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Dear MHA in Orange County Friends and Supporters,

In the wake of the anti-Semitic attack in Pittsburgh, MHA in Orange County fully endorses the following ADL statement:

*Our hearts break for the families of those killed and injured at the Tree of Life Synagogue, and for the entire Jewish community of Pittsburgh. This is the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United States. We are actively engaged with law enforcement to support their investigation and call on authorities to investigate this as a hate crime.*

*It is simply unconscionable for Jews to be targeted during worship on a Sabbath morning, and unthinkable that it would happen in the United States of America in this day and age. Unfortunately, this violence occurs at a time when ADL has reported an historic increase in both anti-Semitic incidents and anti-Semitic online harassment. As we mourn those lost and search for answers, ADL will remain steadfast in its mission to fight anti-Semitism wherever and whenever it may occur.*

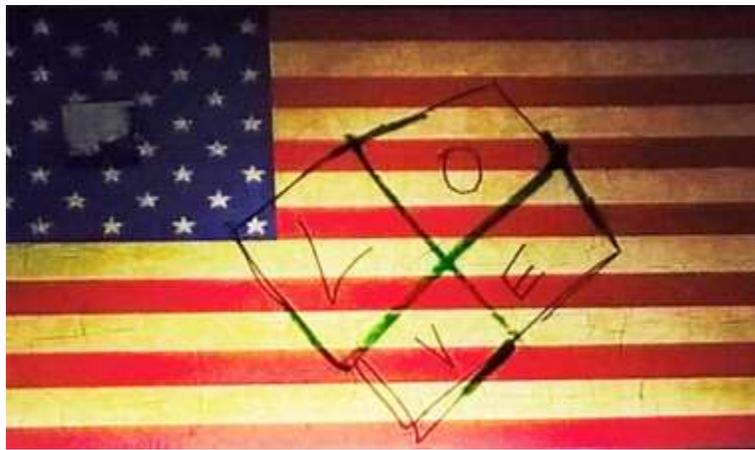
On this day, we are called by our responsibilities as educators, community leaders, and citizens to address anti-Semitism and hate in all forms. One of our most powerful education tools, the [Pyramid of Hate](#), shows us that when biased behaviors and attitudes are normalized, escalated and more violent forms of hate become acceptable. We invite you to review and utilize select resources below in your classrooms, communities, and homes.

Contact information for the ADL New York / New Jersey Education Team is available at the bottom of this e-mail. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for additional information, resources, and support.

In Partnership,

ADL New York / New Jersey Education Team

## **EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**



### **Empowering Young People in the Aftermath of Hate (In English and En Español)**

*What Families and Educators Can Do*

Today, local, national or international tragedies happen so frequently that they can feel almost commonplace. When a hate crime, mass shooting, act of terrorism or other terrible and hate-inspired event occurs, one of the first questions many people ask is, what should we tell the children? How can we explain to them what has happened?

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### **Gun Violence and Mass Shootings**

### *Table Talk: Family Conversations About Current Events*

Because the issue of gun violence and mass shootings is in the news so frequently, young people are aware of and talking about it, which makes it something critical to discuss.

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## **Anti-Semitic Incidents: Being an Ally, Advocate and Activist**

*Lesson Plans: Middle & High School*

This lesson provides an opportunity for students to learn about and reflect on these current incidents, understand how people and groups can make a difference, and explore the various ways different people and groups can act as allies, advocates and activists in order to enact change.

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## **Helping Students Make Sense of News Stories About Bias and Injustice**

*For Educators*

When there are national news stories that involve incidents of bias and injustice, young people want to be part of the conversation. Even at a young age, they hear adults talking about what's happening, read about the story on social media or learn about it as it plays out on television. Rather than "protect" children and youth from what's going on in the world, there are age-appropriate and constructive ways to engage them in understanding the situation.

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