

## **HARRISON'S CORNER**

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"He who puts up with insult invites injury."

-Jewish Proverb

As we all know, Jews have had to deal with and confront anti-Semitism throughout history. Sadly, there hasn't been a time when anti-Semitism didn't exist. From the year 250 all the way up to Israel's creation in 1948, Jews have been expelled from over 80 countries and have faced violent anti-Semitic acts and genocides, the most famous being of course, the Holocaust. But throughout all this, the Jew has continued and will always continue to stand up for himself. If it weren't for the fighting spirit our people have, we may not have the rights we do today and there would be an even less amount of Jews than there is currently. Our ancestors have fought for our right to practice Judaism and live our way of life. They fought and often lost their lives so that Judaism can continue to exist. Unfortunately, anti-Semitism is as active today as ever, with Israel fearlessly fighting for its right to exist. It is our responsibility as modern Jews to continue to stand up for ourselves and to not tolerate anti-Semitism or racism. It is also our responsibility to be active Jews and not to forget that we have come so far. If we do not continue to be active Jews it's as if our ancestors' sacrifices were in vain.