



# The Resurgence of History's Oldest Hatred:

## 100 Antisemitic Events in the U.S. in the Last 15 Months

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### Key Points

In the last two years, there has been a massive surge in antisemitic events in the U.S., ranging from verbal abuse and vandalism to physical assault and murder.

Four distinct strains of American antisemitism have now emerged: hard-right political antisemitism, "black separatist" antisemitism, Islam-based antisemitism, and hard-left political antisemitism.

New York City in particular has seen a disturbing increase in antisemitic events from December 2019 to spring 2021.

### Summary

**T**here is no denying that we experienced an amazingly difficult year and more in 2020. With a global pandemic, an upsurge of racially charged rioting in a number of American cities, and a highly contested U.S. election, the end of 2020 could not have been more welcome. And, yet, as we demonstrate, 2021 continues many of the same awful trends.

During this time of back-to-back crises, Family Research Council has become increasingly concerned about the safety and security of the Jewish people, whose situation has become increasingly troubled and tenuous in the U.S. As we have become aware of many manifestations of antisemitism—more accurately called “Jew hatred”—discussed in webinars, publications, and elsewhere, our alarm about this evil and dangerous ideology has become heightened.

But as we well know, antisemitism is not just a bad attitude. It is not merely a political position

or an “opposition” talking point. It is a widespread belief based on lies, loathing, and folklore. And it rarely stops with words; it is being acted out with increasing frequency in physical abuse, violence, and, eventually, death to Jews.

Many of those concerned about antisemitism are Christians, and sometimes people ask us why we are so concerned about the dangers antisemitism poses to Jews since we are not Jewish. There are many good reasons. But to name a few, we believe antisemitism is objectively untruthful and unjust. And we are obligated by the Bible to defend Truth and Justice. We have also noted that where antisemitism successfully rids a nation state of Jews, Christians are soon at risk in that same country as well. As the jihadi slogan goes, “On Saturday we kill the Jews, on Sunday we kill the Christians.”<sup>1</sup> This should unite us in our mutual alarm. But third, and perhaps most important of all, we share a faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We can do nothing less than stand with the Jews, a people God chose as His own many millennia ago.

For these reasons and more, beginning January 1, 2020, we have been tracking explicit, salient instances of antisemitism to the present—spring 2021. These summary descriptions of events make it clear how this hatred has played out in the United States. Bear in mind that many colleges and universities have resorted to remote classes due to COVID-19 restrictions, so there has been considerably less on-campus aggressive activity targeting Jews. Though reduced, there was still a great deal of antisemitic activity. But enough is enough.

## **Major Strains of American Antisemitism**

Before we introduce our list, we present an overview of the four major types of antisemitism we have encountered while doing this research. It is our hope that these categories will help the reader better understand and diagnose the events described. These are the categories:

### **1. Hard-Right Political Antisemitism**

This category comprises groups like neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Patriot Front, but there are numerous splinter groups and spin-off ideologies. They act in ways that produce a full range of activities including acts of lethal violence. Their presence is often felt through acts of vandalism like spray-painting swastikas and graffiti on campus or religious buildings. Another typical activity is

surreptitiously posting antisemitic flyers in public spaces in the dead of night.<sup>2</sup> However, they can be aggressive and directly threatening. For example, in December 2016, the neo-Nazi publisher of *The Daily Stormer* targeted a Jewish realtor and her family in Whitefish, Montana, with a months-long, terrorizing, antisemitic “troll storm” involving his extremist followers.<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, violent, deadly actions can be taken by lone actors or small cells as witnessed in the horrific synagogue attack in Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue (Oct. 27, 2018).<sup>4</sup> Conservative Jewish talk show host Mark Levin has repeatedly stated that the most dangerous safety threats he receives come from hard-right extremists who hate Jews.<sup>5</sup> We know of no institution of higher learning that allows officially-recognized student organizations to be affiliated with any of these organizations. These organizations are almost completely isolated from the larger society.

## **2. “Black Separatist” Antisemitism**

The “black separatist” category comprises extremist groups of various ideologies that are antisemitic. The most well known is the Nation of Islam led by Louis Farrakhan, which is based in Chicago and appears to have had about 50,000 members in 2007.<sup>6</sup> Also included are some fringe organizations within what is known loosely as the Black Israelites. Black Hebrew Israelites believe that they are the true Israelites and that the Twelve Tribes of Israel are people of color. Adherents to these beliefs “identify specifically with the Biblical Israelites and consider Judaism, Christianity and Islam to be false religions.”<sup>7</sup> The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) does note that not all Black Hebrew Israelites are antisemitic.<sup>8</sup> Unfortunately, the beliefs of such groups seep into the religious and cultural mainstream.

In an event that is mostly ignored by America’s intelligentsia and opinion makers, there was a multi-day pogrom directed against Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn, New York in 1991. Current-MSNBC program host, activist, and minister Al Sharpton stoked a three-day riot against Jews in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. A Jewish doctoral candidate from Australia was killed and nearly 200 Jews were injured “[a]fter a crash involving a Hasidic driver resulted in the death of Gavin Cato, the 7-year-old son of Guyanese immigrants.” Sharpton blamed the boy’s death on “diamond merchants” and did nothing to stop chants of “kill the Jews.”<sup>9</sup> Sharpton has never apologized for his responsibility in

leading these attacks, and the effects of this incident linger having never been resolved and there being no punishment.

Fittingly, in an era dominated by critical race theory this category (black separatist) has offended some observers on the left. Not surprisingly, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) recently bowed to pressure and abandoned its 20-year use of “Black Separatist” as an analytical category. It asserted that “[a] change in the way the [SPLC hate group map] is structured will better capture the power dynamics endemic to white supremacy.”<sup>10</sup> Unfortunately for the SPLC, there does appear to be a strong, unimagined element of black supremacism within this ideological grouping. Therefore, we believe this category of antisemitism defines a descriptive reality that should not be jettisoned for ideological and political reasons.

### **3. Islam-based Antisemitism**

The relationship between Jews and Arabs has been a tragic one for Jews dating back to the founding of Islam.<sup>11</sup> Jews have been a subordinate culture and religion in a large swathe of the world for well over a millennium. This is not the place to revisit that history, but suffice it to say that Islam-based antisemitism has roots in that past. In 2008, the Pew Global Attitudes Project surveyed attitudes toward Jews in various countries around the world. For example, in the United States they found 77 percent favorable compared to 7 percent unfavorable; Australia: 73 percent favorable, 11 percent unfavorable; France: 79 percent favorable, 20 percent unfavorable. Attitudes were quite different in the Muslim countries surveyed. These are the “unfavorable” scores for the nations surveyed: Turkey, 76 percent; Egypt, 95 percent; Jordan, 96 percent; Lebanon, 97 percent; Indonesia, 66 percent; Pakistan, 76 percent.<sup>12</sup>

Such attitudes have found an aggressive antisemitic outlet among foreign and U.S.-born students on American campuses via the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions Movement (BDS). BDS targets Israel for isolation and economic ostracism because Israel is purported to be an “apartheid state” akin to South

Africa with Zionism being its supporting “racist” ideology. Worse yet, the BDS Movement has extensive ties to Islamic radicalism in the Middle East including Hamas.<sup>13</sup>

To promote BDS on campus, the National Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) was founded in 2010, but numerous individual campus chapters existed for at least a decade prior.<sup>14</sup> The BDS/SJP movement accepts nothing about Zionism or the State of Israel. The 2018 national SJP conference, held at UCLA, advertised its “Theme and Goals” which included: “We know that Zionism is ethnic cleansing, destruction, mass expulsion, apartheid, and death....”<sup>15</sup> The next year, at the University of Minnesota, the National SJP made clear that neither the pre-1968 nor pre-1948 territorial dispositions were tolerable: “The history of Palestine, and the Palestinian struggle against Zionism, extends beyond the confines of 1967, and well before the Nakba (the Catastrophe) of 1947-1948.”<sup>16</sup>

Now, SJP has over 200 college and university chapters which are administration sanctioned.<sup>17</sup> The SJP seeks to target, delegitimize, silence, and isolate Jewish groups and individuals that support Israel and hold to a Zionist identity. They do this with full-spectrum political coercion seeking complete ideological dominance of their campuses, and they have had considerable success at many schools. Jewish students are intimidated from publicly displays of religious or Zionist belief. The political left, the overseers of the American academy, do nothing to stop it. For example, in 2018, Family Research Council analyzed how the SPLC studiously ignores discussing the SJP or classifying it as a hate group. Yet, the SJP is the greatest antisemitic threat to Jewish students on campuses today.<sup>18</sup>

#### **4. Hard-Left Political Antisemitism**

The American post-War “liberal” order produced a “golden age” of opposition to antisemitism, acceptance of the Jewish people, and an affection for the State of Israel. The discovery of the horrors of the Holocaust changed hearts and minds and helped produce a set of liberal values that Dr. Martin Luther King proclaimed at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. For political and social purposes, the content of one’s character mattered—not the color of one’s skin or the religious institution that one attended. Universal human values were accepted far and wide in America. Reason, the rule of law,

integration of the races, and religions would guide American society. Those universal values, that gained ascendancy during the Enlightenment, would undergird a society in which free men and women would “sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid...”<sup>19</sup> That “golden age” of opposition to antisemitism lasted about 50 to 60 years, but it has clearly ended. In a seminal essay on the replacement of liberalism by a new, dangerous political ideology, columnist Bari Weiss broke the alarming news to her fellow Jews: Jewish exceptionalism would no longer be acceptable because “Jews undermine the vision of a world without difference.” Consequently, those “things” that “make [Jews] different must be demonized.” Just as Zionism is being “refashioned as colonialism.”<sup>20</sup> The political left, not liberals, now hold most of the cards, and they never really embraced Jews, their religion, or their differences from the surrounding once-Christian society.

The harsh realities of the current political environment have been described in even stronger terms by Israeli scholar, Yoram Hazony. He argued, in an August 2020 article in *Quillette*, “The Challenge of Marxism,” that the internal logic and theoretical weaknesses of liberalism appear to have led to its demise at the hands of a group-based political ideology. Hazony eschewed any palliative terms like “progressivism” and asserted flatly that America has been overtaken by a variant Marxism.<sup>21</sup>

Since the 19th century, there has been widespread animosity toward Jews among socialists, syndicalists, and anarchists.<sup>22</sup> This animosity was deeply embraced by the foremost socialist of them all: Karl Marx. He was a vitriolic, bitter antisemite whose Jew-hating prejudices were passed along by generations of socialists and communists.<sup>23</sup> For example, during the five years preceding his death, Joseph Stalin was conducting a fierce, escalating campaign against his country’s Jews. Thankfully, he died before he could conduct a Soviet *Shoah*. There were exceptions and periods of concern for the treatment of Soviet Jews in the American left, most notably the years soon following the Second World War, but those periods proved fleeting.

By and large, the American left has nurtured its historical animus toward the idea of a unique Jewish identity and Israel.<sup>24</sup> But, as Bari Weiss noted, this hostility was held in check by the overriding liberal forces which were then ascendant in American society. Now that the left dominates America’s major commercial, cultural, and educational institutions, it should surprise no one that they are distancing

themselves from Israel and the status of the Jewish people as a historically persecuted minority. This is happening with tornadic force at the nation's colleges and universities. The effect on Jewish students is becoming dire.<sup>25</sup>

The phenomenon of “progressive” antisemitism has become so blatant that numerous scholars have turned their attention to analyzing it. Recently, a team from Tel Aviv's Reut Group labeled it “erasive antisemitism.”<sup>26</sup> The term, as they conceive it, “refers to a de-facto undermining of Jewish narrative self-determination” that negates “the rights of Jews individually or collectively to define their own identi[ty], experience, and vulnerability.” This modern adaptation of antisemitism is a manifestation of *critical* race and ethnic theories that cast Jews “uniformly as powerful white oppressors.” This “critical” variation “doesn't single Jews out, ethnically or otherwise, as distinct categories.” Instead, by lumping Jews together with other “dominant majorities,” it “effectively creates an erasure, diminishing the Jewish voice in defining Jewish identity.”

This erasure presents prima facie evidence of the critical theory's animosity toward Jews. It recognizes all sorts of groups—*e.g.*, LGBTQI and racial—but not the Jewish people. In the past 2,000 years, what people has been more aggrieved and persecuted than the Jews? None comes to mind. The existence of their worldwide diaspora testifies to that reality. Yet, Jews have been quite mindfully rolled into the “white” population by this new ideology of the left.

A crucial element of this new antisemitism is that it has been framed and promulgated by the left's academic, cultural, and political elites. This fact presents those opposing antisemitism and its suppression of Jewish religious freedom with a troubling question. Could it be the case that a group or person's level of antisemitism correlates *directly*, not inversely, with educational attainment?<sup>27</sup> If true, it would challenge the century-old Jewish belief that antisemitism was a by-product of poor education and ignorance.

Three scholars associated with the University of Arkansas recently published their findings on precisely that question.<sup>28</sup> It had been assumed, they noted, that increased education would lead to greater toleration for the Jewish people. The authors observed at the outset that “[a] large problem with this

widely held belief ... is that it depends on survey questions that probably fail to capture antisemitism among the well-educated." In fact, the well-educated know how to avoid giving "wrong" answers on tests.

With that in mind, the authors constructed a study using questions that assessed double standards being applied to Jews but not to other groups—a feature of the modern definition of antisemitism. In their 1,800-person survey, they found "that more highly educated people were more likely to apply principles more harshly to Jewish examples." Furthermore, they "discovered that more-highly educated people in the United States tend to have greater antipathy toward Jews than less-educated people do." These were stunning results that led them to conclude that "education appears to provide no protection against anti-Semitism and may in fact serve to license it—in part by providing people with more sophisticated and socially acceptable ways to couch it."<sup>29</sup>

Education, they noted, may just supply more information about events, but education appears insufficient in and of itself to solve the problem. The authors observed that what may be needed is education that cultivates virtue. It would be an education that "requires the formation of a kind of character" that has "the integrity to behave in ways that demonstrate consideration of their interests and restraint in the use of political power in the pursuit of personal interests."<sup>30</sup>

They seem to want to call for education grounded on the eternal, transcendent truths of the Bible, the *Torah*—not the power-seeking poison of this Nietzschean, critical theory. As academics trained in assessing educational policy, the three scholars seem saddened and overwhelmed by the conclusions they were compelled to reach:

Those political causes making use of anti-Semitism are increasingly favored by the well-educated in this country. Countering the anti-Semitism of the well-educated will be a political and moral struggle, not one that can be addressed by conventional approaches and conceptions of education.<sup>31</sup>

## **100 Antisemitic Incidents and Events**

*Starting January 1, 2020*

The Christmas-Hanukkah 2019 period was marked by an onslaught of antisemitic hate crimes against visibly Jewish people. These were individuals who were merely going about their daily business on the streets of Brooklyn in New York City. *We have listed and described the most salient of these 2019 crimes in Appendix A.*

We wondered about the extent to which a prominent, religious minority in America, Orthodox Jews, was being victimized for publicly living out its religious faith. Consequently, FRC decided to survey what could be publicly discovered about these attacks on the Orthodox. That initial query led us to widen the range of our investigation as we realized the *national* scope and multi-dimensional threat. Street crime and vandalism were just one aspect of the problem. We observed the ideological groupings described above. And, finally, we concluded that presenting a descriptive listing of a selected set of 100 antisemitic acts and crimes could tell this story more effectively than any policy-centric narrative or statistical analysis could.

These 100 cases provide a substantial sample from the far larger total number of incidents that take place yearly. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) tracks hate crimes in various categories—one of those being antisemitic incidents. It turns that antisemitic hate crime incidents, in one measure, hovered around 625 in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Since then, the total climbed precipitously to 953 anti-Jewish incidents in 2019 when they constituted 62.7 percent of all religion-focused incidents. (See our entry below, Other States, Nov. 19, 2020.)

The Anti-Defamation League also tracks antisemitic incidents and has done so since 1979.<sup>32</sup> The ADL's assessment of recent trends confirms our sense of alarm at the increasing levels of criminal and cultural antisemitism that appear to have become a "new normal." The organization noted that the year 2019 saw the "highest level of antisemitic activity ever recorded by ADL." The total number of

incidents they track increased 12 percent in one year. While there is some yo-yoing, their total events equaled 1,211 in 2009 but decreased to 751 in 2013. The trend reversed immediately with substantial increases each year thereafter (except one) all the way to 2019 which had 2,107 reports. The ADL's "audit" for 2020 should be released in May 2021.<sup>33</sup>

Here are the reports.

## **New York City**

- A Hasidic man was verbally abused and physically assaulted by two women who shouted, "F\*\*\* you Jew" and "I will kill you Jews" in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. **(Jan. 1, 2020)**<sup>34</sup>
  
- A cyclist showered a 61-year-old Jewish man with abuse as he pedaled near him in the Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn. The event took place around 10:40 p.m. on a Saturday evening. The man, in his 30s, rode past the pedestrian on Lamont Court while screaming "Kill Jews! F-k Jews! Murder Jews!" **(Jan. 4, 2020)**<sup>35</sup>
  
- A Jewish man faced threats of physical attack and antisemitic slurs while riding the New York City subway after attending the "No Hate, No Fear Solidarity March." The victim posted on Twitter that he left the subway car and train and then exited at the next station. Upon further reflection, he returned and reported the incident because "this has been happening way too much." **(Jan. 5, 2020)**<sup>36</sup>
  - Looking at the larger trendline, the NYC subway system has become something like a vast neighborhood rife with antisemitic crime and aggression. Recently released NYPD data (Nov. 2019) revealed that 42 hate-crime complaints involving antisemitic acts in the subway had been received that year. According

to the City paper, this constituted a 162 percent increase over the same January to October period in 2018.<sup>37</sup>

- About a month after the release of the NYPD data, an Israeli Jewish woman, Lihi Aharon, entered the NYC subway in the Tribeca neighborhood, lower Manhattan, after a school ceremony. She tried to take a seat on a number 2 train. She and an elderly Jewish man were both harassed and attacked by a female. Their attacker yelled anti-Semitic comments and, “Allahu Akbar!” She smashed the man’s phone and scratched the woman’s face, leaving a mark. The police came, and she was arrested. Video footage and sound of the assailant is available in the news story. **(Dec. 12, 2019)**<sup>38</sup>
  
- A 19-year-old Orthodox Jewish woman from Midwood was going home from her Manhattan teaching position when she was verbally harassed by three youths for 10 minutes while riding the NYC subway. The teacher was entering an F train between Delancey and Carroll streets, when the students accosted her after appearing to be returning home from high school. While appearing to record the event, they repeatedly yelled anti-Semitic comments and obscenities at her, adding, “You Jews vote for Trump.” One threatened her, “I would do something to you, but I know that you Jews go to the NYPD right away.” The woman said she was most frightened by the duration of the harassment and that in the packed train car, not one person said anything to the teenagers. Her father said, “A woman went to sit next to her, sort of to protect her. At the next stop, she told her to get off because she was afraid it would get physical.” He spent hours with police reporting the hate crime despite their initial lack of appropriate concern. The father went to the 70th NYPD precinct (Brooklyn and Midwood) then to the transit police headquarters in Manhattan. **(Jan. 12, 2020)**<sup>39</sup>
  
- In a meeting with Brooklyn Jewish leaders, U.S. Attorney General William Barr announced federal hate crimes charges for a woman who made headlines the prior month for slapping three Jewish women in an antisemitic attack. She was then quickly released from jail and was soon

engaged in another assault. The Attorney General pledged a “zero tolerance” standard for such antisemitic crimes. **(Jan. 28, 2020)**<sup>40</sup>

- The judge of a robotics competition at Mineola High School in Mineola, Long Island was caught on video whispering under her breath to another judge, “God d--- Jews.” **(Feb. 13, 2020)**<sup>41</sup>
- Nineteen Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) received bomb threats at the same time. One-hundred people were in the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center when it was evacuated. At least one of the JCCs was located out-of-state in West Orange, N.J. **(Feb. 23, 2020)**<sup>42</sup>
- A young Jewish man was physically and verbally assaulted by another man while exercising inside the Crunch Fitness gym (842 Lefferts Ave.) in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. **(Feb. 27, 2020)**<sup>43</sup>
- Jewish individuals were attacked during a funeral procession in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. A Jewish woman was punched in the face, and one of the attackers threatened to shoot everyone with his gun. The incidents took place during the funeral of late businessman R’ Mendel Drizin, a respected real estate developer and donor, after the procession held them up in traffic. As the procession passed by Drizin’s home on Crown Street, traffic was briefly held up on Brooklyn Avenue. That was enough for the driver and passengers of a Nissan vehicle to act in rage and punch a young Jewish woman to the ground. Residents of a nearby apartment building “were egging them on. One of them said, ‘Go after them!’” **(Apr. 14, 2020)**<sup>44</sup>
- *The New York Times* blamed a coronavirus outbreak on the Hasidic Jewish Community when they gathered for the holiday of Purim. However, other denominations along with nearby

theaters and museums continued to remain open for several more days in New York without the *Times* finding similar fault. **(Apr. 21, 2020)**<sup>45</sup>

- Jewish 15-year-old and 14-year-old boys were walking on Cook Street between Manhattan and Graham Avenues in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood when they were attacked around 5:15 p.m. The attackers shouted anti-Jewish slurs and threw garbage at them that they found nearby. The boys escaped without injury, and police released photographs of the attackers. **(Apr. 23, 2020)**<sup>46</sup>
- A Queens couple verbally harassed and assaulted a group of three Jewish men at Bedford Avenue and Ross Street while driving in Brooklyn. The couple pulled down the Jewish men's masks and yelled anti-Semitic slurs. They were aggravated apparently because members of a larger group were not wearing COVID-19 prevention masks. **(May 10, 2020)**<sup>47</sup>
- *The New York Times* published an op-ed by Peter Beinert titled "I No Longer Believe in a Jewish State." The article called for the end of a Jewish state. **(July 8, 2020)**<sup>48</sup>
- Police searched for three men suspected of yelling anti-Semitic slurs and beating a 51-year-old Orthodox Jew who had to get stitches on his face and had one finger broken. The attack took place in Brooklyn (2525 Kings Highway, near East 27th Street). **(July 11, 2020)**<sup>49</sup>
- Pro-Zionist, Jewish editor Bari Weiss resigned from the editorial staff of *The New York Times* and posted a letter to the paper's publisher A.G. Sulzberger complaining of "unlawful discrimination, hostile work environment, and constructive discharge." A *Times* memo dated January 28, 2020 named Max Strasser, an ardent opponent of the idea of a "Jewish" nation state, as the lead on the editorial page's "international" vertical, clearly signaling to Weiss and the world the direction in which the paper would be heading in analysis of Israel. It was clearly not in her direction or that of all friends of the Jewish state. Peter Beinart was more to Strasser's liking. **(July 14, 2020)**<sup>50</sup>

- On July 27, 2020, the NYPD Hate Crimes Unit posted this message on Twitter: “WANTED for ANTI-SEMITIC GRAND LARCENY. The subjects [~~in-wanted~~] are wanted for stealing religious items from 4 different people on Thu 7/23 3:30-4:30 PM along Bedford Ave, Brooklyn.” An 8-second video clip was posted indicating that two teenage or adult males riding a bike were the persons being sought. **(July 23, 2020)**<sup>51</sup>
- The Manhattan office of New York Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright was vandalized after she hosted a “Combating anti-Semitism” seminar. The office’s street-level windows were splashed in white paint and a vulgar, antisemitic note was found there. It read, “Rabbi pays c--- sucking Rebecca in cash and kind.” **(Aug. 11, 2020)**<sup>52</sup>
- The principal of New Dorp High School on Staten Island was leading a mid-afternoon Zoom meeting with 300 parents when the call was interrupted by several antisemitic hackers. The first of three “posted huge swastikas across the screen along with racial slurs and sexually explicit images...” The second wrote, “WE WILL SHOOT UP THE SCHOOL.” The third and final intruder, who used the Zoom handle “Shlomo Rothschild,” threatened to bomb the school. **(Aug. 26, 2020)**<sup>53</sup>
- Two Orthodox Jewish men were targeted by a black Chevy Camaro in a hit-and-run while standing on the sidewalk. The incident took place around 2:40 a.m. at Lee Avenue and Taylor Street in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn. Thankfully, the men only suffered minor injuries. **(Aug. 30, 2020)**<sup>54</sup>
- For years, the administration and faculty of New York University (NYU) let the anti-Israeli antisemitic group Students for Justice in Palestine run amok on campus. The group created a hostile environment for Jewish students at the school. One student had enough of the abuse, and weeks before her graduation she filed a complaint in April 2019 with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Education. On September 25, 2020 the NYU student, Adela Cojab, triumphed when OCR reached a landmark settlement with NYU. Hers was the first

settlement with any university to reflect President Trump's Combating Anti-Semitism Executive Order (EO 13899). **(Sept. 25, 2020)**<sup>55</sup>

- An adult female ripped down a poster with the prayer services schedule hanging on the front wall of the Chabad Israel of the Upper East Side (Manhattan). The suspect was caught on camera during the act of vandalism to the synagogue, and the NYPD Hate Crime Task Force released the video to the public as part of its investigation. **(Sept. 26, 2020)**<sup>56</sup>
- *The New York Times Magazine* published a glowing, softball interview of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) The piece downplayed Omar's numerous antisemitic insinuations, remarks, and strong BDS support. The article signaled who and what is acceptable in setting the terms of debate about Jews and Israel. The lines drawn were unfriendly to both. **(Sept. 27, 2020)**<sup>57</sup>
- Columbia College is the oldest undergraduate college within Columbia University. The students of Columbia College voted to pass a BDS referendum with 61 percent voting to approve the resolution (1,081 votes), 27 percent voting against (485 votes), and 11 percent abstaining (205 votes). The results were announced on September 29, 2020. The resolution compared Israel to South Africa's apartheid regime by seeking University divestiture of assets that "profit from or engage in" Israel's actions that "fall under the United Nations International Convention of the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid." **(Sept. 29, 2020)**<sup>58</sup>
- In Brooklyn, the Shore Parkway Jewish Center was vandalized by a 25-year-old male. He was charged with burglary and criminal mischief, both as a hate crime. The perpetrator used a flagpole to "break numerous windows," entered the building, and then "continued to damage property." Upon arrest he made antisemitic remarks. **(Oct. 4, 2020)**<sup>59</sup>
- Orthodox Jews in New York were faced with severe Covid-19 shutdown measures in their places of living and worship, enforced by the New York government. Interestingly, Gov. Andrew Cuomo defended the severe regulations which targeted block by block areas for very tight restrictions. Such areas were found also outside New York City in Rockland and Orange

counties, similarly home to large Orthodox Jewish communities. The regulations gave the impression that Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods were being targeted. **(Oct. 7, 2020)**<sup>60</sup>

- Highly respected columnist Ira Stoll wrote a media analysis piece in which he compared the way *The New York Times* was covering group behavior under COVID lockdown conditions of Orthodox Jews, Black Lives Matter, and Brooklyn Catholics. In particular, he argued that an article by Ginia Bellafante targeted Jewish people that protested lockdown measures, calling them “angry” and a “mob,” while the Black Lives Matter protesters were continually labeled as “mostly peaceful.” **(Oct. 7, 2020)**<sup>61</sup>
- An Orthodox Jew, walking near no pedestrian on a Borough Park, Brooklyn street, was aggressively verbally abused for not wearing a COVID mask. The 32-year-old perpetrator then proudly posted video of the event on Instagram. Later, he expressed astonishingly vile antisemitic beliefs to the reporter who contacted him. The reporter, Jacob Henry, also recorded the conversation and posted it to Twitter. **(Oct. 13, 2020)**<sup>62</sup>
- Government pressure on Orthodox Jews increased with New York Gov. Cuomo’s comments at a daily press briefing. The topic was containing coronavirus cases, and Gov. Cuomo focused his ire on “ultra-Orthodox communities” stating that they would lose funding if violations of his Covid-19 restrictions continued. Cuomo appeared to imply that local politicians were not enforcing the rules in those communities due to political pressure. **(Oct. 14, 2020)**<sup>63</sup>
- Four shots or pellets were fired “from an unknown device” toward a Brooklyn Synagogue located at 3762 18th Avenue. The event took place just after 10:30 p.m. when a 53-year-old man was dismantling a sukkah outside the building following the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. The Anti-Defamation League has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who fired at the synagogue. **(Oct. 21, 2020)**<sup>64</sup>
- “A (Jewish) family of seven – including four kids – were pepper-sprayed by violent rioters on Sunday while participating in a ‘Jews For Trump’ rally in New York City.” The Jewish father

got out of his car, but the woman assailant chased him, trying to pepper spray him again; the woman was eventually arrested. **(Oct. 25, 2020)**<sup>65</sup>

- A supportive group of local politicians held a news conference to protest antisemitic graffiti that was “emblazoned on the front window” of a Very Juice café near Avenue P in Brooklyn. The hateful message read, “Syrian Jew Wh\*re F\*\*\* You.” It targeted a Jewish-owned store. **(Oct. 27, 2020)**<sup>66</sup>
- The website of the Great Neck North Shore Hebrew Academy High School was bombarded with “Nazi songs, imagery and messages,” according to the online watchdog StopAntisemitism.org, which monitored and recorded the hack in real time. Hackers using the name “K-ke Slayer” defaced the school website with Nazi imagery and antisemitic invective. **(Dec. 14, 2020)**<sup>67</sup>
- The crew of Frontier Airlines F9-2878 flight from Miami to LaGuardia in Queens, New York City demanded that a Chassidic family leave an airplane because their 18-month-old baby was not wearing a face mask. Federal law requires that children over the age of two wear a mask when flying. An adult member of the family defended the father at which point the entire family of siblings and in-laws started to exit the plane. Then the flight staff ordered the family to get off the plane. Fly Frontier staff were recorded applauding and saying, “We did it” as the family left. After the incident in the airport, a fellow passenger reported that, “they are saying some nasty things... I heard some nasty things being said... They (Fly Frontier staff) are making it worse.” It was perceived by many on the flight that anti-Jewish sentiment was a part of the decision-making process. Clearly, further investigation is warranted. **(Feb. 28, 2021)**<sup>68</sup>
- In an extremely lengthy article that has the scent of anti-Orthodox (Jewish) disdain, if not outright animosity, *The New York Times* targeted a group of Orthodox Jews and an Orthodox charity, the Aleph Institute, for effecting the sort of criminal sentencing reforms and effectively arguing for pardons that would typically earn plaudits from the *Times*. On this occasion, a

secretive Orthodox pardon-machine is hunted down—one that used connections with Trump administration insiders, notably Jared Kushner, to obtain pardons for reputedly unworthy white-collar criminals. What tips the scales against the article was its failure to examine Aleph's overall, extensive track record in criminal justice reform and to assess the validity of each Trump-granted pardon and commutation.<sup>69</sup>

## California

- In Los Angeles, a Jewish boy was walking to synagogue on Shabbat when he was harassed by a man who told him “get off the sidewalk because you’re a dirty, filthy Jew, and go to hell.” **(Jan. 11, 2020)**<sup>70</sup>
- In December 2019, a pro-Palestinian and anti-Israeli student group at UC Berkeley, Bears for Palestine, mounted a display in the student union honoring convicted Palestinian, anti-Israeli terrorists Rasmieh Odeh, Fatima Bernawi, and Leila Khaled. On February 1, the Associated Students of the University of California Senate’s (ASUC) University and External Affairs Committee met to debate student Milton Zerman’s resolution titled “Condemning Bears for Palestine for Their Display in Eshleman Hall Glorifying Violent Terrorists.” A melee erupted at the meeting called to consider the measure. Jewish students were “repeatedly harassed, heckled and threatened with physical threats of violence.” One Jewish student was chased out of the room. While this was transpiring, university officials refused to become involved. One student, Zac Schildcrout, noted even worse than the student endorsement of terrorists was “the display of hatred and anti-Semitism directed at Jewish students.” Eventually, the Jewish students walked out while the pro-Palestinian group claimed that *it* was being targeted for discrimination. Schildcrout made this trenchant observation: “No one on campus would even think of openly supporting terrorists ... Dylan Roof or ... the perpetrator of the [2019] Christchurch massacre. Why should it be any different when the victims are Israeli Jews?” **(Feb. 1, 2020)**<sup>71</sup>

- The origins of the controversy began in December 2019 when San Diego State University (SDSU) gave four graduate students a massive grant of \$170,000 to fund their work designed to improve the experience of black students. One of the grantee-students, Terry Sivers, proposed holding a summit on reparations. Sivers had invited Omali Yeshteli, a member of the black nationalist group, Uhuru, to speak about reparations. Another invitee was Ava Muhammad, a spokesperson for Louis Farrakhan (Nation of Islam), a virulent antisemite. A controversy erupted. The ADL noted that Muhammad had made antisemitic remarks in the past. Apparently, Sivers then disinvited Muhammad and Yeshteli. Consequently, eight Uhuru members came to the SDSU campus and demonstrated outside the student center protesting Omali Yeshteli's disinvitation or non-invitation. Comments from Uhuru members included racist and antisemitic remarks punctuated by the claim that SDSU is "controlled by Zionist masters." It would be a mistake to think that only Uhuru members were the sole problem here. The university gave a massive grant to four students, one of whom promptly invited two antisemites to speak on campus. **(Feb. 19, 2020)**<sup>72</sup>
- A California school board's Zoom meeting was infiltrated by hackers who posted cartoon pictures of Hitler, swastikas, used the n-word and streamed graphic pornography. During the one-minute interruption of the meeting of the Conejo Valley Unified School District, members' families were threatened with sexual violence. **(Mar. 27, 2020)**<sup>73</sup>
- The Patriot Front is an alt-right, antisemitic, White Nationalist organization. Several of its flyers were found on street light poles outside across the street from the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. The act was akin to dogs marking their territory with a message akin to: "Hey, we're thinking about you." **(May 20, 2020)**<sup>74</sup>
- A well-known Jewish neighborhood in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles was targeted in an anti-Jewish pogrom during the Black Lives Matter riots in Los Angeles. Jewish institutions were looted, burned, and ransacked while people yelled "F\*\*\*ing Jews." **(May 30, 2020)**<sup>75</sup>

- During the May 30 Fairfax District riot, a synagogue located at 8056 Beverly Boulevard was targeted. “Congregation Beth Israel — a synagogue in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles was vandalized with graffiti stating, ‘free Palestine’ and ‘f— Israel.’” The director of the watchdog group, Stop Anti-Semitism, Liora Rez, told the *Jewish Journal*, “Once again we see vile anti-Semitism being disguised as activism. To vandalize a synagogue during this horrific time [*i.e.*, George Floyd riots] does nothing but further divide a broken country.” **(May 30, 2020)**<sup>76</sup>
- A Jewish pharmacist’s store in Los Angeles, Syd’s Pharmacy, was destroyed. The pharmacy was sacked during the May 30 pogrom in L.A.’s Fairfax District. Windows were broken, shelves were knocked down, and “all the street drugs including painkillers” were stolen. **(May 30, 2020)**<sup>77</sup>
- A Los Angeles statue of Raoul Wallenberg, “who saved thousands of Jews from the Nazi death camps,” was graffitied. Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat who served in Hungary at the end of the Second World War and disappeared under mysterious circumstances at the end of the war. **(May 30, 2020)**<sup>78</sup>
- The State of California released its hate crimes report for calendar year 2019, and it revealed that anti-Semitic hate crime events rose nearly 12 percent—increasing from 126 to 141. This upsurge occurred even though overall hate crimes decreased 4.8 percent. Furthermore, crimes with an anti-Islamic bias decreased 10.7 percent, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. **(June 31, 2020)**<sup>79</sup>
- Relentless anti-Semitic harassment led Rose Ritch to resign from her elected position as vice president of the University of Southern California’s Student Government. In the wake of Black Live Matter riots in June and July 2020, Ritch was targeted for impeachment because she was a public supporter of Israel and a Zionist. **(Aug. 5, 2020)**<sup>80</sup>
- A Jewish female student of Israeli background was verbally abused during a breakout session in a high school Zoom class. The incident took place at Terra Linda High School in San Rafael,

California, a city in wealthy Marin County. The student was told to her face that, “[a]ll Jews and Israelis deserve to go to Hell.” **(Sept. 3, 2020)**<sup>81</sup>

- Scott Weiner, a Jewish California State Senator who identifies as gay, faced death threats online along with a crude antisemitic caricature. The images showed the San Francisco politician with an elongated nose while wearing the garb and hairstyle of an Orthodox Jew. **(Sept. 9, 2020)**<sup>82</sup>
- An Instagram account associated with the Redwood High School in Larkspur, California (15 miles north of San Francisco) called on like-minded people to “identify Jewish high school students in Marin County.” The account informed readers, “We [are] currently composing a google doc of Jews in the district. Hit us up if you want to help.” Five-thousand six-hundred Jewish students and their supporters signed a Change.org petition addressed to the Tamalpais Union High School District and its superintendent, Tara Taupier, asking them to act against the account and the student believed to be running it. **(Sept. 11, 2020)**<sup>83</sup>
- Rabbi Yonaton Halevy suffered a blow to the head from a teenager while walking with his father at Shiviti Congregation in University City near the University of California San Diego campus. The blow knocked him to the ground. After the attack, the offender circled the synagogue on his bike while friends on skateboards taunted Halevy and other attendees. According to the rabbi, this pack of teenagers is well known to the congregation. “Every day they come by here, taunt us, throwing bottles at us, sitting on our roof blasting music, and then breaking a window to my van.” Halevy told a local media outlet, KUSI, that they had been stealing synagogue property as well. “We are fearful.” **(Oct. 10, 2020)**<sup>84</sup>
- Fresno State’s Associated Students Inc. passed a BDS resolution. The Muslim Student Association stated proudly that this action made “Fresno State the fourth California State University to pass a student government resolution that works towards divesting from companies linked to the illegal settlements in Palestine.” According to the Facebook post, the

resolution “passed with an overwhelming majority, and only one vote against the resolution.”  
**(Oct. 14, 2020)**<sup>85</sup>

- San Francisco State University student government, by a secret vote of 17-1, passed an antisemitic BDS resolution. The symbolic but campus-poisoning gesture called on the university to “divest from more than 100 companies that conduct business with Israeli settlements in the West Bank.” San Francisco Hillel Executive Director Rachel Nilson Ralston honored SFSU “Jewish students for speaking out against the resolution despite ‘facing appalling attacks against their identity, Israel’s right to exist, and Jewish self-determination.’” She noted that “student government leaders faced “extreme pressure and bullying tactics from activists from across the country who showed up to support this biased platform.” **(Nov. 18, 2020)**<sup>86</sup>
- California’s Department of Education is developing a left-wing ethnic studies curriculum for state high school students known as the “Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum” (or “ESMC”). The curriculum is designed to indoctrinate students with a neo-Marxist view of history called “Critical Theory.” “Critical Ethnic Studies” is the sub-discipline relevant to development of the ESMC. It is anti-colonial and anti-American. While supposedly favoring oppressed peoples across the globe, proponents of ESMC include hardcore anti-Zionists. ESMC drafts had little to say about the positive history of Jewish immigrants to the U.S. and history of Jews’ oppression around the world. After Governor Gavin Newsom was convinced to veto a bill (AB 331) mandating ESMC for a high school diploma, an essentially new version of the same concepts was reintroduced in a new bill (AB 101) at the end of 2020. **(Dec. 11, 2020)**<sup>87</sup>
- A University of California Riverside professor, Dylan Rodriguez, commented via Twitter that Zionism has “politically toxified our schools” and that “[a] number of Zionist organizations want to convince us that Arab American Studies is ‘anti-Semitic.’” He added that “[t]his is not only intellectually insulting but is also an inherently racist position.” Most astonishing is the fact that the media and cultural studies professor is the current president of the American Studies Association (ASA). **(Jan. 12, 2021)**<sup>88</sup>

- University of California Irvine student government passed a BDS resolution, “UC Divestment from Apartheid 2021” by a vote of 19-3. The measure may represent a new BDS tactic in that it tried to distinguish “Israel apartheid” from “Judaism.” After that, the resolution proceeded to make a series of the most vicious, one-sided statements attacking Israel, including “Israel has terrorized, displaced, and killed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.” A few paragraphs down it declared Israel to be an apartheid state based on the analytical work of the leftist Israeli group, B’Tselem. Opponents of the measure were informed of its having been docketed with one day’s notice before the vote. **(Feb. 9, 2021)**<sup>89</sup>
- The UCLA student government passed “A Resolution Calling for the UC to Divest from War,” and according to Aaron Bandler, it “called for the University of California system to divest from ‘the war industry’ and ‘the university to sever itself from companies that engage in the oppression of any people.’” The resolution cited “ethnic cleansing in Palestine by the Israeli government” as an instance of the sort of oppression for which divestment would be appropriate—along with “South African apartheid” and other injustices including “the Thirty Meter Telescope.” A BDS resolution, approved in 2014, was approvingly referenced as was its authorship by the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). SJP was one of the nine groups that signed on to the Resolution. **(March 3, 2021)**<sup>90</sup>

## **Other States (including upstate N.Y.)**

- A Holocaust-surviving professor, Channa Newman, filed a lawsuit against Point Park University (Pittsburgh, Pa.) after experiencing a hostile work environment while being subjected to anti-Zionist, pro-BDS antisemitism from faculty and students. **(Mar. 11, 2020)**<sup>91</sup>
- The U.S. Department of Justice indicated in a March 17 statement that it had arrested Matthew Douglas Kane, a man living in southwest Washington (La Center, Wash.), relating to a criminal complaint charging him with one count of cyberstalking and two counts of interstate threats. The crimes pertained to Kane’s minor daughter who for various reasons was temporarily

placed in the custody of a woman he believed to be Jewish. For over two weeks Kane directed public attacks against the temporary custodian in January 2020 that included numerous antisemitic attacks. **(Mar. 17, 2020)**<sup>92</sup>

- A man was caught on a surveillance recording spray-painting a synagogue, the Tikvat Israel Congregation, with swastikas and offensive epithets. The synagogue is located at 2200 Baltimore Road in Rockville, Md. **(Mar. 28, 2020)**<sup>93</sup>
- A Yale University rabbi was beaten and his car was stolen by two local teenagers. The rabbi was the Jewish life adviser of the Yale University Chabad branch in New Haven, Connecticut. The criminals approached him saying, “Give us everything you have, you f\*\*\*ing Jew!” Then, they pounced on him, kicking and punching him to the ground. After getting the rabbi’s keys, they stole his car. **(Mar. 31, 2020)**<sup>94</sup>
- The U.S. Attorney’s Office for Massachusetts announced that John Michael Rathburn, age 36, from East Longmeadow “was arrested [] and charged in connection with attempted arson” at a Jewish assisted living residential facility” in Longmeadow. The statement added that “[t]he charges in this case allege that the defendant tried to blow up a Jewish assisted living residence with a five-gallon gas canister, at the same time that the facility was being discussed on white supremacist online platforms.” **(Apr. 2, 2020)**<sup>95</sup>
- The FBI announced that it was offering \$15,000 reward for the identification of a man with a noticeable limp and prosthetic leg caught on video spray painting swastikas and antisemitic graffiti on the Etz Chayim Conservative Synagogue and Chabad House in Huntsville, Ala. **(Apr. 8, 2020)**<sup>96</sup>
- Two high school students created and posted a TikTok video making light of the atrocities inflicted upon Holocaust prisoners at the hands of the Nazis. Students in Nicollet, Minn., overlaid motion-picture images of themselves on to Holocaust still-photographs. The two males are seen walking up a ramp into a train with Holocaust victims, dancing on the train, and

skipping on the train tracks inside the camp in front of Auschwitz II-Birkenau's iconic brick entry building with its tunnel-like gate. **(Apr. 15, 2020)**<sup>97</sup>

- A Jewish man was verbally harassed at a Fort Lee, N.J., Dunkin' Donuts on at least two occasions and was also physically bumped into during their second meeting. Afrim Haxhai, 30, from Jackson Heights in Queens (NYC), told the Jewish man on the first occasion that Jews were responsible for COVID-19. During the second encounter at the restaurant, Haxhai stated that he did not want Jews in his neighborhood. **(April 20, 2020)**<sup>98</sup>
- During Yom Hashoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Hillel building at University of Massachusetts Amherst was vandalized. The defacing text read simply but threateningly: "Palestine." A Jewish student named "Hannah" told one source that the attack was "terrifying." She went on to say that "My family did not escape the Nazis for us to be targets of discrimination once again." Multiple students were interviewed and said that this vandalism is suggestive of a larger issue of antisemitism on campus. **(Apr. 20-21, 2020)**<sup>99</sup>
- Zohar, an Israeli American student at Stanford University described his experience there in a *Stanford Daily* op-ed. He shared that, "I have been told by peers and professors that all Jews are privileged, all Jews are rich and cheap, all Jews are white and all Jews have big noses." He continued by observing, "The new wave of anti-Judaism includes a new trope: All Jews who support Israel hate Muslims and Arabs. Normalizing these anti-Semitic assumptions has allowed students to freely express aggression and hatred toward Israel and Israelis. If this slander or abhorrent language were directed toward any other nationality, it would never be tolerated. While Stanford students are quick to say they support all communities, commonplace anti-Israel rhetoric on our campus is clear, repeated hypocrisy." After giving his fellow students and the Stanford faculty every benefit of the doubt, Mr. Levy concluded with obvious disappointment: "Stanford's administration, professors and students have failed to support the Israeli community and students who support Israel. This pervasive, anti-Israel commentary rarely comes with intentions for respectful dialogue." **(May 25, 2020)**<sup>100</sup>

- A Jewish man was attacked on Rice Street in Carson City, Nev., while outside the Tap Shack bar. After panhandling for money, the attacker held out his arm straight and repeatedly yelled “Heil Hitler” and “Seig Heil.” He also screamed, “Heil Hitler you piece of s\*\*\*.” The assailant then stabbed the Jewish man in the head and left the scene. The victim was conscious and alert before he was taken to a local hospital. He appears to have survived the incident in satisfactory condition. The victim told the press that he thought mental issues were more to blame than antisemitism. Nevertheless, the racist slurs were made. **(Jun. 19, 2020)**<sup>101</sup>
- Chabad at Syracuse University posted a message denouncing a campus-wide antisemitic, defamation campaign directed at Professor Miriam Elman, a Jewish faculty member at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Pop-up Instagram accounts created anonymously by students claiming to be black activists attempted to publicly shame various faculty members for generalized social and political grievances, creating something akin to virtual “struggle sessions.” Student reporter, Justine Murray, reported that “on the @BIPOC.Syracuse page [it] stated ‘There are professors at SU who are openly Zionist to the point that it hurts Palestinian students...This [sh\*\*] runs deep.’” That June 19 message launched a social media frenzy, according to Murray, that soon “singled out” Elman “for her support of Jewish self-determination and prior service in the Israeli Defense Forces. The heinous anti-Semitic insults directed at Elman sen[t] a clear message: shed your Zionist identity or get canceled. It reeks of pure McCarthyism.” **(Jun. 19, 2020)**<sup>102</sup>
- Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson posted a series of antisemitic statements on Instagram causing a national controversy. According to Mark Goldfeder, the director of the National Jewish Advocacy Center, Jackson praised the notorious antisemitic leader of Nation of Islam, Louis Farrakhan. Goldfeder observed that he “posted a text attributed — mistakenly — to Adolf Hitler claiming that ‘white Jews’ are exploiting black Americans and resorting to blackmail and extortion to advance ‘their plan for world domination.’” Additionally, Jackson “touted age-old conspiracy theories about Jewish manipulation and encouraged others to study Nazi ideology to confirm that Hitler was right about the Jews” and shared them with his 1.4 million followers. **(July 6, 2020)**<sup>103</sup>

- Two synagogues, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Sinai, located in Sarasota, Florida, were vandalized with antisemitic graffiti. Video security recordings from both locations indicated that the same man was responsible for both crimes, and he was also the vandal who desecrated Temple Emanu-El earlier in the year on April 2. In the earlier event, he caused around \$5,000 in damage when he spray-painted swastikas on multiple surfaces. **(July 15, 2020)**<sup>104</sup>
- A man, who was later arrested on unrelated charges, harassed and robbed four Jewish teenagers outside a mall near Baltimore, Md. The attacker called them “dirty Jews” and stole one of their kippahs. He also took their shopping bags, cellphones, and wallets. The victims all believed they were targeted due to their religious observance. **(July 20, 2020)**<sup>105</sup>
- Jews are not doing well in the “woke” academic environments dictated by Critical Race Theory (CRT). In general, the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) has had a reasonably good record blocking antisemitism from its campus. That may have been an illusion as it now appears to be institutionalized. As this vignette indicates, Jews are especially disfavored in some CRT “social credit” schemas. On July 23, a Jewish Penn graduate student posted about an episode from his Penn career to the Instagram page: “Jewish on Campus.” Anonymous wrote: “During my [master’s in social work] program, I was given a ‘privilege quiz’ by my professor who taught a mandatory course on racism. The quiz listed several categories based on identity (e.g. religion, race, ethnicity). In each category, the quiz then listed possible identities (e.g Judaism, Christianity, Islam, etc.). next to each of these possible identities, the quiz assigned a positive or negative value. The higher the value, the more we needed to ‘check our privilege,’ according to my professor. Under the religion category, Judaism was ranked as the most privileged identity, with 25 points assigned. Christianity was ranked as the second most privileged category, with only 5 points assigned. When I voiced my concerns to the classroom, I was met with laughter and eye rolls.” Of course, it would be a bad enough if this sort of agitprop were being promulgated in the culture, but at Penn it is now mandatory, apparently, that students be subjected to Maoist “struggle sessions” demanding the renunciation of one’s “privilege.” We are not convinced, for example, that Jews expelled from Spain in the 1490s would have calculated their privilege vis-à-vis Christianity similarly. **(July 23, 2020)**<sup>106</sup>

- Charleston, S.C.'s Marion Square contains a Holocaust memorial. The memorial was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti that included written messages that read, "The so called 'Negros' are the REAL JEWS of the Bible!!!" and "Fake Jews." **(July 29, 2020)**<sup>107</sup>
- Minister Rodney Muhammad, NAACP's chapter president in Philadelphia, was replaced, along with the rest of the chapter leadership, after posting antisemitic posts on Facebook. It displayed an antisemitic cartoon alongside African American celebrities, notably ones who also had made antisemitic remarks, indicating that the Jewish caricature in the cartoon "ruled over them." The depiction included a "caricature frequently used by white supremacists called 'the Happy Merchant,' depicting a hook-nosed man in a yarmulke rubbing his hands together." A prominent civil rights figure, Muhammad was a leader in the Nation of Islam with ties to its Muhammad Mosque 12 on North Broad Street. He had been the local NAACP chapter president since 2014. **(Aug. 20, 2020)**<sup>108</sup>
- Four men were arrested and charged with trespassing for posting a "Hitler was right" banner from a railroad bridge in Arizona. "The [banner] also included a link to a website that contained 'bigoted and explicitly racist pronouncements'" according to the police report. **(Aug. 1, 2020)**<sup>109</sup>
- In Worcester, Mass., a man was arrested for breaking and entering of the Temple Emanuel Sinai Synagogue (661 Salisbury St.) and vandalizing the local Jewish Community Center (633 Salisbury St.). At the synagogue, he broke a window and damaged the building. At the Center, he kicked a large Star of David and verbally screamed at parents and children at the drop-off line. **(Aug. 5-6, 2020)**<sup>110</sup>
- In Farmington, Conn., an educational group that fights antisemitism, Voices of Hope, was the target of an antisemitic attack. During an educational webinar on the Holocaust, the group's Zoom call was interrupted by numerous attacks. One said, "Ha, ha the Holocaust never happened." Swastikas and "Kill the Jews" were posted on screen. **(Aug. 11, 2020)**<sup>111</sup>

- A threatening voicemail was left for Congregation Ner Shalom in Woodbridge, Va., a Washington, D.C. suburb. According to a statement from the Prince William County Police, the message included “inappropriate language and the threat of a bomb.” A police K-9 search of the area did not turn up any bombs. Police said the investigation would continue. **(Aug. 22, 2020)**<sup>112</sup>
- At least \$200,000 of damage was done to the University of Delaware’s Chabad Center for Jewish Life by a fire that was quickly determined to be the result of arson. Five-hundred thousand dollars had already been raised with a goal of reaching \$1 million—indicating that the fire’s toll was likely much higher than cost-replacement estimates may have yielded. **(Aug. 25, 2020)**<sup>113</sup>
- A neo-Nazi group called “Folksfront” posted pro-Hitler flyers around the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. It was the second such occasion in less than a year. In November 2019, Folksfront flyers bearing, among other things, a swastika and a Star of David were posted on the Tempe campus. The group describes itself as “the Folkish Resistance Movement.” The posters made statements including “Hitler was right,” “unity of our blood” and other antisemitic phrases. No claim has been made by any reports that the group has support on the ASU campus from student or staff. **(Aug. 30, 2020)**<sup>114</sup>
- During Rosh Hashana, Constitution Hall at Hofstra University was vandalized with a swastika and “Bibi,” a nickname for Benjamin Netanyahu etched into the elevator wall. Maxie DeBiso, a sophomore Jewish studies major commented, “How do you think that makes every Jewish student on campus feel? It puts everyone on edge. Being a Jewish student in general, you very much walk around with a target on your back. I just want people to understand that we are targeted a majority of the time.” **(Sept. 14, 2020)**<sup>115</sup>
- The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign student government passed a BDS resolution by a vote of 22-11-7. Six months earlier, the level of antisemitism at the university was so great that the Louis D. Brandeis Center filed a complaint with the Department of Education’s Office

of Civil Rights (OCR). It stated, “Over the past five years, the Jewish and pro-Israel students at the [Univ. of Illinois] have been subjected to a hostile environment of antisemitism. [It] comes from both ends of the political spectrum: Jewish and pro-Israel students are peppered with swastikas by white supremacists on the extreme right while being labeled white supremacists by the extreme left. The situation has deteriorated to such an extent that ... the student body president circulated a university-wide email condemning the ‘epidemic of antisemitism on this campus.’” This poisonous atmosphere has hindered the ability of Jewish and pro-Israel students to participate in UIUC’s classes and activities. On November 17, 2020, OCR announced that it had opened a formal investigation into the environment at that university. **(Sept. 23, 2020)**<sup>116</sup>

- About 80 congregants of the Emmanuel Synagogue in West Hartford, Conn., were the victims of a “Zoombombing” hate attack. It occurred during a synagogue memorial service for a recently deceased member of the congregation that was conducted online due the COVID-19 pandemic. The online criminal “hackers” “disrupted prayers when they shared Nazi imagery, yelled anti-Semitic comments, and displayed pornography.” **(Oct. 12, 2020)**<sup>117</sup>
- In Philadelphia, three Jewish men—two wearing kippot—were harassed and physically assaulted during a BLM protest. Their assailant yelled out to them, “‘Amalek. Amalek. What y’all doing down here? You don’t live here!’” **(Oct. 27, 2020)**<sup>118</sup>
- The University of Delaware’s Chabad Center for Jewish Life was the subject of a second arson attack in less than three months. This minor fire was set at 12:30 a.m. and caused about \$200 in damage. Nevertheless, it was the developing pattern that was most concerning. **(Oct. 30, 2020)**<sup>119</sup>
- FBI data for 2019 revealed that hate crimes in the U.S. were at their highest level in over a decade, and that Jews were the target of in excess of three-fifths of religion-focused hate crime incidents. There were 7,103 “single-bias incidents” involving 8,552 victims. In 2019 there were 1,521 religion-focused incidents, 21.4 percent of the total single-bias incidents. Religion-

focused incidents increased 7.2 percent over 2018. There were 953 anti-Jewish incidents which constituted 62.7 percent of all religion-focused incidents—an increase of 14 percent over 2018. The anti-Jewish share of religion-focused hate crime incidents increased from 58.8 percent (2018) to 62.7 percent in 2019. (Anti-Muslim incidents declined 6.4 percent from 2018 to 2019.) **(Nov. 16, 2020)**<sup>120</sup>

- The BDS movement took on a novel form at Tufts University in November 2020. In this manifestation, anti-Israel forces attempted to isolate cooperation between law enforcement agencies and first responder organizations in Israel and the United States. Tufts' Students for Justice in Palestine and other anti-Zionist groups marshalled their forces to pass a so-called "Deadly Exchange" resolution. Samantha Mandeles (Legal Insurrection) writes, "According to Deadly Exchange, Israel purposefully exports police racism and violence to the United States in an effort to preserve and spread its own so-called white supremacist, capitalist, imperialist system; it is Israel that is (knowingly) behind police killings of Black Americans." The measure called for the "demilitarization" of the Tufts campus and the cessation of any relationships with Israel law enforcement or military organizations. A previous Tufts campus police chief had participated in a nine-day security training program in Israel several years before this. The referendum results were announced in mid-December indicating that 68 percent of the students voting supported the resolution and 26 percent opposed it, with the rest abstaining. The Tufts administration rejected the measure unequivocally after the results were announced. **(Nov. 24, 2020)**<sup>121</sup>
- The Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise, Idaho, was vandalized with nine strategically placed swastika stickers that also proclaimed, "We are everywhere." Dedicated in 2002, it is the only Anne Frank memorial in the United States. **(Dec. 11, 2020)**<sup>122</sup>
- A person was injured during an antisemitic attack on a Menorah lighting ceremony at the University of Kentucky. A man yelled slurs from a car at the evening ceremony on the third night of Hannukah. A community member who approached the car asking for quiet was

grabbed by a person in the car and dragged by the moving vehicle before it swerved and ran over his leg. **(Dec. 12, 2020)**<sup>123</sup>

- On this date, Georgia may have elected the most anti-Israel member to the United States Senate in its history. In March 2019, Raphael Warnock (D) signed a letter that called for a “two-state solution” for Israel and Palestine. The letter was from a group of hard-left clerics who had just toured Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and compared Israel’s “control of the West Bank to ‘previous oppressive regimes,’ such as ‘military occupation of Namibia under apartheid South Africa.’” Most shocking was Warnock’s position as the head of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the church of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his father. Warnock has never spoken as harshly about the Nation of Islam as he has about Israel. **(Jan. 5, 2021)**<sup>124</sup>
- Three Israeli-style restaurants in Portland, Ore., were vandalized with antisemitic graffiti. Graffiti was found at two locations of the Shalom Y’all restaurants with messages including “Murder,” “Free Palestine,” and “hummus is not Israeli.” A vegan hummus restaurant owned by an Israeli chef, Aviv, was also hit. **(Jan. 9-10, 2021)**<sup>125</sup>
- University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) campus police issued two arrest warrants in connection with racist and antisemitic graffiti discovered in a campus building. In an official statement, the university stated that the acts of vandalism took place at the Campus Y over a weekend when “a person unlawfully entered the building and defaced several offices, leaving behind antisemitic symbols and a racial epithet on a white board, the local *ABC* affiliate reported.” **(Jan. 25, 2021)**<sup>126</sup>
- After mounting a victorious campaign for its BDS referendum in November 2020, the Tufts SJP decided to launch an individualized pogrom against a Jewish Tufts student, Max Price. Price is also a supporter of Israel, and he was elected to a student government body, the Tufts Community Union Judiciary (TCUJ) in March 2020. In his role on the TCUJ, Price had an oversight role in “eliminating [any] biased, misleading, or otherwise untruthful language” from the 2020 BDS referendum’s text. Apparently, the SJP did not like his editing. Consequently,

after the measure passed overwhelmingly, it decided to launch a vendetta against Price. According to Price's attorneys, in late January, SJP provided him with a complaint it filed "seeking to have him removed from the TCUJ." In the run-up to the November vote, the SJP applied unrelenting pressure to have Price removed from TCUJ and any involvement in the referendum text's review for the ballot. That effort failed. Price's counsel said of the removal effort that it "...represents the continuation of a months-long campaign of intimidation, harassment and discrimination targeting Mr. Price on the basis of his Jewish ethnic identity." Furthermore, the Tufts administration would do nothing to help him, so the nationally recognized Brandeis Center agreed to act as his legal counsel. On Feb. 28, Price was informed by school administrators that Tufts SJP had withdrawn the complaint against him. While expressing relief that the immediate charges had been dropped by SJP, Price's counsel, the Brandeis Center, released a statement saying that this would not end the legal matter involving Tufts University's behavior. **(Feb. 3, 2021)**<sup>127</sup>

- Marc Lamont Hill is an influential Black Lives Matter (BLM) and intersectional-Marxist activist. He was on a February 6 Zoom conference call with a number of radical activist groups. The call was hosted by the Democratic Socialists America and included the BDS and Palestine Solidarity National Working Group, the National Political Education Committee, DSA Muslim Caucus, and Afro-socialists of Color Caucus. As columnist Samantha Mandeles observed, "The 'intersectional' hijacking and crossover of domestic [political] movements in the anti-Israel cause is something [*Legal Insurrection* has] covered for years." She noted that Hill proclaimed that one of BLM's goals is the destruction of Israel. On the call, Hill stated that we live in a global system of "settler colonial project[s]" like New Zealand, Australia, and the U.S. That system must be dismantled, and BLM imagines a world that is "anti-imperialist." To fight that system of colonial oppression, he continues "Black Lives Matter, very explicitly is talking about the dismantling of the Zionist project, dismantling of the settler-colonialist project, and very explicitly embracing BDS on those grounds." **(Feb. 6, 2021)**<sup>128</sup>
- An exterior wall of a synagogue in Spokane, Wash., was vandalized with swastikas and other antisemitic messaging. A Holocaust memorial on the grounds of Temple Beth Shalom was

similarly defaced. The attack on the memorial was particularly painful because Temple Beth Shalom houses a Torah scroll that survived the Holocaust. The next week, the alleged vandal was arrested after police seized him at his home on February 18. He was charged with malicious mischief and harassment. **(Feb. 8, 2021)**<sup>129</sup>

- SJP at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) posted an online petition directing the UIC School of Public Health (SPH) to cut all ties with Israeli academic institutions and Israeli academics. Their ire was raised, in particular, by an upcoming March 3 online lecture by Mr. Gabi Bin Nun, an Israeli health economics expert from Ben Gurion University (Negev). Nun worked for 30 years with the Israeli Ministry of Health and was to speak on the Israeli health care system's response to COVID-19. SJP also attacked a Chicago-based philanthropy, the Jewish Metropolitan Fund (JUF) of Chicago, which funds the SPH's "Visiting Scholar in Israeli Studies Program." Apparently, the JUF has given money "to anti-Muslim hate [organizations] (sic)." The petition observed, "There is nothing to learn from the discriminatory health practices of apartheid Israel." Efforts like this are an academic-focused BDS offshoot that seeks to isolate and defame Israel and Jews who work in academic settings. **(Feb. 10, 2021)**<sup>130</sup>
- Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) advanced her personal struggle against the Jewish state in mid-February by demanding that the Biden administration support aggressive lawfare efforts being conducted internationally against Israel. In early February 2021, the International Criminal Court (ICC) illegitimately claimed to have jurisdiction over fighting and military operations that took place in Israeli territories between Jews and Arabs in clashes during the past 20 years. Israel is not a party to the treaty that empowers the ICC, and "Palestine" is not a state. Despite this fact, "Palestine" was given legal recognition at the ICC in 2015. After the recent ICC jurisdictional decision over Israel, the United States noted that it "has always taken the position that the court's jurisdiction should be reserved for countries that consent to it, or that are referred by the UN Security Council." All that said, Rep. Omar informed Al-Araby TV (Qatar) on February 12 that she had demanded that the Biden administration support the referral of Israel to the ICC. Omar said, "The U.S. should not delegitimize the ICC and the things it must do," adding, "it is shocking that the legitimacy of the ICC is something that is being

questioned.” She asserted that the United States was undermining the court’s ability to “investigate, probe and render justice.” The ICC ruling will be used by antisemites across America’s campuses to further promote the BDS movement and attack Zionist and Jewish students. **(Feb. 12, 2021) (See endnote for additional, related information)**<sup>131</sup>

- As noted previously, in November 2020 the Education Department’s Office of Civil Rights opened an antisemitism investigation of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The campus environment does not seem to have improved in the months following that announcement. A Jewish student’s apartment had an Israeli flag draped over his balcony window. The flag was pelted with 10 to 20 eggs. Jeremy Zelner, the owner of the flag and the apartment’s resident, notified police and university authorities who then opened an investigation. Zelner decided to keep the vandalized flag on public display. As one paper quoted him, “We are not the type of people to be scared. We’re not the type of people that would be silenced. We’re not the type of people to back down from what we believe in.” **(Feb. 12, 2021)**<sup>132</sup>
- On February 20, 2021, *Saturday Night Live*’s “Weekend Update” contained a parody news item in which cast member Michael Che read, “Israel is reporting that they vaccinated half their population, and I’m gonna guess it’s the Jewish half.” The antisemitic remark denigrated the world’s most successful COVID-19 vaccination program with the antisemitic implication that only Jews were being vaccinated in Israel. Jewish leaders and groups were outraged and demanded a correction and apology from NBC. The libel was particularly unfair because the Palestinian Authority, under the 1995 Oslo II Accords, has sole jurisdiction for the health care, including vaccination, of those within its jurisdiction. **(Feb. 20, 2021)**<sup>133</sup>
- NBC’s February 9 episode of “Nurses” portrayed a hospitalized, Hasidic young man and his father as being anti-female and anti-Arab bigots. The program was analyzed brilliantly by an Orthodox journalist, Allison Josephs, in her column for *Jew in the City*. She pointed out that these two men would not have been opposed to a bone-graft from a donor, per se. Furthermore, they would not have disdained one from a donor who had died, was female, or was Arab. The

NBC writers concocted a multi-tiered web of irrational animus for these characters. Since many viewers would never encounter Ms. Josephs' assessment, the impression left by the program would be highly prejudicial to a vulnerable, easily-targeted community. It is a community, as demonstrated in this document, that has been subjected to frightening levels of violence. NBC announced two weeks later, after Ms. Joseph's column exposed it, that the episode in question would no longer be available to the public. **(Feb. 9, 2021) (broadcast date)**<sup>134</sup>

- On March 3, 2021, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Wisconsin released its 2020 annual audit of antisemitic incidents in the state. The JCRC observed that there was a 36 percent increase in such activities from 2019 to 2020. This summary of data collected over several years was especially helpful: "There was a significant spike in expressions of antisemitism this year in comparison to years prior (18 in 2017, 21 in 2018, 34 in 2019, and 62 in 2020)." The Wisconsin observations are consistent with other statistics presented in this paper. **(March 3, 2021)**<sup>135</sup>

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## **APPENDIX A – Christmas 2019 (Metro New York City)**

Regarding the wave of Orthodox-directed attacks, one Jewish leader, Nathan J. Diament, told *The New York Times*, “Anxiety about this new reality is present in Orthodox Jewish communities in all of our districts [in NYC] and across the entire country.”<sup>136</sup> As one Jewish leader remarked, “The whole holiday was marked by attacks.”<sup>137</sup> These are the most notable of those attacks in the final days of 2019:

- Two Jewish children, ages 6 and 7, were physically attacked in the lobby of their residential building in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn. A group of teenagers snuck up behind the boys and struck them. They were treated for minor injuries. **(Dec. 23, 2019)**<sup>138</sup>
- A 65-year-old Jewish man wearing a yarmulke was badly beaten at 11:00 a.m. on East 41st Street near 3rd Street in the Murray Hill section of Manhattan. The 28-year-old assailant, from Miami, made antisemitic remarks and punched the victim in the face, knocking him down. The attacker then continued punching and kicking the man while he was on the ground. The victim was treated at Mount Sinai Hospital for bruising and cuts. **(Dec. 23, 2019)**<sup>139</sup>
- In the early morning hours, a 25-year-old Jewish man was walking on the sidewalk on Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, when a large group of people approached him. Members of the group yelled “f\*\*k you Jew” before throwing a Slurpie at him. They could then be heard laughing, and one of the assailants appeared to have recorded the incident as they quickly fled the scene. **(Dec. 24, 2019)**<sup>140</sup>
- A man in his 50s was standing in front of a building on Union Avenue in the Crown Heights neighborhood (Brooklyn) when he said he saw as many as six people approach him after 5 p.m. They followed him down the street and one struck him on the back of the head, knocking him to the ground. **(Dec. 24, 2019)**<sup>141</sup>

- At around 1:00 a.m. on Christmas morning 2019, a 40-year-old Jewish man was punched in the face while walking on 13th Avenue by a man who immediately fled in the direction of 43rd Street (Borough Park, Brooklyn). **(Dec. 25, 2019)**<sup>142</sup>
- A mother was hit with a bag by a homeless woman while walking with her 3-year-old on Avenue U in the Gravesend neighborhood of Brooklyn. The female perpetrator yelled “You f\*\*king Jew, the end is coming for you!” **(Dec. 26, 2019)**<sup>143</sup>
- At 7 a.m., a man entered the Chabad-Lubavitch World Headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway (Crown Heights, Brooklyn) and threatened “to shoot up the place.” According to the *Times of Israel*, “After approaching a congregant, the man, wearing a hoodie, reportedly left without further incident and headed toward the Utica Avenue subway station.” The incident was reported to the NYPD and was under investigation. **(Dec. 27, 2019)**<sup>144</sup>
- On Hanukkah’s seventh night, a Saturday in 2019, a masked man invaded the home of a Hasidic rabbi, Chaim Rottenberg, in Monsey, N.Y. during a Hanukkah party. The intruder stabbed several guests with a long knife or machete. Five men were wounded, two of whom were hospitalized in critical condition. Guests forced the assailant to flee by wielding chairs and a small table. Three months after the stabbing, Josef Neumann, the most severely injured stabbing victim, aged 72, died of his wounds on March 20, 2020. Mr. Neumann had been struck three times in the head and suffered a wound that penetrated “directly into the brain,” according to the family. The *Intelligencer* reported that four Orthodox Jewish elected officials wrote to Governor Cuomo and declared, “It is no longer safe to be identifiably Orthodox in the State of New York.” **(Dec. 28, 2019)**<sup>145</sup>
- In an attack deemed to be targeting members of the New York City Jewish community, a 15-year-old boy (aboard at Avenue U near East 16th Street in Brooklyn) was threatened by two older men with a knife who then took his Apple AirPods. **(Dec. 31, 2019)**<sup>146</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> "Resource Library," Anti-Defamation League, accessed April 21, 2021, <https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resource-knowledge-base>; John George and Laid Wilcox, *American Extremists: Militias, Supremacists, the Klansmen, Communists & Others* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 1996). This is a classic work with historical insights and details about such groups from earlier historical periods.

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