF ANTISEMITISM FROM 2020-2021.

THE ADL'S MOST RECENT AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES RECORDED MORE THAN 2100 ACTS OF ASSAULT, VANDALISM, AND HARASSMENT.



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FINDINGS

ON ISRAEL

I don't like that as soon as someone hears that I'm Jewish, they automatically bring up Israel. They're not one and the same, but they're not fully separate either. – Arielle, Jewish Instagrammer from CT

ON THE HOLOCAUST

I get confused about other people's sensitivities regarding Holocaust imagery. When people said you can't call the detention facilities on the southern border a concentration camp, well, why not? If that's what it's going to take to get my parents to listen to what's going on, why not? I think that's a fine way to use our history. – Mara, SUNY

ON JEWISH CHOICES

Every time I see antisemitic on social media, I feel like I have to make a choice. Am I going to comment back and get into a whole spam war over it? Or should I just let it go and keep scrolling and not engage? – Elana, MD high schooler

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FINDINGS

ON PHYSICAL SAFETY

Since the shooting at Tree of Life, we keep our voices down more when we talk about being Jewish in public. Be respectful of others. We are who we are, but we don't claim it as much. – Abbi, NY-based mother of Gen Z-ers

ON SOCIAL MEDIA

I posted a video about making gefilte fish on TikTok and people responded with Free Palestine. And then they said they wished Hitler had killed both sides of my family [the Jewish and the Romani] in the Holocaust. – Elisheva, Jewish/Roma Instagrammer in OH

ON IDENTITY

My optimism has been informed by my Jewish values, the things that I was taught, and the idea that we're on an upward trajectory toward making the world a more whole place. – Mara, SUNY Binghamton

ON PARENTING GEN Z

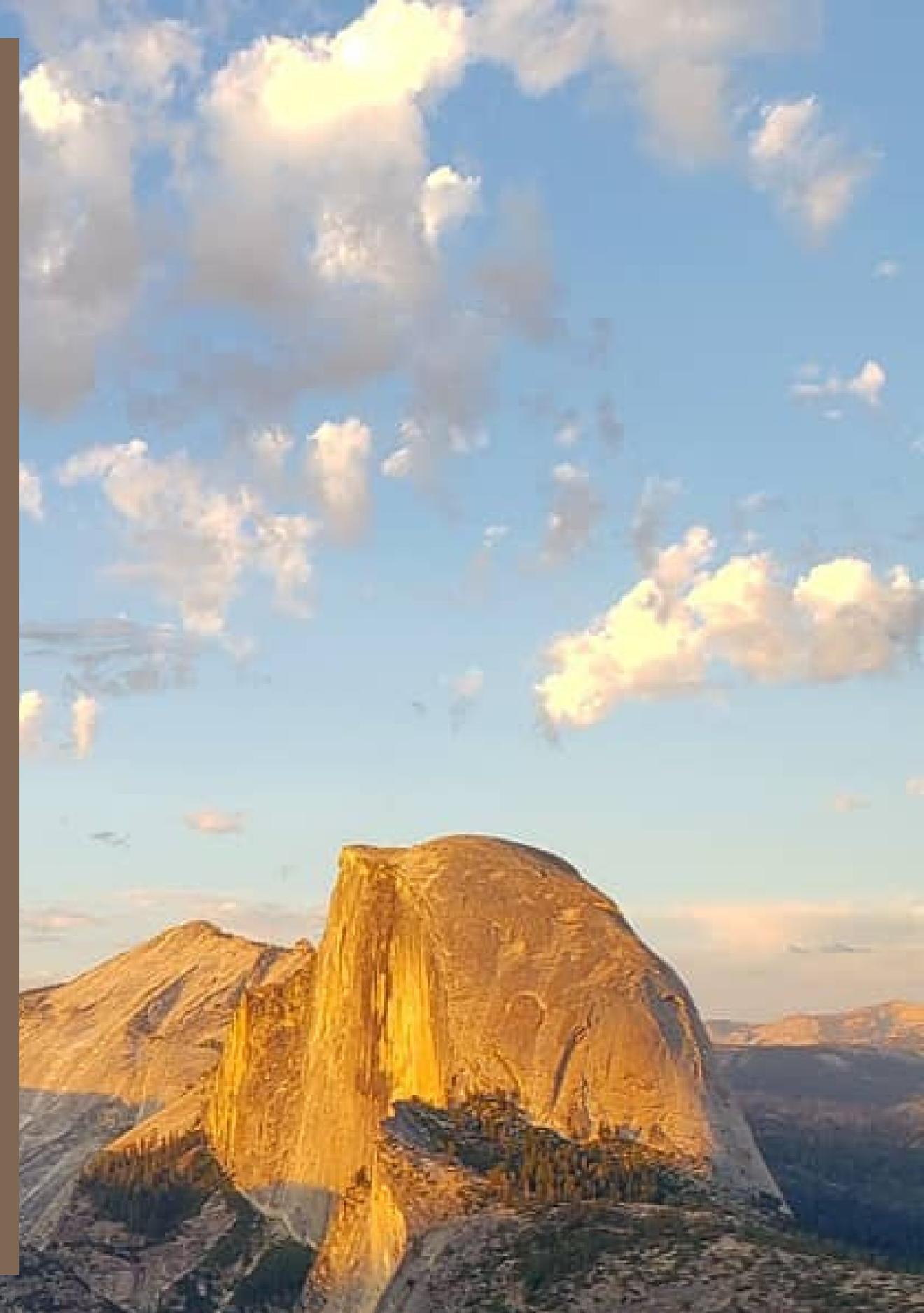
SUCCESS WOULD BE IF MY KIDS SEE JUDAISM AS AN OBLIGATION BUT NOT A BURDEN IN THEIR LIVES. I SEE COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WILL SAY THEY'RE ONLY JEWISH INSIDE THEIR HOMES AND IN THESE LITTLE BUBBLES. BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO PUT UP SIGNS ADVERTISING HILLEL EVENTS OR SHOW THEIR JUDAISM OUTSIDE OF THOSE LIMITED SPACES. I WANT MY KIDS TO BE COMFORTABLE BEING JEWISH WHEREVER THEY ARE. - NICKI, HILLEL PROFESSIONAL + GEN Z MOM, NC

ON THE JEWISH FUTURE

WE'RE A DAMN FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH. - ZEKE, MD HIGH SCHOOLER

BREAKOUT ROOMS

Pick 1-2 of the voices or issues raised and share with one another: how do you respond to this challenge? Where does it come up in your work, and where can it be incorporated?



I PROMISE
TO LOVE
BEING JEWISH
10X MORE
THAN ANYONE
HATES ME
FOR IT. 



@HENMAZZIG



WHAT DO WE DO?

FIGURE OUT + NAME YOUR NEEDS

SEEK OUT SUPPORT

FORTIFY THEM (AND YOURSELF)

CULTIVATE ALLYSHIP

EDUCATE THEM (AND YOURSELF)



NEXT STEPS
