This is what being functionally white means, that someone can and is willing to operate in American society as white, without the fear that their ethnicity will be discovered. They can live in white neighborhoods, have the safety of whiteness, go to white schools, marry white people, and have the economic privilege of whiteness.

This is not to say that being Jewish isn't incredibly dangerous in this country. Anti-Semitic hate crimes make up the vast majority of all hate crimes. But at this point in time in America, anti-Semitism is not comparable to systemic racism. All Jews will be a target of white supremacists, but many Jews may not ever experience racism. . .

. . .If you are white, American, and Ashkenazi Jewish, I want to ask you a question. What do you like about being white? I'm not asking what you like about being Jewish, or what you like about belonging to a specific European culture. I'm asking what you like about being white in America. And if you're honest, if you really reflect on this question, you'll find most of the things you come up with are intimately linked to privilege and power. But if I were to ask you what you liked about being Jewish or being Ashkenazi, you would likely give me a list of things linked to culture, history, and community.

Being white, being Ashkenazi, and being Jewish are three different things. And yes, you absolutely can be all of them at once.

> --Nylah Burton, "White Jews: Stop Calling Yourselves White-Passing." *The Jewish Forward*. July 2, 2018.