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Dear Pacific Northwest Community,

As the Jewish community continues to reel from the events of October 7, antisemitism is rising nationally and locally to new heights. Since October 7, we have received over 250 requests for help from our Pacific Northwest community, with many antisemitic incidents and crimes included in these numbers. In the same timeframe last year, we only received 66 reports for help, a stark contrast.

From the vandalism at Herzl-Ner Tamid synagogue on Mercer Island last week to disturbing acts of antisemitism on college campuses and schools, targeting Jewish institutions, and in our broader communities, there is a need for action and education. ADL's team is here for you, responding to your requests for interventions, resources and speakers, tracking and shining a light on emerging trends, and educating in

schools and workplaces.

We thank you for your partnership in addressing antisemitism and all forms of hate and ask that you report all antisemitic and hate-based incidents to ADL at adl.org/report-incident.

Best Wishes,



Miri Cypers
Regional Director, ADL Pacific Northwest

### **IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY**





# **ADL Co-Hosts Public Safety Summit on Hate Crimes** with King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

This November, ADL co-hosted a Public Safety Summit on Hate Crimes with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office at South Seattle College. We're grateful to over 50 law enforcement and community leaders who joined us for a full day of discussion, learning and relationship building.





## **ADL Delivers Antisemitism Education at Salesforce** and Microsoft

In late October and early November, ADL staff delivered antisemitism education presentations to employees at Salesforce and Microsoft. We discussed a range of topics, from the complexity of Jewish identity to modern manifestations of antisemitism to addressing antisemitism in K-12 schools and among young people. ADL looks forward to partnering with your company or organization to educate our communities.



## Legislative Corner: Nonprofit Security Grant Funding Open Until December 19!

At a time of rising antisemitism and various forms of hate, ADL Pacific Northwest joined with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Seattle to secure \$500,000 of funding from the Washington legislature to fund physical security improvements to nonprofit and religious nonprofits in Washington State. We want to remind you that grant applications are now open and close on December 19. Please learn more here. Additionally, ADL Pacific Northwest staff has been meeting with local, state and elected officials in the wake of recent violence to shine a light on local antisemitism and advocate for key policy priorities.



## Education Corner: PNW No Place for Hate at 50 Schools and Counting!

Registration remains **open until December 31, 2023** for ADL's signature No Place for Hate® initiative for the 2023-2024 school year! Free and open to all K-12 schools nationwide, No Place for Hate empowers students and their communities to understand and address bias and create schools that are welcoming, inclusive and safe for all!

We're pleased that 50 Pacific Northwest schools have already registered and we welcome more! ADL Pacific Northwest is also now an approved clock hour provider in Washington State, another avenue for professional development for educators. Questions? Please contact Director of Education Laurie Lynch at Ilynch@adl.org.

#### **BUILDING SUPPORT**



Spotlight: Seattle Prosecutor and Young Leader Zach Ferreira

A Montana native Zach moved to Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood in 2019. Zach is a diversionary prosecutor and he found ADL through a professional connection which is how he joined the ADL Glass Leadership Institute. When asked what inspires you to be involved with

ADL and build a better future, Zach says "During challenging times, including the incredibly tough times we're going through right now, I'm always reminded of the famous Yiddish phrase, *mir veln zey iberlebn* ... It reminds me of the countless Jewish heroes in our history who rose up in defense of our people. It reminds me that we have a history and tradition worth fighting for."

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