Kantor Center & Database Bulletin
September – December 2017

Highlights from Our Database on Antisemitism & Racism

For further information on contemporary antisemitism and racism, please search our Database

September 2017

♦ Orthodox Jew attacked in Antwerp
♦ Trial for Antisemitic Assault in London
♦ Attack on French Jewish Leader
♦ Antisemitic Reactions to Netanyahu’s Visit to Argentina
♦ Italian Parliament approved Bill against Fascist Propaganda
♦ Repeated Desecrations at the Jewish Cemetery in Rezekne
♦ Prince of Bahrain Attends Wiesenthal Center Event*
♦ Broken Gravestones at a Jewish Section of Cemetery in Sofia
♦ Antisemitism is “Completely at Odds with the Beliefs of the Labor Party”
♦ Arab Reaction to Interpol Vote on the “State of Palestine”*”
♦ FPO expelled Martin Hochstoeger

October 2017

♦ Kurdish and Catalan Independence Referendums and Protocols of the Elders of Zion*
♦ Anti-Soros Campaign Continues in Hungary
♦ Neo-Nazi and White Supremacist Flyers in Pennsylvania
♦ Antisemitic Tweet by the Head of the German Left Party in Saarlouis
♦ Antisemitic Shouts at the University of Gaza
♦ The Holocaust Memorial of Uruguay Desecrated Twice
♦ Antisemitism at the Feyenoord Football Club
♦ 1905 Revolution as a Jewish Conspiracy on Russian TV
Antisemitic Stickers of Anne Frank Posted by Soccer Fans in Italy and Germany
Rutgers University Investigates Antisemitic Facebook Posts
Antisemitic Posters at the University of Victoria Campus
Increase in Reported Racist Crimes to the London Police

November 2017
Repudiation of Israel in Chile
Debate on Antisemitism and Extremism on Egyptian TV*
Antisemitic and Racist Insult by Jaroslav Stanik
New School University Criticized for Conference Participants
Antisemitic Comments to Antisemitic Tweets by Úrsula Vargues
Antisemitic Graffiti Near Jewish School in Pesaro
Attack on Jews at a Supermarket Near Toulouse
Anti-Israel and/or Anti-Jewish Sentences on Google Translate
“Entry Forbidden to Jews” at the Dom Polski Hotel
Antisemitic Graffiti at a School in Barcelona
“Jews, Israel and Mossad are Behind ISIS Terror Attack in Sinai”*
Three Antisemitic Incidents at Hackney
The Execution of the Tsarist Family will be Investigated Again
Organizers of an Exhibition of Auschwitz Objects Attacked in Social Media

December 2017
Bill to Include Holocaust at Schools in Paraguay
Administration Committee of Munich Condemns Antisemitism and BDS
Responses in the Arab World to President Trump’s Declaration on Jerusalem*
Israeli flags Burned in Berlin
Attack on a Synagogue in Gothenburg
Molotov Cocktails at the Old Jewish Cemetery of Malmo
Hanukkah Menorah Desecrated Twice in Kiev

*Note: The items marked with an asterisk were prepared by the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism.
Recent Publications on Antisemitism, Racism, Demography & Legislation

✓ **Books**


Ion Popa, *The Romanian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust* (Bloomington, 2017).


✓ **Articles**

Manfred Gerstenfeld, "Anti-Semitism is an Integral Part of European Culture" (Israel National News, 6 August 2017).

Lara Moehlman, "How Anti-Semitism Shapes the Far Right" (Momentmag, 3 August 2017).


Cnaan Liphshiz, "This Holocaust Monument in Belarus is Haunting — and Subversive" (JTA, 14 August 2017).

Noa Amouyal, "Navigating a Dangerous Intersection" (The Jerusalem Post, 16-Aug-2017).

Winson Chu, "From Łódź to Litzmannstadt: German Pasts and Holocaust Sites in Post-Communist Poland" (Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Volume 31, Issue 2, 26 August 2017, pages 240–267).
Dan Stone, "'The Greatest Detective Story in History' - The BBC, the International Tracing Service, and the Memory of Nazi Crimes in Early Postwar Britain" (History & Memory, Vol. 29, No. 2, Fall/Winter 2017, pages 63-89).

Mark Edele, "Fighting Russia's History Wars - Vladimir Putin and the Codification of World War II" (History & Memory, Vol. 29, No. 2, Fall/Winter 2017, pages 90-124).


Dylan Matthews, "Study: Austerity Helped the Nazis Come to Power" (VOX Media, 12 December 2017).

David Stavrou, "How Sweden Became a Thriving Base of Neo-Nazi Ideology" (Haaretz, 30 December 2017).

✓ Book Reviews

Berel Lang on The Stages of Memory: Reflections on Memorial Art, Loss, and the Spaces Between, by James E. Young (Amherst, MA, 2016).


✓ Journal


✓ Reports


"ADL Data Shows Anti-Semitic Incidents Continue Surge in 2017 Compared to 2016" (ADL, 2 November 2017); "Anti-Semitic Incidents Up 96 Percent in N.Y State in 2017" (ADL, 2 November 2017).
✓ Debate

Slawomir Debski, "If Your Enemy Lays Down His Arms, Stop Shooting" (Times of Israel, 14 December 2017).

Laurence Weinbaum, "When History Clashes With Politics in Poland" (Times of Israel, 19 December 2017).

✓ Interviews

‘Many On The Left Know Nothing About Religion’: An Interview with Professor Eunice Pollack (Jewish Press, 20 December 2017).

Interview (in German) with Monika Schwarz-Friesel from the Technische Universität Berlin about Antisemitism (Neue Welt, 12 December 2017).

Conferences and Workshops

- Association of Holocaust Organizations – Miscellaneous Conferences during 2018.


- The 13th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for Jewish Studies (CSJS), Concordia University, Montreal, 14 –15 May 2018.


Center's News and Events

- The Kantor Center would like to congratulate its long-time colleague and friend Rafal Pankowski, co-founder of the anti-fascist "Never Again" Association (Poland), for being awarded the prestigious annual Human Rights Distinction by Poland’s Ombudsman Dr Adam Bodnar in a ceremony held in Warsaw on 25 September 2017. More information is available here.

- In September 2017, the European Jewish Research Archive (EJRA) at the Institute for Jewish Policy Research in Jerusalem, an online database that hosts research reports and articles published on European Jewry, has asked to publish papers from the Kantor Center website, to be made available on their website to its tens of thousands of visitors and users.

- On 1-14 October Prof. Dina Porat visited Melbourne, Australia, where she held meetings with leaders of the local Jewish community, delivered a lecture to the community and participated at a seminar at the University of Melbourne.
On 23-25 October, the Kantor Center held its 13th international seminar. This time the seminar was held in Zurich, Switzerland, in cooperation with the Audiatur Stiftung.

On 24 October 2017 Riva Mane represented the Center in the annual academic committee of the S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies held at Tel Aviv University. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Raanan Rein and attended by Prof. Tamar Herzig (Morris E. Curiel Institute for European Studies), Dr. Vera Kaplan (Cummings Center for Russian and Eastern European studies), Prof. Galili Shahar (Minerva Institute of German History), Prof. Meir Litvak (Center for Iranian Studies), Prof. Mordechai Tamarkin (Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research) and Dr. Irit Back (African Studies Program).

On 30 October a group of 30 history teachers from France held a symposium in the Center.

On 7 November, David Hirsh, our friend and colleague, presented at Beit Hatfutsot (Tel Aviv University) his new book "Contemporary Left Antisemitism". Details about the book are available above, at the "Books" section of this bulletin.

On 7 November a preparatory meeting was held to discuss details of a research seminar about the state of refugees today, which the Kantor Center is organizing in June at TAU.

In November the Center’s staff started preparing a report of the antisemitic trends during 2017 to be submitted to the Israeli government in January 2018.

On 16 November the Center participated at a symposium on "Jewish Refugees during the War and on the Way to a New Life" at the Wiener Library (TAU). For more information, please click here.

On 4 December the board of the Kantor Center held its annual meeting.

On 7 December Prof. Porat attended a meeting in Vienna with representatives of the Austrian Ministry of Justice and the Vienna University to discuss ways to improve legislation against antisemitism.

On 11 December the Center participated in a conference organized by the World Jewish Congress in Tel Aviv titled "The Oldest Hatred Gone Viral" in memory of the late Prof. Robert Wistrich.

On 11 December the Center’s staff gathered to mark the holyday of Hanukkah. Dr. Joseph Bollag from the Audiatur Stiftung (Switzerland) was our guest and we thanked him for the cooperation and hospitality during our international seminar in October (see above).

In December the Center held a meeting with ADL Israel director Carol Nuriel and ADL vice president of international affairs Sharon Nazarian.

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