

Fighting Antisemitism Using Children's Literature

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Thank you for attending our discussion! See below for the resources we discussed (and a few more). This page contains multiple live links so if someone gave you this handout on paper, you can download the original from this link: joannelevy.com/fighting_antisemitism_resources

If you missed the live event, you can watch the replay at: www.joannelevy.com/tzippy&joanne

Highly recommended resources for adult learning:

- Jews Don't Count by David Baddiel
- People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn
- The Social Dilemma (Documentary on Netflix) - trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaaC57tcci0>
- Why We Hate (Documentary): <https://www.discovery.com/shows/why-we-hate>
 - Discussion handout: <https://discovery.sndimg.com/content/dam/documents/Discovery/2019/10/WhyWeHateDiscussionGuide.pdf>

Further learning/resources for use in the classroom:

- [ADL](#) (Anti-Defamation League) - statistics, book lists, lesson plans, many other resources.
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) - extensive lesson plans, videos, and other resources.
- [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) - educational materials and resources.
- [Remember.org](#) - extensive resources, videos, interviews, and lesson plans.
- [MediaSmarts](#) - Media literacy resources, lesson plans, tip sheets ([The House Hippo!](#))
- [Teaching Kids News](#) - Resources, Games, articles about media literacy and how to identify 'fake news'
- [Toronto Public Library](#) - excellent article on spotting fake news, includes many links to fact-checking websites and further resources

Children's Books

- [No Vacancy](#) by Tziporah Cohen, [Excerpt](#), [Teacher's Guide](#)
- [The Book of Elsie](#) by Joanne Levy, [Excerpt](#), Discussion Guide to come
- [The Assignment](#) by Liza Wiemer, [Book Club Discussion Questions](#)
- [Linked](#) by Gordon Korman, [Excerpt](#)
- [I Am Human - A Book of Empathy](#) By Susan Verde, Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds, [Teacher's Guide](#)

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Children's Books (continued)

- ADL's website includes [books of all types](#) of bias/prejudice, filterable by category:
- For Holocaust books: [Kathy Kacer](#) has an entire catalogue of well-researched books. Her site includes [activity/discussion questions](#).
- An entire [list of books on contemporary antisemitism](#) (from Jewish Kidlit Mavens group on Facebook)
- Association of Jewish Libraries - [Love Your Neighbor](#)

Media Literacy:

- [Half-Truths and Brazen Lies: An Honest Look at Lying](#) by Kira Vermond and Clayton Hanmer
- [Trending: How and Why Stuff Gets Popular](#) by Kira Vermond and Clayton Hanmer
- [Can You Believe It?: How to Spot Fake News and Find the Facts](#) by Joyce Grant and Kathleen Marcotte (forthcoming)

Other Articles/Resources referenced in our discussion:

- [How Could Children's Storybooks Promote Empathy? A Conceptual Framework Based on Developmental Psychology and Literary Theory](#), Natalia Kucirkova, *Front Psychol.* 2019; 10: 121. Published online 2019 Feb 5. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00121
- Galinsky A. D., Moskowitz G. B. (2000). [Perspective-taking: decreasing stereotype expression, stereotype accessibility, and in-group favoritism](#). *J. Pers. Soc. Psychol.* 78 708–724. 10.1037/0022-3514.78.4.708
- [In Praise of a Scholarly Force: Rudine Sims Bishop](#), Violet J. Harris, Language Arts, Power of Words, NCTE, Vol. 85, No. 2, November 2007
- Michele Borba, Ed.D,
 - [3 Ways to Teach Kids Perspective Taking](#)
 - [10 Ways to Raise Tolerant, Non-Racist Kids](#)
 - [50 Books for Kids and Teens That Teach Empathy](#)

This is not an exhaustive list but a good starting point. We hope you find it valuable.

For educators, librarians, and book club leaders: we are both available for school/library visits to discuss our books. Please get in touch for availability, info, and rates: Tziporahcohen.com and joannelevy.com.

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