

New Book Examines Hidden Patterns of Antisemitism in Major League Baseball

PLAYING BALL WHILE JEWISH

Silence and Prejudice in
Major League Baseball



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Warren, Rhode Island May 3, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Author Robert L. Hirsch announces the release of his new book, *PLAYING BALL WHILE JEWISH, SILENCE AND PREJUDICE IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL*, April, 2026, a provocative and data-driven examination of antisemitism in Major League Baseball, past and present, with particular attention to the Boston Red Sox organization.

Drawing on historical records, player data, and contemporary examples, Hirsch challenges the prevailing narrative that antisemitism in baseball has largely disappeared. While overt incidents have declined since the mid-20th century, the book argues that more subtle and systemic forms of bias often persist unrecognized and unmeasured.

“The absence of visible incidents does not necessarily indicate the absence of bias,” Hirsch writes. “In many cases, it signals a shift in how that bias is expressed.”

The book traces the experience of Jewish players from the early 1900s, when discrimination was explicit and often documented, to the modern era, where representation remains disproportionately low relative to the broader population. Hirsch explores whether this persistent underrepresentation reflects cultural trends, structural barriers, or lingering prejudice within the sport.

A key focus of the work is the Boston Red Sox franchise, whose history under long-term ownership provides a lens through which broader league dynamics can be examined. The book places these findings in context by comparing Major League Baseball with other professional sports leagues.

In addition to historical analysis, *PLAYING BALL WHILE JEWISH* addresses contemporary issues, including social media harassment of Jewish players and the evolving public stance of professional sports organizations on antisemitism.

The result is a work that is both analytical and accessible, intended for baseball fans, historians, and readers interested in the intersection of sports and society.

About the Author

Robert L. Hirsch, Ph.D. is a scientist and author based in New England. Previous works include *Invisible Threat*, which was recognized by the Jewish Book Council and his most recent novel, *We Can't Go Back*, where international terrorism yields a plot of global antisemitism. In this current work, Hirsch brings a researcher's rigor and a lifelong passion for baseball to a subject that has received limited sustained attention.

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