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"Jews in Germany said, why are we hated? Because we are different. So let's stop being different. We're different, we eat different foods, let's abolish the dietary laws. We keep Shabbos on a different day. Let's move Shabbos to Sunday. We get married and divorced in a different way, let's abolish the whole of . Let's just be like everyone else. And the result was, antisemitism was not diminished one millimetre and Jews lost their own inner strength to resist. So we must never, ever believe that Jews are the cause of antisemitism."

"Haman: The First Antisemite," Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, February 2014,

<https://www.rabbisacks.org/archive/haman-the-first-antisemite/>

If the solution to being hated for being different is to try to be less different, then what is the solution?

"In the late 1980s when the former Soviet Union was beginning to open up, it was the era of and , for the first time in 70 years Jews were free to be Jews. But it had a downside because antisemites, for the first time in 70 years, were free to be antisemites. And antisemitism began to reappear in Russia at the end of the 80s. And one of our Rabbanim from Manchester was out in Moscow helping to rebuild Jewish life. And while he was there, a young girl came to see him, in her late teens, and she was shaking, and she told the Rabbi, "All my life, I never spoke about being Jewish, nobody thought I was Jewish, we didn't discuss it, and nobody said anything. Now, because I'm Jewish, when I go in the street, people shout at me,

"Jew". What shall I do?"

And the Rabbi had a big beard and a big black hat and a long . He turned to the young lady and said, "The way I look, people probably don't mistake me for an Episcopalian."

"And yet," he said, "in all these months I've been here, no one ever shouted out

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