

Lesson 2 **ANTISEMITISM**

Reflect and Respond

Either in class or as homework, have students reflect and respond to one or more of the topics below or have them develop a topic that has meaning for them based on the material covered in the lesson.

- Some people thought that after the Holocaust, antisemitism would disappear, which it did not. How can you explain that? Why do you think it did not disappear? What have you learned of the history of antisemitism that might explain why the Holocaust did not end antisemitism?
- Do you recognize propaganda in your life and society? Do you feel that you are influenced by it? If so, how? If not, how do you protect yourself from its influence?
- Think about the dangers in stereotyping. Why are stereotypes so easy to believe and perpetuate? How can you combat stereotypes in your daily life? What would be the value of doing so?
- Many of the testimonies in this lesson related stories of hurtful, neglectful, and/or abusive behavior toward children who could not defend themselves. Who in a society is responsible for the care of children? What should those entrusted with this responsibility do to ensure that all children are emotionally and physically safe?