

## OUR OFFER



- We refer to competent counselling centers for affected persons such as ezra and OFEK, which are sensitive to all forms of antisemitism.
- We regularly publicize the incidents, publishing annual reports and case analyses to expose the problem.
- We carry out scientific research projects on antisemitism in Thuringia.
- We organize informational events, lectures, and symposia on antisemitism in Thuringia to educate the public about the manifestations of antisemitism and to sensitize society to the topic.
- We monitor potentially antisemitic events and actively research antisemitic incidents.

## WHAT IS ANTISEMITISM?



The term „antisemitism“ encompasses all modern forms of **enmity against Jews**. Antisemitic thinking is characterized by the **fantasy of a Jewish collective** that is not only **alien** and **inferior** to the in-group but also **dangerously powerful**.

Modern antisemitism includes antisemitic **stereotypes** (generalizations such as „All Jews are ... “), **accusation** and discrimination (e.g. „You Jew!“ as an insult), and the notion of a **Jewish world conspiracy** („Jews secretly control politics“). Not explicitly anti-Jewish **conspiracy myths**, too, can connect to antisemitism.

Since open antisemitism has been socially ostracized in Germany since 1945, contemporary antisemitism is usually **codified** and communicated **without explicit reference to Jews**. The reference to „the Jews“ can be replaced, for example, by talk of „the bankers from the East Coast“, „the Zionists“ or „the Rothschilds“. A frequent form of expression is **Israel-related antisemitism**.

Antisemitism can also be articulated as **Holocaust denial and relativization**, e.g., as the demand „to put the topic to rest“ and the claim that Jews hurt the „German national pride“ by constantly reminding people of the Holocaust.



# REPORT ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS!

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Your report can help improve the situation of the Jewish community locally and at large.

## WHAT IS RIAS THURINGIA?



The Department for Research and Information on Antisemitism Thuringia (*Recherche- und Informationsstelle Antisemitismus: RIAS Thuringia*) documents antisemitic incidents and evaluates them scientifically. The aim of RIAS Thuringia is to render **visible** the experiences and perceptions of those affected, illuminating the dark figures of antisemitism in Thuringia.

RIAS Thuringia is a member of the Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism (*Bundesverband RIAS e.V.*) in Germany, which aims at recording and documenting antisemitic incidents all over Germany. RIAS Thuringia is affiliated at the Institute for Democracy and Civil Society in Jena and run by the Amadeu Antonio Stiftung. It is funded by the Thuringian State Chancellery (*Thüringer Staatskanzlei*).

## WHY WE EXIST



For Jews in Thuringia, antisemitism is an everyday phenomenon. However, only very few talk about these experiences. RIAS Thuringia wants to change that.

We take every incident that you perceive as antisemitic seriously. Your perspective is at the centre of our work. We see ourselves as a civil society mouthpiece for your experiences and needs. Your privacy always comes first. You alone decide what happens with the information collected.

## EVERY INCIDENT COUNTS!



RIAS Thuringia considers **all antisemitic incidents – including those that do not constitute a criminal offence** or that are not reported to the police.

The cases include:

- insulting comments (online and offline), graffiti, stickers etc.
- attacks, attempted violence and threats directed against Jewish people or people perceived as Jewish
- damage to memorials, cemeteries, synagogues or the property of Jewish institutions or private individuals
- discrimination, mobbing and bullying, for example, at work or school
- Israel-related antisemitism as well as „traditional“ antisemitic statements; incidents directed against the memory of the Shoah; antisemitic conspiracy myths
- threatening, hurtful or propagandistic phone calls, letters, emails, etc.

We consider all incidents – regardless of the offender's background and the incident's context.



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