

**Name:**

## Day One

# Violence against Jewish People

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Mendel was attacked because of his religion. Read silently.

Mendel is studying to be a rabbi. This is a leader in the Jewish religion. One day, Mendel was walking in Brooklyn, New York. He was talking to his dad on the phone. He was wearing clothes that showed he was Jewish. Three men attacked Mendel from behind. They punched him and threw him to the ground. Then they ran away.

These men also attacked another Jewish man just minutes before. Mendel said that “people are concerned” in his community. They are worried about the rise in anti-Jewish acts. They worry that looking Jewish will make them targets.

To be Jewish means two different things. It means to be of Jewish ethnicity. Important traditions are passed down through Jewish families. It also means to be part of the Jewish religion. Jewish people believe in one god. They follow the Hebrew Bible, which Christians call the Old Testament.

Thousands of years ago, Jewish people lived in the Middle East. Later, many Jewish people lived in Europe. They were often a small minority group. Christianity was the main European religion. Jewish people faced prejudice and violence for hundreds of years.

Now, Jewish people live all over the world. There are over one million Jewish Americans in New York City. But prejudice against Jewish people is still a problem. As many as half of all hate crimes in New York City are against Jewish people. These include physical attacks, like what happened to Mendel. There are also hate-filled flyers, graffiti, and bomb threats.

Source: “‘Most Visible Jews’ Fear Being Targets as Anti-Semitism Rises,” *The New York Times*, February 17, 2020.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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61

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75  
90  
98

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113  
129  
143  
147

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162  
177  
188

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204  
222  
236  
250

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why did it matter what Mendel was wearing when he was attacked?

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What is Mendel studying to be?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.