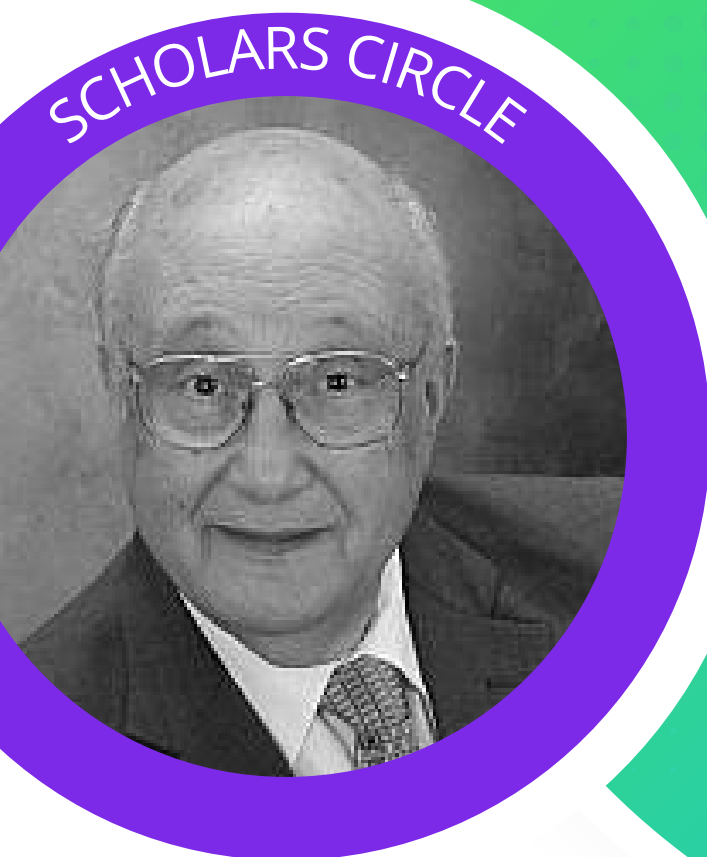


Combating Antisemitism in Academia: Lessons From 60 Years



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Key Takeaways

- ☑ Antisemitism in academia is nothing new and always present just below the surface in plain sight.
- ☑ Rigorous research on what works and doesn't work in combating antisemitism has just begun post October 7, 2023.
- ☑ Individuals and institutions allowing antisemitism must be held accountable and the process must be costly and compelling.
- ☑ Scientific research must be done to find the biological bases, natural and social causes of anti-semitism and investigate it as a chronic disease with epidemic potential and perhaps a cure.

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