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A lot of the conversation revolves around Nazis & yes, let's hate Nazis. But that's easy. More people need to focus on loving, supporting, & standing up for Jewish people. Antisemitic people aren't only out-in-the-open white supremacists. Antisemitism is everywhere. 1/10

Punching Nazis, again, great-they're trash that deserve a good throat punch -but it does nothing to solve the problem of antisemitism. Start by looking at yourself and understand the ways in which you, yes you, perpetuate antisemitic stereotypes. 2/10

Stand up for us when you hear other people perpetuating those stereotypes. Do more than just say "oh, sad" every time a synagogue or Jewish cemetery is vandalized (which is often). 3/10

Educate yourself. Regurgitating that 6m Jews were murdered during the Holocaust isn't enough. How did it get to that point? They didn't just start killing Jews. Years of propaganda & scapegoating- by the time Jews were dragged from their homes, their neighbors didn't care. 4/10

Do you know anything else about the history of the Jewish people? That the Black Plague was blamed on Jews? A conspiracy that Jews were poisoning the wells? They burnt Jews alive. Jews always required to live in their own areas (Jewish Ghettos) throughout European history. 5/10

Expelled from Spain. Expelled from Yemen. Massacred in Iraq & Syria. I'd have to create multiple threads to list the examples of Jewish explulsions & massacres throughout history. We've not been welcome anywhere we go. A popular antisemitic trope is that it's our own fault. 6/10

Antisemitism is often a response to Israel. Let me be clear- we don't all support everything Israel does. There's a rainbow of Jewish viewpoints on Israel. You need to understand its significance for us though. It's the only place we could go if everywhere else kicked us out 7/10

Knowing all of this, imagine how seeing a "6 million wasn't enough" shirt worn in our nation's capital felt to us.

It's another loose thread in the fabric of our safety blanket. We are just waiting for the moment the wrong loose thread will pull it all apart. 8/10

What we need- more people openly loving Jewish people. More people openly valuing Jewish life. More people educated on the history of Jewish people in the world & US. That’s how I believe we start chipping away at the antisemitism that’s existed since the beginning of time. 9/10

Please don’t expect us to count on your advocacy that’s defined by wanting to punch Nazis. The conversation can’t be centered around them.

Antisemitic threads are poking out everywhere, ready to be pulled. Ready to destroy the American blanket we’ve worked so hard to weave. /end