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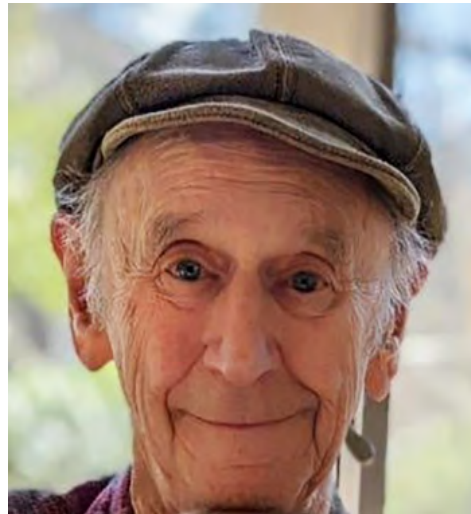
80+ Years of Fighting Hate

43rd Annual ADL Governor’s Holocaust Remembrance Program is on May 8 at Temple Emanuel

The 2024 Governor’s Holocaust Remembrance Program will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Temple Emanuel in Denver, CO (livestream available). Free registration: support.adl.org/GHRP2024.

The Program, supported by every sitting Governor of Colorado for over four decades, allows people of all faiths to come together each year to honor Holocaust survivors, remember those who perished, educate the community about this horrible crime against humanity and translate those lessons into contemporary action. The event also typically includes remarks from Governor Jared Polis, an awards presentation to the winners of ADL’s A Tribute to Moral Courage Student Essay Contest, the chanting of the El Maleh Memorial Prayer and lighting of our Holocaust candelabra, and more.

This year’s featured speaker is Holocaust Survivor Manfred “Manny” Lindenbaum who, at age 7, escaped together with his 9-year-old brother on the Kindertransport to England one day before World War II began. A peace activist who has worked with refugees for many years, Manny has spoken to thousands of students and community members about their responsibility to change the world by speaking out about hatred and bigotry. Today, Manny remains active with the Hebrew Aid Immigration Society (HIAS), an organization that helped him in 1938 and 1946. Manny is married to Annabel, his wife of 62 years, and they have three married children. Manny still loves participating in biking trips, and his favorite phrase is “I’m a lucky Zayda.” Manny currently serves on the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center Speakers Bureau in Westchester, NY.



Manny Lindenbaum

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ADL Confronts Antisemitism on College Campuses

Since October 7th, ADL has tracked a surge in antisemitic incidents across the United States and around the world, with a particular increase on college and university campuses. Alarming, 73% of Jewish college students surveyed have experienced or witnessed some form of antisemitism since the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year alone. A plurality of Jewish college students reported that they do not feel physically safe on campus after October 7th, and even fewer feel emotionally safe.

Jewish students are increasingly feeling unsafe and unwelcome on their own college campuses. **This is not acceptable.** In response, ADL has launched several new initiatives including the Not On My Campus campaign. Not On My Campus provides an actionable path toward no tolerance for antisemitism, including by strengthening and enforcing codes of conduct to better guarantee access to a safe and equitable learning environment for all students.

Not On My Campus provides resources for students, parents, alumni and other stakeholders to come together to call for change. Go to: notoleranceforantisemitism.adl.org. New resources are regularly added, including a set of suggested questions students can ask about a university's commitment to no tolerance for antisemitism and what it has done to further that commitment.

The ADL Mountain States Region has responded to incidents at colleges and universities across the region, including Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Denver, and the University of New Mexico. Together, we can push back against antisemitism on campus. ●



Every student has a right to learn without fear of violence, harassment or discrimination; yet **73% of Jewish college students experienced or witnessed antisemitism in their first semester of the 2023-24 school year.**

Colleges must act now.

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Not On My Campus

ADL Mountain States Region 2023 Impact

As our 2023 impact report demonstrates, the ADL Mountain States team successfully collaborated with community groups from law enforcement entities to schools, educating large numbers of students, educators and community members. As we mourned the losses of October 7, the ADL Mountain States Region responded with in-person briefings and educational programs and continued to be a trusted source of information and expertise. Thank you for joining us to fight hate for good.

Last year, we:

- **Empowered** over 65,000 students in 64 schools across the Mountain States Region that engaged in No Place for Hate, ADL's anti-bias and antibullying initiative.
- **Engaged** over 400 law enforcement professionals from 39 regional agencies in ADL trainings, helping them to fight extremism and build trust with the communities they serve.
- **Responded** to over 850 requests for assistance — a historically high number and more than double that of the previous year — from individuals and institutions targeted by antisemitism, racism, anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination, and other acts of hate.
- **Taught** over 2,000 Individuals to respond and counter antisemitism in all its forms at ADL antisemitism education programs offered throughout the region for middle and high school, university, workplace and community groups.

Message from the Chair and the Director

Impact vs. Intent

It is important to prioritize impact over intent.

On college campuses today, students would not be given license to describe a person with developmental disabilities by using the R-word any more than they would use the N-word to describe a Black person. Thankfully, on college campuses and in society, we no longer tolerate words or actions disparaging someone's race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or identity. Claimed ignorance, joking, or a lack of "bad" intent are not acceptable excuses for racist, misogynist, homophobic, or other hateful language and actions.

Impact is prioritized over intent because, whether intentional or not, offensive and biased words and actions—even jokes—cause harm to targeted and affected individuals.

Unfortunately, this nuance does not always apply to Jewish students. Far too often, there is attempted justification for reliance on tropes, symbols, and modern manifestations of antisemitism by claims of ignorance. This is especially evident on campuses where protestors chant "Free Palestine" on a regular basis. When questioned, the protestors often admit that they do not know that "Free Palestine" is short for "Free Palestine from the river to the sea," and that it is tantamount to a call for the elimination of Israel. It is not unusual for them to confess they do not know from which river (Jordan) or which sea (Mediterranean).

The impact on Jewish students confronted with such chants is devastating. To many, Israel is an important part of their Jewish identity. Calling for the cleansing of Jews from their eternal homeland is painful. Since October 7, 2023, when Hamas launched its barbaric and deadly attack on Israel, killing over 1,200 people and taking over 240 hostages, ADL has tracked a historic surge in antisemitic incidents on college campuses. It is no wonder that most Jewish students report they do not feel physically or emotionally safe.

We applaud colleges for supporting other targeted communities on their campuses by stressing the importance of impact over intent. We ask that they do the same for Jewish students. Learn how ADL is supporting students on campuses and what you can do by going to ADL's "Not On My Campus" website at notoleranceforantisemitism.adl.org.

Susan Brody, ADL Mountain States Regional Board Chair

Scott Levin, ADL Mountain States Regional Director



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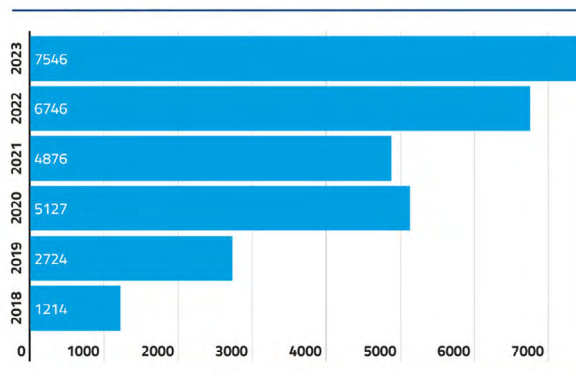
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U.S. White Supremacist Propaganda Incidents Reach Historic Levels in 2023

White supremacist propaganda distribution reached historic levels across the United States in 2023, with a total of 7,546 incidents, a 12-percent increase from 2022, according to the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) Center on Extremism's annual assessment. Colorado ranks #12 in the United States with 227 total incidents – up 39% from the previous 2022 record. Across the region, 168 incidents were reported in Wyoming and 35 in New Mexico.

WHITE SUPREMACIST PROPAGANDA 2018-2023 Incidents in the U.S.



ADL in New Mexico

ADL Joins Recently-Formed JCRC of New Mexico

In response to local community needs and concerns, prompted in part by the October 7th Hamas terror attack, a group of New Mexico Jewish community leaders decided to take action. A new coalition, the Jewish Community Relations Coalition of New Mexico (JCRC-NM), was formed. In just a few months, the coalition is now comprised of 25 non-profit religious, educational, advocacy, cultural, and assistance organizations representing the diverse perspectives of the Jewish community in New Mexico. The ADL Mountain States Region is proud to be one of the partner organizations.



The purpose of the JCRC-NM is four-fold: cultivate understanding and joint action opportunities among the community partners; build relationships with the broader New Mexico community to address critical issues; ensure the safety and security of New Mexico's Jewish community; and foster understanding and appreciation of New Mexico's diverse Jewish community, as well as the Jewish community's relationship to Israel.

The JCRC-NM is a collaborative, volunteer effort. Members of a steering committee help address emerging community issues and concerns. ADL Mountain States staff meet regularly with the JCRC-NM's co-chairs to ensure there is a high level of communication, coordination and collaboration.

Learn more at: www.jcrcnm.org.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Report an antisemitic,
bias or discriminatory incident
at adl.org

ADL Responds to Cancellation of Matisyahu in Santa Fe

ADL was deeply concerned about the abrupt cancellation of a sold-out concert with Jewish American singer Matisyahu on Feb. 14 at Meow Wolf in Santa Fe. ADL's CEO Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL National, and the ADL Mountain States Region all issued statements.

"The cancellation of Matisyahu's Santa Fe show is deeply troubling. Attempts to silence Jewish voices and Jewish artists do nothing to promote peace or foster the robust civil discourse we need at this very difficult time," said ADL Mountain States Regional Director Scott Levin.

The Jewish Community Relations Coalition of New Mexico sent two letters on behalf of its community partners to Meow Wolf's senior leadership. ADL joined a meeting with several New Mexico Jewish community leaders and members of Meow Wolf's senior leadership on March 6 to discuss the cancellation and the impact it had on the Jewish community. ADL shared resources on addressing workplace antisemitism and encouraged Meow Wolf to sign ADL's Workplace Pledge to Fight Antisemitism. Both sides agreed to keep the door open for further conversations.



ADL honored Jewish American reggae artist Matisyahu on Oct. 16, 2015, for his courageous stand in the face of an attempt to cancel his appearance at a music festival in Spain because of his religion and support for Israel. Pictured left to right: Former ADL National Chair Marvin Nathan, Matisyahu, CEO Jonathan Greenblatt, and Former National Chair and National Board Member Barry Curtiss-Lusher.

Legislative Advocacy in the ADL Mountain States Region

The 2024 state-level budget sessions in New Mexico and Wyoming have concluded, but the ADL Mountain States Region has been tracking bills in the Colorado General Assembly, including House Bill 1169 introduced by Colorado State Rep. Elisabeth Epps. The bill would have repealed a law passed in 2016 that prohibits Colorado's Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) from investing in companies that engage in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. ADL joined representatives from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Colorado, Stop Antisemitism Colorado, Rocky Mountain Rabbis and Cantors, and dozens of community members in speaking against the bill during a six-hour long hearing on Feb. 26.

ADL Regional Board Member Tamir Goldstein, who testified and represented ADL, said in his remarks, "Many of the publicly stated founding goals of the BDS movement, which effectively reject or ignore the Jewish people's right to self-determination and seek the eradication of the world's only Jewish state, are antisemitic... BDS often gives rise to tensions in communities, which can result in the isolation and intimidation of Jews and supporters of Israel, undermining the fundamental building blocks for Israeli-Palestinian understanding, peace-building, and ultimate reconciliation."

The bill was defeated on a 10-1 vote.

To advocate with ADL on critical policy issues, visit:

www.adl.org/take-action/advocate-with-adl. ●



ADL Mountain States Regional Board Member Tamir Goldstein (second from left at the table) testified against a bill that would have repealed a law that prohibits Colorado's Public Employees Retirement Association from investing in companies that engage in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

Thank You for Your Support in 2023

In the wake of unprecedented challenges and escalating antisemitism, we extend our sincerest gratitude to you, our remarkable donors. Your unwavering commitment and generosity in 2023 were beacons of light amidst the darkness, providing crucial support to confront hatred and promote understanding. We'd like to give special recognition to our top visionary donors below, with the complete list of donors accessible via the QR code.

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Given the highest levels of antisemitism reported in decades, your contributions enabled us to stand firm in our mission to combat bigotry, discrimination, and extremism.

Through your support, we were able to amplify our efforts to educate, advocate, and mobilize communities against all forms of antisemitism and hate, ensuring that the voices of those affected were heard and empowered.

Your investments made tangible impacts, from funding vital educational programs that fostered empathy and respect to providing resources for legal advocacy and hate crime response initiatives. Your belief in our work fueled our determination to confront hatred head-on and build a world where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Region and those whose lives you've touched, we extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude. Your support is instrumental in our ongoing fight for justice and equality, and we are honored to have you by our side. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our shared vision of a world free from hate.

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Connect with us on X (formerly Twitter): @ADLMtnStates

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www.adl.org/report

Advocate with ADL on important legislation:

www.adl.org/take-action/advocate-with-ADL

Volunteer: Write to us online at <https://mountainstates.adl.org/contact/>

Donate: Visit www.mountainstates.adl.org or return the enclosed envelope. **Thank you!**



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October 30,
2024

