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NATIONAL UPDATES

2020 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS



ADL'S AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

In 2020, antisemitic incidents remained at a historically high level across the U.S. with a total of 2,024 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism reported to ADL. Last year saw the third-highest number of reported incidents against American Jews since ADL started tracking the data in 1979.

Major New York Findings:

In 2020, ADL tracked **336 antisemitic incidents in New York, a 22 percent** decrease from 430 incidents in 2019. Of the total incidents reported in 2020:

- **Harassment:** There were 153 harassment incidents, down 3 percent from 157 incidents in 2019.
- **Vandalism:** There were 171 vandalism incidents, down 28 percent from 238 incidents in 2019. Swastikas were utilized in 138 of these instances.
- **Assault:** There were 12 documented antisemitic assaults, down 66 percent from 25 incidents in 2019. Eleven of these assaults took place in Brooklyn, while one was documented in Manhattan.

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Major New Jersey Findings:

In 2020, ADL documented a total of **295 antisemitic incidents across New Jersey**, a 14 percent decrease relative to 345 incidents recorded in 2019. In total, ADL recorded the following antisemitic incidents in New Jersey in 2020:

- **Harassment:** There were 188 documented incidents of harassment in 2020, an increase of 17 percent relative to 2019. Swastikas were used in 27 of these incidents.
- **Vandalism:** There were 105 documented incidents of vandalism in 2020, a 41 percent decrease relative to 2019. Swastikas were used in connection with 83 of these incidents.

- **Assault:** There were 2 documented antisemitic assaults, down from 5 in 2019.

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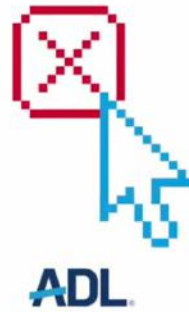
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AUDIT IN THE MEDIA:

- [Anti-Semitic incidents remain high in New Jersey despite the pandemic \(6ABC\).](#)
- [Video Shows Suspect Shatter Windows at Bronx Synagogue Following Series of Similar Attacks \(Newsweek\).](#)
- [Antisemitic incidents remain high during the coronavirus pandemic, report says \(NJ Star Ledger\).](#)
- [LATEST ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN NJ: 'ZOOM BOMBING' \(NJ 101.5\).](#)
- [27% Of NY's Antisemitic Incidents In 2020 Happened In BK: Data \(Patch\).](#)
- [ADL audit on anti-Semitism finds slight decline in incidents, online activity remains troubling \(Jewish News Syndicate\).](#)
- [ADL: Anti-Semitic incidents on S.I. nearly double; report details shocking surge in 'Zoombombing' \(SI Live\).](#)
- [Welcome to 'Zoombombing:' Antisemitic incidents at historic highs, despite COVID lockdown \(North Jersey\).](#)
- [Anti-Defamation League records surge of anti-Semitic incidents online amid pandemic \(WCBS 880\).](#)

REGIONAL DAY OF ACTION

THE REPAIR[™] PLAN



REPAIR PLAN: FIGHTING HATE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Online hate and extremism have increased dramatically in recent years, and the consequences have included violent attacks and serious harm. Online platforms often lack adequate policies to mitigate these challenges or fail to enforce their policies effectively.

ADL's REPAIR plan offers a comprehensive framework for platforms and policymakers to take meaningful action to decrease online hate and extremism. REPAIR addresses many manifestations of online hate, including online harassment, antisemitism, racism, extremist disinformation and domestic terrorism. There is no single fix to the problem, but REPAIR presents a clear path forward.

To push hate and extremism to the fringes of the digital world, we all must prioritize:

- R**egulation and reform
- E**nforcement at scale
- P**eople over profit
- A**ccess to justice
- I**nterrupting disinformation
- R**esearch and innovation

Join us in pushing back on hate in the digital world.

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TAKE ACTION

URGE NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS AND TARGETS OF ONLINE HATE AND HARASSMENT

Online hate ruins lives by stoking fear, silencing voices and causing harm to people's physical and professional safety. An ADL survey of Americans found that **41% of American adults surveyed reported experiencing online harassment** (including physical threats, sexual harassment, stalking and sustained harassment).

According to ADL's survey, **81% of adults support strengthening laws pertaining to cyberhate.**

Bill A4833/S3067 is one such measure that will strengthen and improve New Jersey's hate crimes framework and provide additional protections for victims of swatting and cyber-harassment.

Join ADL and call on your local lawmakers to support Bill A4833/S3067 and support victims and targets of online hate and harassment.

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COMBATING EXTREMISM IN NEW YORK & WESTCHESTER

Monday, April 12th

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET

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For more information or any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Hwang at jhwang@adl.org.



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in New York



Please join ADL NY/NJ's Westchester Interest Group and the Westchester Jewish Council in a panel discussion on today's climate of extremism following the January 6th attack on the Capitol. The conversation would include ADL's PROTECT plan to fight extremism and a discussion with policymakers from New York State and Westchester on how we can all play a role in countering extremists in our region.

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COMBATING EXTREMISM IN NEW YORK & WESTCHESTER WEBINAR

On April 12th, ADL NY/NJ's Westchester Interest Group and the Westchester Jewish Council held a panel discussion on today's climate of extremism and how policymakers from New York State and Westchester can play a role in countering extremism.

We were honored to have Joanna Mendelson, Associate Director of ADL'S Center on Extremism; Max Sevilla, Vice President of ADL for Government Relations, Advocacy, and Community Engagement; Reverend Doris Dalton, Chair of the Westchester Human Rights Commission; the Honorable Mimi Rocah, District Attorney of Westchester County; and Senator Pete Harckham, Senate District 40 of New York, join us and speak about tangible actions for responding to hate in our communities.

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EDUCATION

ANNOUNCING THE CYNTHIA MARKS STUDENT LEGACY AWARD

ADL New York/New Jersey is honored to share our region has renamed our *No Place for Hate Gold Star Student Award* the "**Cynthia Marks' Student Legacy Award**" in honor of the late Cynthia Marks, an exceptional ADL leader and advocate. The word legacy was thoughtfully selected to highlight the path Cynthia created, which continues to grow with every student touched by ADL programming.

This Award recognizes one student at the Elementary, Middle and High School level who has exhibited exceptional leadership in the effort to make their school No Place for Hate. The Award will be presented to selected students by ADL New York/New Jersey Impactors, who are former Peer Leaders and Peer Trainers that participated in our internship program.

We look forward to sharing the recipients of the **2021 Cynthia Marks' Student Legacy Award** in the coming weeks.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



TALKING WITH YOUTH: THE CHAUVIN VERDICT

On April 20th, a jury in Minnesota found Derek Chauvin guilty on all charges in George Floyd's murder in May 2020. And yet, no guilty verdict can change the fact that George Floyd -- and Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, and too many others -- should be alive today or that our country's policing and criminal legal systems have targeted and devalued Black, Brown and

Indigenous lives for centuries.

Teachers, parents, families, and others will want to talk with young people about the outcome of the trial and the larger issues around police violence, racial disparities in law enforcement and systemic racism. We've put together some resources to help you have these conversations with young people.

- [The Verdict is In: How to Talk with Young People about the Derek Chauvin Murder Trial Verdict](#)
- [George Floyd, Racism and Law Enforcement](#) (updated Table Talk family discussion guide)
- [Teaching about Racism, Violence, Inequity and the Criminal Justice System](#) (collection page of relevant resources)



CHALLENGING ANTI-ASIAN BIAS AND ACTING AS AN ALLY

Amidst the increase in anti-Asian rhetoric, bullying in schools, racist incidents, scapegoating and hate crimes impacting Asian and Asian American people, this is an important opportunity to have conversations with young people about the history of violence and injustice. In addition, this time also provides an opening to engage students in learning more about the history and background of the AAPI community and how to act as an ally when you see, witness or experience bias and injustice.

ADL has provided resources for students, schools, classrooms and families to help open these conversations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



The State of Hate in NY A Community Briefing on Antisemitic Incidents of 2020

May 4, 2021

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

ZOOM WEBINAR

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ADL, JCRC-NY, and CSI will discuss the key findings of ADL's 2020 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents as they relate to the New York metropolitan area, provide in-depth analysis of efforts to protect and secure our local community institutions, and highlight their joint initiatives for preventing and addressing these incidents.



THE STATE OF HATE IN NEW YORK: A COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON THE ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS OF 2020

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We will be joined by JCRC-NY and CSI in order to provide an in-depth analysis of efforts to protect and secure our local community institutions, and highlight joint initiatives for preventing and addressing these incidents.

For more information or questions, please contact Lindsey Sokol at lsokol@adl.org.

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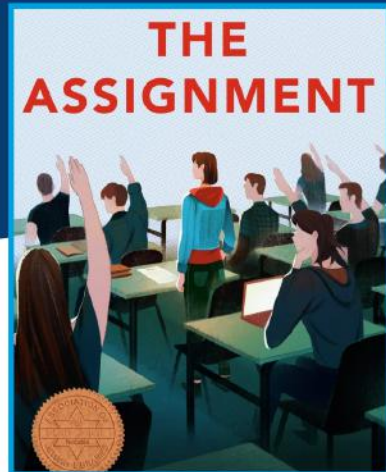
Wednesday, May 5th
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET



Beth Martinez
Education Director, ADL Albany



Liza Wiemer
Author, *The Assignment*



Please join ADL NY/NJ on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM EST for an exclusive conversation and Q&A with award-winning educator and author, Liza Wiemer.

Liza Wiemer will share a behind-the-scenes look into the making of the award-winning novel, *The Assignment*, which was inspired by a real assignment given in Oswego, NY in 2017 that Albany ADL, played an integral part in putting an end to. A work of fiction, its roots stem from extensive research, historical and modern-day material, providing a bridge between the past and the present.

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EVENING WITH AN AUTHOR: LIZA WIEMER

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ADL NY/NJ SPEAKS OUT



Social Media

- [ADL NY/NJ met with Rep. Grace Meng and staff to discuss allyship and ways to combat hate against both the AAPI & Jewish communities.](#)
- [ADL NY/NJ & ADL PA met with NJ Rep. Andy Kim to discuss ways to cooperate in protecting APPI and all communities from bias, hate and extremism.](#)
- [Regional Director Scott Richman's statement in response to the vandalism incident at Riverdale synagogue.](#)

Press

- [Deputy Regional Director Alexander Rosemberg was appointed to the New Jersey Israel Commission by Governor Murphy \(New Jersey Business\).](#)
 - [NPFH Wantagh Middle School students teach community there is no room for hate \(Long Island News\).](#)
 - [Synagogue vandal throws stones and breaks windows in the Bronx, again \(New York Post\).](#)
 - [Windows broken at four synagogues in Bronx Jewish neighborhood \(The Jerusalem Post\).](#)
 - [Port Washington police release images of 'person of interest' in swastika graffiti found on Sousa school \(Newsday\).](#)
 - [Senate OKs bill to fight hate crimes against Asian Americans \(New Jersey News 12\).](#)
 - [Man Who 'Terrorized' Suffolk County Charged With Hate Crimes: DA \(Patch\).](#)
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