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Empowering Students to Stand Against Antisemitism and Discrimination Through Education and Action.

Hillel Academy is proud to announce the conclusion of the Words to Action workshop, a three-part series in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). This series is designed to provide Hillel's 7th and 8th-grade students with the tools and strategies needed to challenge antisemitism, bullying, and all forms of discrimination. Led by ADL's Florida Education Director, these sessions will empower students to engage in meaningful conversations, identify and address bullying and antisemitism, and contribute to creating a more respectful and inclusive school climate.

Some key topics covered have been developing skills to identify and challenge incidents of bullying and antisemitism and how to respond effectively when they occur in today's ever-changing climate. The students have discussed how to engage in conversations that promote understanding of differing perspectives, allowing for constructive dialogue across divergent opinions, broadening thinking, and identifying common ground (discussion vs. debate). Most importantly, the students have been practicing applicable techniques and strategies that provide a framework for respectful, thoughtful

communication, helping to strengthen relationships and create safe learning environments and communities for all students.

The 8th-grade students will take this information with them as they embark on their Jewish Heritage Capstone Experience to Central Europe later this month, learning firsthand the impact antisemitism throughout European Jewish History has had on our communities today.

Hillel Academy would like to thank the Anti-Defamation League for being a partner in empowering Hillel graduates with the tools and skills necessary to maintain a strong connection to Judaism and the continued growth in a world that aims to challenge this.

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