



NYEI
New York Education Initiative

Scholar-in-Residence Workshop Topics

The New York Education Initiative (NYEI) offers workshops on topics such as Jewish peoplehood, Judaism, Israel, and antisemitism. These workshops can be developed on a custom basis to suit the needs of your school or organization.

Interactive Book Talk: #antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate by Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath

Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath is the author of #antisemitism, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in the category of Education + Jewish Identity. In an interactive book talk, Samantha centers the voices of Jewish adolescents to unpack and reflect on the impact that the rise in antisemitism has had on contemporary Jewish identity and choices. Using data, interviews, and intimate knowledge of best practices, this talk provides a comprehensive overview of antisemitism through the eyes of today's learners. Can be adapted for teens, parents, faculty; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

Timely and Timeless: Antisemitism Post-October 7

Recognizing that antisemitism and the prevalence of this topic has escalated due to the nearly 400% increase in antisemitic instances post-October 7, this session focuses on the timeliness of this moment in the American consciousness. Many educational institutions and individuals are seeking ways to respond to societal unrest and the questions raised by the complexities of today. This session is meant to provide practical data and implementable best practices that your institution can use to meet the challenges of this moment and beyond. Meant for faculty; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

My Jewish Story

As antisemitism has risen, it has become more important than ever to empower Jewish voices and to support Jewish students in developing a sense of Jewish pride. This workshop is specifically geared towards Jewish students in public and independent schools, and provides opportunities to reflect on and share each individual's Jewish story. Meant for teens; standard is 1.5-hour workshop.

Jewishness 101

Intended for non-Jewish audiences, this session is a comprehensive overview of Jewish identity, people, history and religion. When one talks about "the Jewish community," what does that mean? Are we talking about a religion, a culture, a national group – or all of the above? When we talk about the Jewish people, how do we understand the American Jewish community today? This interactive session provides history, culture, and DEI best practices to help understand Jews, Judaism, and Jewishness. It allows for a great deal of Q&A, with no topic off the table. Meant for teens or faculty; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

Centering Jewish Voices

This workshop focuses on literature and the centering of Jewish voices in English Language Arts curriculum. It provides an overview of the importance of highlighting Jewish voices, and makes recommendations for best texts, resources, and practices for doing so in a classroom environment and overall curriculum. Meant for faculty; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

Antisemitism Conversations with Your Teens

This session is built for parents and caregivers of Jewish adolescents, as well as allies who are committed to having meaningful, potentially difficult conversations about antisemitism with their teens and tweens. Using an interactive discussion format, this session focuses on best practices for starting

developmentally appropriate conversations, questions that you and your teen/tween may be struggling with, and how to connect at a challenging inflection point. Meant for parents; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

Packing Your Antisemitism Toolkit

At a moment where antisemitism is on the rise worldwide, there are many questions about how Jews and allies can effectively and meaningfully respond to instances of antisemitism, as well as to proactively take an anti-antisemitism stance that empowers the Jewish community. This workshop gives your community both content knowledge and useful tools to recognize antisemitic actions and microaggressions, to engage in community conversations about antisemitism, and explores best practices for being voices for good in your community. Can be adapted for teens and faculty; standard is two-hour workshop.

The Israel of It All

Israel is central to many conversations about antisemitism, and is at the same time seen as complicated in this space. When is criticism of Israel legitimate, and when does it cross the line into antisemitism? How are American Jews connected to Israel, and does it count as antisemitism to link the two together? These questions are complex and evolving. As learning environments work to figure out the Israel of it all, this session centers Israel in the context of contemporary antisemitism, and is a chance for participants to gain baseline content knowledge about Israel (past/present) and its role in our evolving societal discourse. Can be adapted for teens, parents, and faculty; standard is one-hour talk + Q&A.

Anti-Antisemitism Education: Curricular Audit

This workshop, geared towards educators and school leaders, offers the opportunity to take a guided deep dive into your social studies and ELA curricula through the lens of centering Jewish voices and preventing antisemitism. It's a chance to consider the explicit and implicit ways the Jewish community shows up in your coursework, exploring best practices and suggested resources.

To schedule a free workshop, contact:

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