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MY NAME IS RABBI LIAT YARDENI AND I HAVE WORKED IN EDUCATION FOR
OVER 25 YEARS.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

AT THE AGE OF 11 MY GRANDMOTHER IN AUSTRIA WAS STOPPED ON A TRAIN &
CALLED A "DIRTY JEW". HER ONLY CRIME WAS BEING JEWISH!

Over 90 years later, I personally experienced anti-Semitism as a student at UCLA!

AS A RABBI, A MOTHER AND A JEW- I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT:

- THE RISE OF ANTI – SEMITISM IN the US, and
- THE SHOCKING IGNORANCE ABOUT ANTI- SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST
AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

YOU have an opportunity TODAY to dramatically improve this curriculum.

I urge you to do so

* BY ADDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM THAT REFLECTS THE HATRED
TOO MANY JEWISH STUDENTS FACE TODAY.

* DO NOT GIVE IN TO THOSE PRESSURING YOU TO SWEEP ANY FORM OF
ANTISEMITISM UNDER THE RUG!

Thank you for listening!

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