



# Speak Up, Speak Out: Erase The Hate!

A Selection of  
Anti-Hate  
Initiatives and  
Educational  
Opportunities  
for Students in  
Grades 7-12.

**All Opportunities  
Available at No  
Cost to Schools and  
Educators**

*Sponsored by the  
Youngstown Area  
Jewish Federation*

Our society is experiencing an alarming uptick in hate-fueled and antisemitic activity. According to the 2023 “U.S. National Strategy to Counteract Antisemitism,” expressions of hate at K-12 schools have become common. In May 2023, the U.S. Department of Education launched a national awareness campaign against hate, noting that schools cannot become safe havens for any form of hate, and that educators and citizens must jointly stop hate in its tracks.

Students today are bombarded with expressions of hate threatening an entire generation. The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is poised to partner with school systems to counter this trend. Listed here are a number of initiatives from expert organizations that the Federation can sponsor for your schools, free of charge. Whether you choose one, some, or all, we are hopeful that all districts in the Valley will join us to Speak Up, Speak Out and Erase the Hate.

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 10:00 A.M.  
STAMBAUGH AUDITORIUM

Art Gelbart was held in Blechhammer for two years before being forced on a death march to Buchenwald where he was eventually liberated. Gelbart will share stories of his life in Poland before his family was taken to work and concentration camps, and how his life was changed during the Holocaust. RSVP to Director of Community Engagement Melissa Bateman with number of students and teachers attending no later than October 30, 2023. Additional funding for reimbursement of transportation costs may be available upon request.

## HOLOCAUST WRITING AND MEDIA CONTEST

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation’s Annual Holocaust Writing, Art, and Multimedia Contest. The 2023/2024 theme is “The Righteous Among the Nations.” The submission deadline is Friday, April 12, 2024. **For more information visit [jewishyoungstown.org](http://jewishyoungstown.org).**

## CLASSROOMS WITHOUT BORDERS POLAND PERSONALLY: A STUDY SEMINAR TO POLAND (JUNE 29-JULY 30, 2024)

This immersive ten-day educator trip to Poland offers participants a unique opportunity to travel to Poland with academic experts to visit sites related to the Holocaust. This guided trip is a transformative experience that will expand teacher comprehension of this monumental event in human history. The itinerary includes: Warsaw and Krakow; four concentration camps; and the hometown of a Survivor who will personally share his stories on the sites where they happened. **For more information visit [cwbpgh.org/seminar/poland-personally-2024/](http://cwbpgh.org/seminar/poland-personally-2024/)** Spaces are limited. An information session featuring local teachers who previously participated on this excursion, is set for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown.

## TEACHER TRAININGS

Receive instruction on teaching the Holocaust and combatting all forms of hate from Avi Ben Hur, an educator specializing in Israel and Holocaust studies. Avi is an Israel academic with expertise in integrating ideas and knowledge from various disciplines into a comprehensive and coherent narrative. **For more information visit [cwbpgh.org/scholar/avi-ben-hur](http://cwbpgh.org/scholar/avi-ben-hur).**

## FORMER WHITE SUPREMACIST SPEAKERS

Hear from former White Supremacists to learn about why hate drew them in and how they got out.

## ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE NO PLACE FOR HATE

This student-led program guides participants in combating hate. Student and teacher training are available for this program. ***For more information visit [adl.org/no-place-hate](http://adl.org/no-place-hate).***

## A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

This customizable, interactive program has in-person and online offerings. The standards-based classroom curricula incorporates the latest research from the education field. ***For more information visit [adl.org/education/world-difference-institute](http://adl.org/education/world-difference-institute).***

## ECHOES AND REFLECTIONS

Teacher training through ADL. Echoes & Reflections is dedicated to reshaping the way that teachers and students understand, process, and navigate the world through the events of the Holocaust. The Holocaust is more than a historical event; it's part of the larger human story. Educating students about its significance is a great responsibility. They partner with educators to help them introduce students to the complex themes of the Holocaust and to understand its lasting effect on the world. ***For more information visit [echoesandreflections.org](http://echoesandreflections.org).***

## FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

Facing History's approach inspires educators and empowers young people who believe they can make a difference. Their teachers are changemakers. Facing History works because of the hundreds of thousands of dedicated educators in the network. By utilizing Facing History's curriculum, professional

learning, and approach, they open the hearts and minds of their students—building confidence, empathy, and a sense of purpose in the next generation. This program also sees the challenges and pressures teachers face every day and offers meaningful support and practical tools designed to help teachers create brave, inclusive classrooms where rigorous instruction and social-emotional learning are fully integrated. ***For more information visit [facinghistory.org](http://facinghistory.org).***

## HOLOCAUST RESOURCES

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation has a Holocaust Resource specialist available for school visits, and two traveling exhibits that tell the life story of two local Holocaust Survivors, Bill Vegh and Henry Kinast. ***Contact Jesse McClain at 330.746.3250 ext. 126 or [jmcclain@jewishyoungstown.org](mailto:jmcclain@jewishyoungstown.org).***

## STUDENT TO STUDENT

(COMING SOON) Be the Narrative. Student to Student is aimed to create positive perceptions of Judaism through interactive peer to peer classroom presentations. Jewish students will visit high schools in which Judaism may be underrepresented and dispel stereotypes. ***For more information visit [bethenarrative.org/student-to-student/](http://bethenarrative.org/student-to-student/)***

## MICROGRANT

### TIKKUN OLAM (REPAIRING THE WORLD) COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

This grant is open to all schools and non-profit organizations to be used to fund programs and initiatives that fight antisemitism and all forms of hate. Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000. ***For more information contact Development & Community Relations Manager Nic Bush.***

For any questions or to schedule any of these programs,  
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