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- ◆ **Christina Kirchner, the Merchant of Venice and "the Vulture Funds"**
- ◆ **Antisemitic Demonstration in Golders Green**
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- ◆ **Antisemitic Poster at a Demonstration in Odessa**
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- ◆ **Vadim Rabinovich Meets Marine Le Pen**
- ◆ **City Council of Madrid Against Hatred**
- ◆ **Anti-Israeli Demonstration in Seattle**
- ◆ **Antisemitism Increased in France in 2015**
- ◆ **No Antisemitism in Uruguay**

Recent Publications on Antisemitism, Racism, Demography & Legislation

✓ **Books**

How Was It Possible? A Holocaust Reader, Edited by Peter Hayes (Lincoln NE 2015).

Pierre-André Taguieff, *Pensée conspirationniste et "théories du complot"* (2015).

Maciej Kozłowski, *Naród wybrany Cracovia pany – z wielokulturowej historii polskiego sportu* [The Chosen People Cracovia - the Multicultural History of Polish Sport] (Warsaw, 2015).

Andrea Pirro, *The Populist Radical Right in Central and Eastern Europe - Ideology, Impact, and Electoral Performance* (New York, 2015).

Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe, *The Fascist Kernel of Ukrainian Genocidal Nationalism* (Pittsburgh, 2015).

Oren Meyers, Motti Neiger, Eyal Zandberg, *Communicating Awe - Media Memory and Holocaust Commemoration* (London, 2014).

✓ **Book Review**

Karen Iris Tucker on Ravensbrück: Life and Death in Hitler's Concentration Camp for Women, by Sarah Helm (New York, 2015).

✓ **Articles**

Shimon Samuels, *"Will Anti-Semitic Literature at Arab Book Fairs Aid Recruitment to Terrorism?"* (*The Jerusalem Post*, 11 May 2015).

Laurence Weinbaum, *"Confronting Chilling Truths about Poland's Wartime History"* (*The Washington Post*, 21 April 2015).

Sarah Brown, "*Antisemitism and Oren Ben-Dor*" (*Fathom*, Summer 2015).

Pierre-André Taguieff, "*Penser la vague complotiste contemporaine*" (*Le Huffington Post*, 3 May 2015).

✓ **Reports**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Annual Report 2014 (2015).

Antisemitism in FSU - 2014, edited by Vyacheslav Likhachev (Euro-Asian Jewish Congress, 2015).

Günther Jikeli, *Antisemitic Attitudes among Muslims in Europe: A Survey Review* (ISGAP Occasional Paper Series Number 1, May 2015).

Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes and Incidents in Hungary 2014 (Brussels Institute, 2015).

Anti-Semitic Prejudice in Contemporary Hungarian Society Research Report (Action and Protection Foundation, 2015).

Jonathan Boyd and Daniel Staetsky, *Could it happen here? What existing data tell us about contemporary antisemitism in the UK* (JPR, 13 May 2015).

Harold Brackman, *Anti-Semitism on Campus: A Clear-and-Present Danger* (Simon Wiesenthal Center, June 2015).

Inappropriate Enforcement of Anti-Extremist Legislation in Russia in 2014, edited by Alexander Verkhovsky (SOVA Center, 1 June 2015).

Efraim Zuroff, *A Month of Baltic Holocaust Distortion in Action* (Simon Wiesenthal Center, May 2015).

Veronika Czina and Teona Surmava, *The rise of Populist and Extremist Parties in the EU - The Case of Hungary and Austria* (Project for Democratic Union, 2015).

ECRI Report on Hungary (June 2015).

ECRI Report on Poland (June 2015).

✓ **Journal**

Russian Analytical Digest, No 167 (6 May 2015) – on Russia, Europe and the Far Right.

Conferences and Workshops

- **Nineteenth-Century Anti-Semitism in International Perspective**, Paris, October 2015.
- **Protestantismus - Antijudaismus - Antisemitismus. Konvergenzen und Konfrontationen in ihren Kontexten**, Berlin, 5-7 October 2015.
- **Research at German Memorial Sites and Documentation Centers on the History of National Socialism and the Holocaust**, Washington, DC, 26-30 October 2015.
- **Music as Resistance to Genocide - International Workshop**, Los Angeles, 26 October 2015.
- **World War II in an Age of Globalization – A Reappraisal**, Jerusalem, 22-24 November 2015.
- **Bearing Witness More Than Once. How Institutions, Media and Time Shape Shoah Survivors' Testimonies**, Berlin, 14-16 March 2016.
- **Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization: An International Scholars' Conference**, Indiana University, 2-5 April 2016.

Center's News and Events

- ❖ On 10-11 May, the Kantor Center held its 12th biennial International Seminar on *"Old and New Religious and National Aspects in Contemporary Antisemitism"*. Some 40 researchers and community leaders from many countries participated. The Seminar, a great success with riveting high-level presentations, received enthusiastic acclaims. Prof. Benny Neuberger delivered the keynote address on "Liberal Nationalism, Integral Nationalism and Religion". Most of the participants have been actively participating in these Seminars for over 20 years!
- ❖ On 12-14 May, the Center's staff participated at the 5th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism in Jerusalem. Prof. Dina Porat and Adv. Talia Naamat (with Michael Salberg) co-chaired a group on "Law, Legislation and Enforcement in Combating Antisemitism". Most of the participants in our Seminar also attended and participated in the Global Forum.

- ❖ On 26-27 May, Prof. Porat participated at a conference on *Welfare for Holocaust Survivors and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution* in Prague, initiated by the European Shoah Legacy Institute.
- ❖ On 2-4, June Wiener Library for the Study of the Nazi Era and the Holocaust, the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, the Minerva Center for Human Rights, the Minerva Institute for German History, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung held a conference titled "Towards Reconciliation - Confronting the Past and Accepting Accountability in the International Arena". For more information please click **here**.
- ❖ On 8 June, Prof. Porat lectured on "*Holocaust Denial and the Image of the Jew in Recent Decades*" as part of the *Crucible of the Revolution* series held at Tel Aviv University.
- ❖ On 6 May, as part of the Wiener Lecture Series for the 2014-2015 academic year, Prof. Aron Shai lectured on "*The End of the Second World War, the Beginning of Asian Era?*". On 20 May, Dr. Dorin Lustig lectured on "The End of the Second World War, a Turning Point in Human Rights Law?". On 10 June Prof. Eyal Zisser lectured on "False dawn of a new day: the Middle East following the Great War". For the list of lectures (in Hebrew), please click **here**.
- ❖ On 21 June, an event was held at Beith Hatfutsot in memory of Dr. Felix Zandman who donated the Alfred P. Slaner Chair.
- ❖ On 23 June, Dr. Haim Fireberg took part in a session of the Knesset Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs on antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel.
- ❖ On 1 July, the Kantor Center, in cooperation with AMIR - United Organization of Romanian Jews in Israel held an event for the launching of a book by Carol Iancu titled "*Pogromul de la Iași și Holocaustul în România*" [Iasi Pogrom and the Holocaust in Romania].
- ❖ On 5 July, the Center's staff visited an exhibition at the Wiener Library (TAU) on "Israel and Germany - Five Decades of Diplomatic, Science and Cultural Relations". The staff was guided by Dr. Roni Stauber, the academic head of the library. For more information about the exhibition, please click **here**.

- ❖ On 6 July, the Kantor Center published a Position Paper by Dr Andre Oboler titled "After the Charlie Hebdo Attack: The Line between Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech". Dr Andre Oboler is CEO of the Online Hate Prevention Institute, an Australian charity dedicated to combating all forms of online hate. To download the paper in pdf format please click **here**.
- ❖ On 7 July, the Center's staff was invited to attend the Shloshim of the passing away of Prof. Robert Wistrich held at the Hebrew University.
- ❖ In July, "Volume III: Africa", the third book in the Legislating for Equality series, was completed and is currently being prepared for publication by Brill Publishers. The book is expected to be published in late 2015.
- ❖ On 13-15 October 2015, the Kantor Center in cooperation with the Prague Center for Jewish Studies at Charles University will hold an international academic conference titled *Being Jewish in Central Europe Today* at Charles University in Prague.

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