



# DEFENDING YOUR CAMPUS

HOW TO DEAL WITH ANTISEMITISM  
DURING 'ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK'



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# WHY DEFINING ANTISEMITISM IS SO IMPORTANT

Antisemitism is racism against Jews. The International Definition of Antisemitism is clear and detailed, leaving no doubt as to what antisemitism is.

This definition was adopted by Prime Minister Theresa May and the British Government in December 2016 and the London Assembly in February 2017. Universities UK has been asked to provide the definition to all universities by the Minister of State for Universities.

Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, claiming that the existence of Israel is a racist endeavour, or comparing the policies of Israel to those of Nazi Germany breaches the definition and is antisemitic.

Often on campus, antisemites try to define antisemitism so as to exonerate themselves and give the impression that anybody complaining about their antisemitism is just trying to stifle free speech. The International Definition of Antisemitism is the only definition of antisemitism that has worldwide recognition.

**Use the International Definition of Antisemitism adopted by the British government and thirty other countries:**  
<https://antisemitism.uk/definition>.

# THE INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Manifestations might include the targeting of the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination (e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour).
- Applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

## 'ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK'

You are most likely to be confronted by far-left antisemitism during 'Israeli Apartheid Week'. It builds on classical antisemitic themes, for example by comparing Israel to the Nazis, alleging that Israel is inflicting a new Holocaust on the Palestinians, or making antisemitic statements but substituting the word "Zionists" for "Jews".

Online antisemitism through social media is the engine room of contemporary antisemitism and fuels its incredible growth. It has emboldened many to express antisemitic views that they would not disclose publicly.

Universities and students' unions are bound by special rules which are often not enforced as strictly as they should be. The rules are complex, but when it comes to extremism, support for terrorism and antisemitic bigotry, our specialist team can help ensure that the rules are enforced.

## DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

If you see antisemitism on social media or in person, the worst thing to do is suffer in silence. Report it to the police, inform your students' union or university or UJS and if you need any advice, we are here to help you! Our specialist team can help you to ensure that justice is served and that you are not left facing antisemitism alone. Call us on 0330 822 0321 (option 2) or e-mail [campus@antisemitism.uk](mailto:campus@antisemitism.uk)!

# JOIN THE CAMPUS TEAM

## INFORM

**Everyday antisemitism used to go unnoticed** around the world but we are changing that, one post at a time. We blog about every antisemitic incident we hear about and we need your help during 'Israeli Apartheid Week'! Everyday Antisemitism invites you to share your everyday experiences of antisemitism during 'Israeli Apartheid Week' instead of suffering in silence. If you witness or are a victim of antisemitism, either in person or online, you can now contribute to Everyday Antisemitism and reach thousands of people. And if you are a budding blogger or you are bilingual, good with graphics or video editing, why not join our volunteer team!

Get involved online at [everydayantisemitism.com/join](http://everydayantisemitism.com/join)

## EDUCATE

**Racism thrives on ignorance** and prejudice but unlike other forms of racism, antisemitism often casts Jews not as inferior but as masterful manipulators, controlling the world through a vast conspiracy. We believe that education, particularly during 'Israeli Apartheid Week', is the key to dissolving antisemitic hatred and that is why we train students to educate others about antisemitism and what they can do to fight it. Antisemitism is not a Jewish problem, it is a British

problem and we need to enlist the help of all of society to fight it. We will show you how to actively engage with groups on campus and beyond, to forge a positive conversation.

Join us at [antisemitism.uk/campus](http://antisemitism.uk/campus)

## EXPOSE

**Seek out and expose antisemitism** by helping us to monitor events during 'Israeli Apartheid Week', when antisemitism is especially likely to occur. When you attend an 'Israeli Apartheid Week' event where antisemitism is suspected, if possible, please record, film, photograph and get witness evidence of antisemitic incidents. Please e-mail your evidence to our Demonstration and Events Monitoring Unit (DEMU) at [demu@antisemitism.uk](mailto:demu@antisemitism.uk) which will investigate and refer actionable cases to our Regulatory Enforcement Unit. If antisemitic comments are made we will help you to take it up with the university, students' union or even the police. By joining our monitoring team, you will be at the forefront of recording antisemitic behaviour during 'Israeli Apartheid Week' and helping to drive it off campus. In essence you will be our eyes and ears. Without evidence, we cannot beat antisemitism and that is why the work of our monitors is so vital to our campaign.

Sign up online at [antisemitism.uk/campus](http://antisemitism.uk/campus)

# CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Since Campaign Against Antisemitism was formed in the summer of 2014, we have recruited an outstanding team of volunteers whose dedicated work has seen us grow into a well organised, high-profile grassroots campaign.

We are proud to have empowered individuals like you to contribute their talents to the fight against antisemitism.

We tackle antisemitism through education and enforcement of the law, with the agility of a start-up, the backing of experts and where needed, a dash of chutzpah.

Whatever you are studying, we have the perfect role for you!

Get in touch by e-mailing [campus@antisemitism.uk](mailto:campus@antisemitism.uk)!