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Racial Equality in Action

# The Racism Crisis Center

## RCC

Israeli law defines racism as “persecution, humiliation, degradation, manifestation of hatred, hostility or violence, or causing strife” against the public or parts of the population, because of their color, race, or ethno-national origin. Racism in Israel has many facets: it can be expressed via incitement, for example, through graffiti or on a flyer; discrimination in the workplace as an employee or as a customer; and, at its most extreme, violent attacks or murder. Israel is a diverse country with a plethora of cultural groups, including many minorities who are subject to racism. Arabs, immigrants from the Former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, Mizrahim (Jews from Arabic countries), asylum seekers, and migrant workers encounter discriminatory and unequal treatment, and some are even exposed to violence and to physical and emotional harm.

IRAC established the groundbreaking Racism Crisis Center (RCC), in partnership with the Coalition Against Racism in Israel, in 2017. The RCC centralizes support for victims of and witnesses to racist acts, providing services in five languages. This project, the first of its kind, helps victims navigate Israel’s complex legal system, amplifies victims’ stories for educational purposes (in the form of pamphlets and videos, which garner recognition for racism as a major issue in Israeli society), and compiles data on racism in order to better understand how to combat racist trends.

