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2019 TOP TEN WORST GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-ISRAEL INCIDENTS



▶ JEREMY CORBYN-LED UK LABOUR PARTY

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"How complicit in prejudice would a leader of Her Majesty's opposition have to be in order to be considered unfit for high office?" - Ephraim Mirvis, UK Chief Rabbi

In a year awash with anti-Semitism on both sides of the Atlantic, no one has done more to mainstream anti-Semitism into the political and social life of a democracy than the Jeremy Corbyn-led Labour Party. Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis warned that anti-Jewish racism was a new poison that had taken root in the party.

In the words of MP Louise Ellman, "How many Jewish members have been bullied, abused and driven out?" Members and staff who have dared to speak out against the hate were purged, but not those who declared 'Heil Hitler' and 'F*ck the Jews' or 'Jews are the problem'. No wonder a poll of the Jewish Leadership Council found that 47% of respondents said they would consider leaving the UK if Corbyn became prime minister.



Postscript: The SWC released its #1 choice for its Top Ten 2019 list five days before the UK election. Corbyn's Labour was trounced by PM Boris Johnson's Conservative Party in the December 12th elections. Some analysts say that anti-Semitism impacted the voters. Corbyn has resigned as leader of the Labour Party.

▶ DEADLY DOMESTIC TERRORISTS TARGET JEWS IN THE US AND GERMANY

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In Jersey City, NJ, a kosher market was the target of domestic terrorists. David Anderson and Francine Graham were adherents of the Black Hebrew Israelites hate group. Anderson had expressed anti-police and anti-Semitic sentiments. The shooters first killed a police officer then unleashed a barrage of gunfire killing three innocent people inside the kosher store. Only quick and heroic action taken by police prevented an even greater massacre, as an adjacent Yeshiva (school) would have been their next target.

Across the Atlantic, some 80 Jews praying in a German Synagogue on Yom Kippur - Judaism's holiest day - miraculously escaped certain injury or death at the hands of a neo-Nazi when the attacker failed to break down a security door outside a synagogue in Halle, Germany. After failing to enter the synagogue, Stephan Balliet, 27, armed with a sub-machine gun and explosives killed 2 civilians nearby and injured 2 others. Balliet admitted that he was motivated by his hatred of Jews. In his manifesto, he stated, "Kill as many anti-Whites as possible, Jews preferred." Despite surging anti-Semitic acts, German authorities failed to post any security outside the synagogue during Yom Kippur services.

Back in the United States, the targeting of synagogues continues. Still reeling from last year's massacre of 11 Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, American Jewry has had to deal with additional horrifying incidents.

In San Diego, a gunman opened fire on Jews at prayer inside a Chabad synagogue in San Diego County, killing 60-year-old Lori Gilbert-Kaye, and wounding the Rabbi. The shooter declared he was "defending our nation against the Jewish people, who are trying to destroy all White people".

In November, the FBI arrested a 27-year-old White Supremacist before he could bomb Temple Emanuel in Pueblo, Colorado and continue his plans to poison the synagogue's drinking water.

▶ **POLICE HAVE TO PROTECT 89-YEAR-OLD ITALIAN AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR FROM DEATH THREATS**

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89-year-old Auschwitz survivor Liliana Segre, who serves as Senator for Life in the Italian Parliament, has received countless death threats via social media after proposing a national commission to battle hatred and bigotry. As a result, local authorities assigned two policemen to protect her 24/7. Pope Francis expressed alarm at resurgent anti-Semitism: "In the last century we saw so much brutality against the Jewish people, and we were all convinced that it was over. But today, brothers and sisters, the habit of persecuting Jews has been reborn."



▶ **MURDERER OF FRENCH JEWISH KINDERGARTEN TEACHER SET FREE**

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French prosecutors dropped murder charges against Kobili Traore, who mercilessly beat Sarah Halimi, a Jewish kindergarten teacher, and then threw her off her balcony. Authorities outrageously decided that the murderer had suffered a "massive psychotic episode" after smoking marijuana. When Traore broke into Halimi's apartment, he recited Quranic verses while attacking the Jewish woman. Yet he claimed, "I felt persecuted. When I saw the Torah and a chandelier in her home, I felt oppressed." Incredulous, Halimi family lawyer Francis Szpiner protested, "You're saying that people can walk free after carrying out a criminal action because they were not allegedly aware of the effects of drugs or other substances. Will this also apply to drunk drivers who kill children on the road?"



▶ **FRESHMEN CONGRESSWOMEN SLANDER ISRAEL AND JEWS**

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Rashida Tlaib, America's first Congresswoman of Palestinian descent, launched her career in the US House of Representatives by slandering colleagues who supported a resolution seeking to weaken the anti-Israel, Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement when she tweeted, "They forgot what country they represent." That resolution also called for sanctions on funders of the criminal Assad regime in Syria.



Tlaib also enraged the Jewish community when she declared she had a "warm feeling about the way Palestinians 'provided' a homeland for Holocaust survivors... 'I love the way my ancestors provided that...'" In response, Danny Danon, Israel's UN Ambassador, retorted, "You should take some time to learn the history before trying to rewrite it."

In February, newly-elected Minnesota representative Ilhan Omar similarly invoked the dual loyalty canard: "I want to talk about the political influence in this country that says it is okay to push for allegiance to a foreign country." When asked about the widespread support Israel had in America, she echoed a pernicious anti-Semitic theme about "Jewish money" invoked by Hitler and other anti-Semites, "It's all about the Benjamins baby," Omar said. When another Twitter user asked the Somali-American congresswoman who was paying pro-Israel politicians, Omar tweeted back, "AIPAC!"

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▶ JEWS BEATEN ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK

In November, NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill reported that Jews were the victims of more than half of the hate crimes in the city with the largest Jewish population in the world. Of 309 reported incidents, 159 targeted Jews. Beatings of Jews, particularly in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Crown Heights and Borough Park, drew national attention but scant action was taken by politicians in response to the beatings.

Aug. 27...Rabbi Avraham Gopin is struck with a large rock knocking out two teeth and breaking his nose.

Aug. 29...A block of ice is thrown through the driver's side of a truck, striking the visibly Jewish driver in the eye.

Aug. 31...A young Jewish man walking home from synagogue is cursed by attacker, "fu**ing Jew" and beaten with a belt.

Sept. 18...A Hassidic man is chased down a street by four thugs who punch and kick him.

Oct. 12... A Jewish man struck by bicycle rider who called him "dirty Jew."

Nov. 1...Three attacks carried out in one night in Borough Park, as several men jump out of a car and punch Hassidic men and boys.

Nov. 10...A visibly Jewish woman is attacked by egg throwers.



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▶ BERLIN'S UN AMBASSADOR CASTS 25 ANTI-ISRAEL VOTES - EQUATES "ISRAELI BULLDOZERS" WITH "HAMAS ROCKETS"

Germany is in the midst of an 18-month stint on the UN Security Council. Its UN Ambassador, Christoph Heusgen, created an uproar after word spread regarding the number of anti-Israel votes he has cast and by his equating 130 rockets fired by terrorist organization, Hamas, at Israeli civilians in one week in March, with the Jewish state's demolition of terrorists' homes.

Heusgen declared: "We believe that international law is the best way to protect civilians and allow them to live in peace and security and without fear of Israeli bulldozers or 'Hamas rockets'."

Bild, Germany's best-selling newspaper accused Heusgen, in an editorial, of "pure malice" against the Jewish State. Heusgen cast 16 anti-Israel votes at the UN in 2018, abstaining once. In 2019, he voted for nine anti-Israel resolutions, including one labelling Jerusalem's holiest sites as "Palestinian Occupied Territory", while abstaining three times and opposing only one anti-Israel resolution. Chancellor Angela Merkel famously declared in a 2008 speech in Israel's Knesset: "The security of Israel is never negotiable for me as German Chancellor." It seems that Heusgen never got the memo.



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▶ JEWS AND ISRAEL TARGETED ON NORTH AMERICAN CAMPUSES

Elite North American Universities have proven fertile ground for anti-Semitism often cloaked as "anti-Zionism" and protected under the rubric of free speech.

- University of Toronto's Graduate Student Union denied a Jewish student's request to support a campaign to offer kosher food on campus, saying, "I doubt the Executive Committee will be comfortable recommending this motion given that the organisation hosting it (Hillel) is openly pro-Israel," adding that the kosher food campaign could be contrary to "the will of the membership."

- Montreal's McGill University Student Society initially threatened to impeach a Jewish member, Jordyn Wright, for accepting an invitation to visit Israel under the auspices of Hillel. Pro-BDS students ultimately failed to force the second-year student to cancel her trip to the Jewish state.

- A November event organized by Jewish students at Toronto's York University, which featured young Israeli soldiers, was protested with a "no killers on campus" campaign organized by anti-Israel groups. The campaign included fliers portraying a Photoshopped image of an IDF soldier appearing to be strangling a child. Protesters seeking to shut down the event initiated a violent confrontation which led to student injuries.



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Leading U.S. schools including Columbia, Barnard, NYU, Vassar, Duke, UNC, Oberlin, ASU and UCLA, are only a few of the US schools to be confronted by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incidents this year - often spawned by the extreme anti-Israel, anti-peace, BDS movement.

- Syracuse University had 16 incidents in November, including racist vandalism in residence halls where vicious graffiti targeted African Americans, Jews, Asians and others.
- A Jewish-Mexican professor received a threatening message reading, "Get in the oven where you belong, you monstrous-looking kike."
- A swastika drawn in a dorm was accompanied by slurs aimed at African Americans and Asians. Another, much larger swastika was fashioned on a snowbank near a dorm, and a White Supremacist manifesto written by the New Zealand mosque mass murderer was discovered in a school library, warning of a genocide of Whites.

▶ SCANDINAVIA - KRISTALLNACHT HATE

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On the 81st anniversary of the November 9th "Night of Broken Glass" when most German synagogues were burned down by the Nazis, neo-Nazis plastered stickers shaped like yellow stars on multiple Jewish sites in Denmark and Sweden. In Denmark, the stickers were placed on private residences and in Randers, 84 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery were vandalized. The same stickers appeared in Sweden, where the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention reported a record-high 280 anti-Semitic incidents, a jump of 53% over their last audit.

While Jews make up no more than one-fifth of one percent of Sweden's population, more than 4% of all hate incidents in the country target Jews. Swedish authorities allowed neo-Nazis to rally in Raoul Wallenberg Square across from Stockholm's Main Synagogue. Sweden fails to protect its Jewish citizens and institutions and has failed to hold anti-Semites accountable for their actions in the public and private sectors, including at its famed Karolinska Hospital.



▶ BROADCAST BY PASTOR CHARGES TRUMP IMPEACHMENT IS "COUP BY JEWS"

"Rick Wiles Promotes Jew-Hatred Straight Up"
– Dexter Van Zile- Christian Media Analyst

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Rick Wiles, a non-denominational, Florida-based pastor and popular radio host who promotes racist and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, labeled the House impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump a, "Jew coup". In a November 21st video that went viral, Wiles declared, "That's the way the Jews work. They are deceivers. They plot. They lie. They do whatever they've had to do to accomplish their political agenda." And, "Should the Jews take over the country, they will conduct a purge... That's the next thing that happens when Jews take over a country – they kill millions of Christians." Wiles claims 87 thousand *Facebook* followers and nearly 60 thousand on *Twitter*.



Meanwhile, Jewish Democrats, Ted Deutch and Elaine Luria called on the Trump administration to condemn *TruNews* – Wiles' media outlet, for "these anti-Semitic conspiracy theories".

A White House spokesperson responded that *TruNews* was not authorized to cover its media events. "They are not credentialed to cover the White House," White House spokesperson Judd Deere told *The Algemeiner*.

Anti-Semitic, racist and anti-LGBTQ content and conspiracy theories are the main staples of the *TruNews* site. One recent "godcast" on *YouTube* was viewed over 250,000 times.