

Brief introduction

CIDI, the Centre Information and Documentation Israel, has the longest tradition of monitoring hate-crimes against a specific ethnic group in the Netherlands. CIDI published its first report on anti-Semitism in the Netherlands in 1983.

CIDI uses the following definition of anti-Semitism: *'Treating Jews, individually or as a group, differently than other individuals or groups, especially hostility against Jews based on prejudice.'*

CIDI traditionally counts a *series* of crimes against 1 particular individual (by various perpetrators), as 1 single incident; equally, a *series* of incidents perpetrated (against various individuals) by 1 particular perpetrator is counted as 1 single incident.

2013 Anti-Semitism up 25%

In 2013 the total amount of incidents reported at CIDI is up from 114 incidents in 2012 to 147 in 2013. The biggest shifts occurred in the categories verbal abuse from 14 in 2012 to 21 in 2013 (+50%), incidents in the private domain from 16 to 27 in 2013 (+70%) and written abuse from 44 to 60 incidents (+35%).

Positive is the decrease in the number of serious incidents. Violence and Threats, Damage and Desecration to Jewish objects all declined, as well as incidents in the less serious category Sport.

One of the more abrasives changes has been in the domain of School, where incidents doubled (from 5 to 11). In February 2013 remarks of Turkish youth stating that 'I hate Jews and there is nothing you can do to change that and I agree with what Hitler did to the Jews' in national media brought attention on Holocaust education. According to CIDI this exposed that Holocaust education as it is now, is not working in the struggle against anti-Semitism. CIDI and a national organisations for Turks (IOT) recommended the ministry of Education and Social Affairs to conduct a research on prejudice amongst Dutch youth. On the one hand to clarify how widespread the phenomenon is, on the other to measure the effect of programs combating prejudice (specifically anti-Semitism).

Earlier this year CIDI was tipped about the online sale of Nazi memorabilia. The biggest on line website for second-hand products (Marktplaats) was facilitating the sale of Naziproducts; which is a violation of Dutch law. After a conversation with CIDI, Marktplaats decided to amend their house rules: visible and blurred Nazi symbols are banned and all advertisements containing Nazi symbols will be deleted. Future Naziproducts will be monitored via users reporting this products and the moderator deleting them.

2 of the 4 serious incidents outlined:

Category: Violence and Assault

7th of June: In the Rotterdam area a resident of an old-age shouts 'Hitler is my friend' and makes a Hitler salute aimed at her. The man is angry because she confronted him selling free newspapers, which she used to hand out for free. When they meet later that year he shouts at her 'They forgot to gas you' and grabs her by her Star of David necklace bites her and tries to choke her in front of witnesses. The incident was reported to police and the perpetrator apologized to the police.

2013: In Amsterdam a neighbour tries to kick a Jewish man, threatens him with a stone, drives a car into his house and shouts that he is going to make the life of his Jewish neighbour impossible. The neighbour also verbally abuses the Jewish man, calling him 'Cancer Jew' (cancer is considered foul language) and 'Fucking Israeli'. The man has admitted some of his acts in presence of a police officer.

Executive summary

- CIDI registered 147 antisemitic incidents in 2013, 33 more than in 2012
- Shouting and harassment (Verbal abuse), which rose alarmingly in 2011 to 28 incidents, dropped back to a 'normal' level of 14 in 2012, increased again in 2013 to 21
- All types of 'Real Life'-incidents, which is a bundle of different categories, together slightly increased from 35 to 38
- Antisemitic hate tweets increased significantly, while antisemitic hatemail declined. Across the board written abuse increased from 44 incidents in 2012 to 60 in total 2013
- Incidents with known perps (e.g. neighbors, colleagues, fellow students) increased from 16 in 2012 to 27 incidents
- Physical violence, i.e. assault and threats decreased from 6 to 4
- Damage and desecration to Jewish and non-Jewish property (with antisemitic slogans) decreased from 14 incidents in 2012 to 10 in 2013
- The amount of incidents in the category Sports declined from 13 to 6 in 2013

Tabel 1: Incidents categorized per domain¹²

'Real Life' expression	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Violence and assault	2	4	4	1	4	3
Threats	3	6	1	3	2	1
Damage Jewish objects	0	6	2	3	1	2
Desecration Jewish objects	2	3	5	6	3	4
Other damages/ desecration	7	16	10	13	10	4
Verbal abuse	17	20	9	28	14	21
Phone	2	6	3	1	1	3
Total	33	61	34	55	35	38

Written abuse	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Letter/fax/flyer/sticker	8	10	7	4	3	3
E-mails, tweets	30	50	47	18	41	57
Total	38	60	54	22	44	60

Incidents in the private domain ³	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Neighbors/ neighborhood	3	9	10	11	8	8
School	8	9	7	5 ⁴	5	11
Work	5	1	6	8	3	8
Total	16	19	23	24	16	27

Public domain	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Sports/other chants	6	8	3	5	13	6
Media	7	7	7	3	4	9
Demonstrations	0	7	0	0	1	1
Extreme right	5					3
Art/ Culture	2	2	3	5	1	3
Music	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	24	13	12	19	22

¹ 1 incident in the category 'other' has not been counted in any category per domain: Other, 1 incident 2008, 3 in 2009.

² In 2009, 2010 en 2011 data from Poldis en LBA have not been used.

³ Threats or assaults coming from people known to the victim.

⁴ In fact 6; 1 serious threat in school has been counted in the category 'threats.'

Tabel 2: All incidents orderd by type

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Violence and Assault	2	4	4[1]	1	4	3
Threats	3	6	1	3	2	1
Damage to synagogues, cemetery's and monuments	0	6	2	3	1	2
Desecration of synagogues, cemetery's and monuments	2	3	5	6	3	4
Other damages and desecration	7	16	10	13	10	4
Verbal abuse	17	20	9	28	14	21
Phone	2	6	3	1	1	3
Letters, faxes, pamphlets and stickers	8	10	7	4	3	3
E-mail and tweets	30	50	47	18	41	57
Neighbours and neighbourhood	3	9	10	11	8	8
School	8	9	7	5[2]	5	11
Work	5	1	6	8	3	8
Sports	6	8	3	5	13	6
Media	7	7	7	3	4	9
Demonstrations	0	7	0	0	1	1
Extreme right- Hitler salute, nazi symbols	5					3
Books, plays, movies and expositions	2	2	3	5	1	3
Music	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	3	0	-	0	0
TOTAL	108	167	124	113	114	147