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Highlights from Our Database on Antisemitism & Racism

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April 2018

- ◆ *Holocaust Memorial Set on Fire in Ukraine*
- ◆ *President of Jewish Community of Chile Describes Situation in Country as "Very Serious"*
- ◆ *Swedish Journalist Denies Leftwing Antisemitism Exists*
- ◆ *Inciters of Violence Against Jews Arrested in Spain*
- ◆ *Nazi Flags Displayed in Vilnius on Anniversary of Hitler's Birthday*
- ◆ *Two Men, Wearing Kippas, Attacked in Berlin.*
- ◆ *German Commissioner for Antisemitism Calls for Increased Punishments*
- ◆ *Swastikas Painted on School Entrance in Paris*
- ◆ *Two Separate Attacks on Orthodox Jews in New York*
- ◆ *Argentinean Actress Doubts There Were Six Million Holocaust Victims*
- ◆ *Music Fans Celebrate with Nazi-Symbols and Gestures in Kiev*
- ◆ *Palestinian Columnist Blames 'Capitalist West' for Creating Israel**

May 2018

- ◆ *Swedish Government to Fund Auschwitz Tours*
- ◆ *Protestors March Against Antisemitism in Poland*
- ◆ *Antisemitic Leaflets at the University of Warsaw*
- ◆ *German President Walter Steinmeier Says One Should Not Get Used to Antisemitism*
- ◆ *German Newspaper Criticized for Antisemitic Cartoon*
- ◆ *Antisemitic Posters Carried by Demonstrators in Paris*
- ◆ *Antisemitic anti-Israel Demonstrations and Posters in Chile*
- ◆ *Arson Attack on Jewish School in Brazil*
- ◆ *History Teacher in Argentina Banned from Teaching Following Antisemitic Video*
- ◆ *Neo-Nazi Posters and Stickers Found in Toronto Park*
- ◆ *Ukrainian Consul in Hamburg Dismissed for Antisemitism*
- ◆ *Numerous Incitement Statements in Palestinian Media**
- ◆ *Mahmoud Abbas Blames Jews for European Antisemitism**
- ◆ *Lebanese Intellectual Condemns Abbas**

June 2018

- ◆ *Spanish Politician Makes Antisemitic Statements*
- ◆ *UNESCO Urges European Governments to Battle Antisemitism Through Education*
- ◆ *Ukrainian Ministry of Education Removes Racist Words from Textbooks*
- ◆ *Al-Quds al-'Arabi Depicts Netanyahu with Blood on Hands**
- ◆ *Barbershop Vandalized in Italy*
- ◆ *Italian Jews Condemn Plans to Register Local Roma*
- ◆ *Antisemitic Posters in New Jersey*

* Note: The items marked with an asterisk were prepared by Yarden Ben Dor of the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism.

Recent Publications on Antisemitism, Racism, Demography & Legislation

✓ Books

Against Anti-Semitism: An Anthology of Twentieth-Century Polish Writings, Edited by Adam Michnik and Agnieszka Marczyk (NY, 2018).

Eugene M. Avrutin, *The Velizh Affair: Blood Libel in a Russian Town* (New York, 2017).

Shelter from the Holocaust: Rethinking Jewish Survival in the Soviet Union, edited by Mark Edele, Sheila Fitzpatrick and Atina Grossmann (Detroit, 2017).

Jonathan Weisman, *(((Semitism)))*: *Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump* (NY, 2018).

Ingrid Lewis, *Women in European Holocaust Films: Perpetrators, Victims and Resisters* (Cham, Switzerland, 2017).

Ben-Dror Yemini, *Industry of Lies: Media, Academia, and the Israeli-Arab Conflict* (NY, 2017).

Matthijs de Blois and Andrew Tucker, *Israel on Trial: How International Law is being misused to delegitimize the State of Israel* (The Hague, 2018).

Rebecca Erbelding, *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe* (NY, 2018).

Writing in Witness: A Holocaust Reader, edited by Eric J. Sundquist (Albany, NY, 2018).

✓ Articles

Donna Nevel, *"The Dangers of Conflating Anti-Zionism With Anti-Semitism"* (Truthout, 10 June 2018).

David M. Weinberg, *"A Profligate Potpourri of Antisemitic Problems"* (The Jerusalem Post, 22 March 2018).

Wendy Lower, *"The History and Future of Holocaust Research"* (Tablet, 26 April 2018).

Yehuda Bauer and Moshe Fox, *"On the Perils of "Positive" Antisemitism"* (Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, 17 May 2018).

Michael Whine, "*Can the European Agencies Combat Antisemitism Effectively?*" (Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, Volume 11, Issue 3, Published online: 24 Jan 2018, pp. 371–381).

Anika Walke, "*Split Memory: The Geography of Holocaust Memory and Amnesia in Belarus*" (Slavic Review, Volume 77, Issue 1, Spring 2018, pp. 174–197).

Manfred Gerstenfeld, "*The Ongoing Major Distortion of the Holocaust*" (Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, 14 March, 2018).

Dovid Katz, "*Lithuania's Museum of Holocaust Denial. A state-sponsored institution in Vilnius rewrites history to the delight of Europe's new ultranationalists*" (Tablet, 11 April 2018).

Rod Norland, "*Where the Genocide Museum Is (Mostly) Mum on the Fate of Jews*" (New York Times, 30 March, 2018).

Mark Gardner, "*What is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism?*" (The Jewish Chronicle, 11 July, 2018).

Rafał Pankowski, "*The Resurgence of Antisemitic Discourse in Poland*" (Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, 4 July 2018).

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, "*When a ritual murder occurred at Purim. The harm in hate speech*" (El profesional de la información, v. 27, n. 3, May 2018, pp. 671-681).

Bernard-Henri Lévy, "*L'Honneur d'Israël*" (Tablet, 18 June 2018).

Matthias Küntzel, "*How to challenge Islamic Antisemitism?*" (www.matthiaskuentzel.de, 2 March 2018).

Rachel Donadio, "*The Meaning of France's March Against Anti-Semitism*" (The Atlantic, 29 March, 2018).

Michel Gurfinkiel, "*Muslim Immigration and France's Jewish Community*" (Jewish Policy Center, 05 July, 2018).

✓ Book Reviews

Sakis Gekas on *Jewish Salonica: Between the Ottoman Empire and Modern Greece*, by Devin E. Naar (Stanford, 2016).

Juliana Geran Pilon on *Jews and Leftist Politics: Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism, and Gender* edited by Jack Jacobs (Cambridge, 2017); *Antisemitism and the left: On the return of the Jewish question* by Robert Fine and Philip Spencer (Manchester, 2017).

Clemens Holzgruber on *The Politics of Unreason: The Frankfurt School and the Origins of Modern Antisemitism* by Lars Rensmann (Albany, 2017).

Aaron W. Hughey on *Against Anti-Semitism: An Anthology of Twentieth-Century Polish Writings* edited by Adam Michnik and Agnieszka Marczyk (NY, 2017).

Alexander Orbach on *The Velizh Affair: Blood Libel in a Russian Town* by Eugene M. Avrutin (New York, 2017).

Michael Geyer on *The Soviet Union and the Gutting of the UN Genocide Convention* by Anton Weiss-Wendt (Madison, 2017).

Jonathan M. House on *Stalin's Defectors: How Red Army Soldiers became Hitler's Collaborators, 1941–1945* by Mark Edele (Oxford, 2017).

Sean Martin on *The Holocaust in the Crimea and the North Caucasus* by Kiril Feferman (Jerusalem, 2016).

Simon Schama on *Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump* by Jonathan Weisman (NY, 2018).

✓ Journals

Antisemitism Studies, Volume 2, Issue 1, Spring 2018

Analysis of Current Trends in Antisemitism, Vol. 39, Issue 1.

✓ Reports

2017 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents (ADL, 27 February 2018).

Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2017 [in Canada] (B'nai Brith Canada and the League for Human Rights, 2018).

Antisemitic hate crimes and incidents in Hungary (Brussels Institute, 2018).

Racism Report [in German] 2017 – Austria (ZARA).

Antisemitic Incidents in Berlin 2017 [in German] (RIAS, 2018).

Toronto Police Service 2017 Annual Hate Crime Statistical Report (2018).

Xenophobia in Figures: Hate Crime in Russia and Efforts to Counteract It in 2017 (SOVA, 12.02.2018).

Antisemitic Content on Twitter (CST, 2018).

Anti-Semitic Symbols and Holocaust Denial in Social Media Posts (WJC, January 2018).

Holocaust Knowledge & Awareness Study (Claims Conference, 2018).

- *For more reports on antisemitism in 2017 please visit our **website**.*

✓ Interviews

Germany's first-ever anti-Semitism commissioner says the problem is becoming 'more aggressive' (*The Washington Post*, 27 April 2018).

David Ranan: 'Fear is being promoted by politicians' [video] (*DW*, 13.05.2018).

Interview with the EU's coordinator for combating anti-Semitism, Katharina von Schnurbein [audio] (*POLITICO's EU Confidential*, 19 May 2018).

Author Interview | Jonathan Weisman: On the Front Lines of Anti-Semitism (*Moment*, March 8, 2018).

Testimony Speaks: Countering Antisemitism [videos] (*USC Shoah Foundation*, 2018).

"Sage nie, es ist vorbei": Interview with Efraim Zuroff [in German] (*WINA*, June 2018).

Interview: Ronald S Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress (*The Sofia Globe*, 10 March, 2018).

Conferences and Workshops

- *Transnational meets Local: Making Holocaust Research Projects and Infrastructures Sustainable by Using Digital Archives, Electronic Repositories, and Internet Platforms on*

- Local and Regional Levels*, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria, 19–20 November 2018.
- *The Kindertransport 80 Years On: Critical Approaches to Kindertransport Research and Historiography*, UCL Institute of Advanced Studies, London, UK, 23–24 January 2019.
 - *Contending with Antisemitism in a Changing Political Climate: An International Scholars' Conference*, Indiana University, Bloomington, 23–27 March, 2019.
 - *In Global Transit: Forced Migration of Jews and other Refugees (1940s-1960s)*, The University of California, Berkeley, May 19–22, 2019.
 - *Readings of the Visual: Holocaust Photography and Education in the Digital Era*, The Jewish Museum of Greece, Athens, October 18–19, 2018.
 - *First International Conference of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies. Denial: The Final Stage of Genocide*, University of North Carolina Charlotte, April 13–14, 2019.
 - *26th Annual International Conference on Jewish Studies*, The European Association for Jewish Studies, Moscow, July 14–16, 2019.
 - *Exploring Refugee Data Hands-on workshop on refugees and digital humanities*, Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, 12–13 November 2018.
 - *International Conference: "Shadow Places. Urban Strategies of Dealing with Painful Pasts"*, German Historical Institute, Warsaw, March 7–10, 2019.
 - *Canadian Holocaust Literature: Charting the Field*, Ottawa, Canada, 28 October 2018.
 - *The 5th International Conference on Genocide*, California State University, Sacramento, USA, November 1–3, 2018.
 - *"Fulfilling the Promise of a New Relationship": An Academic Roundtable on Christian-Jewish Relations*, Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 7–10, 2019.
 - *"The Holocaust and Europe: Research Trends, Pedagogical Approaches, and Political Challenges"*, Munich, Germany, 4–7 November, 2019.

- *"The Future of Holocaust Testimonies V: An International Conference and Workshop"*, Akko, Israel, 11–13 March, 2019.

Center's News and Events

- ❖ On 10 January Meir Linzen, President of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists visited the Center.
- ❖ On 18 January Prof. Porat gave a lecture on antisemitism and Holocaust denial at the annual Israeli judges' conference.
- ❖ On 21 January, a special session of the Israeli government was held to mark the International Holocaust Memorial Day. During the session the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs handed to the government a report on antisemitism in 2017 that was prepared in cooperation with the Kantor Center.
- ❖ On 28 January the Kantor Center in cooperation with the Diaspora Museum (Beit Hatfutsot) held an event marking the International Holocaust Memorial Day. The event was dedicated to 'The Jewish People and the Vatican after the War' and attended by Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa and Rabbi David Rosen.
- ❖ On 29 January Prof. Porat participated in an OSCE conference on antisemitism held in Rome. The conference's participants were then received by the Pope in his chambers.
- ❖ In January an editorial board meeting of *Moreshet – Journal of the Study of the Holocaust and Antisemitism* took place. The Alfred P. Slaner Chair in Antisemitism and Racism, Tel Aviv University, supports the journal annually.
- ❖ On 7 February Carole Nuriel and Sharon S. Nazarian from the leadership of the Anti-Defamation League visited the Center.
- ❖ On 18–22 February a large conference on antisemitism and the struggle against it was held in Vienna in cooperation with the University of Vienna and New York University.
- ❖ On 3 March Prof. Porat and Dr. Orna Keren-Carmel visited the Danish Ambassador to Israel to discuss the establishment of a Scandinavian-countries research center.
- ❖ On 9 March the Center sent flowers to the survivor Fani England in commemoration of her release from the concentration camps.
- ❖ On 13 March Prof. Porat participated in the reception held at St. Peter's Church in Jaffa in commemoration of the 5th anniversary celebration of Pope Francis's election
- ❖ On 19–22 March the Center's experts participated in the 6th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism held by the Ministry of Global Affairs.
- ❖ On 28 March the new Swedish Ambassador to Israel, Magnus Hellgren, visited the center.
- ❖ On 11 April the Kantor Center released its Annual Report on Antisemitism Worldwide 2017, in a press conference held at Tel Aviv University.

- ❖ On 12 April the movie 'The Testament' ('HaEdut') that deals with the Rechnitz massacre was screened at a ceremony held in commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day. Discussion with the audience and the film director followed.
- ❖ On 26 April the co-Chairs of the US Congressional Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism issued a joint statement that relied on the Kantor Center's report pertaining to antisemitism in Europe.
- ❖ On 7–8 May Prof. Porat, Prof. Lilach Lev Ari, and Dr. Haim Fireberg participated in meetings pertaining to the submission of a research proposal, held in Prague, and attended an event held at the Czech Senate in commemoration of Israel's 70th anniversary, at which the Kantor Center's report was mentioned by the ambassador.
- ❖ On 16 May a conference call on antisemitism was held with the University's donors in the US.
- ❖ On 23 May Prof. Alvin H. Rosenfeld and Dr. David Gurevich met the team to discuss antisemitism in the Orthodox Church.
- ❖ On 24 May 119 US Congress members sent a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urging him to quickly fill the position of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, mentioning the Center report on antisemitism in Europe.
- ❖ On 30 May, for the 30th time, the Center, in cooperation with the Office of the Vice-President of TAU and the Swedish Embassy in Israel, held a gathering commemorating Raoul Wallenberg. Two students were awarded the Wallenberg scholarship.
- ❖ On 25 June Prof. Porat participated in a conference of ambassadors and community leaders organized by The World Jewish Congress in Israel..
- ❖ On 28 June Dr. Esther Webman represented the Center in a meeting dedicated to antisemitism that was held by the American Jewish Committee at the UN quarters in Geneva.
- ❖ In June Prof. Porat has been awarded the prestigious Bahat Prize for original Hebrew non-fiction manuscripts for the year 2018.

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