Multicultural, National, & Religious Observances in May 2016

**Full Month**

**LGBT PRIDE MONTH**
Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

**June 6-July 5**

**RAMADAN**
Islamic
A month of strict fasting from dawn until dusk in honor of the first revelations of the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad.

**June 12**

**ANNE FRANK DAY**
Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family’s experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of gentle friends.

**June 12**

**LOVING DAY**
Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

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No Place for Hate News

**Save the Date!**

**ADL's 10th Annual Youth Leadership Conference**
Save the date for ADL's 10th annual Youth Leadership Conference, *Exploring Diversity, Challenging Hate*, which will be held on November 3, 2016. In honor of the conference’s 10th anniversary, the 2016 conference will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The conference is free-of-charge, and offers an unparalleled opportunity for 8 students and 2 teachers from your high school to learn about issues of diversity and discrimination.

We will be in touch at the beginning of the school year with more information. See you at the Convention Center!

**It's Designation Time!**
The end of the school year is quickly approaching. If you have not completed the three projects needed for your No Place for Hate designation, now is your last chance. If you have completed your three projects, now is the time to schedule your No Place for Hate designation. Our calendars are quickly filling up and we want to attend as many designation ceremonies as possible. Many schools schedule fall designation ceremonies as a way to kick off the new school year and introduce new students to the program. Let Lisa and Lindsay know if you would like to schedule a fall designation ceremony, or if you would prefer us to
June 12
RACE UNITY DAY
Bahá’í
Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

June 12-13
SHAVUOT
Jewish
The "Feast of Weeks" celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.

June 14
FLAG DAY
Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.

June 19
FATHER'S DAY
Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers.

June 19
JUNETEENTH
Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.

June 20
WORLD REFUGEE DAY
Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

June 20
SUMMER SOLSTICE
In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year. It marks the first day of the season of summer.

June 26
ALL SAINTS DAY
Eastern Christian
In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.

For more information, visit ADL's Calendar of Observances

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Upcoming Events and Resources

Graduation Prayer in the Public Schools: Questions & Answers

While many schools hold brief assemblies and showcase their banners, some schools aim to make their designation ceremony the most exciting event of the year! While there are no requirements for the ceremony, the most successful designations:

- Reintroduce the program to remind students about the goals of No Place for Hate. This part can be presented by an administrator, teacher, student, or other community member.
- Recap the school's projects and accomplishments over the past year in a PowerPoint or video presentation. The more energetic, nostalgic, or inspiring, the better! This can be created and presented by staff or students.
- Invite an ADL staff member to speak briefly about No Place for Hate and present the banner to the school.
- Invite local media to cover the event.
- Rededicate students to the No Place for Hate Promise (elementary school) or Resolution of Respect (middle and high school) by having all students recite it together.
- Display the diversity of your student body through an activity or presentation. One school had students on stage welcoming their schoolmates in over 20 different home languages. Other schools play music representing the different cultures represented in the school community while the students are walking in. Do what you feel is an authentic and enlightening way to personalize the program in your school.
- Have students make and wear No Place for Hate posters or t-shirts, and lead them in No Place for Hate-themed cheers or songs.
- Hold a banner-raising service to formally display the No Place for Hate banner on a wall or ceiling in a common area.
- Conclude with the message and opportunities of the program. Inspire students to bring the No Place for Hate message to their homes, summer camps, houses of worship, neighborhoods and individual hearts and minds.

The entire event can take as little as 20 minutes or as much as an hour, depending on how deeply you delve into each of these pieces. Please remember that the designation ceremony does not count as one of your three qualifying projects. Best of luck planning, and congratulations on wrapping up No Place for Hate in the 2015-2016 school year!
The end of the school year is right around the corner, and schools are planning for graduation, a time of celebration for all students. Although often well intended, the introduction of prayer or other religious activities at a public school graduation has the potential to undermine the collective spirit of the day. In light of the diversity within our nation’s public schools, such religious activities - whether performed by faculty, clergy, students or others - can cause controversy and divide communities along religious lines.

Check out ADL’s full article and Q&A for more information.

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ADL Education now has its own Twitter handle!

Be sure to follow us to stay up-to-date on the latest educational news and resources: twitter.com/ADL_Education

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No Place for Hate Marches at ADL’s 6th WALK Against Hate!

No Place for Hate schools took a step in the right direction at ADL’s sixth annual WALK Against Hate! Nearly 2,000 people came together on a sunny Sunday morning at the Philadelphia Navy Yard to celebrate diversity in the region. Among the hordes of community members and ADL supporters, 31 No Place for Hate schools and YMCAs donned yellow and black to show their support for equality, respect and inclusiveness.

Before the event got started, WALKers explored the Diversity Expo, where 30 non-profit organizations representing various cultural and community groups came out to teach, learn and show unity. Expo participants hosted family-friendly activities and educated WALKers about the communities they serve, showcasing diversity of race, ethnicity, religion, language, socioeconomic status, ability, gender and sexual orientation. At the No Place for Hate booth, children of all ages wrote No Place for Hate on slap bracelets in different languages, showing their commitment to challenging bias and bullying. The Diversity Expo set a tone of respect, positivity and open-mindedness during and after the Walk! Visit ADL’s Diversity Expo page for a full list and links to every Expo participant.

WALKers also enjoyed an exciting program of multicultural entertainers. In addition to a magician, balloon artists and face-painters, the WALK’s center stage hosted a number of acts representing diverse cultural heritages. The Bhutanese American Organization Belly Dancers and Estilo Dance Studio got the crowd going, in addition to Unidos da Filadelfia Drummers and Philly Drag Mafia. Fear No Ice was on hand to carve an ice sculpture depicting the WALK and ADL logos. The multicultural entertainment brought people together to learn about and enjoy music and dance from across the city and around the world.
Many thanks to the No Place for Hate schools and organizations that joined the WALK:
Abington YMCA
Ambler Area YMCA
Audubon YMCA
 Cherokee High School
Christian Street YMCA
Columbia North YMCA
Esperanza Academy
Father Judge High School
Gesz School
Hatboro YMCA
Haverford YMCA
J. W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School
Legacy Youth Tennis and Education
Maple Point Middle School
Marple Newtown High School
Northeast Family YMCA
Northfield Middle School
Palisades High School
Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter
Phoenixville YMCA
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School
Rocky Run YMCA
Roxborough YMCA
Seneca High School
Spring Valley YMCA
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Upper Dublin High School
Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA
West Philadelphia YMCA
Wordsworth STARS

To learn more, visit [www.walkagainsthate.org](http://www.walkagainsthate.org).

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June is LGBT Pride Month
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marked the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans. Today, LGBT Pride Month celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and these events attract millions of participants around the world.

In schools and classrooms, LGBT Pride Month is an excellent time to talk with students about LGBT people and their struggles to achieve equal rights and treatment in all aspects of their lives. It is an opportunity to discover important LGBT people in history, read literature that features LGBT people and stories, analyze homophobia/heterosexism and explore its causes and solutions.

Check out ADL's K-12 curriculum, children's books and other resources to bring LGBT Pride Month to your classrooms.

Perfect Your Project

Brand New Current Events Classroom Lessons!
Current Events Classroom is a collection of timely and relevant lesson plans that assist K-12 educators in teaching news topics and other issues of the day. Each lesson helps students analyze the topic through an anti-bias, diversity and social justice lens. Click the lessons below to download free full lesson plans:

Confronting Cyberhate: Old Navy and Malia Obama Backlash
Two recent news stories highlight two very different responses to cyberhate. Old Navy aired a commercial that featured an interracial family which instantly received a great deal of hate speech. Supporters of the ad responded by posting comments and pictures of their interracial families using the hashtag #LoveWins. During the same time period, the announcement that Malia Obama would be attending Harvard University and taking a gap year incited hate speech, so much that Fox News decided to dismantle the comments section of their article about it. These news stories point out two very different approaches to cyberhate: shutting down the hate speech and allowing the hate speech to remain, with counterspeech flowing in response.

This lesson provides an opportunity for students to explore and learn more about cyberhate and to reflect upon the best way to confront it.

Table Talk:

Family Conversations about Current Events
Parents and family members often want to discuss current events and the news of the day. It's a great opportunity to engage children in rich conversation, impart important values and encourage lifelong interest in the news and the world around them.

Check out the new Table Talk called Responding to Cyberhate. Online hate speech, or "cyberhate," is often in the news. There have been two recent news stories which highlight two very different responses to cyberhate: an Old Navy ad in which a biracial couple is shown and the announcement that Malia Obama will attend Harvard University after taking a gap year. This resource explores cyberhate and different ways to confront it.

Explore all of ADL's Table Talk topics

ADL's Book of the Month
Each month, ADL features a book related to a
particular diversity or anti-bias theme. These books are reviewed by ADL staff and reflect some of the best literature available on various topics.

June's Book of the Month is...

George
Author: Alex Gino
A chapter book for children ages 8-12

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really wants to play Charlotte but the teacher says she can't even try out for the part. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte—but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

Check out past Books of the Month
Check out Books Matter in Spanish

Have a great summer!

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