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# 2018 TOP TEN WORST GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS



TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE: THE DEADLIEST ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACK IN THE UNITED STATES

## ▶ **PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE MASSACRE** 11 AMERICAN JEWS MURDERED IN THEIR PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE ON A SABBATH

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*"It's the filthy evil Jews... Hitler was right...but we don't listen"*  
*"Isis executions are form of Jewish Ritual Murder"*

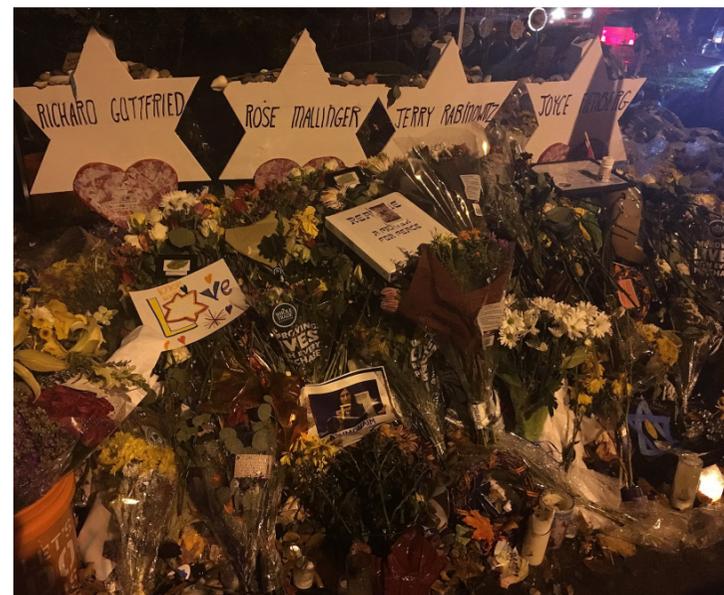
- Robert Bowers, Pittsburgh synagogue shooter

The deadliest anti-Semitic attack ever committed in the United States took place on October 27 when 46-year old white supremacist, Robert Bowers entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and shot to death eleven worshippers and wounded six others before police arrested him.

How could this have possibly happened in the United States? Why now?

With hate crimes on the rise in the U.S., including a 57% rise in anti-Semitic incidents, the shooting in Pittsburgh illustrates the dangers of a society in which openly espousing hatred and intolerance on social media – and in the real world – are no longer taboo.

Bowers was an avowed neo-Nazi but, in fact, only FBI intervention thwarted another deadly attack on a Toledo-area synagogue in early December. This attack was planned by Damon Joseph, a fanatical convert to Islam and ISIS adherent. Joseph told FBI undercover agents he was inspired by the attack in Pittsburgh: "I admire what the guy did with the shooting... I can see myself carrying out this type of operation, 'inshallah. "(God willing in Arabic) .



## ▶ **FARRAKHAN** DEPLOYING NAZI PROPAGANDA, LOUIS FARRAKHAN DEHUMANIZES

During an October speech in Detroit, **Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan**, said this about Jews: "I'm not mad at you because you're so stupid... So when they talk about Farrakhan, and call me a hater, you do what they do: call me an anti-Semite.... Stop it, I'm an anti-termite."

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Farrakhan's slanderous attack came during a 23rd anniversary event for the 1995 "Million Man March." Throughout the 1930s, before the Holocaust, Nazi propaganda serially demonized Jews as vermin and rats, seeking to dehumanize German Jews in the eyes of their neighbors.

In May, Farrakhan lost his Twitter account status after ranting about "satanic Jews" during a three-hour speech. Despite all this and Farrakhan's screaming "Death to America" during a visit to Iran, he received a seat of honor in August at the funeral of Aretha Franklin, near former-President Bill Clinton. The vile Farrakhan continues to draw accolades from the founders of the **Women's March** on Washington, many elected officials and members of the entertainment community. The mainstream media has largely turned a blind eye to Farrakhan's longstanding hatred of Jews.



## ▶ US CAMPUSES SWASTIKAS DESECRATE U.S. CAMPUSES

Alarming anti-Semitic attacks on American campuses followed the synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh, PA. Clinical psychologist Elizabeth Midlarsky found anti-Semitic graffiti spray-painted in her office (pictured) at **Columbia University's Teachers College** in New York City. At **Duke University** a swastika was daubed over a mural commemorating the victims of the Pittsburgh shooting. Three swastikas were discovered at **Cornell University**, and a Jewish fraternity at **Penn State** had its menorah vandalized and stolen. Dozens of similar episodes took place at schools across the nation. Flyers blaming Jews for sexual assault allegations against U.S. Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh were posted at **UC Berkeley** and **UC Davis** in the West and at **Vassar** and **Marist**

colleges in the East. Members of extremist groups, like **Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)**, created hostile environments for Jewish students by posting quotes on social media like, "Let's stuff some Jews in the ovens" and "every time I read about Hitler, I fall in love again."



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## ▶ JEREMY CORBYN A CORBYN-LED UK GOVERNMENT: "AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT" TO JEWS

*"You have proved you don't want people like me in the party... It is not what you say but what you do, and by your actions you have shown you are an anti-Semitic racist."*

- Jewish MP Dame Margaret Hodge to Jeremy Corbyn,  
July 2018

Allegations of anti-Semitism on the part of key members and officials of the UK's Labour Party officials have piled up in recent years, injecting the world's oldest hatred into the mainstream of society. Party leader Jeremy Corbyn stands directly responsible. In July, Britain's three leading Jewish newspapers published a joint article warning of "the existential threat to Jewish life in this country that would be posed by a Corbyn government." A poll conducted at the end of summer concluded that 40% of the Jewish community would consider leaving the U.K. if Labour took the election.

In April, Corbyn showed up for a "third night" Passover Seder that radical Jewish group "Jewdas" hosted. The group claims that Israel is, "a steaming pile of sewage, which needs to be properly disposed of."

In the same month, Corbyn met with Jewish community leaders to discuss anti-Semitism in the Labour Party but refused to even accept the definition of anti-Semitism that the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) has put forward. This includes libelous accusations against the Jewish state. Meanwhile, multiple photos of Corbyn embracing members of Middle East terrorist groups added to the fears of many Brits well beyond the Jewish community.



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► **UNRWA:**  
**ENABLERS OF HAMAS MASSIVE CHILD ABUSE WITH A 'PEACE' CURRICULUM THAT ERASES ISRAEL AND VENERATES MASS MURDERER OF JEWS**

*"The administration has carefully reviewed the issue and determined that the United States will not make additional contributions to UNRWA"*  
- U.S. State Department, August 31, 2018



UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine), already controversial for extending "refugee" status to millions, five generations after 1948, has become a de facto enabler of Hamas' terrorist fiefdom in Gaza. Curriculum in UNRWA schools promotes anti-Semitism, refuses to print the word Israel and is unwilling to teach about the Holocaust. Hamas effectively controls the UNRWA teachers' union and teachers resort to social media to promote terrorism against Israelis and to "stab Zionist dogs".

In May, two days before the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, UNRWA suddenly announced schools would be closed on May 14th and 15th in Gaza to allow students and UNRWA employees to join the Hamas-led riots at the Gaza-Israeli border. During these riots, 62 Palestinians - among them 53 Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists - were killed. UNRWA staff and students took part in live ammunition training during summer vacation. To its credit, the U.S. stopped further payments to UNRWA, but Germany, Japan and other nations rushed in with increased donations.

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► **AIRBNB**  
**AIRBNB BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER UNLESS YOU ARE JEW LIVING IN GUSH ETZION**

**Airbnb** is a trailblazing company whose self-described mission is "To bring people together in as many places as possible around the world." It matches travelers with local home owners willing to rent to tourists. In October, Airbnb suddenly announced it would delist 200 rentals in Israeli communities on the West Bank.

Airbnb intoned that Israeli settlements ... "are at the core of the dispute between the Israelis and Palestinians." This at the very time when Israel is defending its international borders against terrorist attacks from Hamas in the South and Hezbollah in the North - areas where there are no "settlements". There is no indication that Airbnb, who claim to oppose BDS, is extending its interventionist diplomacy to Cyprus or the scores of other disputed territories around the world.



The Wiesenthal Center is urging its 400,000 members to book their travel elsewhere.

## ▶ **GERMAN BANK BDS** **GERMAN BANK STANDS WITH** **ANTI-SEMITIC BDSERS**



**Bank**  
**für Sozialwirtschaft**

When it comes to issues related to anti-Semitism and threats to the Jewish state, Germany receives a great deal of attention. In

recent years, to their credit, German cities, companies and financial institutions have recognized the anti-Semitic underpinnings of BDS and shunned interaction with a global campaign seeking the Jewish state's demise. In 2018, however, one important financial institution, the Bank for Social Economy, insists on doing business with the radical "Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East," which strongly endorses boycotting the Jewish state.

The group's sister organization, the US-based "Jewish Voice for Peace", hosted convicted Palestinian terrorist Ramea Odeh at one of its conferences in 2017. Odeh was responsible for the 1969 Jerusalem supermarket bombing, which killed two Hebrew University students. "Jewish Voice for Peace" declared it was honored to have her. No wonder Henryk Broder, a highly respected German commentator labeled the German-based group, Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East, "a bunch of anti-Semites". The prominent German LGBT organization, Magnus Hirschfeld, named after a victim of the Holocaust, cancelled its account with the bank to protest the bank's pro-BDS business. Protests from the leadership of German Jewry have fallen on deaf ears, while two pro-Israel organizations in Germany, Keren haYesod and the Jewish National Fund have canceled and closed accounts linked to the bank.

## ▶ **BISHOP'S LIBEL** **EPISCOPAL BISHOP FABRICATES** **ISRAELI ATROCITIES**

During a speech in Massachusetts last July, Bishop Gayle Harris reported that she witnessed an Israeli soldier arrest a three-year-old Arab child on the Jerusalem Temple Mount and gun down a 15-year old Palestinian teen in the back. After the Simon Wiesenthal Center exposed the claims as fabrications, Harris, the #2 Episcopal clergy in the state, backtracked, saying that she had only heard the stories from a third party (a Palestinian). "The fault is solely mine," Harris said. "I was ill-advised to repeat the stories without verification."



Those fabrications generated widespread outrage in the Jewish community. In an accompanying statement, Bishop Alan Gates acknowledged that "for Christian leaders to relate the unsubstantiated accounts awakens traumatic memory of a deep history of inciting hostility and violence against Jews - a history, the echoes of which are heard alarmingly in our own day."

Numerous American church leaders have embraced the Palestinian narrative in the Holy Land, often to the detriment of the 8.9 million Jewish, Christian, and Muslim citizens of Israel. The Jewish state protects the rights and holy sites of all religions and is the only Middle East nation where the Christian population is increasing.

**KAROLINSKA'S SHAME**  
**RENOWNED SWEDISH HOSPITAL FAILS TO TREAT CANCER OF ANTI-SEMITISM**

Every year, Sweden's Karolinska Institute announces the Nobel Prize for Medicine. But now, a dark cloud hangs over its Karolinska University Hospital for failing to deal quickly and forthrightly when history's oldest hate manifested in its top ranks.

The head of neurosurgery has systematically discriminated against three Jewish doctors, blocking them from helping their patients and even hindering continued research at the Institute. Two of the doctors left the hospital, fed up with the intimidation and discrimination. But when the neurosurgery department head posted blatant anti-Semitism on his Facebook page, the Wiesenthal Center was asked to intervene.

Despite a face-to-face meeting between Rabbi Abraham Cooper and the hospital's CEO, the scandal remains unresolved after 11 months.

"We are shocked by the lethargic response of Karolinska to the cancer of anti-Semitism," Rabbi Cooper said. "So far, powerful bigots have been protected and life-saving Jewish physicians are left twisting in the winds of hate."



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**ROGER WATERS**  
**LEADING BDS CHEERLEADER - AN ANTI-SEMITE WHO WANTS TO TELL JEWS WHAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS**

There are few performers whose anti-Israel vitriol can match that of Roger Waters. Despite his protests to the contrary, the co-founder of the iconic band Pink Floyd has, for years, crossed the line between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.



2018 has been a busy year for Waters. While in Germany, he heard Munich's Mayor, Dieter Reiter, explain why the city would not rent any venues for his performances. "Waters has made increasingly unacceptable and anti-Semitic comments," Mayor Reiter said. "I want to make it unequivocally clear that Waters' anti-Semitic rabble-rousing is not welcome in Munich and will not go unchallenged."

Waters told an audience in Berlin that "anti-Semitism is obscene". But Waters insists on defining for the victim what anti-Semitism is. For him, the worst culprits are the Israelis themselves. Waters whose signature pig (adorned with a Star of David) floats above his concerts across Europe, was confronted by protesters in Latin and South America. He continues to pressure fellow entertainers to boycott the Jewish state.

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