



EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

NOVEMBER 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015

This document presents the major reported anti-Semitic incidents during this period.



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AUSTRIA

❖ REPORT: Austria sees huge rise in anti-Semitic acts in 2014

Monday, February 02, 2015 - A report by a Vienna-based watchdog group has said that Anti-Semitic incidents have nearly doubled in Austria in 2014. Several thousand Jews live in Austria and the Forum Against Anti-Semitism recorded 255 Anti-Semitic incidents in the country in 2014. The Forum reported 137 incidents in 2013, and the 255 incidents recorded this past year mark the highest figure recorded since 2009, surpassing it by 55 incidents. Of the 255 incidents documented by the Forum, there were 57 cases of vandalism, nine cases of physical aggression, 21 cases of threats and insults in public spaces, and 83 cases of online hate speech.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Austria/12406-austria-sees-huge-rise-in-anti-semitic-acts-in-2014.html>

▪ Saudi school in Vienna teaches anti-Semitism

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 - Vienna's school board is investigating the city's Saudi Arabian school for reportedly teaching anti-Semitism in a history class. The probe is linked to a report by an Austrian news magazine. The magazine says a history book used by the school contains anti-Jewish material. It quotes the book as allegedly describing Freemasons as "a Jewish, secret, subversive organisation focused on guaranteeing control of the world by Jews." School board official Matias Meissner said the board is looking into the allegations. The school could lose its status as a recognised educational institution if the allegations are proven.

Source: <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.626876>

❖ REPORT: Around 250 Belgian Jews left for Israel last year

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - Around 250 Jews from Belgium left for Israel in 2014 according to the Jewish Agency out of a Jewish population of some 30,000 in the country.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Belgium/12507-around-250-belgian-jews-left-for-israel-last-year.html>

<http://www.sudinfo.be/1215737/article/2015-02-17/belgique-environ-250-juifs-belges-sont-partis-s-installer-en-israel-en-2014>

❖ REPORT: 60 % rise in Anti-Semitic acts in Belgium in 2014

Monday, January 26, 2015 - There were 102 anti-Semitism acts in Belgium in 2014, representing an increase of some 60 % over the previous year.

Source: <http://www.7sur7.be/7s7/fr/1502/Belgique/article/detail/2192172/2015/01/23/Hausse-de-60-des-actes-antisemites-en-2014.dhtml>

▪ Brussels teacher makes anti-Semitic remarks to pupil

Monday, February 09, 2015 - A mathematics teacher at a public high school in Brussels told a Jewish pupil that if she wasn't happy she could "take the train and go to Poland". The incident, for which a formal complaint has been filed, occurred at the Lycée Emile Jacqmain in the capital. Pending an investigation, the teacher is continuing to hold classes at the establishment.

Source: <http://www.rtl.be/info/belgique/societe/scandale-au-lycee-emile-jacqmain-un-prof-dit-a-une-eleve-juive-qu-on-devrait-tous-les-mettre-dans-des-wagons--698142.aspx>

▪ Belgian Jews slam remarks by Brussels region head

Friday, January 30, 2015 - The Comité de Coordination des Organisations Juives de Belgique (CCOJB) umbrella group of Belgian Jewish organisations, the country's EJC affiliate, has condemned the "outrageous" remarks made by the head of the Brussels regional government, Rudi Vervoort, who compared a measure to deprive citizenship from those convicted of acts of terrorism to the Nazi regime. "It is a recipe that was used by the Germans and the Vichy (collaborationist) regime towards the Jews who were not considered as full citizens," Vervoort said in an interview with the Belgian daily L'Echo. "To compare a measure taken to fight jihadists who claim to be enemies of the West with measures taken by the Vichy government against the Jews is unbearable," said the Jewish organization

" This suggests that persecuted Jews during the Second World War were also enemies of the West, " it said, calling on the Socialist Party, of which Vervoort is a member, to react to this "historical confusion and insult to the Jewish people and humanity. "

Source: http://ejpress.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51440&catid=10

- **Jewish man stabbed in Antwerp**

Monday, November 17, 2014 - An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man was stabbed in the neck while walking through an underpass in Antwerp's Jewish quarter. The motive for the crime remains unclear. The 31-year-old victim was treated for his wounds and released from hospital. He was walking to the synagogue at about 10:00 a.m. when a man he did not recognise stabbed him and fled. Security camera footage shows the attacker, who appears to be a white male, running away from the scene of the crime.

Source: http://www.israelhayom.com/site/newsletter_article.php?id=21503

- **Wooden Magen David set alight in Belgian town**

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 - A group of youths set alight a large wooden Magen David in a small Flemish town in central Belgium. The incident took place in Alken, near the town of Hasselt. According to reports in the Flemish press, some of the youths wore white garments during the incident. The local mayor, Marc Penxten, said he believed it not to be a coincidence that the incident happened close to the commemoration of Kristallnacht and asked the police to investigate.

Source: <http://www.rtl.be/info/regions/flandre/antisemitisme-pres-de-hasselt-une-etoile-de-david-en-bois-incendiee-par-des-jeunes-661701.aspx>

DENMARK

- Dan Uzan, volunteer security guard, killed at Copenhagen synagogue



Monday, February 16, 2015 - Dan Uzan, 37, was guarding a Bat Mitzvah celebration at a Jewish community building near the synagogue when he was shot dead by an Islamist terrorist. There are an estimated 6,000 to 7,000 Jews in Denmark, including about 2,000 active members of the Jewish community, which operates its own security patrol that coordinates with police to protect Jewish institutions. The community had previously asked police for enhanced security, and following last month's attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris, Denmark police began reevaluating security arrangements.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Denmark/12477-dan-uzan-volunteer-security-guard-killed-at-copenhagen-synagogue.html>

❖ **REPORT: Anti-Semitic acts in France double in 2014**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - The number of anti-Semitic acts doubled in France during 2014, with acts involving physical violence at an all-time-high. Some 851 anti-Semitic acts were registered in 2014, compared with 423 the previous year, with acts of physical violence jumping to 241 from 105, the CRIF, the national representative body of French Jews and EJC affiliate said. "These anti-Semitic acts represent 51 % of racist acts committed in France while Jews make up only 1% of the French population," CRIF said in a statement. France is home to Europe's largest Jewish population, estimated to be between 500,000 and 600,000.

Source: <http://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/2015/01/27/01016-20150127ARTFIG00167-en-2014-le-nombre-d-actes-antisemites-a-double-en-france.php>

❖ **STUDY: Sharansky - 50,000 French Jews asked for Aliyah information in 2014**

Tuesday, January 06, 2015 - Fifty thousand French Jews asked the Jewish Agency for information about immigrating to Israel in 2014, and the Jewish Agency is holding two information seminars a day in France, whereas a year ago it held only one a month, Natan Sharansky told The Jerusalem Post. "They have a choice, to stay in France, where there is the biggest welfare basket ever," to travel to other European Union nations or to immigrate to Montreal, where there are few cultural adjustments to make and which was until recently their primary destination, he said. According to Sharansky, "the overwhelming majority" of Jewish émigrés from France, possibly up to 70 percent, choose to go to Israel. "So [Theodor] Herzl was right, Israel will be a magnet." "Here you have for the first time, a clear thing," he said. "There is a massive exodus from a community in the free world, which has all the doors open to them, and they are choosing Israel." Of some 600,000 French Jews, "hundreds of thousands" of them are now contemplating leaving the country, he added. "Right now, every day the Jewish Agency is organizing two evening [meetings] for 200 people to give them basic information about Aliya. A year ago we had one meeting a month, then we had one a week, and now we have two evenings every day. Fifty thousand people have asked for information this year, and I'm speaking about the area of Paris."

Source: <http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Sharansky-to-Post-50000-French-Jews-inquired-about-aliya-in-2014-386782>

❖ **REPORT: Aliyah from France doubles in 2014**

Friday, December 05, 2014 - Jewish emigration from France to Israel is more than doubled in the first ten months in 2014 in comparison to the corresponding period in 2013. As of October 31, 2014, 6,237 people had left France for Israel compared with 2,555 in 2013. For the first time ever, France takes the lead in a list of countries with the highest emigration to the Jewish State.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/12090-aliyah-from-france-doubles-in-2014.html>

❖ **REPORT: French Front National supporters and French Muslims possess most anti-Semitic attitudes**

Monday, November 17, 2014 - Two studies have shown that the higher the level of religious observance in France's Muslim community, the greater the likelihood of Anti-Semitic opinions while such views remain very normative among far-Right National Front voters despite the party's attempts to present a more moderate image. 53% of those supporting the National Front and 49% of those who voted for the party's leader Marine Le Pen in the 2012 presidential elections said they would want to avoid a Jewish president of France as against only 21% of the general population. 29% of such voters also oppose educating young people about the Shoah. 43% of French citizens of Muslim origin believe that Jews have too much power in the economy and financial sector, with the number rising to 69% among those stating they were believers in Islam and 74% among those practicing the religion.

Source: <http://www.la-croix.com/Actualite/France/Les-prejuges-antisemites-beaucoup-plus-marques-chez-les-sympathisants-FN-et-les-musulmans-2014-11-14-1236954>

- Holocaust memorial vandalised in northern France



Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - A Holocaust-era monument at a synagogue in northern France was destroyed in an act of vandalism. Red paint was thrown on yellow stars that pro-Nazi French collaborators drew on the synagogue in 1942. The stars had been preserved as a reminder of that period in French history. The synagogue is not used by a Jewish community. Elbeuf Mayor Djoude Merabet described the act as anti-Semitic. "A little over 70 years after what happened here, this act is clearly the disgusting fruit of the anti-Semitism that is manifested [also] in the profanation of Jewish cemeteries," he said.

Source: http://www.normandie-actu.fr/en-seine-maritime-une-synagogue-vandalisee-enquete-ouverte_114576/

- Swastikas daubed on French cemeteries

Friday, February 20, 2015 - Swastikas have been found daubed on two cemeteries in France.

The cemeteries defaced were at Challans in western France and at Issoudun in the centre of the country. Neither of the two cemeteries are Jewish cemeteries. The desecrations follow the overturning of some 300 gravestones at the Jewish cemetery in Sarre-Union in eastern France earlier this week and similar attacks on Christian cemeteries in Normandy and in the Pyrenees.



Source: <http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2015/02/18/97001-20150218FILWWW00307-deux-autres-cimetieres-tagues-de-croix-gammes.php>

- **Former French FM says current PM controlled by Jews**

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - France's ruling Socialists rushed to condemn an ageing former minister from among their ranks Roland Dumas, 92, after he suggested Prime Minister Manuel Valls was probably acting under Jewish "influence". Valls has been vocal in his defence of Jews in France, both before and after the January Islamist attacks that killed 17 people, including four Jews. In a statement, the Socialist party said Dumas' statements were "unworthy of a Socialist decorated by the Republic". Valls told reporters he would be "sullied" were he to respond to the accusation, but said Dumas was "a man with a known past and his remarks which have done no credit to the Republic for a long time."

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/12488-former-french-fm-says-current-pm-controlled-by-jews.html>

- Hundreds of graves desecrated at French Jewish cemetery



Monday, February 16, 2015 - France's interior minister said several hundred tombs had been defaced at a Jewish cemetery in the northeast of the country, in what he called "a despicable act". "Around 300 tombs have been defaced," said a source close to the investigation, adding that there had been no reports of anything written on the tombstones. The region's police and prosecutor came to the cemetery as well the chief rabbi of Strasbourg, Rene Gutman. "It's an image of desolation," president of the Alsace region Philippe Richert told AFP, describing how Jewish steles, stone or wooden slabs often used for commemorative purposes, were knocked down and even some slabs at the gravesites had been lifted. "One doesn't knock over heavy steles like that dating back to the 19th century very easily. It was a deliberate act of destruction," he said. French President Francois Hollande called the desecration an "odious and barbaric act" while Prime Minister Manuel Valls, wrote on Twitter, describing it as "anti-Semitic and ignoble".

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/12475-hundreds-of-graves-desecrated-at-french-jewish-cemetery.html>

- Suspect arrested for anti-Semitic graffiti in Paris



Thursday, February 12, 2015 - A suspect has been arrested for painting the word “Jew” on at least a dozen cars in a Paris neighborhood. The man was arrested and taken into police custody after the graffiti, done in white paint and capital letters, was discovered, according to reports.

Source and image:

<http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/12457-suspect-arrested-for-anti-semitic-graffiti-in-paris.html>

- French design company places “no Jews” job advert

Profil recherché

- Vous êtes une personne rigoureuse, bien organisée, exigeante avec elle-même.
- Vous êtes motivé(e) et vous avez envie d'évoluer dans un univers ultra dynamique.
- **Si possible pas juif(ve)**
- Vous maîtrisez parfaitement la chaîne graphique et les techniques d'imprimerie.
- Compréhension rapide et globale des projets.
- Proactif(ve) et autonome, vous n'hésitez pas à chercher l'information par vous-même, avant d'avoir recours à l'équipe, mais savez vous faire aider lorsque cela est nécessaire.
- Sens du travail en équipe et des responsabilités.
- Un esprit méthodique : rigueur, réactivité et capacité à gérer les priorités.
- *Expérience de 2 à 4 ans exigée*

Wednesday, February 04, 2015 - An online job advert for a Paris graphic design company specifying that candidates should be rigorous, well organised, and highly-motivated but “if possible not Jewish” has sparked outrage with a leading anti-racism group taking legal action. The row started when a Parisian jobseeker noticed the advert placed by graphic design company, NSL Studio, on the jobs site graphic-jobs.com. The advert for a permanent graphic designer specified in its first two lines that the

candidate must be rigorous, motivated and keen to develop in an “ultra-dynamic” environment. The third line specified: “If possible, not Jewish.” The French anti-racism group SOS Racisme filed a legal complaint.

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/feb/03/french-no-jews-job-ad-complaints>

- **French soldiers stabbed outside Jewish community centre**

Wednesday, February 04, 2015 - Three soldiers standing outside a Jewish community centre in the southern French city of Nice were attacked with a knife. The two of the soldiers were not injured gravely. Two men were arrested.

Source: <http://www.actuj.com/2015-02/france/1418-nice-3-militaires-agresses-au-couteau-devant-un-centre-communautaire-juif>

- **Dieudonné continues with anti-Semitic shows**

Monday, January 19, 2015 - The anti-Semitic French comic Dieudonné M’Bala M’Bala has once again targetted Jews during one of his shows. Despite being arrested recently for comments justifying the terrorist attacks in Paris, Dieudonné continued his anti-Jewish theme during a show in Strasbourg. At one point, he mimed shooting at the audience, stating: “If I hit a journalist, particularly a Jew, they’ll re-open the Nuremberg trials.”

Source: <http://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/2015/01/18/01016-20150118ARTFIG00055--strasbourg-dieudonne-multiplie-les-provocations.php>

- **Jewish bookstore attacked near Lyon**

Thursday, January 15, 2015 - A masked man armed with a hammer smashed the window of a Jewish bookstore in a Lyon suburb of Villeurbanne. The attack occurred at the Aleph bookstore in the suburb. The man shouted “Jews, we will get you,” before fleeing the site.

Source: <http://www.20minutes.fr/lyon/1517339-20150114-villeurbanne-librairie-juive-visee-acte-antisemite>

- **Dieudonné investigated on suspicion of justifying terrorist act**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - A Paris court has ordered an investigation into anti-Semitic comic Dieudonné M’Bala M’Bala for justifying terrorism after he posted on his Facebook page he felt like “Charlie Coulibaly”, a reference to both the journalists killed at the Charlie Hebdo magazine offices as well as the murderer of four Jews at a kosher supermarket in the capital.

Source: http://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2015/01/12/dieudonne-vise-par-une-enquete-pour-apologie-du-terrorisme_4554491_3224.html

- **Fourth air gun attack at Jewish site in Paris**

Monday, January 05, 2015 - In yet another possible copycat attack against Parisian Jews, unknown assailants fired a pellet gun at a kosher restaurant. There were no injuries and only slight damage to the window of Micky's Kosher restaurant, located in the city's heavily-Jewish 19th Arrondissement. However, over a month of assaults against Jewish targets, including a brutal rape during a home invasion in December, and similar shooting attack against a synagogue and other Jewish businesses, have prompted Chief Rabbi of Paris, Michel Guggenheim, to admit that the near-constant harassment is having "a powerful effect on the community." Community leaders believe one individual or group is behind the string of menacing attacks.

Source: <http://www.algemeiner.com/2015/01/04/4th-air-gun-shooting-hits-paris-jewish-establishment-police-seeking-suspects/>

- **Number of attacks on Jewish targets in Paris**

Monday, December 29, 2014 - Shots were fired at three separate locations belonging to Jews in Paris. The projectiles all targeted locations in the capital's heavily-Jewish 19th district. One hit the window of a synagogue while the other two hit incidents targeted a kosher restaurant and a business belonging to a member of the community.

Source: <http://www.crif.org/fr/lecrifenaction/agressions-r%C3%A9p%C3%A9t%C3%A9es-%C3%A0-paris-19e/53747>

- **French police receive suspended sentences for Nazi salutes**

Monday, December 15, 2014 - Three policemen from the north of France have received suspended jail terms for making Nazi salutes in 2008 after an appeal quashing their initial sentence was itself rejected by a higher court. The police officers from Amiens included Fabrice Langelé, the former head of the city's anti-criminality unit, who received an additional six months suspended sentence for what he was initially given.

Source: <http://www.courrier-picard.fr/region/amiens-les-trois-policiers-condamnes-apres-les-saluts-ia0b0n485054>

- **Police arrest suspects planning attack on French synagogue**

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - French police have arrested five men in connection with online threats to attack a synagogue. Two of the suspects, all of whom are believed to be far-right activists, were arrested in the southern city of Montpellier, the French news agency AFP reported. The remaining three were apprehended in the nearby city of Beziers. The suspects are believed to have

written on social networks that they intended to burn down the Grande-Motte Synagogue in Hérault, also in southern France.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/12117-grande-motte-synagogue-.html>

- **Eight year-old Jewish girl bullied at French school**

Tuesday, December 09, 2014 - An eight year-old Jewish girl at a school near Lyon in south-eastern France was bullied and threatened by fellow pupils after they found out she was Jewish. A group of other pupils was able to defend her and her younger sister from threatened physical attack. The CRIF umbrella organisation of French Jewry, the country's EJC affiliate, strongly condemned the verbal attacks and threats on the girl.

Source: <http://www.crif.org/fr/actualites/agression-verbale-%C3%A0-caract%C3%A8re-antis%C3%A9mite-%C3%A0-l%C3%A9cole/53485>

- **French court fines far-Right publication for anti-Semitism**

Friday, December 05, 2014 - The publisher of a French far-Right weekly has been ordered by a court to pay a 2,000 euros fine for provoking anti-Jewish hate. Fabrice (a.k.a. Jérôme) Bourbon, publisher of Rivarol, was found guilty of the charge following the publication of two articles in the paper relating to the banning of a performance by the anti-Semitic comedian Dieudonné M'Elia M'Elia by the Council of State. The articles included passages describing the Council of State as "a rabbinical court" and that "we are living under full Jewish tyranny".

Source: <http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2014/12/04/97001-20141204FILWWW00315-le-journal-d-extreme-droite-rivarol-condamne.php>

- **French president condemns brutal anti-Semitic attack**

Friday, December 05, 2014 - A brutal anti-Semitic rape and robbery in the Paris suburbs has been condemned by President François Hollande as "intolerable" and an "assault on all that France holds dear". Two young men of African and North African origin have been formally accused of committing a hate crime after police said they attacked a young Jewish couple in a flat in Créteil, east of Paris. The couple were tied up and robbed at gunpoint and the young woman was gang raped, authorities said. According to one of the victims, one of the three attackers said: "We are here to rob you and beat up Jews at the same time.... You must have cash here because you are Jews." A teenager has been accused of aiding and abetting the attack. A fourth man is still on the run.

Source: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/brutal-antisemitic-rape-and-robbery-an-assault-on-all-france-holds-dear-says-president-francois-hollande-9904220.html>

- **Leading French anti-Semite accused of racism**

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 - A young French rapper is suing Alain Soral, a close association of Dieudonné and leading exponent of anti-Semitism, for racist remarks and threatening behaviour. Soral allegedly attempted to pursue the young woman but when rejected launched a torrent of anti-black racism and anti-Semitism at her. The article in Actualité Juive details Soral's colourful and decidedly racist and sexist rhetoric.

Source: <http://www.actuj.com/2014-11/france/alain-soral-accuse-de-racisme-anti-noir-le-roi-du-complotisme-mis-a-nu>

- **Jewish teenager attacked outside Paris school**

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - A group of French teenagers assaulted a Jewish adolescent outside a school in Paris. The alleged assault happened in the 3rd arrondissement, or district, in the centre of the city in front of the private high school Progress, which has a large number of Jewish students. The victim, who was wearing a kippah, was standing in front of the school with some friends when a group of approximately 15 youths of African descent ages 16-19 assaulted him, according to a report of the incident related by the National Bureau for Vigilance against Anti-Semitism, or BNVCA.

Source: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-teen-attacked-in-paris-after-arson-attempt-at-kosher-eatery/>

- **Molotov cocktail thrown at Paris kosher restaurant**

Monday, November 10, 2014 - Windows were shattered and a Molotov cocktail was thrown at a kosher restaurant in central Paris. The incident took place at the Zekai restaurant in the capital's 17th district. Many Jews live in the area and there are a number of kosher restaurants. Police are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.tribunejuive.info/france/paris-xvii-eme-attentat-contre-un-restaurant-cacher>
<http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11942-molotov-cocktail-thrown-at-paris-kosher-restaurant.html>

- **French court sentences man for scrawling swastika on synagogue**

Thursday, November 06, 2014 - A French man has been ordered by a court to provide 120 hours of community service after scrawling swastikas on a synagogue building on the island of Corsica. The man drew two swastikas and a phallus on the front of the Beth Meir synagogue in the old town area of Bastia. The local Jewish community, who were among those who brought the court action, expressed their satisfaction at the verdict and the sentence.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11917-french-court-sentences-man-for-scrawling-swastika-on-synagogue.html>

GERMANY

❖ REPORT: Sharp rise in anti-Semitism in Germany

Friday, November 21, 2014 - German Anti-Semitism and resentment towards Israel has risen sharply in recent months, with more than one in four respondents in a new poll equating the Jewish state's treatment of Palestinians to Nazi persecution of Jews during World War Two. The bi-annual survey on xenophobia in Germany by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation showed broad measures of Anti-Semitism on the decline over the past decade. But it also showed a spike in negative views towards Israel and Jews in general between June and September, coinciding with the conflict between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza. Just over 27 percent of those surveyed in September said they broadly or fully agreed with the idea that Israel's treatment of the Palestinians was no different than Nazi persecution of Jews during the Holocaust, when six million Jews were murdered. That survey result was still down significantly from 2004, when over 51 percent of respondents agreed with this statement. One in five respondents, in the survey of 1,915 German citizens, said Israel's policies made Jews less likeable. "The lines between Anti-Semitism and substantive criticism of Israel are becoming blurred and that is a problem," the Friedrich Ebert Foundation said in a statement.

Source: <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4594375,00.html>

▪ Jewish cemetery vandalised in northern Germany

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - A Jewish cemetery in the northern German city of Oldenburg was desecrated. Swastikas were daubed on the entrance columns, a wall and two cars parked near the cemetery over the weekend, the Oldenburger Online newspaper reported. Police are investigating. Over the past few years, the cemetery has been targeted by right-wing extremists, one of whom was sentenced to two years' probation for throwing paint balls on the gravestones.

Source: and Image:



<http://www.eurojewcong.org/Germany/12485-jewish-cemetery-vandalised-in-northern-germany.html>

- **German man convicted for “Death to Zionists” remark**

Monday, February 02, 2015 - A judge in Essen ruled that an anti-Israel activist incited hatred against Jews because of his calls to kill Zionists. “‘Zionist’ in the language of anti-Semites is a code for Jew,” Judge Gauri Sastry said in a groundbreaking legal decision. German Turk Taylan Can, 24, yelled “death and hate to Zionists” at an anti-Israel rally in Essen.

Source: <http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/German-judge-convicts-man-for-shouting-Death-to-Zionists-at-march-389568>

- **Anti-Semitic attack on Israeli in Berlin**

Tuesday, January 06, 2015 - Berlin police said they are investigating an attack on an Israeli citizen who was beaten by a group of young men after he asked them to stop singing anti-Semitic songs on the subway in the German capital on New Year's Eve. Police spokesman Martin Dahms said that police have not yet been able to identify the attackers, but are evaluating video footage of the incident. The victim, 26-year-old Shahak Shapira, who lives in Berlin, told The Associated Press that after he asked the seven men to stop chanting anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli songs and slurs, he recorded them on his cell phone. Shapira, who has been living in Berlin for 6 years and a total of 12 in Germany, said that the men were singing "F*** Israel, f*** Jews." When he got off at the next subway stop, the men, who Shapira said were speaking both German and Arabic, followed him and demanded he delete his video. When he refused, some of the men spat on him and beat and kicked him, injuring his head.

Source: <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4611643,00.html>

- **German neo-Nazis demand Jewish addresses in Dortmund**

Monday, November 17, 2014 - A neo-Nazi party has demanded to know the addresses of all Jews in the city of Dortmund. Die Rechte – The Right – wrote to Mayor Ullrich Sierau through one of its councillors, Dennis Giemsch, seeking to know how many Jews live in and around the town, and their addresses. He asked that the information be supplied at a meeting of the council in the town hall. The demand was refused and the letter has been passed to the interior ministry of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, which is looking at ways to legally ban the party. Full-time computer student Giemsch said the information was 'relevant for our political work'.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2835488/Nazis-demand-Jews-addresses-Extreme-political-party-Germany-evoke-chilling-memories-people-hunting-1930s.html>

- **Jewish student spokesman in German town quits after death threats**

Monday, November 03, 2014 - The student spokesman for the German city of Offenbach's school system, Max Moses Bonifer, has resigned his post because local Muslim students attacked him and threatened to kill him. The German daily FAZ reported that Bonifer said young Muslims have threatened him over the last few weeks because he wore a kippa with a Star of David and yelled at him: "We spit on your people. We'll find you and kill you." Bonifer told the weekly German Jewish paper Jüdische Allgemeine that "since the Gaza conflict in the summer, youths of Arab and Turkish origin have regularly insulted me, spat at me and attacked me." Bonifer said he could no longer represent students who wish death for him and the Jewish people.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Germany/11906-jewish-student-spokesman-in-german-town-quits-after-death-threats.html>

GREECE

- Greek Jewish cemetery daubed with anti-Semitic graffiti



Monday, December 29, 2014 - On December 23rd, 2014, the Jewish Cemetery of Larissa was vandalised with anti-Semitic graffiti signed by “Larissa Skins”. In a statement, the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, the country’s EJC affiliate, said: "The Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, the Jewish Community of Larissa, and the Greek Jewry express their sorrow and indignation and strongly condemn the desecration of the Jewish cemetery of Larissa with swastikas, threats such as “six million more” and anti-Semitic phrases similar to those used by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews of Europe. “

Source: http://www.kis.gr/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=552:announcement-of-the-central-board-of-jewish-communities-for-the-desecration-of-the-jewish-cemetery-of-larissa&catid=49:2009-05-11-09-28-23

- Greek Jews slam anti-Semitic statements by MP

Thursday, December 18, 2014 - The umbrella organization of Greek Jews and the country’s EJC affiliate has condemned a far-Right politician after he claimed that Jews don’t pay taxes. Panos Kammenos, leader of the small Independent Greeks Party, made the comment during an interview on the Antenna television channel. The Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece issued a statement in response saying it “categorically refutes” Kammenos’ comments. “It is a disgrace that a leader of a party in Parliament does not know that Greek Jews are equal citizens and subject to all the rights and obligations of every citizen,” the statement added, noting that Jewish institutions were governed by

the same tax obligations as the Church. The Jewish community called on Kammenos to apologise for the “serious anti-Semitic act.”

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/211009/right-wing-greek-leader-says-jews-dont-pay-taxes/#ixzz3MFPocpBO>

- **Greek Jews slam MP's anti-Semitic article**

Friday, December 05, 2014 - Greek Jews have reacted with shock and anger to an article by an MP from the far-Right Independent Greeks party which was filled with vile anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. In a statement, the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, the country's EJC affiliate said that the article by MP Stavroula Xoulidou made repeated references against the Jews and the world Zionist movement. The comments “represent the usual dissemination of prejudices and stereotypes that when prevailed in history have led to the persecution of the Jewish people and ultimately to the Holocaust of six million Jews,” the Board said.

Source: http://www.kis.gr/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=550:announcement-on-the-anti-semitic-references-in-greek-mps-essay&catid=49:2009-05-11-09-28-23

- **Graffiti scrawled on Athens Holocaust memorial**



Monday, November 03, 2014 - The Athens Holocaust memorial has been desecrated for the second time in 2014. Vandals spray-painted the logo of an ultra-nationalist group known as the Unaligned Meander Nationalists. The same group, which describes the neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party as “moderates”, vandalised the Holocaust Monument on the island of Rhodes in October 2012. “We call

upon the municipal and state authorities to effectively protect the Holocaust Monument of the capital, in order to avoid repetition of such phenomena,” said a joint statement from the Jewish Community of Athens and the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, the country’s EJC affiliate.

Source and Image:

<http://www.eurojewcong.org/Greece/11907-graffiti-scrawled-on-athens-holocaust-memorial.html>

HUNGARY

▪ Jobbik pol slammed for disrespecting late chief rabbi’s memory

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - Jewish leaders in Hungary condemned a politician from the far-right Jobbik party who refused to honor the memory of a former chief rabbi. The Mazsihisz federation of Hungarian Jewish communities issued its condemnation Friday against Laszlo Benke, an alderman of Budapest’s 13th district representing Jobbik — a movement which the European Jewish Congress has called both neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic, though the party rejects this description. According to Mazsihisz, Benke on Feb. 12 remained seated in his chair despite the request by the district’s mayor, Jozef Toth, that all alderman stand up in memory of former chief rabbi Jozsef Schweitzer, who died on Feb. 5 at the age of 92. He was an honorary resident of the district.

Source: http://www.stljewishlight.com/news/world/article_9f1b1964-5e95-5264-8ce6-b6cdefd93105.html

ITALY

❖ **STUDY: 60% of Italian Jews view anti-Semitism as a 'very big problem'**

Wednesday, February 04, 2015 - 75% of Italian Jews believe anti-Semitism in their country has significantly increased in the past five years. Over 60 percent of Italian Jews considered anti-Semitism a large or a very large problem in Italy. Two-thirds believe it has significantly increased in the past five years, according to a new study released Tuesday by the London-based Jewish Policy Research. “From Old and New Directions Perceptions and Experiences of Anti-Semitism among Jews in Italy” is based on

data gathered only until the end of 2012, before Israel's last summer conflict in Gaza, which is partly to blame for the strengthening of anti-Semitism, and the meteoric rise of the Islamic State group and its thousands of western disciples across Europe and the US.

Source: <http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/59973-150204-study-60-of-italian-jews-see-anti-semitism-as-a-very-big-problem>

❖ STUDY: Large increase in Italian Jews immigrating to Israel

Monday, November 24, 2014 - An estimated 300 Italian Jews are expected to emigrate to Israel in the biggest such exodus to the Jewish state from the country in some 40 years. The figure represents 1.1% of Italy's Jewish population. While the number is relatively small, their demographic impact on the Jewish community registered in Italy of some 25,000 is significant. Those emigrating are motivated by the economic crisis in Italy as well as "endemic" prejudice and Anti-Semitism in the media, on the Internet, and vast sectors of parliament, demographer Sergio della Pergola said. "We must give credit to the Italian government for taking a clear stance on the matter, beginning with President (Giorgio) Napolitano," he said. "It is not the political class that is responsible, but rather the mechanism that solders old prejudice against Jews to the new Anti-Semitism linked to the relations between the Jews and Israel".

Source: https://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2014/11/21/italian-jewish-migration-to-israel-booms_48c946ce-bf4b-408e-89d3-9820e5204eaa.html

▪ Italian neo-Nazis convicted for racist, anti-Semitic activities

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - Two leaders of Militia were among six members of the Italian neo-Nazi group convicted for racist and anti-Semitic activities. They were sentenced to prison from eight to 18 months. Among those charged were Maurizio Boccacci and Stefano Schiavulli, who were directly responsible for many hate incidents against Jewish targets. They also attempted to reconstitute the Fascist Party.

Source: <http://www.jta.org/2015/01/21/news-opinion/world/italian-neo-nazis-convicted-for-racist-anti-semitic-activities>

▪ Digital edition of Mein Kampf downloadable via the website Stormfront Italy

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - AngryBird, site user neo-Nazi Stormfront section Italy, has created and made available to other users a digital version high contrast of "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. The text can be downloaded in a "zipped" format.

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/edizione-digitale-del-mein-kampf-scaricabile-attributo-il-sito-stormfront-italia/>

- **Swastika on the board against a Jewish professor**

Saturday, February 7, 2015 - A Nazi swastika against the music teacher of the higher institute Margherita di Savoia of Naples was designed by an unknown person on the blackboard in the classroom where the woman of Jewish religion teaches. To make the discovery was the same teacher, Angela Amato Yael, entering class. The teacher, who immediately informed the dean of the institute, has announced the episode with an email sent, among others, to the mayor of Naples, Luigi de Magistris and the President at the fifth Municipality Mario Coppeto. On the blackboard was a swastika drawn large, six other smaller and a violin. It was precisely this drawing to understand unequivocally that the recipient of the message was the creepy teacher: Yael Angela Amato, in fact, is a respected violinist.



Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/svastica-nazista-contro-la-docente-di-musica-dellistituto-superiore-margherita-di-savoia-di-napoli/>

- **"Zionist murderers"**

Monday, February 2, 2015 - Unknown persons have traced the word "Zionist murderers W Palestine" at the Palazzo in via Isimbardi nursery 1 in Milan, where this evening will be held the conference dedicated to the Jewish Brigade "Honor the Jewish Brigade on the Day of Remembrance 2015".

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/scritta-antisionista/>

- "The Jewish Holocaust is a lie"

Sunday, February 1, 2015 - On 25 January 2015 was created the profile Facebook page named "The Jewish Holocaust is a lie" that describes itself as: "You cannot believe in a god; will call you an atheist but cannot force you to believe by force and there is no law that punishes you for it. You cannot believe that man has ever landed on the moon; will give the conspiracy, but you will not go to jail. You cannot believe that Stalin killed 25 million people in China and that they did even worse; will give the uninformed but you are free to say and write. BUT we are forced BY LAW TO BELIEVE IN THE HOLOCAUST.

Source : <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/lolocausto-ebraico-e-una-menzogna-profilo-facebook-negazionista/>

- "N.O.M. News Occult World "Facebook profile conspiracy



Thursday, January 29, 2015 - N.O.M. World news occult conspiracy is a Facebook profile that describes itself as follows:

"We are few to know and spread the truth. Support us, do not abandon us. Invite your friends to click "like" on this page. If you do, it is already a great help that you give us. ", And as a slogan" You shall know the truth and you will be free at last! "



NOM sympathizes movements and populist parties of the extreme right, ethno regionalist and southerners, and regularly publishes anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist comments, photomontages and messages.

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/n-o-m-notiziario-occulto-mondiale-profilo-facebook-complottista/>

- **The Eye of Horus blog conspiracy**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - The Eye of Horus (New Italian Sovereign) is a blog of matrix conspiracy active since September 2014 that publishes anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist messages.

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/locchio-di-horus-blog-complottista/>

- **"It rains, it rains, the Jew does not move"**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - Browsing on Facebook a 'user came across this post anti-Semitic:

"It rains it rains / The Jew is not moving / The Jew in the barn / ovens all ... yuppiiii !!!". The comments incite hatred and racial discrimination.



Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/post-antisemita-su-facebook/>

▪ "Rothschild: the Beast that dominates the world"

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - "Rothschild: the Beast that dominates the world" is a Facebook profile where that has published many anti-Semitic documents (comments, photomontages, cartoons, links, etc.) since 2011.

Source : <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/rothschild-la-bestia-che-domina-il-mondo-profilo-facebook-antisemita/>

- Racist and anti-Semitic comments on the Facebook profiles of the members of the neo-fascist group "Vanguard ordinovista»

Monday, December 22, 2014 - Some members of the neo-fascist "Vanguard ordinovista" were arrested by the police after a two year investigation. They ran Facebook profiles (open and closed) where racist and anti-Semitic comments were published.

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/commenti-antisemiti-e-razzisti-sui-profilo-facebook-dei-membri-del-gruppo-neofascista-avanguardia-ordinovista/>

- Leaflet threatening the mayor of Pontefract "Your destiny is in an oven, just like blacks, Jews and ...»

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 – Leaflet threatening the mayor of Pontefract, after having made available territory in a small town in the mountains for the reception of thirty refugees. "The mayor must burn alive as all blacks. All those who want to bring this to home your fate is like that of blacks, Jews and culattoni you have to end up in an oven and burn! You are unworthy to represent us, you who want to mix our race with inferior races. You and the Communists are the ruin of our country. Shame on you. You are not worthy to exist. We'll wait downstairs. Viva il Duce. "The message was received by the Mayor of Pontefract Ivano Buzzi.

Source: <http://www.osservatorioantisemitismo.it/episodi-di-antisemitismo-in-italia/volantino-di-minacce-al-sindaco-di-pontebba-il-tuo-destino-e-in-un-forno-come-quello-di-negri-ebrei-e-cu/>

POLAND

❖ SURVEY: Majority of Polish teens search anti-Semitic websites

Friday, November 14, 2014 - Over half of Poland's young people access anti-Semitic Internet sites that praise Hitler and Nazism, a Warsaw University study has found. The results of the survey were presented to the Polish parliament, reviving attention to hate speech legislation and sparking concern among members of the small remaining Polish Jewish community. The survey, which was conducted by the Warsaw University Center for Research on Prejudice, also found that 14 percent of the survey participants acknowledged that racist hate speech was common in Poland. Fully 21 percent of young people polled and 19 percent of Polish adult participants in the survey opposed the banning of hate speech, however. The poll surveyed 653 Polish young people between the ages of 16 and 18 and also polled a group of 1,007 adults. "Contrary to what might be expected, it is the young who often display anti-democratic and xenophobic attitudes on a mass scale today," Rafal Pankowski, a political science professor at Warsaw's Collegium Civitas, said.

Source: <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.626217>

▪ Warsaw Jewish cemetery fence defaced

Tuesday, February 03, 2015 - Unknown vandals defaced the fence of a Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, considered to be one of the largest in Europe. Burials still occur in part of the cemetery. The vandals wrote on the fence with red spray paint: "Jews for slaughter," and the date 10.12.14. That is the day on which Poland's Constitutional Tribunal ruled in the case of religious slaughter, when judges on the Tribunal decided that the ban on ritual slaughter was unconstitutional. The gate of the cemetery was painted with yellow emulsion paint as well. "Less than a week after the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, we have to deal with the manifestation of hatred against Jews. 'Jews for slaughter' is not only a humiliation that society cannot ignore, it is an invitation to violence and threats to which we should all be vigilant," said Anna Chipczynska, President of the Jewish Community of Warsaw.

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/213950/vandals-deface-fence-of-jewish-cemetery-in-warsaw/#ixzz3QeVXoCon>

ROMANIA

- [Romanian ambassador to Armenia recalled over anti-Semitic comments](#)

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - The Romanian ambassador to Armenia was recalled to Bucharest for consultations after he expressed anti-Semitic and homophobic statements. Sorin Vasile made the controversial statements during a speech at the American University of Armenia, according to MCA Romania, the Centre for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism. He was recalled, according to a report on romaniatv.net. "He dismissed the Armenian genocide by a phrase, adopted homophobic attitudes and made jokes about Jews being greedy" and "ready to break any law in order to make a profit, a clear anti-Semitic stereotype," MCA Romania founders Maximilian Marco Katz and Marius Draghici wrote in a statement. Vasile apologised for making the remarks, according to romaniatv.net.

Source: <http://www.ipost.com/Breaking-News/Romanian-envoy-to-Armenia-recalled-over-joke-deemed-anti-Semitic-384193>

SPAIN

- [Spanish imam investigated for anti-Semitic comments](#)

Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Spanish prosecutors are investigating the actions of an imam from a town near Madrid who called for the destruction of Jews. Salahuddin al Mussaoui of Azuqueca de Henares made the statement in a video that appeared in August on the YouTube channel of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Azuqueca de Henares, but authorities only now have launched a probe, according to a report by the Europe Press news agency. In the 30-minute video, which is titled "Gaza triumphs despite Jewish world dominance," Mussaoui is seen telling his congregation during a sermon, "Oh, Allah, most merciful, throw stones at them. Stone them. Leave none of them alive." He also said, "Allah, destroy the Jewish occupiers." The Islamic Cultural Centre of Azuqueca de Henares apologised for the sermon in a statement saying the centre "calls for respect and coexistence between religious communities."

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/211023/spanish-imam-probed-for-destroy-the-jews-rant/#ixzz3MFR6AXDn>

- [Spanish mayor apologises for “Jewish dog” slur](#)

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 - The mayor of a suburb of Madrid has issued an apology for using the term “Jewish dog” during her campaign for the office. Collado Villalba Mayor Mariola Vargas apologised to the Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain (FCJE), the country’s EJC affiliate, in regard to her comment during a news conference, in which she denied allegations that she maintained foreign bank accounts and urged listeners to believe her statement of innocence because “I’m no Jewish dog.” “Mariola Vargas apologises for her remarks on Nov. 12,” a municipal spokesman wrote to FCJE, which had complained to the mayor — who is a member of Spain’s ruling Popular Party — about the slur. Maria Royo, a spokeswoman for FCJE, responded that the apology was appropriate, but added that the insult “once again reveals the deep roots that Judeophobia has in our country.”

Source: <http://jpupdates.com/2014/11/18/spain-mayor-madrid-suburb-apologizes-jewish-dog-slur/>

SWEDEN

- [Swedish kippa-wearing reporter abused in Malmo](#)

Monday, January 26, 2015 - A Swedish reporter who went undercover and walked around the city of Malmo while wearing a kippah to test attitudes toward Jews was hit once and cursed at by passers-by before he fled for fear of serious violence. Sveriges Television last week aired secretly recorded footage from Petter Ljunggren’s walk through Malmo, which documented some of the incidents that occurred within the space a few hours. In one scene, Ljunggren — who, in addition to wearing a kippah was also wearing Star of David pendant — was filmed sitting at a café in central Malmo reading a newspaper, as several passersby hurled anti-Semitic insults at him. One person on a scooter approached Ljunggren to warn him to leave for his own safety. In the heavily Muslim Rosengard neighborhood, Ljunggren was surrounded by a dozen men who shouted anti-Semitic slogans as eggs were hurled at his direction from apartments overhead. He then fled the area. The experiment was part of a 58-minute documentary titled “Jew-hatred in Malmo.”

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/213362/swedish-reporter-finds-kippah-draws-abuse-in-malmo/>

- [Islamists target Swedish Jews](#)

Thursday, January 15, 2015 - Jews in Sweden have received numerous threats from Islamic groups in the days since the terror attacks in Paris that left 17 people dead, the head of the Jewish council has said. Stockholm’s Jewish community has received the bulk of the threats and has beefed up security at its premises across the capital in response. “We have received emails and letters from Islamists containing threats. The police and security services have raised the threat level accordingly,” Jewish

council chairwoman Lena Posner Körösi told The Local. "What we don't know is whether these threats are from people linked to groups like al-Qaeda or Isis or if they are copycats." Police in the city have also reacted to the threats. "We currently have increased surveillance at some ten properties in central Stockholm where Jewish activities take place," Fredrik Näslund from Stockholm Police told television network SVT.

Source: <http://www.thelocal.se/20150114/swedens-jews-face-new-threats-after-paris-attacks>

- **Swedish far-Right leader questions "national affiliation" of Jews**

Monday, December 15, 2014 - The party secretary of the far-Right Sweden Democrats has suggested that migrants should be given a cash incentive to leave Sweden and suggested that minority groups need to "assimilate" more to be considered true Swedes. "It would be good with a repatriation grant," Björn Söder said in a lengthy interview with Dagens Nyheter. Elsewhere in the interview Söder mentioned Jews, Kurds and Sami people as examples of groups that may have Swedish citizenship but, in his view, can't be considered true Swedes if they don't "assimilate" into Swedish society.

Source: <http://www.thelocal.se/20141214/sweden-democrat-pay-migrants-to-leave>

- **Swedish rabbi threatened by anti-Semite**

Monday, November 24, 2014 - A rabbi and his synagogue in the Swedish city of Gothenburg were threatened in emails that described him as an "accursed child murderer." The rabbi, who was not named, received the threats via email from a person with a history of threatening the Jewish community of Gothenburg, Daniel Jonas, director of the city's Jewish community, told the Gothenburgs-Posten daily. The community informed police and enhanced security arrangements, said the report, which did not name the person who sent the threatening emails to the rabbi. The letter refers to the rabbi, who took up his position in 2012, as a "swine" and warns him that his synagogue will be demolished. It also assures the rabbi he would be "relegated to everlasting fire."

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/209669/swedish-rabbi-threatened-by-known-anti-semite/>

- **Swedish radio apologises for blaming Jews for anti-Semitism**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - Swedish public radio apologised after a presenter questioned the Israeli ambassador about the responsibility of Jews for anti-Semitism, in the wake of the shooting of a Jewish man in neighbouring Denmark. A journalist for Sveriges Radio (SR) asked Ambassador Isaac Bachman on air: "Are Jews themselves responsible for the progression of anti-Semitism?" The ambassador appeared shocked by the suggestion, and replied: "I purely and simply reject the question." When the journalist asked "Why?" Bachman said: "There was no reason to ask this question." The station removed the programme from its online archive and issued a full apology.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Sweden/12504-swedish-radio-apologises-for-blaming-jews-for-anti-semitism.html>
<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/150217/swedish-radio-apologises-over-jews-responsibility-question>

THE NETHERLANDS

- Vandals desecrate graves at Dutch Jewish cemetery

Monday, December 29, 2014 - Two headstones were smashed at a Jewish cemetery in the southern Dutch city of Vlissingen. It was not immediately clear whether the incident was motivated by anti-Semitism, the news site jonet.nl reported on December 25.

Source: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/two-headstones-smashed-at-dutch-jewish-cemetery/>

- Dutch rabbi says car deliberately sped at him

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - The rabbi in charge of Jewish communities in The Netherlands outside the major centres of Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam, has filed a complaint with police against two men whom he said tried to intimidate him at a gas station. Binyomin Jacobs, chief rabbi of the Inter-provincial Rabbinate for The Netherlands, filed the complaint after two men drove a BMW car in his direction in a sudden manner that Jacobs said was meant to intimidate him. "I was putting in fuel and noticed two men, who had a Middle Eastern appearance, watching me from their car nearby," Jacobs said. "When I walked past their car to pay, they started the car and lunged in my direction, laughing. It was clear that they had waited to do this with the intention of at least scaring me, if not worse."

Source: <http://forward.com/articles/208949/dutch-chief-rabbi-says-men-spied-car-at-him/>

❖ STUDY: Anti-Semitic incidents hit record level in UK

Thursday, February 05, 2015 - A surge in online hate helped fuel a record number of anti-Semitic incidents in 2014 in the UK, new figures reveal. A report published by the Community Security Trust (CST) shows 233 anti-Semitic remarks or threats on sites like Facebook and Twitter accounted for a fifth of the total 1,168 incidents. Security chiefs also acknowledged that the conflict in Gaza had once again acted as a "trigger" for hatred against Jews in 2014, as it did in 2009 and 2006. After a record low in 2013, there were 81 "violent anti-Semitic assaults" in 2014, with one categorised as "extreme violence". Furthermore there were 81 incidents of damage and desecration, representing a 65 percent increase. The report noted that particular targets of anti-Semitic assault were the strictly Orthodox communities of Salford and Bury in north Manchester, as well as Golders Green and Hendon in north London. "Every decent person in Britain will be shocked and concerned to read these statistics," said John Mann MP, the chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Anti-Semitism and himself a target of abuse.

Source: <http://www.jewishnews.co.uk/cst/>

❖ SURVEY: British eurosceptics less likely to accept Jewish PM

Monday, January 26, 2015 - Voters for Britain's Eurosceptic UKIP party are less likely to accept a Jewish prime minister than voters for any other party, according to a new poll. Fewer than half of the UKIP voters surveyed by YouGov agreed that a British Jew would make as good a prime minister as a member of any other faith. They are also more likely to think Jews have "too much influence" on the country than supporters of any other party polled. Some 13% of UKIP voters said they would be less likely to vote for a party with a Jewish leader. That compares to 7% for the Conservatives, 6% for the Lib Dems and 4% for Labour. Just 48% of UKIP voters agreed that a Jewish Prime Minister would be "equally acceptable" as one from another faith, compared to 73% of Lib Dems, 72% of Labour supporters and 65% of Tory voters.

Source: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/ukip-voters-less-likely-vote-5031293>

❖ **REPORT: UK anti-Semitic hate crime almost doubled in 2014**

Thursday, January 22, 2015 - The number of hate crimes against Jews nearly doubled last year, according to latest police statistics. Figures from the London's Metropolitan Police, released amid growing concern over anti-Semitic attacks in the wake of the Paris terrorist atrocities, showed there were 297 hate crimes against Jewish people in the year to August. The figure was up from 153 in the previous 12 months, a rise of 94 per cent. In the same period the number of anti-Muslim hate crimes in the capital dipped slightly from 518 to 495 last year, a four per cent fall. The police announced they were stepping up patrols in areas with large Jewish populations. In the new figures, released by Scotland Yard under freedom of information laws, overall hate crime was up 12 per cent to 10,020 incidents in the year to August.

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11360772/Hate-attacks-on-Jews-soared-94-last-year-police-figures-show.html>

❖ **STUDY: Surge in anti-Semitic incidents against Scottish Jews**

Monday, January 19, 2015 - The number of anti-Semitic incidents in Scotland has soared by more than 300% in 2014, local Jewish leaders have said. Speaking in the wake of the Paris attacks, the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities said it had recorded 50 anti-Semitic incidents between July and September in 2014. The council's director, Ephraim Borowski, said it recorded just 12 during the duration of 2013 and 13 the previous year.

Source: <http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/surge-in-hate-crime-directed-at-jews.26263270>

❖ **STUDY: Most UK Jews see no future in the country**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - More than half of British Jewish people fear Jews have no future in the UK, according to a new study which also reveals that anti-Semitic sentiments are more prevalent than widely believed. British society is at a "tipping point" with Jewish families increasingly questioning whether to stay in the country. The warning is bolstered by a new YouGov poll showing that 45 per cent of Britons agreed with at least one of four Anti-Semitic statements put to them. Some 25 per cent agreed with the idea that "Jews chase money more than other British people" while one in five accepted as true that "Jews' loyalty to Israel makes them less loyal to Britain than other British people". A further 13 per cent said of those surveyed in the poll commissioned by the Campaign against Anti-Semitism (CAA) agreed that "Jews talk about the Holocaust too much in order to get

sympathy". Jonathan Sacerdoti, spokesman for the CAA, said: "British values of tolerance and pluralism must be upheld, so that minority groups like Jews feel comfortable and protected."

Source: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-new-antisemitism-majority-of-british-jews-feel-they-have-no-future-in-uk-says-new-study-9976310.html>

- **London soccer fans allegedly spew anti-Semitic abuse on train.**

Monday, February 23, 2015 - The video, posted on Twitter and picked up by British media outlets, reportedly portrays West Ham soccer fans on the London tube chanting "I've got a foreskin, how about you? F***g Jew," allegedly while travelling through the heavily Jewish neighborhood of Stamford Hill.

Source : <http://www.timesofisrael.com/london-soccer-fans-allegedly-spew-anti-semitic-abuse-on-train/#ixzz3SaDZP1pJ>

- **British teacher fined for posting pro-Hitler Facebook image**

Thursday, February 19, 2015 - A British teacher has been fined after pleading guilty to posting a pro-Hitler image on Facebook. Mahmudul Choudhury, a 35-year-old father of two, admitted the racially-aggravated offence aimed at Jews. He shared a photo of the former Nazi leader on Facebook, which had the words "Yes man, you were right. I could have killed all the Jews, but I left some of them to let you know why I was killing them. Share this picture to tell the truth to a whole world".

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11419645/Teacher-fined-for-posting-pro-Hitler-image-on-Facebook-aimed-at-Jews.html>

- **Organiser of London anti-Semitic rally arrested**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - A prominent, far-right activist who styles himself as a "Nationalist, Fascist and supporter of White Rights" has been arrested following a police investigation into anti-Semitic tweets sent to a British MP. Joshua Bonehill's arrest follows allegations of online abuse aimed at Luciana Berger, Labour MP for Liverpool Wavertree. Berger revealed in that she had received 2,500 anti-Semitic tweets in just three days.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/12503-organiser-of-london-anti-semitic-rally-arrested.html>

- **Anti-Semites plan rally in London Jewish neighbourhood**

Tuesday, February 03, 2015 - Far-right nationalists claim to be planning to march through an area of London with a large Jewish population. Organisers claim to be fighting against what they call the "Jewification" of the UK, and a civilian security group run by volunteers from the Hasidic Jewish community in London. A 'Liberate Stamford Hill' Facebook event calls on nationalists to assemble on

Clapton Common in Stamford Hill on March 22, home to one of the largest Orthodox Jewish communities in Europe. Members are rallying against the Shomrim security group, named after the Hebrew term for 'guards'. The organisation operates with the help of 80 volunteers, and focuses on London boroughs including Golders Green, Hendon and Barnet. Its members, who receive training from the Metropolitan Police, wear uniforms complete with knife-proof vests and look out for anti-Semitic hate crimes, as well as general trouble in the neighbourhood. The volunteer group also runs a 24-hour crime hotline, and its members are trained to safely track and detain suspects until police arrive. The event has been organised by right-wing activist Joshua Bonehill-Paine, the self-styled "future of nationalism".

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/12417-anti-semites-plan-rally-in-london-jewish-neighbourhood.html>

- **British peer: Jews must condemn Israel to avoid anti-Semitism**

Monday, February 02, 2015 - Baroness Jenny Tonge, a member of Britain's House of Lords with a long record of inflammatory, often Anti-Semitic statements, has again been pressuring British Jews to collectively condemn Israel. Last week, Tonge tabled a written question in the House of Lords in which she asked "Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to encourage Jewish faith leaders in the United Kingdom publicly to condemn settlement building by Israel and to make clear their support for universal human rights." Speaking in a House of Lords debate on the Palestinian issue, she declared, that "Israel is becoming a pariah state, and, because of its cruelty towards the Palestinians, the general public are conflating the Jewish State of Israel with Jewish people all over Europe." Tonge then repeated her demand that British Jews must condemn Israel if they want to avoid increased expressions of Anti-Semitism.

Source: <http://www.algemeiner.com/2015/01/30/antisemitic-british-baroness-jenny-tonge-pressure-uk-jews-to-condemn-israel/>

- **BBC journalist suggests Paris attack linked to "Palestinian suffering at Jewish hands"**

Monday, January 12, 2015 - A senior BBC news correspondent made comments claiming that Palestinians "suffer at Jewish hands" during a mega demonstration against terrorism in Paris, with some accusing him of blatant Anti-Semitism. BBC reporter Tim Wilcox was interviewing a French Jewish woman at the Paris rally held after Islamist terrorists murdered 17 people in a string of attacks, including at a kosher grocery store. The latest attack on France's embattled Jewish community has left French Jews feeling understandably shaken, yet after hearing the woman's fears that Jews are being targeted in Europe, Wilcox interjected, saying: "many critics though of Israel's policy would suggest that the Palestinians suffer hugely at Jewish hands as well." His interviewee, clearly taken aback by the

question, begins to respond by telling him that the two issues aren't comparable, at which point Willcox interrupted again: "but you understand everything is seen from different perspectives?" It is not the first time Wilcox has been accused of Anti-Semitism.

Source: <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/189800#.VNjkzvnF9Xt>

- **British Jewish MP received anti-Semitic death threats**

Friday, December 12, 2014 - A Jewish MP in Britain says he has received death threats because of his religion. Lee Scott, the Conservative MP for Ilford North, in the eastern suburbs of London, said he has had five death threats in the last year. Both he and his wife check their cars every day and he no longer runs a drop-in surgery meaning his constituents must make appointments. The MP said the abuse against him started at the last election when he was called a dirty pig by two people who said they were going to kill him. During a debate on Anti-Semitism in Parliament, the MP revealed details of a phone call in which he was told he should be "stoned to death".

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-30416704>

- **Two men charged for anti-Semitic incidents in London**

Friday, November 21, 2014 - Police have charged two men in connection with a racially-motivated attack in a Jewish area of north London. Tyres on over 50 cars parked in streets in the Stamford Hill neighbourhood were slashed. Huseiyn Seyel, 27, and 25-year old Steven Truran have been charged with racially and religiously aggravated criminal damage.

Source: <http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/125682/two-men-charged-after-car-tyres-slashed-stamford-hill>

- **British football club's chairman makes anti-Semitic remarks**

Friday, November 21, 2014 - The chairman of English football club Wigan Athletic Dave Whelan has been accused of Anti-Semitism after he told a national newspaper he believes "Jewish people chase money more than everybody else". A Chinese community leader, Jenny Wong, also said Whelan was condoning racism by saying it is "nothing" to call a Chinese person a "chink". The comments came on the day one of Wigan's shirt sponsors, the kitchen appliances firm Premier Range, announced it was ending its agreement with the club, describing its position as "untenable".

Source: http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/nov/20/wigan-dave-whelan-accused-antisemitism-jewish-people?CMP=tw_t_gu

- **London man jailed for anti-Semitic insults on bus**

Tuesday, November 04, 2014 - A British man who hurled Anti-Semitic insults at passengers and threatened to burn a bus packed with Jewish schoolchildren has been jailed. Ian Campbell, 43, from Enfield in north London, was heard making the comments on the 102 bus as it travelled between Golders Green and Henly's Corner on September 16. The abuse was reported by Jewish Chronicle journalist Rosa Doherty who said the man began screaming abuse at her. Campbell was heard shouting "get the Jews off the bus, all they do is f*** us" and "I'm going to burn the bus and burn the Jews".

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/11911-london-man-jailed-for-anti-semitic-insults-on-bus.html>