

9 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR JEWISH NEIGHBOR

Fighting antisemitism as a Christian is a profound way to live out the commandment of loving your neighbor. It requires action, education, and a commitment to justice and kindness. By following these steps, you become part of a movement that stands against hate and champions love.

#1 PRAY WITH PURPOSE

Prayer is a powerful tool. Commit to praying for the protection of Jewish communities globally, asking for divine intervention against physical, verbal, and systemic forms of antisemitism. Pray for peace and understanding between communities and courage to act against injustice.

- *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity. — Psalm 122:6–9*
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#2 EDUCATE YOURSELF & OTHERS

Equip yourself with accurate information about Jewish history, culture, and religion. Understand the historical context of Israel and the Jewish Diaspora. Share this knowledge in conversations with friends, family, and colleagues. Education combats ignorance and helps us lovingly confront antisemitic remarks when they arise. Here are some resources to help you.

- [Jewish Virtual Library](#)
 - [My Jewish Learning](#)
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#3 SUPPORT HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

With each passing year, the firsthand witnesses of the Holocaust are fewer. Support efforts to keep Holocaust education alive in schools and communities.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."—George Santayana

Even today, radical organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah, and even national governments like that of Iran, are calling for the annihilation of significant portions of the worldwide Jewish community. It is vital that future generations understand how dangerous and diabolical these ideologies are.

#4 SPEAK UP & CHALLENGE ANTISEMITISM

Don't stay silent in the face of antisemitic remarks or behavior. Lovingly, but firmly, challenge such actions and misinformation. This includes addressing microaggressions and subtler forms of antisemitism that may exist even within church communities. Speak truth and be a light in dark situations.

*"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."
— Ephesians 5:11*

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow in all ways into Messiah, who is the Head." — Ephesians 4:15 TLV

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.'" — Matthew 25:40

#5 COMBAT STEREOTYPES

Challenge stereotypes that cast Jewish people in a negative light. Many stereotypes are rooted in centuries-old myths, like those found in "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion". This book, published first in a Russian newspaper in 1903, claims to be reports from meetings of Jewish leaders plotting how to take control of the world. Its outrageous assertions spread quickly throughout the world, and by the time it was proven to be fabricated from a previously published novel, the damage was done. Stereotypes took hold, and many of its claims about Jewish people still have a foothold in antisemitic beliefs today. By debunking such myths, you help prevent their perpetuation.

#6 SUPPORT JEWISH-OWNED BUSINESSES

Show your support by patronizing Jewish-owned and Israeli businesses. Economic antisemitism is prevalent worldwide, but by choosing to shop with these businesses, you actively reject discriminatory practices and extend love and solidarity. The war has impacted many Israeli businesses and artisans dependent on tourism. Consider ordering your holiday gifts from Israel. Consult your local Jewish community center, Jewish Federation, or local synagogue in your area about businesses that you can support.

#7 REPORT ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

If you witness antisemitic harassment or discrimination, report it to authorities or relevant organizations. Your actions signal that such behavior is unacceptable and won't be tolerated. Many organizations track these incidents and work with officials to address them.

#8 CHALLENGE BIASES

Bias can infiltrate institutions, media, and public discourse. Challenge these biases wherever you encounter them. Write to media outlets, educational institutions, or government representatives to express your concerns and advocate for fair treatment of Jewish communities.

#9 VOTE RESPONSIBLY

Use your vote to support candidates and policies that prioritize combating antisemitism and fostering positive relations with Jewish communities and those candidates who support Israel's right to exist and defend itself. Informed voting is one of the most direct ways to influence societal change.

OTHER RESOURCES

Here are a few resources that can help you learn more about the Jewish faith and antisemitism.

- [My Jewish Learning](#)
- [The Jewish Virtual Library](#)
- [FIRM Israel Learning Center](#)
- [Jewish Voice Ministries' Info About Jewish Holidays](#)
- [Antisemitism in Global History](#)
- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)
- [Anti-Defamation League Resources](#)
- [Simon Wiesenthal Center](#)

Please note these links are meant to deepen your understanding of antisemitism, and are not an endorsement of the organizations, though we stand with many of them in the fight against antisemitism.
