

# Counselling and support after antisemitic incidents

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## What is OFEK e.V.?

OFEK e.V. is a non-profit association and a counselling center for anti-semitic violence and discrimination based in Berlin with a nationwide focus. OFEK e.V. was formed in 2017 in response to increasing visible antisemitism and the need for specialised antisemitism advice.

OFEK e.V. is based on the advisory standards of the VBRG\*, advises all cases regardless of their criminal relevance and always acts on behalf of those affected. The advisory team offers individual advice, group offers, a nationwide hotline and regional support in Berlin, Hesse, Baden-Württemberg, Saxony-Anhalt and Sachsen. The advice is confidential, multilingual, free of charge and anonymous if desired.

## Who can reach out to us?

We advise individuals, their families and relatives as well as witnesses in the event of antisemitic violence or discrimination at school, at work, in the neighbourhood, in their personal environment or in public authorities. In addition, we also offer professional advice after incidents to institutions such as municipalities, schools and associations that are looking for advice.

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\* Association of counseling centers for victims of right-wing, racist and antisemitic violence

## What do we offer?

- Counselling and psychosocial support following antisemitic incidents
- Empowering group counselling
- Legal advice in dealing with antisemitism and discrimination
- Mediation of further advice (e.g. Anti-discrimination advice or specialized psychological offers)
- Specialist advice for Jewish communities, schools, authorities and other institutions seeking advice

Advising young people and families as well as students in the course of incidents at school and during their studies is an important focus of our work.

Our counselling is available in **German, Hebrew, Russian** and **English**.

## How do we work?

- We follow the wishes, needs, and requirements of our clients
- Our work principles are partiality and solidarity with those affected
- Counselling is free of charge, confidential and, upon request, anonymous
- We work independently from governmental facilities and consult in all cases, regardless of the relevance under criminal law
- We encourage our clients and direct them to the available resources
- We also consider previous and/or (family-) biographical experiences with antisemitic discrimination
- We cooperate closely with Jewish institutions and civil society organizations

## Other services

- Advice on compensation and hardship benefits for victims of violent crimes
- Coaching for children, young people and families
- Specialist advice and training on request
- Support in organisational development and crisis management
- On request: case-specific public relations work and support in legal proceedings

## Our partners

- Anti-Discrimination Association Germany (advd)
- Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism (RIAS)
- Competence Centre for Prevention and Empowerment (of the ZWST)
- Association of Counseling Centers for Victims of Right-wing, Racist and Antisemitic Violence in Germany (VBRG)

# Locations

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## OFEK Sachsen-Anhalt

☎ (currently under construction)



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## How to contact us:

### **OFEK e.V. – Counselling Centre for Antisemitic Violence and Discrimination**

Personal consultations by appointment.

Enquiries can be made at any time via e-mail:

*kontakt@ofek-beratung.de*

#### **Nationwide hotline:**

Monday 16:00 - 18:00

Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00

Wednesday 12:00 - 14:00

Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Friday 12:00 - 14:00

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