Anti-Racism Committee Meeting Summary
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Mission: Learn, Educate, Advocate

1. Discussion of this 2" Heineken commercial video clip. Check it out! It's fantastic! Heineken - Worlds Apart, #OpenYourWorld (2017) - Bing video

2. Discussion of the reading: *New ADL Report Shows Alarming Rise of Antisemitic Behavior in Schools* (Link: https://momentmag.com/antisemitism-schools-adl-audit/?fbclid=IwAR1Y8XwlCCpmeZWXU6_BcrvhmivBytDrIYw5CwctgYJdu7K4nowHLuac-VQ (short article, worth reading)

   Key points:
   - Antisemitic harassment, vandalism and assault in middle and high schools increased by a 49 percent over 2021.
   - Teenagers view antisemitism as "funny" without realizing the impact. They can't conceptualize cause-and-effect. In teenagers antisemitic bullying may be more performative, attention-building behavior than ingrained antisemitism.
   - Social media is a huge concern, with extremist and offensive content readily available (e.g. TikTok, 4Chan, Gab, Telegram, Discord.)
   - While school administrators typically express outrage over antisemitic incidents, many may feel their self-interest lies in letting it fade away rather than confronting it head on.
   - Education on anti-semitism is "the only way out".

3. FYI: Upcoming Events in the Social Justice Arena
   a. *Fighting White Supremacy in Rhode Island* - Saturday, April 1, 9:30am - 2:30pm FREE. Lunch provided. At Westminster Church, 119 Kenyon Avenue, East Greenwich
   b. *Eradicating Racism: A Path Forward Learning Series* (4 zoom meetings on Thursdays beginning April 13, 7-9pm, Registration required; Donation expected. Must commit to all 4 sessions (See details below) Hosted by the Dock C. Bracy Center for Human Reconciliation, https://www.dcbcenter.org/events
   c. *Let's Talk Series: Antisemitism is Everyone's Concern*, Wednesday, April 19, 7-9pm zoom. Hosted by the Dock C. Bracy Center for Human Reconciliation
   d. *Peace Parade*, Saugatucket Park, Saturday, April 29, Sponsored by TANK, Nonviolent Schools RI, SK Beloved Community Advisory Board
   e. *Driving Out Darkness: State-Wide Summit on Addressing Hate,* May 16, 8am-4pm, Rhode Island College, Sponsored by the Jewish Alliance.

Next meeting
April 11, 2023