



“Antisemitism in Our Midst: Past and Present”: Introducing the Association of Jewish Psychologists

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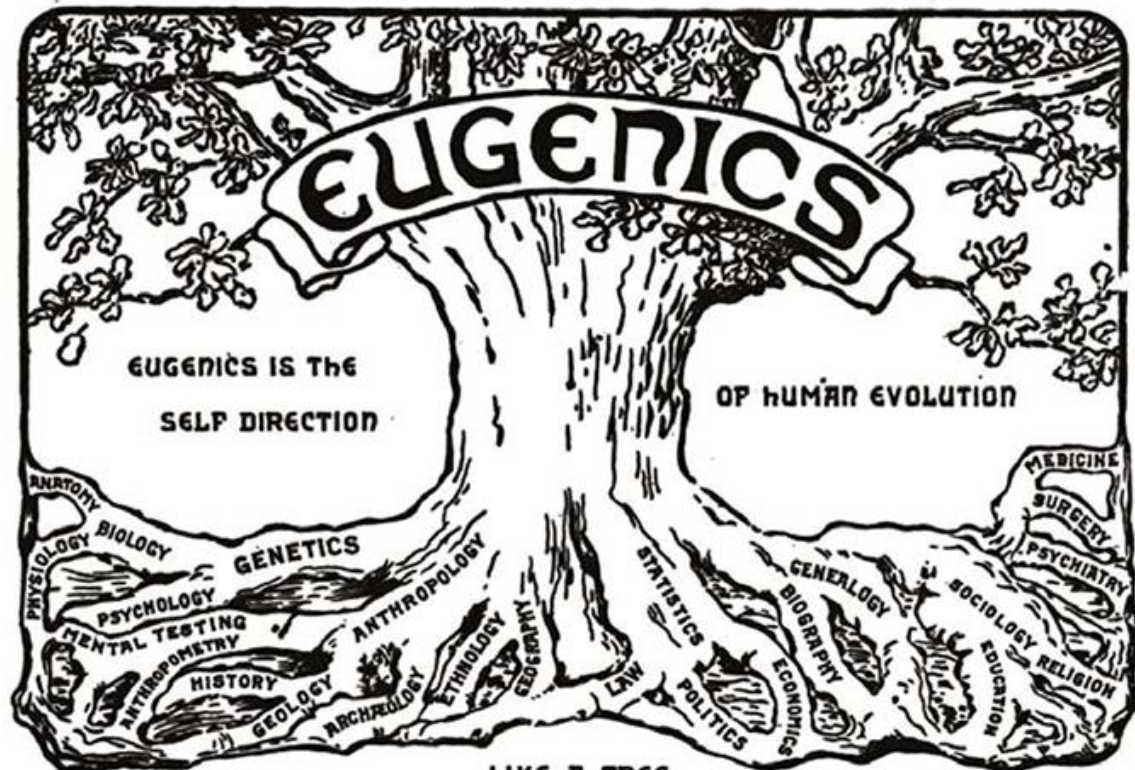
The logo of the Association of Jewish Psychologists is a circular emblem. It features a central six-pointed star (Magen David) with a menorah inside it. The star and menorah are set against a background of a purple-to-gold gradient. The entire emblem is enclosed in a dark blue circular border with the text "Association of Jewish Psychologists" written in a serif font along the top arc.

The Association of Jewish Psychologists

Who we are, what we do, and why we want to collaborate

Early 1930's

American Psychological Association
endorsed Scientific Racism & Eugenics



LIKE A TREE

EUGENICS DRAWS ITS MATERIALS FROM MANY SOURCES AND ORGANIZES THEM INTO AN HARMONIOUS ENTITY.



Dr. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings
CENTER
FOR THE
HISTORY
OF
PSYCHOLOGY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

“Zionism is Racism”

UN Durban Conference on Women

- 2005, 2007 APA passed resolutions condemning antisemitism





2021

6 Jewish psychologists on APA Council
as antisemitism increased
formed group to consult with APA to
include Jews in disassembling
antisemitism as racism.
Called ourselves the JEDIs

2023:

➤ These 6 + 3 more formed
AJP & began collaborating
with other organizations

www.associationofjewishpsychologists.com



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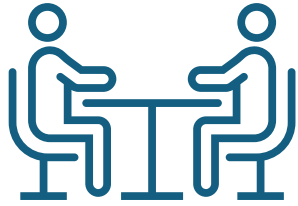
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Now what?

AJP's goals and vision



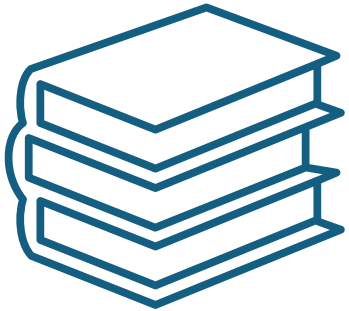
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Encourage
research



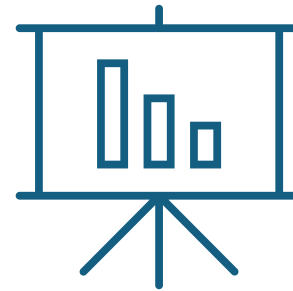
Provide
support



Develop
resources



Provide
training



Conference
presentations



Build
community
bridges

CONSULTATION WITHIN APA (2022-2023)



AMERICAN
PSYCHOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION

- Met regularly with APA Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI/DEI) Office
- Met regularly with APA Human Rights Team
- Consulted on revision of Inclusive Language Handbook to include antisemitic tropes & aspects of Jewish culture
- Created a video as part of the Presidential Cultural Series about Judaism and how it impacts being a psychologist
- Began a new psychology & antisemitism research grant with APF
- Organized presentations on antisemitism for APA Convention
- Authored an article on APA & Antisemitism for the American Psychologist
- Applied for official affiliation with APA with NBI at February Council Meeting

EDUCATION JEWISH CULTURE



SPECIAL PROJECTS: TRAINING FOR PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

- The October 7th massacre in Israel by Hamas has raised the level of fear and lack of safety for many Jews
- Most psychotherapists do not have the skills or information to be culturally competent to treat Jewish clients, especially those with increased anxiety & depression over the war.
- We are beginning a training project with AJP trauma experts to provide an all day workshop at APA 2024 in Seattle in August.
- We hope to adapt that program for a series of webinars in Fall 2024
- AEN has given us a small grant to begin this education
- We are developing a directory of AJP member psychotherapists for other Jewish agencies

AJP RESEARCH INITIATIVES



CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS ON ANTISEMITISM



- American Psychological Foundation Grant on Psychology & Antisemitism
- NASEM Project on Development of Antisemitism in Children
- CODAPAR Grant Proposal on Surveying APA Staff & Leadership
- Grant to Survey Mental Health of Jewish Youth on Campuses in Partnership with Hillel & Other Jewish Organizations

Research is critical... but so is
addressing the immediate
needs of students.

ADDRESSING UNDEGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT NEED

Student Support



- AJP will continue to develop the structure of the organization
- We will apply for 501c6 status once the 501c3 status is granted
- We will continue to build our website, listservs, newsletters to communicate with our members
- We will continue our research studies
- We will continue to provide support groups
- We will continue to train mental health professionals around special needs of Jewish clients
- We will work with lawyers especially around Jewish family issues
- We will develop a marketing campaign to attract Jewish psychologists and allies
- We will collaborate with other Jewish organizations where our psychology skills will be helpful

