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# **REGIONAL UPDATES**

#### ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING



ADL NY/NJ Leadership came together on May 6th for our **Annual Leadership Meeting**. "This is a time for action, not a time to lose hope. And I urge those that are already committed to the work of ADL to reach out to your families, friends and colleagues to join us in these efforts," said the ADL NY/NJ Regional Board Chair in his powerful address.

We proudly welcomed new Regional Board members and are grateful to the board members who dedicated their time to ADL's mission.

Regional Director Scott Richman moderated the conversation "Strengthening Allyship in Our Communities" alongside community partner panelists. They shared the importance of working together and being allies and how we've partnered to fight hate and bias. We are grateful to our partners and leaders who continue to show up in fighting hate.

We were proud to award an ADL advocate with the **2024 Sidney Wilf Distinguished Young Leadership Award**. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment in leading the next generation of young leaders at ADL. A special thank you to the Wilf family for their continued commitment to ensuring ADL's future is a bright one.

# **GLASS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATION**



Congratulations again to the 21 exceptional participants of our **2023-2024 Glass Leadership Institute** cohort who graduated during our Annual Leadership Meeting on Monday, May 6th.

# **NO PLACE FOR HATE BANNER CEREMONY**



On May 22nd, ADL NY/NJ's education team celebrated the achievement of over 600 students, educators, administrators, family members and community supporters at NYU Skirball Center for our annual **No Place for Hate Banner Ceremony**. This year, we were excited to designate **238 schools** as No Place for Hate, reaching nearly 200,000 students.

We were thrilled to welcome to the stage **NYC Public Schools Chancellor David C. Banks**. We appreciate his commitment to making the largest public school district in the nation a place free of bias, bullying and hate.

### **CELEBRATE ISRAEL DAY PARADE**



ADL NY/NJ hosted a delegation of staff and supporters to march up Fifth Avenue on June 2nd for the annual **Celebrate Israel Day Parade**, observing this year's theme of **One Nation, One Heart**. It was an incredible day of solidarity that started with Kenneth Jacobson giving an inspiring charge about why we needed to march this year.

#### **KIBBUTZ BE'ERI DELEGATION**

ADL NY/NJ hosted the **Kibbutz Be'eri delegation** on June 5th for an incredibly moving discussion and to hear first-hand testimony of their experience on October 7th and since. Attendees bore witness to these powerful stories and the incredible resilience of the members of the Kibbutz.

• Here is a link to their campaign to raise money for the Kibbutz.

#### THE OY AND THE JOY WEBINAR

ADL NY/NJ's Education Committee hosted a panel of experts for **"The Oy and the Joy" Addressing the Mental Health Impacts of Antisemitism for Parents webinar** on June 6th. It was an insightful discussion on the mental health consequences of experiencing antisemitism on children. Many thanks to our subject matter experts and the **Association of Jewish Psychologists** for joining us for this informative and moving session.

### ADL NY/NJ WORDS TO ACTION

ADL NY/NJ closed the 2023-2024 school year with **38 Words to Action (WTA)** programs implemented throughout the NY/NJ region. This year with the support of

UJA's grant, ADL NY/NJ was able to expand the program and its impact to students in the classroom.

To learn more or to bring WTA programming to your school, please reach out to Tara Silberg at <u>tsilberg@adl.org</u>.

# PARTNERS AGAINST HATE LUNCHEON



On Monday, June 10th, ADL NY/NJ held its annual Partners Against Hate Luncheon at Cipriani 42nd Street. Congratulations to Laurie M. Tisch, the 2024 Partner Against Hate Award recipient, and A. Ross Pearlson and Roy H. Tanzman, the recipients of the 2024 Edward Brodsky Award. We are so privileged to have partners like you advocating on behalf of ADL's work and mission.

As ADL's CEO and National Director, Jonathan Greenblatt, shared in his

opening remarks: "All of you are partners in this fight, to advocate, to educate, and reach more communities, more students, more leaders, and build more bridges of understanding because we know what starts with the Jews never ends with the Jews. ADL has always fought all forms of hate because we believe, not just in our rights and freedoms in this country, but in the rights and freedoms of all people."

This sentiment was also echoed by our inspiring keynote speaker, **Senator Cory Booker**. Thank you, Senator Booker, for joining us in the fight against antisemitism and all forms of hate.

# **ADL UPDATES & RESOURCES**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT ON ANTISEMITISM WORLDWIDE FOR 2023**

The **Annual Antisemitism Worldwide Report**, published by Tel Aviv University (TAU) and ADL, reveals that 2023 saw an increase of dozens of percentage points in the number of antisemitic incidents in Western countries in comparison to 2022. A particularly steep increase was recorded following the October 7 attacks, but the first nine months of 2023, before the war started, also witnessed a relative increase in the number of incidents in most countries with large Jewish minorities, including the United States, France, the UK, Australia, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico.

• Read the full report here.

#### JLENS AMAZON PRESS RELEASE

ADL applauds the decision by Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a leading independent proxy advisory firm, to recommend investors vote against an anti-Israel shareholder proposal in Amazon's 2024 proxy statement.

Titled **"Customer Due Diligence," Shareholder Proposal 6** seeks to end the company's involvement in Project Nimbus—a \$1.2 billion cloud computing agreement with the Israeli government. This threatens to unjustly deprive Israel's essential social services and the Israel Defense Forces of crucial technologies.

<u>Access the full report here.</u>

### CAMPUS ANTISEMITISM REPORT CARD UPDATE

Given the extreme volatility of the current campus climate, ADL announced on June 18 revised grades for some of the 85 schools assessed in the **Campus Antisemitism Report Card**, an initiative released in a beta version in April that assesses each of those schools' campus climates and administrative policies related to countering antisemitism.

"When we released these grades last month, we did not dare to imagine how much more challenging this school year would get for Jewish students," said **ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt**. "The incidents of recent weeks connected to the encampments and other on-campus protests are putting students' safety at risk and even prompting some schools to cancel graduation. It is completely unacceptable that some university leaders have let the situation get this out of hand."

ADL will continue to closely monitor college campuses over the summer.

• Access the full report here.

# **ONLINE HATE AND HARASSMENT SURVEY**

Severe online hate and harassment increased four points across the board in the past year, which was dominated by an unprecedented surge in antisemitism online and offline in the wake of Hamas' brutal attack on Israel on October 7. Decreases in platform enforcement and data access and new threats of hate and disinformation from generative AI tools all potentially contributed to this year's findings.

ADL conducts this nationally representative survey annually to find out how many American adults experience hate or harassment on social media. Since 2022, we have also surveyed teens ages 13-17. This survey was conducted in February and March 2024 and asked about the preceding 12 months.

<u>Access the full report here.</u>

#### JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth Independence Day," "Emancipation Day," "Jubilee Day," or "Freedom Day," is an annual holiday that marks the end of slavery. The holiday's name is a blending of the words "June" and "nineteenth." Juneteenth commemorates the day in history that Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and informed the enslaved Black people there and others in the state that they were free and that the Civil War was finally won.

• Learn more and access resources about Juneteenth.

### **PRIDE MONTH**

Commemorated each year in the month of June, LGBTQ+ Pride Month honors the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and

persecution to which LGBTQ+ Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marked the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans. Today, LGBTQ+ Pride Month celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, attracting millions of participants around the world.

• Learn more and access resources about Pride Month.

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# Report an Antisemitic, Bias or Discriminatory Incident

If you have experienced or witnessed an incident of antisemitism, extremism, bias, bigotry or hate, please report it to ADL.

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