

THE IMPACT OF HATE

Outrage, numbness and a dose of hope:

How teens are coping with increasing hate

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Nelson Mandela once said, “There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” Today’s teens live in a world Mandela could not have imagined, where a few swipes on a phone offer both connection and cruelty. He spoke of the value of youth 15 years before Instagram and 20 years before TikTok. Well before algorithms, doxing, canceling and cyber bullying.

In 2025, when we look at how hate affects teens, experts say we must examine not only the face-to-face conflicts adults may recall from their own youth, but also the social media minefields where

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▲ A New York State Police Department cruiser sits outside Cornell University’s Center for Jewish Living, in Ithaca, N.Y., in October 2023, just weeks after Hamas’ surprise attack in Israel that killed more than 1,200 people and took over 250 hostages. In the past 2 years following the attack, antisemitic incidents against Jewish people have surged.

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Bill seeks to create Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership

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A few years ago, Howie Beigelman, president and CEO of Ohio Jewish Communities, was on a trip to Israel, meeting with business leaders and promoting the welcoming business climate in Ohio.

Beigelman said he thought Israeli tech and agriculture businesses were a perfect fit.

“There’s just so much happening here with cyber and

aerospace here, and where Israel is also a leader in those areas,” Beigelman told the Cleveland Jewish News.

He was told, though, that other states had an advantage over Ohio because some had already set up commissions to promote Israeli business relationships.

So, Beigelman returned home to Columbus and went to work. He connected with state Rep. Eric Synenberg, D-Beachwood, to help get official support from the state. Synenberg reached across the aisle and found an ally in state

Rep. Thomas Hall, R-Madison Township.

The two co-sponsored a bill passed by the Ohio House Development Committee on Oct. 29 aimed at creating the Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership to strengthen relations between the two business regions.

“We are the perfect state to have one of these commissions to promote economic development, trade

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