



# EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

## JANUARY – MID-APRIL 2015

This document presents the major reported Antisemitic incidents during this period.



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## AUSTRIA

### ❖ REPORT: Austria sees huge rise in Antisemitic acts in 2014

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

## BELGIUM

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

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015** - Around 250 Jews from Belgium left for Israel in 2014 according to the Jewish Agency out of a Jewish population of some 30,000 in the country. [Click here to read the full article](#)

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

**Monday, January 26, 2015** - There were 102 anti-Semitism acts in Belgium in 2014, representing an increase of some 60 % over the previous year. [Click here to read the full article](#)

#### ▪ Brussels teacher makes Antisemitic remarks to pupil

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

investigation, the teacher is continuing to hold classes at the establishment. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Belgian Jews slam remarks by Brussels region head](#)

**Friday, January 30, 2015** - The Comité de Coordination des Organisations Juives de Belgique (CCOJB) umbrella group of Belgian Jewish organisations, the country's EJC affiliate, has condemned the "outrageous" remarks made by the head of the Brussels regional government, Rudi Vervoort, who compared a measure to deprive citizenship from those convicted of acts of terrorism to the Nazi regime. "It is a recipe that was used by the Germans and the Vichy (collaborationist) regime towards the Jews who were not considered as full citizens," Vervoort said in an interview with the Belgian daily L'Echo. "To compare a measure taken to fight jihadists who claim to be enemies of the West with measures taken by the Vichy government against the Jews is unbearable," said the Jewish organization "This suggests that persecuted Jews during the Second World War were also enemies of the West," it said, calling on the Socialist Party, of which Vervoort is a member, to react to this "historical confusion and insult to the Jewish people and humanity." [Click here to read the full article](#)

## DENMARK

- [Dan Uzan, volunteer security guard, killed at Copenhagen synagogue](#)



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

## FRANCE

### ❖ **REPORT: Aliyah from France continues to mount**

**Friday, March 13, 2015** - At least 1,000 Jews have made Aliyah to Israel, and another 5,000-6,000 French Jews are preparing to emigrate, since the recent terror attacks against the Jewish community in Paris. Data published by Israel's Ministry of Finance showed a sharp rise in home purchases by investors in January and cited Netanyahu as a city where many French Jews are buying homes, in the wake of January's terror attacks in Paris. [Click here to read the full article](#)

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

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

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

**Tuesday, January 06, 2015** - Fifty thousand French Jews asked the Jewish Agency for information about immigrating to Israel in 2014, and the Jewish Agency is holding two information seminars a day in France, whereas a year ago it held only one a month, Natan Sharansky told The Jerusalem Post.

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

- **Dieudonné convicted of condoning terrorism**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015** - French comedian Dieudonné M’bala M’bala was found guilty of condoning terrorism by a Paris court. He had published social media posts sympathising with the Islamist gunman who killed four Jews at a Paris-area kosher supermarket. The court handed out a suspended two-month jail sentence. He had faced up to seven years in jail and a 100,000 euros fine. Dieudonné posted “I feel like Charlie Coulibaly” on Facebook on January 14, days after the hostage siege at the Hyper Cacher supermarket that ended with the four murders and an attack two days earlier at the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo magazine that left 13 dead. His post mixed the phrase in support of the magazine — “Je suis Charlie” — with the name of the killer, who also shot a police officer dead during the murderous spree. Dieudonné has been convicted seven times for inciting racial hatred against Jews. He has been charged almost 40 times under France’s hate-speech laws. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- **French Jewish students sue far-Right candidates for racism and Antisemitism**

**Friday, March 13, 2015** - France’s Union of Jewish Students (UEJF) and SOS Racism are suing ten candidates from the far-Right Front National party for racist and Antisemitic comments made during the current municipal elections. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- **French far-Rightist stands trial for quenelle at Berlin Shoah memorial**

**Friday, March 13, 2015** - French far-Right author and activist Alain Soral was to appear in court in connection with the publication of a photo of himself making the Antisemitic quenelle gesture in front



of the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin. The incident dates back to the end of 2013. The case against Soral, an associate of the Antisemitic comedian Dieudonné M'bala M'bala, was brought by France's Union of Jewish students and the J'Accuse organisation. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [FN candidate loves Le Pen, hates Jews](#)

**Thursday, February 26, 2015** - A candidate from France's far-Right Front National party has attacked Jews for apparently being responsible for the failure of his musical career. Xavier Sainty, who is running for the FN in the central Allier region in upcoming municipal elections, blasted Jews for preventing his success as a crooner in a video posted on his Twitter account. "Even in show business I'm blocked all round, Sainty said, claiming that a "Jewish producer" told him the following: "Since you're not a Jew, you'll never have the right to be on TV or radio and you'll be barred because we've got the money and everything belongs to us, you will never get there." "That's how we've been treated for decades, we the 'goys'," Sainty added. Front National leader Marine Le Pen herself has not reacted to the Antisemitic tirade. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Holocaust memorial vandalised in northern France](#)



**Tuesday, February 24, 2015** - A Holocaust-era monument at a synagogue in northern France was destroyed in an act of vandalism. Red paint was thrown on yellow stars that pro-Nazi French



collaborators drew on the synagogue in 1942. The stars had been preserved as a reminder of that period in French history. The synagogue is not used by a Jewish community. Elbeuf Mayor Djoude Merabet described the act as Antisemitic. "A little over 70 years after what happened here, this act is clearly the disgusting fruit of the Antisemitism that is manifested [also] in the profanation of Jewish cemeteries," he said. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Former French FM says current PM controlled by Jews](#)

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

- [Hundreds of graves desecrated at French Jewish cemetery](#)



**Monday, February 16, 2015** - France's interior minister said several hundred tombs had been defaced at a Jewish cemetery in the northeast of the country, in what he called "a despicable act". "Around 300 tombs have been defaced," said a source close to the investigation, adding that there had been no

reports of anything written on the tombstones. The region's police and prosecutor came to the cemetery as well the chief rabbi of Strasbourg, Rene Gutman. "It's an image of desolation," president of the Alsace region Philippe Richert told AFP, describing how Jewish steles, stone or wooden slabs often used for commemorative purposes, were knocked down and even some slabs at the gravesites had been lifted. "One doesn't knock over heavy steles like that dating back to the 19th century very easily. It was a deliberate act of destruction," he said. French President Francois Hollande called the desecration an "odious and barbaric act" while Prime Minister Manuel Valls, wrote on Twitter, describing it as "Antisemitic and ignoble". [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Suspect arrested for Antisemitic graffiti in Paris](#)



**Thursday, February 12, 2015** - A suspect has been arrested for painting the word "Jew" on at least a dozen cars in a Paris neighborhood. The man was arrested and taken into police custody after the graffiti, done in white paint and capital letters, was discovered, according to reports. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- French design company places “no Jews” job advert

## Profil recherché

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

**Wednesday, February 04, 2015** - An online job advert for a Paris graphic design company specifying that candidates should be rigorous, well organised, and highly-motivated but “if possible not Jewish” has sparked outrage with a leading anti-racism group taking legal action. The row started when a Parisian jobseeker noticed the advert placed by graphic design company, NSL Studio, on the jobs site graphic-jobs.com. The advert for a permanent graphic designer specified in its first two lines that the candidate must be rigorous, motivated and keen to develop in an “ultra-dynamic” environment. The third line specified: “If possible, not Jewish.” The French anti-racism group SOS Racisme filed a legal complaint. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- French soldiers stabbed outside Jewish community centre

**Wednesday, February 04, 2015** - Three soldiers standing outside a Jewish community centre in the southern French city of Nice were attacked with a knife. The two of the soldiers were not injured gravely. Two men were arrested. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- Dieudonné continues with anti-Semitic shows

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

- [Jewish bookstore attacked near Lyon](#)

**Thursday, January 15, 2015** - A masked man armed with a hammer smashed the window of a Jewish bookstore in a Lyon suburb of Villeurbanne. The attack occurred at the Aleph bookstore in the suburb. The man shouted “Jews, we will get you,” before fleeing the site. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Dieudonné investigated on suspicion of justifying terrorist act](#)

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

- [Fourth air gun attack at Jewish site in Paris](#)

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

## GERMANY

- [Report: Far-right behind vast majority of Antisemitic attacks in Germany](#)

**Monday, March 16, 2015** - Amid fears of radicalisation in the Muslim community, recently collected data suggests that 95% of Antisemitic attacks in Germany were committed by right-wing extremists. According to figures presented to the German parliament, out of 1,275 incidents which occurred in 2013, neo-Nazis were considered responsible for 1,218 of them. The data also revealed a slight decrease in the number of attacks compared to 2012, yet no one is yet ready to declare this as a positive trend. According to official records, only 31 attacks in 2013 were committed by people of a



foreign background and the rest (26) were attributed to other offenders. This was the first year in over a decade in which no Antisemitic attack was ascribed to left-wing radicals. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Jewish cemetery vandalised in northern Germany](#)

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



- [German man convicted for “Death to Zionists” remark](#)

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

- [Anti-Semitic attack on Israeli in Berlin](#)

**Tuesday, January 06, 2015** - Berlin police said they are investigating an attack on an Israeli citizen who was beaten by a group of young men after he asked them to stop singing anti-Semitic songs on the

subway in the German capital on New Year's Eve. Police spokesman Martin Dahms said that police have not yet been able to identify the attackers, but are evaluating video footage of the incident. The victim, 26-year-old Shahak Shapira, who lives in Berlin, told The Associated Press that after he asked the seven men to stop chanting anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli songs and slurs, he recorded them on his cell phone. Shapira, who has been living in Berlin for 6 years and a total of 12 in Germany, said that the men were singing "F\*\*\* Israel, f\*\*\* Jews." When he got off at the next subway stop, the men, who Shapira said were speaking both German and Arabic, followed him and demanded he delete his video. When he refused, some of the men spat on him and beat and kicked him, injuring his head. [Click here to read the full article](#)

## HUNGARY

- [Vandals deface Budapest Holocaust exhibition](#)

**Thursday, April 09, 2015** - Vandals in Budapest defaced an exhibition about Holocaust survivors and, in a separate incident, painted a swastika opposite a synagogue. The incident involving the exhibition was reported by the Hungarian Jewish community's watchdog on anti-Semitism, the Action and Protection Foundation, or TEV. According to the report on TEV's Facebook page, unknown individuals splashed red paint on 14 portraits showing Holocaust survivors with the youngest members of their families. The Unified Hungarian Jewish Congregation, or EMIH, set up the exhibition, comprising 24 portraits, near the Madach Theatre in central Budapest to celebrate Hungarian Jewry's continuity after the genocide that nearly wiped out the community. Separately, TEV also reported that shortly before April 3, unknown individuals painted a swastika in front of a synagogue on Wesselenyi Street, located five miles north-east of Madach Theatre. The Nazi symbol was removed shortly after its discovery, TEV wrote.



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#### ▪ [Antisemitic fans pressure Hungarian rock group to cancel Israel tour](#)

**Monday, March 30, 2015** - Members of a Hungarian rock band said they would ignore pleas and Antisemitic comments from fans who want the band to cancel its upcoming concert in Israel. The bass player of the rock band Tankcsapdara, Lukacs, said his group, which is popular in far-right circles, will travel in June to play in Tel Aviv despite the criticism it has received on social networks since announcing Israel's inclusion for the first time in the band's European tour, the news website index.hu reported. "Anyone who knows us, knows we do not get involved in politics and ideology," Lukacs said. "On tour, we want to perform wherever possible." On Israel, he added: "If Die Toten Hosen, Depeche Mode, Iron Maiden and Metallica play there, why shouldn't we?" But some of the band's fans reacted with anger to the news of Israel's inclusion in the tour. One user wrote on Facebook profanities about circumcised penises. Another posted a picture of a kippah emblazoned with the band's logo. A third user wished "the artificially-created entity of Israel be wiped off the face of the earth" and wrote profanities about Tankcsapdara's musicians. [Click here to read the full article](#)

#### ▪ [Graves vandalised at Hungarian Jewish cemetery](#)

**Monday, March 23, 2015** - Twenty graves have been vandalised in a Jewish cemetery in Hungary's north-eastern town of Gyongyos. There were also scattered human remains at the site, according to Peter Weisz, the leader of the local Jewish community. The office of Prime Minister Viktor Orban condemned the "barbaric deed" and vowed to launch a programme to renovate neglected cemeteries. Weisz said a number of graves dating as far back as the late 1800s were of ancestors of some of the 80



current members of the recently re-established Jewish community in Gyongyos. Weisz added that relations with other religious groups in the town of 30,000 people were "exemplary." [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Jobbik pol slammed for disrespecting late chief rabbi's memory](#)

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

## ITALY

### ❖ [STUDY: 60% of Italian Jews view Antisemitism as a 'very big problem'](#)

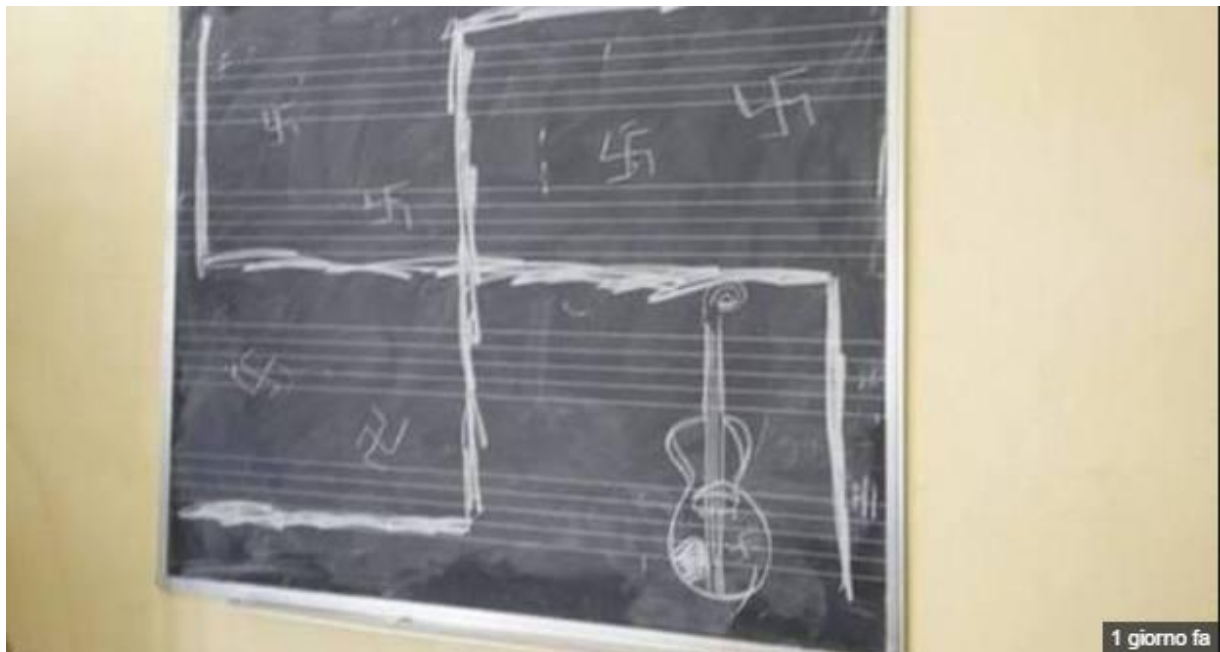
**Wednesday, February 04, 2015** - 75% of Italian Jews believe Antisemitism in their country has significantly increased in the past five years. Over 60% of Italian Jews considered Antisemitism a large or a very large problem in Italy. Two-thirds believe it has significantly increased in the past five years, according to a new study released Tuesday by the London-based Jewish Policy Research. "From Old and New Directions Perceptions and Experiences of Antisemitism among Jews in Italy" is based on data gathered only until the end of 2012, before Israel's last summer conflict in Gaza, which is partly to blame for the strengthening of Antisemitism, and the meteoric rise of the Islamic State group and its thousands of western disciples across Europe and the US. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Digital edition of Mein Kampf downloadable via the website Stormfront Italy](#)

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015** - AngryBird, site user neo-Nazi Stormfront section Italy, has created and made available to other users a digital version high contrast of "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. The text can be downloaded in a "zipped" format. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [Swastika on the board against a Jewish professor](#)

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



- ["Zionist murderers"](#)

**Monday, February 2, 2015** - Unknown persons have traced the word "Zionist murderers W Palestine" at the Palazzo in via Isimbardi nursery 1 in Milan, where this evening will be held the conference dedicated to the Jewish Brigade "Honor the Jewish Brigade on the Day of Remembrance 2015". [Click here to read the full article](#)

- ["The Jewish Holocaust is a lie"](#)

**Sunday, February 1, 2015** - On 25 January 2015 was created the profile Facebook page named "The Jewish Holocaust is a lie" that describes itself as: "You cannot believe in a god; will call you an atheist

but cannot force you to believe by force and there is no law that punishes you for it. You cannot believe that man has ever landed on the moon; will give the conspiracy, but you will not go to jail. You cannot believe that Stalin killed 25 million people in China and that they did even worse; will give the uninformed but you are free to say and write. BUT we are forced BY LAW TO BELIEVE IN THE HOLOCAUST. [Click here to read the full article](#)

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



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

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



NOM sympathizes movements and populist parties of the extreme right, ethno regionalist and southerners, and regularly publishes anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist comments, photomontages and messages. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [The Eye of Horus blog conspiracy](#)

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015** - The Eye of Horus (New Italian Sovereign) is a blog of matrix conspiracy active since September 2014 that publishes anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist messages. [Click here to read the full article](#)

- ["It rains, it rains, the Jew does not move"](#)

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

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



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- [Italian neo-Nazis convicted for racist, anti-Semitic activities](#)

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



## POLAND

- Jewish cemetery vandalised in Poland



**Wednesday, April 08, 2015** - Unknown individuals painted pentagrams and wrote a former Pope's name on several Jewish tombstones they desecrated and smashed in Olkusz, in southern Poland. The desecration occurred recently at the Jewish cemetery of Olkusz, a town located 25 miles north-west of Krakow, according to a report released on the Facebook page of the Monitoring Centre for Racist and Xenophobic Behaviour, a Polish non-governmental watchdog. In its report on the incident, the Coordination Forum for Countering Anti-Semitism said dozens of headstones were destroyed in Olkusz. Another headstone had the name Jan Pawel — the Polish name of Pope John Paul II — spray painted on it. The Jews of Olkusz were deported to Auschwitz in 1942, and most perished there. Two years earlier, German troops gathered all the men in the town square and murdered one of them after humiliating and beating the rest. The July 31 incident in 1940 was known locally as "Bloody Wednesday."

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- Warsaw Jewish cemetery fence defaced

**Tuesday, February 03, 2015** - Unknown vandals defaced the fence of a Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, considered to be one of the largest in Europe. Burials still occur in part of the cemetery. The vandals

wrote on the fence with red spray paint: “Jews for slaughter,” and the date 10.12.14. That is the day on which Poland’s Constitutional Tribunal ruled in the case of religious slaughter, when judges on the Tribunal decided that the ban on ritual slaughter was unconstitutional. The gate of the cemetery was painted with yellow emulsion paint as well. “Less than a week after the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, we have to deal with the manifestation of hatred against Jews. ‘Jews for slaughter’ is not only a humiliation that society cannot ignore, it is an invitation to violence and threats to which we should all be vigilant,” said Anna Chipczynska, President of the Jewish Community of Warsaw. [Click here to read the full article](#)

## SWEDEN

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

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

- [Islamists target Swedish Jews](#)

**Thursday, January 15, 2015** - Jews in Sweden have received numerous threats from Islamic groups in the days since the terror attacks in Paris that left 17 people dead, the head of the Jewish council has said. Stockholm’s Jewish community has received the bulk of the threats and has beefed up security at its premises across the capital in response. “We have received emails and letters from Islamists containing threats. The police and security services have raised the threat level accordingly,” Jewish council chairwoman Lena Posner Körösi told The Local. “What we don’t know is whether these threats are from people linked to groups like al-Qaeda or Isis or if they are copycats.” Police in the city have also reacted to the threats. “We currently have increased surveillance at some ten properties in central Stockholm where Jewish activities take place,” Fredrik Näslund from Stockholm Police told television network SVT.



## THE NETHERLANDS

### ❖ REPORT: Dutch group report finds 71 % rise in Antisemitism

**Thursday, April 02, 2015** - The number of anti-Semitic incidents in the Netherlands rose last year by 71%, and some police officers are unwilling to intervene, the Jewish community's watchdog on Antisemitism said. The Hague-based Centre for Information and Documentation on Israel, or CIDI, recorded 171 incidents in 2014 compared to 100 in 2013. The group also noted what it termed "a worrisome phenomenon — police officers' failure to intervene in cases of evident Antisemitism. Some police officers prefer to look the other way," CIDI said in a statement. CIDI also said the severity of the incidents increased. Those who wore kippahs or other Jewish symbols on the street accounted for a large portion of the overall number of victims of Antisemitic harassment or attacks last year, according to the statement. The prevalence of incidents in which individuals were harassed on the street because they were perceived as Jewish rose by 90% in 2014 over the previous year, to 40 incidents from 21. Incidents in which people were physically assaulted in Antisemitic attacks doubled to six from three.

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#### ▪ Dutch prosecutor investigates Antisemitic chant at football match

**Wednesday, April 08, 2015** - Holland's public prosecution department has launched an investigation into anti-Jewish chanting at Sunday's Eredivisie football match between FC Utrecht and Amsterdam club Ajax. The investigation is focusing on the fans rather than the club, a spokesman told website Nu.nl. During Sunday's match, which ended in a 1-1 draw, supporters were clearly heard chanting about having a mother in the SS and 'Jews burning best'. The video was placed online and picked up by the Telegraaf newspaper. Ajax players and supporters are nicknamed de Joden – the Jews – although opinion is divided as to the reason. Jewish groups had called for action after the chanting and say FC Utrecht is partly responsible because the club took no action to stop its supporters. The club has already pledged to investigate. "Utrecht should have used the loudspeaker system to call supporters to order and if that did not work, have discussed stopping the match with the referee," Hans Knoop of the Stichting Bestrijding Antisemitisme told news agency ANP. [Click here to read the full article](#)

#### ▪ Mayors condemn "Jew stickers" in Amsterdam suburbs

**Friday, March 13, 2015** - Two Dutch mayors have condemned the appearance of stickers featuring a cartoon nose on shops in a heavily Jewish suburb of the Dutch capital. The stickers were spotted

earlier this month on the shop windows of several businesses in Amstelveen, a municipality just south of Amsterdam, which is home to approximately one third of the 50,000 Jews living in the Netherlands, the Jewish news website jonet.nl reported Monday. Amstelveen Mayor Mirjam van't Veld told the news website metronieuws.nl that the stickers were "unacceptable," adding: "As the Jewish community is right to expect, we are looking into the case." Rotterdam's mayor, Ahmed Marcouch, on Tuesday wrote on Twitter: "Wrong! Police and prosecutors [to] find and punish Feyenoord hooligans posting 'Jew stickers' on shops." [Click here to read the full article](#)

## UK

### ❖ STUDY: Antisemitic incidents hit record level in UK

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

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

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

Scotland Yard under freedom of information laws, overall hate crime was up 12 per cent to 10,020 incidents in the year to August. [Click here to read the full article](#)

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

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

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

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015** - More than half of British Jewish people fear Jews have no future in the UK, according to a new study which also reveals that anti-Semitic sentiments are more prevalent than widely believed. British society is at a “tipping point” with Jewish families increasingly questioning whether to stay in the country. The warning is bolstered by a new YouGov poll showing that 45 per cent of Britons agreed with at least one of four Anti-Semitic statements put to them. Some 25 per cent agreed with the idea that “Jews chase money more than other British people” while one in five accepted as true that “Jews’ loyalty to Israel makes them less loyal to Britain than other British people”. A further 13 per cent said of those surveyed in the poll commissioned by the Campaign against Anti-Semitism (CAA) agreed that “Jews talk about the Holocaust too much in order to get sympathy”. Jonathan Sacerdoti, spokesman for the CAA, said: “British values of tolerance and pluralism must be upheld, so that minority groups like Jews feel comfortable and protected.” [Click here to read the full article](#)

### ▪ British university conference denying Israel's existence condemned

**Monday, March 23, 2015** - A leading British university has been condemned for hosting a conference questioning Israel’s right to exist and which critics legitimises Antisemitism. Pressure is growing on Southampton University in southern England to cancel the three day event, or face growing anger from academics, politicians and its own fund-raisers. The conference – International Law and the State of Israel: Legitimacy, Responsibility and Exceptionalism – appears be a ‘one-sided’ exercise in Israel-bashing and provide a platform for Antisemitic views. Nearly 4,500 people have signed a petition calling on the university to cancel the conference. Vivian Wineman and Jonathan Arkush, respectively

President and Vice President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the UK's Jewish umbrella group and EJC affiliate met with university academics last week in a bid to persuade Southampton to withdraw its support for the event. The planned conference has also been criticised by the British government. Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities, called it a "one-sided diatribe". He said: "There is a careful line between legitimate academic debate on international law and the actions of governments, and the far-left's bashing of Israel which often descends into naked Antisemitism. "Given the taxpayer-funded university has a legal duty to uphold freedom of speech, I would hope that they are taking steps to give a platform to all sides." A university spokesman added: "We are committed to academic freedom, free speech and opportunities for staff and students to engage with a wide range of opinions." [Click here to read the full article](#)

- [London soccer fans allegedly spew Antisemitic abuse on train](#)

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

- [British teacher fined for posting pro-Hitler Facebook image](#)

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

- [Organiser of London Antisemitic rally arrested](#)

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

- **Antisemites plan rally in London Jewish neighbourhood**

**Tuesday, February 03, 2015** - Far-right nationalists claim to be planning to march through an area of London with a large Jewish population. Organisers claim to be fighting against what they call the "Jewification" of the UK, and a civilian security group run by volunteers from the Hasidic Jewish community in London. A 'Liberate Stamford Hill' Facebook event calls on nationalists to assemble on Clapton Common in Stamford Hill on March 22, home to one of the largest Orthodox Jewish communities in Europe. Members are rallying against the Shomrim security group, named after the Hebrew term for 'guards'. The organisation operates with the help of 80 volunteers, and focuses on London boroughs including Golders Green, Hendon and Barnet. Its members, who receive training from the Metropolitan Police, wear uniforms complete with knife-proof vests and look out for Antisemitic hate crimes, as well as general trouble in the neighbourhood. The volunteer group also runs a 24-hour crime hotline, and its members are trained to safely track and detain suspects until police arrive. The event has been organised by right-wing activist Joshua Bonehill-Paine, the self-styled "future of nationalism". [Click here to read the full article](#)

- **British peer: Jews must condemn Israel to avoid Antisemitism**

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