

# TEN TIPS — WORKING WITH SCHOOL

## BEFORE OR AFTER AN ANTISEMITIC INCIDENT

- ① Before or after an antisemitic incident, hold a get-together meeting/coffee for your friends/joiners
  - Listen openly to each other
- ② Ask a Rabbi or the Federation President for some input before you meet with the school
- ③ Request a meeting — decide on who is the best person in the school to talk to — superintendent, principal, counselor, or teacher
- ④ Create a School Meeting Agenda — what are current anti-bias programs, what are they measuring, and what are they planning for future
- ⑤ For school meeting, decide which member speaks for each agenda item and which one asks for a follow-up meeting
- ⑥ At meeting, be friendly and active listeners
- ⑦ Use empathy to describe how the antisemitic incident hurts all the students, not just Jewish students
- ⑧ Ask if the school has an inventory of social emotional and anti-bias programs
- ⑨ Debrief with your committee — what went well and what not — consider a two-minute pitch before the School Board to garner attention to your cause
- ⑩ Don't forget the FUN with Food part, i.e. coffee, bagels and a schmear