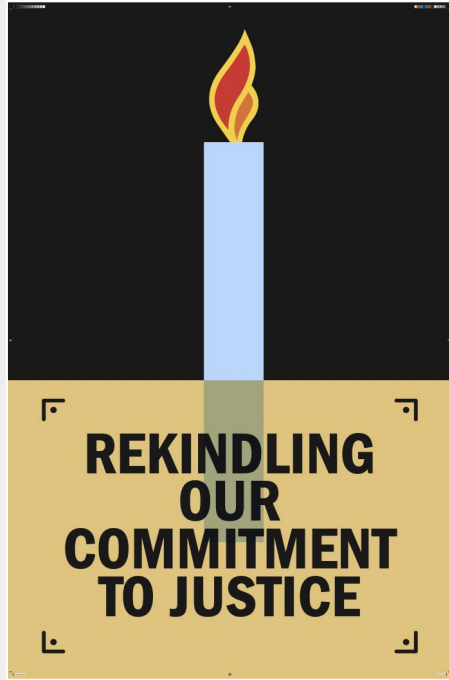


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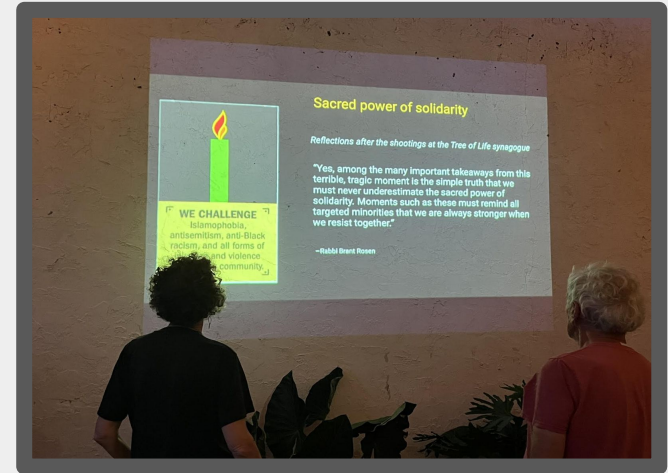
Curriculum on Antisemitism from a framework of Collective Liberation

overview for universities

About the Curriculum

PARCEO's* "Curriculum on Antisemitism from a Framework of Collective Liberation" is devoted to understanding and challenging antisemitism grounded in a deep commitment to justice and dignity for all people. The sessions geared toward universities include two and four hour workshops as well as a one-hour presentation.

We tailor our workshops and presentations for different university audiences, including students, professors, administrators, and staff. Our workshops are suitable to a variety of campus settings, including classrooms, auditoriums, and other campus-wide and community gathering spaces.



*PARCEO is an education, research, and resource center rooted in principles of Participatory Action Research (PAR). PARCEO's curriculum and resources are participatory and interactive and build from people's own wisdom, knowledge, and experiences. This curriculum was created together with many educators, historians, and activists.

Curriculum summary

The curriculum opens with some basic understandings of what antisemitism is and begins to consider what challenging antisemitism looks like from a framework of collective liberation. What follows is discussion of the racially, ethnically, economically, and culturally diverse Jewish communities that have lived throughout the world for centuries as well as global, historical examples of Jewish experience and antisemitism.

From there—interwoven with broader social, political and economic context and realities—the focus is on antisemitism in the United States, beginning with the historical e.g., immigration, race and racialization, Christian hegemony. We then look at antisemitism and how it manifests today (e.g., acts of violence, impact of the rise of white nationalism, stereotypes and tropes, philosemitism, and conspiracy theories), and the connections and intersections with other forms of racism and injustice.

In order to understand what antisemitism is, it is also important to know what it is not and how false charges of antisemitism have been used to further an anti-liberatory agenda. This discussion raises the issues of how data is used and misused, and why that matters. The curriculum moves to an exploration of what solidarities can look like and ways to deepen work to challenge antisemitism as part of our broader struggle for justice.

"A groundbreaking approach to understanding what is antisemitism and what is not. I highly recommend inviting PARCEO to present the curriculum to your constituencies." -**Aisha al-Adawiya, Educator and Community Leader**

Some of the topics include:

- Jewish Histories and Geographies
- What is Antisemitism
- What is Collective Liberation
- Perspectives on Histories of Antisemitism
- Intersecting Histories and Antisemitism
- Historical Context of Antisemitism in the U.S.: Christian Hegemony, Immigration, Race and Racialization
- Antisemitism in the US: White Supremacy and White Nationalism, Conspiracy Theories, Stereotypes, Tropes, Different Jewish Experiences, Misapplication of Tropes, Philosemitism
- What Antisemitism is not
- Use and Misuse of Data
- Problems with Exceptionalizing Antisemitism
- Principles and Examples of Solidarities and Collective Liberation
- Challenging Antisemitism and all Forms of Racism



"Thank you so much for the incredible workshop! It really shifted understandings and provided tools to have these conversations confidently with others. I truly wish that all of this content were taught in schools. It would have made such a difference." -**English Language Teaching (ELT) educators, International Educators Workshop**

"In an era in which antisemitism is being egregiously mischaracterized, misrepresented and, most ominously, weaponized by political forces that clearly do not have the well-being of Jews at heart, the need for this resource is more critical than ever. The writers of the PARCEO Antisemitism Curriculum clearly understand that antisemitism is a complex, evolving and multi-faceted phenomenon that has emerged in a variety of different historical contexts in which Jews have lived. At the same time, however, it does not exist in a vacuum - it is ultimately inseparable from the myriad of other forms of systemic oppression that have targeted communities throughout history. Individuals who seek to understand antisemitism from a framework of collective liberation. are strongly encouraged to utilize this invaluable curriculum."

-Brant Rosen, Rabbi and educator



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Sample 1-2 hour workshop outline

The goal of this curriculum is to gain an understanding of antisemitism and how to challenge it as part of our individual and collective work for justice. We approach each of the topics below through a Collective Liberation Framework

Understanding Antisemitism

Collective Liberation Framework

Perspectives on Antisemitism and Intersecting Histories

US: Historical Context—Immigration, Race, Racialization

Antisemitism in the US Today

What Antisemitism is Not

Working Together for Collective Liberation

Activities include

- Presentation of Jewish histories and examples of different experiences of antisemitism globally
- Video and breakout groups to discuss how fighting antisemitism can connect with collective liberation
- Looking at different perspectives of the histories of antisemitism through text analysis

Activities continued

- Exploring antisemitism in the US, historically and currently, through excerpts and examples of how it manifests
- Looking at the rise of White Nationalism and antisemitic violence and its impact on Jews and many other communities
- Analysis of tropes and stereotypes, their histories and contemporary usages
- Understanding what antisemitism is not and why it matters: false accusations, misuse of data
- Considering principles and examples of solidarities through videos and texts

Antisemitism in the U.S.



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*"There is so much lightweight, misleading, historically inaccurate and politicised material around that purports to be 'education' about antisemitism. **It's immensely refreshing to finally have a curriculum like this which shows how it can be done so much better...** The diversity of the material marshalled and the way the issues are presented demonstrates an open-minded approach which gets people thinking for themselves and not merely, passively receiving a rigid narrative. The discussion topics are very well chosen, giving plenty of opportunity to participants to find an opportunity to add their thoughts and learn from others....Great credit due to all who put so much work into this."*

-Antony Lerman, author, Whatever Happened to Antisemitism?: Redefinition and the Myth of the 'Collective Jew'