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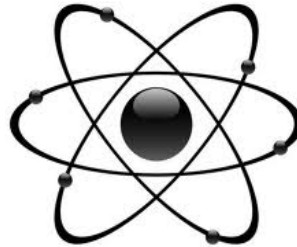




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## ▶ **AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI** SUPREME LEADER OF IRAN

**“Rabid dog...its leaders...  
cannot be called human”**



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Even as the world’s top diplomats celebrated a tentative nuclear/sanctions deal that many believe will not stop Iran’s capacity to go nuclear, few leaders condemned Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei for his unabated public slurs and genocidal threats against the Jewish State.

Referring to Israel as the, **“rabid dog in the region,”** he added, **“Its leaders look like beasts and cannot be called human.”**

Throughout 2013, as the US conducted secret talks with Tehran, the Ayatollah’s anti-Semitic and anti-Israel hate flowed unabated. On the eve of Iranian elections, Khamenei declared, “Zionists” were the real power in the United States, updating the old canard of a global Jewish conspiracy.

## ▶ **RECIP TAYYIP ERDOGAN** PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY

**The “Interest rate lobby” is to blame**

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Recip Erdogan’s tenure as Turkish Prime Minister has been marked by extreme animus toward Israel, historically Ankara’s strategic friend and trading partner. His mindset was on full display during two pivotal political crises in 2013. First, in response to anti-government demonstrations earlier in the year in Istanbul’s Gezi Park, PM Erdogan, blamed the public’s expressions of dissent on the so-called **“interest rate lobby” -- a term defined by his deputy as “The Jewish Diaspora.”** Later, Erdogan also intimated that the Egyptian military’s ouster of Mohammed Morsi was instigated by Israel. Then in December, Erdogan and his media allies who blamed a conspiracy by “foreign powers” for a burgeoning corruption scandal, again deployed charges that the “interest rate lobby” had instigated the latest crisis as well. *The New York Times* reported that the alleged culprits named in the media were, the US and Israel...



► **RICHARD FALK**  
UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR



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Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird rebuked Richard Falk, UN Special Rapporteur for the Palestinian Territories, for his recent statement accusing Israel of “genocidal” intentions. Falk told Russian RT television,

**“When you target a group, an ethnic group and inflict this kind of punishment upon them, you are in effect nurturing a kind of criminal intention that is genocidal.”**

Falk has a long and sordid history of Israel-bashing and anti-Semitism. He alleged Israel may be planning a Nazi-like Holocaust. He justified Palestinian terrorism in terms of “the right of resistance”, adding that suicide bombings were the only way to inflict sufficient harm on Israel so that “the struggle could go on.”

Falk denies that Hamas is a terrorist organization, alleging Israel’s blockade of the Gaza Strip brought Gaza to **“the brink of collective starvation, imposing a “sub-human existence on a people,”** and that Israeli policies were “indeed genocidal.”

In 2011, Falk posted a cartoon on his blog regarding the International Criminal Court’s indictment of Muammar Gaddafi, with an image of a dog with a yarmulke and a USA sweater, urinating on Lady Justice while devouring bloody human bones. Falk later acknowledged the cartoon was anti-Semitic and “apologized” saying, “...we must also make peace with nature, and treat animals with as much respect as possible.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has also condemned Falk for suggesting there had been a cover-up of the 9/11 attacks.

► **BDS BOYCOTT / DIVESTMENT / SANCTIONS / MOVEMENT**  
THE TIPPING POINT OF GLOBAL DEMONIZATION OF ISRAEL

► **ASA**  
AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

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The whole Arab world is going up in flames and the American Studies Association (ASA) has voted to malign the only true, free society left on the map of the Middle East. This is an act of infamy; not only attacking Israeli academic institutions— but Jews everywhere.



**Asked why the Jewish state (not Cuba, North Korea or China), was singled out for a boycott, ASA President, Professor Curtis Marez, responded, “We have to start somewhere.”**

In fact, the ASA vote reeks of bigotry and a dangerous double standard. It exposes a willful refusal to condemn the real architects of the wall of separation-- the terrorists and their supporters who cannot accept the existence of a small Jewish State among the 23 Arab states.

## ▶ **ROGER WATERS**

CO-FOUNDER OF THE BAND  
*PINK FLOYD*

Among Israel's harshest critics and a leading BDS activist, Waters serially slanders Israel as an apartheid state, compares it to Nazi Germany and denies that the Iranian regime poses any threat to the Jewish State. **At a time of resurgent anti-Semitic hate crimes in Europe, Waters used his status as a musician to denigrate Judaism when**

**he affixed a Jewish star on a floating pig during his summer concert tour across the continent.**

Depicting Jews as pigs dates back to deeply-rooted medieval anti-Semitic canards. The Vatican's official newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, denounced Waters for his display of, "...unrestrained anti-Semitism."



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## ▶ **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA** POISONING INTERFAITH REALTIONS

**As Christians suffer in Syria, ethnic cleansed in Iraq, and threatened in Egypt, The United Church of Canada endorsed the boycott of Israel - the only Middle East state that guarantees full religious freedom and protection to all faiths.** Such blatantly unfair moves hinder hopes for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and have the potential to poison interfaith relations in Canada.



## ▶ **JOBBIK**

HUNGARIAN ANTI-SEMITIC EXTREME RIGHT PARTY

The extreme far-right Jobbik party continues to promote its hatred of Jews. **Marton Gyongyosi, the deputy leader of the group, called for a registry of all Jews in Hungary as a security measure** last year. Now he has added Holocaust revisionism to his political agenda. **"It has become fantastic business to jiggle around with the numbers,"** Gyongyosi charged. He also alleges that Israel, "...runs a Nazi system based on race," and that **"Jews are trying to build outside Israel. There's a kind of expansionism in their behavior."** Turning to the Middle East, Gyongyosi announced a series of upcoming lectures on the **"Zionist threat to Peace."**



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## ▶ **HITLER AS HERO**

### HITLER WAS RIGHT HAS EMERGED AS A RALLYING CRY

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Haters of Israel and the Jewish people often turn to the image and words of Nazi mass murderer, Adolf Hitler. **'Hitler was right'** has emerged as a rallying cry not only for neo-Nazis but increasingly among some Arabs and Muslims.

- ▶ Lebanese singer Najwa Karam is superstar with 50 million records sold. She was the Arab 'face' of L'Oreal and serves as a judge on the wildly popular version of *American Idol*, *Arabs Got Talent*. The pan-Arab series is as dynamic as the US franchise and reaches millions of homes. Unfortunately, Najwa Karam is also an open admirer of Hitler. **Asked on Lebanese TV's Talk of the Town to choose attributes from six famous men to create the "ideal man," she chose Hitler's for "persuasive" speaking ability.** There never was an apology—or even a clarification. The Center has asked the company that owns the program to remove her as a judge.
- ▶ Dutch social worker, Mehmet Sahin, a Moslem, was asked to interview troubled youth from his community on national TV. What followed were shocking statements from the Dutch Muslim teens, including, **"What Hitler did to the Jews is fine with me,"** said one. **"Hitler should have killed all the Jews,"** smirked another. Mehmet vowed to do all in his power to dissuade the youngsters from their hate. His neighbors however were furious that he challenged the youngsters for praising Hitler. Threats ensued, forcing him and his family to be relocated by Dutch authorities to a tiny village.
- ▶ **Such hatred also motivated two students from Turkey to actually give the Nazi Sieg Heil salute in front of the infamous Arbeit Macht Frei sign at the entrance of Auschwitz death camp in Poland.** They were promptly arrested.
- ▶ Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, Yusuf al Qaradawi declared, **"Throughout history Allah has imposed upon the Jews, people who would punish them for their corruption. The last punishment was carried out by Adolf Hitler."**
- ▶ Iraqi cleric, Qays bin Khalil al Kalbi, said during a U.S. visit: **"Allah chose you to be the most wretched of all people. Allah chose you as the best to become pigs and apes.... Allah chose Hitler to kill you, so who is better, you or him?"**
- ▶ This poem was broadcast by Saudi cleric lawyer and poet Muhammad al Farraj: **"Adolf Hitler had a blessed way of burning you oh rotten nation  
If I were allowed to pray for a non-Muslim  
I would pray for the soul of the Nazi leader who barbecued you (the Russians)  
and the Jews throughout with gasoline.**



## ▶ CARTOONS THAT DEFAME

Zeon, a French cartoonist, is obsessed with Israel and

**7** Jews. His defamatory stereotypical caricatures reflect a pre-occupation with Jews and the blood of their supposed victims (see right). Zeon's blog also carries overt anti-Jewish messages.



The debate in Germany over the P5+1 Nuclear negotiations with the Iranian regime was marred by cartoons in two different newspapers (*The Badische Zeitung* and the *Stuttgarter Zeitung*) depicting Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu "poisoning" the talks. This theme traces back to an insidious medieval canard. This time it's not drinking water that is being poisoned, but rather any hopes for peace.



The Norwegian paper *Dagbladet* published a grotesque cartoon depicting circumcision as crude and barbaric (see below). Cartoonist Thomas Drefvelin claims he wasn't really thinking of Jews and explained that the people in the cartoon were pictured with hats and beards merely to give them a more religious character.

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## ▶ PINE BUSH, NY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILS ITS JEWISH STUDENTS

**8** Jewish students in the Pine Bush School District in upstate New York claim they've been targeted with anti-Semitic slurs and physical abuse by bullies who, among other things, have forced them to dive into garbage cans to retrieve coins. Jewish kids traveling on school buses have been forced to endure Nazi salutes and shouts of "White Power." One girl said a swastika was drawn on her face while a Jewish boy says he was beaten with a hockey stick. The school district is being taken to court by the parents for doing nothing to stop the abuse. When informed about the anti-Semitic behavior, one school official responded, "Your expectations for changing inbred prejudice may be a bit unrealistic." New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has called for an investigation.



► **THE POWER OF THE POISON PEN**

**ALICE WALKER, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNER**

Approximately 25% of Alice Walker's latest book, *Pin in the Cushion*, is a diatribe against the Jewish state. Walker depicts Hamas-ruled Gaza as a benign place, ignoring that terrorists use its densely populated areas as a prime launching pad for missiles targeting Israeli civilians. Comparing the Israelis to the Nazis, she declared, **"Because I recognize the brutality with which my own ancestors have been treated, I can identify**

**the despicable lawless and sadistic behavior that has characterized Israel's attempts to erase a people - the Palestinians - from their own land."** When an elderly Palestinian received a gift from Walker, she thanked the author by wishing her, **"May God protect you from the Jews. Walker, (referring to her ex-husband, civil rights lawyer Dan Levinthal) replied, "It's too late, I already married one."** Taking yet another swipe at Jews, she added, **"These are people who knew how to hate and how to severely punish others."**



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► **MAX BLUMENTHAL**

**"HOW TO KILL GOYIM AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE"**

Blumenthal uses chapter titles in his book *Goliath* like "Summer Camp of Destruction, 'Date with the Devil,'" "There Is No Dream," "The Concentration Camp," and "The Night of Broken Glass, and **"How to Kill Goyim and Influence People"** to equate Israelis with Nazis. He mentions the Holocaust only to ask: [Is it right] to have the Jewish victims of the Nazis impose their independence day on another people's tragedy?"

**He quotes approvingly characterizations of Israelis soldiers as "Judeo-Nazis." His explanation for the Arab-Israel conflict is "Israeli society's nationalistic impulses" and Israeli politicians who "outdo one another in a competition for the most convincing exaltation of violence against the Arab evildoers" and who incite "unprovoked violence against the Arab outclass" as well as "indoctrinate Jewish children into the culture of militarism."**



## ▶ **EUROPEAN SPORTS VENUES HIJACKED FOR HATE**

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In 2013, Sport's core values of mutual respect, fierce competition and fairness, were marred and diminished by European racism and anti-Semitism

The European soccer stadium has become a petri dish for various strains of bigotry, and Jews are once again, among the majors targets. European soccer governing body UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) has opened disciplinary proceedings into the conduct of Italian soccer fans who chanted anti-Semitic slogans against an English club in November.



At an indoor soccer tournament at the Municipal Sport and Recreational Center in Lodz, Poland, fans threw ninja stars at a picture of an anti-Semitic caricature. Administrators of the facility were so embarrassed and upset that they announced: **"The anti-Semitic and offensive behavior of participants in the tournament leads the Municipal Sport and Recreation Center to make the decision never to rent out the hall again for this type of event."**

Hungary will play what, may be, its most important soccer match of the year in an empty stadium. FIFA (International Football Association) ruled that the match must be played behind closed doors as punishment for **"abhorrent and anti-Semitic chanting,"** by Hungarian team supporters in the country during a match against Israel last August.

The Continental Hockey League fined the team, Dynamo Riga, one million rubles after a military ensemble unfurled a large swastika on the ice in a ceremony to honor the 95th anniversary of the Latvian Republic.

Meanwhile in Croatia, Josip Simunic, one of the stars of Croatia's national soccer team, led pro-Nazi chats during celebrations of his country's World Cup qualification. He was given a 10-match ban and was barred from playing in the 2014 World Cup.

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