**WEXNER HERITAGE PROGRAM**

**WHP ALUMNI COUNCIL DELEGATES MEETING | AUGUST 2021 | ZOOM**

**Homework Assignment #1: “X to the Nth”**

***Estimated time to complete: 1/2 hour to 2 hours if you need to research or work on a presentation (encouraged)***

Please prepare a short report on one “ACHI TOV SH’YESH (X to the Nth - BEST)” that has captured your attention, given you hope or taken your breath away RECENTLY (in the last year). This can be a great idea, program, approach, product, campaign, sports play, collaboration, or WHATEVER. An MVP in COVID: your “X to the Nth” can be from the business world, the non-Jewish world, geo-politics, academia, the arts, a person, an invention, other religions or practices, diets or dances, or, of course, an example from the Jewish community. Come prepared to give up to a 3-minute (MAXIMUM) succinct, fun, dazzling, inspiring presentation to your break-out group. PPT or video for this assignment is not encouraged but ok if you know how to share your screen successfully.

**Homework Assignment #2: “Combatting Antisemitism”**

***Estimated time to complete: 1/2 hour to a lifetime***

So many of you wrote in your registrations that you were eager to hear about the ways Jewish leaders and organizations are dealing with wide-spread Antisemitism – on college campuses, in cities, from the right, from the left. So, I decided to hire an expert (Dr. Rachel Fish) to give us an up to the minute picture of how Antisemitism is mutating and manifesting, and how it is being met successfully.

**PART ONE - EXTRA CREDIT, Due by August 9th**

Share a very specific example of a program, a campaign, a relationship, a policy, an approach that is the most successful one you know of, [and share it with the group here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xgpYEBhoWkO8hn1oGji28-4kMAvol792iGMuYzoAfqM/edit?usp=sharing). Angie will contact you if there is time also to present your example during our meeting.

**PART TWO - EXTRA CREDIT**

**The Local Angle: Relationship Building**

Most experts say the way to make any inroads against Antisemitism is to build personal relationships with leaders of other faiths, politicians, thought leaders, your neighbors. Often people don’t know or don’t focus on our issues – it isn’t that they join the “haters” – it’s just that they don’t spend the energy scrutinizing vitriol or standing up for others. And yes, sometimes, there is white supremacy and full-blown Antisemitism or anti-occupation/anti-Israel sentiment that bleeds into Antisemitism, and if you feel you could engage someone from that camp in a constructive conversation (and it’s safe for you), then go for it.

Your task is to identify one new person in your community, or a person of influence, and have a conversation with them about the rising Antisemitism and why it concerns you. **If you do this by August 12, we will make room on our call to hear about your experience. Please let Angie know by August 6 if you plan to take this on so we can add to the agenda. Otherwise, there will be ongoing opportunities to share/workshop your conversations as they unfold.**