



Combating Hatred

The number of hate crimes reported to the FBI continues to grow, with a 17% increase last year (not including thousands of unreported hate crimes). These numbers reflect dramatic increases in hate crimes against Black, LGBTQ+, Muslim and Jewish Americans.

The number of reported anti-Semitic incidents in the United States surged 57% in 2017, according to an annual report by the Anti-Defamation League.

Get involved:

- Join in community building efforts between local faith, minority, and cultural groups.
- Gather in solidarity with others during times of crisis.
- Join us on May 30 at 6:30pm at the Jewish Alliance, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, to hear from Robert Trestan, Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League.

Global Migration and Humanitarian Crises

Globally, 68.5 million people, including 25.4 million refugees, have been forced from their homes. Rhode Island welcomes 100 - 300 refugees annually. One in eight Rhode Island residents is an immigrant, while one in seven residents is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent. Despite a large immigrant population, Rhode Island has the largest Latinx achievement gap in the nation.

Get involved:

- Advocate for key bills at the State House.
- Support local immigrant and refugee organizations through direct service.
- Build relationships with local immigrant and refugee groups.

Racial Justice

Systemic racism can be seen in areas of wealth and income, criminal justice, employment, health care, housing, education, and politics, among others.

Get involved:

- Enroll in a *Merciful Conversations on Race* course at a local synagogue to explore "White Privilege," its expressions and impact.

Climate Change

The world's leading climate scientists have warned we have only 12 years to mitigate global warming. Without reversal, the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat, and poverty for hundreds of millions of people will heighten.

Get involved:

- Conduct an environmental audit of your local Jewish institution with Hazon and create tangible upgrades for your space.

Housing Discrimination

In Rhode Island, landlords can legally discriminate against prospective tenants based solely on their source of income. For those using vouchers or housing assistance, this discrimination narrows the actual share of housing opportunities to 7%.

Get involved:

- Advocate on behalf of the Source of Income Discrimination Bill (House Bill 5317).
- Join us on May 21 at 1:30pm for an Interfaith Advocacy Day to support this bill at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes St., PVD.

Get involved in these initiatives by contacting Stephanie Hague, Director of Community Relations, at shague@jewishallianceri.org or 401.421.4111 ext. 127.