

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER 2017

# TOP TEN WORST GLOBAL



## ANTI-SEMITIC/ANTI-ISRAEL INCIDENTS

## CHARLOTTESVILLE: A NEW GENERATION OF AMERICANS TAKES UP THE TORCH OF HATE

**“Jews will not replace us!”**

After a decade of stagnation, 2017 saw a new generation of mostly young leaders emerge within the so-called “alt-right”. First coined by Richard Spencer of the National Policy Institute (infamous for his “Hail Trump” speech), adherents range from men in business suits to “brown shirts” and swastikas. Their tech and media savvy was on full display during a torchlight parade in Charlottesville, Virginia, evoking imagery of Nazi parades and memories of KKK cross burning. Hundreds of Klansmen, “white nationalists,” and neo-Nazis, joined in the “Unite the Right” march, which left scores injured and a counter-protester killed by a car driven by a neo-Nazi.



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## “KHAYBAR KHAYBAR YA YAHUD”\* ... “WE WILL SHOOT THE JEWS” ... “JUDEN RAUS”

No longer merely scrawled on walls or posted anonymously online, these anti-Semitic chants echoed on the streets of major cities around the world during anti-Israel demonstrations, including many held to protest President Trump’s announcement that the US recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

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From Indonesia to Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, and Morocco, across Europe, including London, Vienna, Malmö (Sweden). In North America, from New York City, to South Florida, to Ottawa, Vancouver, Toronto and many other cities, 2017 was a year in which extreme anti-Israel activists increasingly dropped any pretense of only protesting “Zionists”. **Jews** (and in Gothenberg, Sweden, their House of Worship)—**are the target**.



## NORTH AMERICA'S FINEST UNIVERSITIES: SAFE HAVEN FOR BIGOTS

*"Those Jewish mother-fu\*\*ers do not control me. They can go and fu\*\* each other in their fat asses."...Professor Michael Chikindas, Rutgers University*

**Rutgers University:** Jewish students and other supporters of Israel are targets of intimidation and hatred on some of North America's most prestigious schools. No more blatant a display of Nazi-like anti-Semitism was posted than by Rutgers Professor Michael Chikindas, claiming that Jews control sex-trafficking, pornography, Wall Street, cancer, television and the U.S. Federal Reserve. It took months of protests for the University to remove Chikindas from his teaching post. Meanwhile his colleague, Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, Jasbir Puar, delivered a lecture validating the libel that Israel harvests organs from Palestinians as part of its "genocide program". Rutgers' law Professor Mazen Adi, who worked for the Assad regime in Syria, recently echoed that screed.



**UC Berkeley:** Lecturer Hatem Bazian, founder of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Re-Tweeted cartoons showing a Jew in mock Hassidic garb raising his arms in celebration, with the caption, "I can now kill, rape, smuggle organs and steal the land of the Palestinians." The Tweet was hashtagged, #Ashke-Nazi. Another cartoon has North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, wearing a yarmulke with a Jewish star saying, "I just converted all of North Korea to Judaism. Donald Tlump [sic] now my nukes are legal and I can annex South Korea and you need to pay me \$34 billion a year in welfare."

**McGill University (Montreal):** Three student government leaders, two of them non-Jews, were removed from their posts because of ties to the Jewish community and opposition to Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

## GENOCIDAL JEW-HATRED SPEWING FROM NORTH AMERICAN IMAMS

*"Liberate the al-Aqsa mosque from the filth of the Jews ... annihilate them down to the very last one."-Imam Ammar Shahin, Islamic Center of Davis, CA.*

Citing Islamic texts about the end of days, Imam Amarr Shahin used his pulpit to demonize Jews and call for their destruction.

In Houston, Imam Raed Saleh Al-Rousan of the Tajweed Institute, a Quranic teaching organization with branches in Houston and Tampa gave an incendiary Dec. 8 sermon accusing the Jews of having "killed the prophets and the messengers of Allah." He charged that the Jews had maliciously "changed the Torah," and asserted that "the Hour (Judgement Day) will not arrive until Muslims fight the Jews there, in Palestine." Similar recent screeds were delivered at mosques in Riverside, California; Jersey City, New Jersey; Montreal, Vancouver, and Toronto, Canada.



The Simon Wiesenthal Center contacted both the US Attorney and Homeland Security following the Shahin speech and testified before Congress urging officials to hold anyone using their pulpits to promote genocide be held accountable for their incitement. The Center also urged Muslim leaders to remove preachers of hate.



## UN'S BUSINESS AS USUAL: ISRAEL-BASHING, JEWISH HISTORY-ERASING, ISRAEL-DENYING CURRICULUM

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Wiesenthal Center officials were deeply impressed by the new Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres when they met with him earlier this year. While he acknowledged deep-seated bias against Israel, starting with UNRWA and UNESCO, not much has changed at the UN. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 128 nations voted to declare President Trump's historic announcement that the US recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital as null and void. This follows a November vote by the General Assembly denying the Jewish people and the State of Israel's eternal ties to the Holy City. Other anti-Israel resolutions include one declaring Israel's actions in the Golan Heights, invalid. As a result of the UN's serial anti-Israel bias, the US and Israel have left UNESCO and US Ambassador Nicky Haley announced a reduction in US contributions to the world body. This follows a November vote by the General Assembly denying the Jewish people's and Israel's ties to the Holy City and another declaring Israel's actions in the Golan Heights, "null and void". These anti-Israel resolutions continue the UN did virtually nothing to protest Assad's butchery of his own people in Syria and is silent on the horrific plight of the Rohingya people.



## "FLEE ISRAEL BEFORE IT'S DESTRUCTION. ZIONISM IS OUR COMMON ENEMY"- HEZBOLLAH CHIEF HASSAN NASRALLAH

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On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Hezbollah's leader warned Jews to leave Israel before the next war leads to its destruction. Hezbollah's troop strength - 45,000, its 150,000 missiles and its Iranian-funded annual military budget of one billion dollars makes Hezbollah and other Iranian lackeys in the region, an immediate and present danger. In December, Nasrallah was so incensed that 25 interfaith leaders from Bahrain accepted the Simon Wiesenthal Center's invitation to visit Israel that he called on his followers to stone the Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Buddhist leaders who dared travel to the Holy City of Jerusalem.



## HATE INFECTS WORLD'S LEADING SPORT

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Supporters of the Italian soccer club **Lazio** plastered Rome with stickers showing Anne Frank wearing the jersey of their city rivals. The message was clear: they would share the same kind of fate as the young girl who perished in the Nazi Holocaust. At their next match, Lazio players came onto the pitch wearing shirts with Anne Frank's face and the caption reading, "No to Anti-Semitism" and along with other Italian clubs, took a moment before the day's match to read a passage from *Anne Frank's Diary*. Too late to change some Lazio fans who disrupted with boos and fascist salutes. The following week, rivals of the German soccer club, **Schalke 04**, repeated the demeaning and ugly Anne Frank stunt.



Fans of the Rotterdam club, **Feyenoord**, mocked their Amsterdam-based rivals, Ajax on Twitter, by posting an infamous picture taken of two Jewish children from Lithuania, wearing Stars of David, just before deportation by the Nazis. The post was captioned, "When 020 [the Amsterdam area code] had only one star".



During a match in Sudan, fans of the **Al-Hilal Omdurman** club mounted banners, and launched fireworks, one of Hitler's face, the other reading "Holocaust" to mock their rivals.



A soccer match in Santiago, Chile, between **Estadio Israelita Maccabi** team and **Club Palestino**, was suspended after 30 minutes when the ejection of several Palestino players for unsportsmanlike conduct erupted in a torrent of anti-Semitic abuse from Palestino fans, including one who came onto the pitch with a Palestinian flag which he shoved in an Estadio Israelita player's face yelling, "This is a flag, not like yours, I clean my ass with yours, we're gonna kill you, f\*\*\*ing Jew."

Iranian football officials sanctioned two Iranians (pictured) who play for the Athens-based club, **Panionios**, for participating in a match against **Maccabi Tel Aviv**, in an international match. They were banned from ever playing for Iran's national team for, "Agreeing to play in a game against athletes of a regime that has given humanity nothing other than occupation, murder, aggression and betrayal is disrespectful of the rights of thousands of martyrs and those displaced and affected by the occupying Zionist regime."



Meanwhile an Iranian wrestler competing in an international championship was instructed to throw his match to avoid competing with an Israeli wrestler in the next round. "We will not step onto the mat against Israel until the army of Islam triumphantly steps onto the Holy Land of Palestine," Tweeted a prominent cleric. Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu went online to speak directly to the Iranian athlete.

## POLAND

*“For ten minutes, baritone chants and unison boots forced me to hide, to cover up, as so many Jews must have seventy years ago. I can’t report on the sight because I was too afraid to look out the window”—visiting journalist, Sam Rubin*

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A crowd of 60,000 people, many ultra-nationalists, marched on November 11th to commemorate Poland’s Independence Day. Some openly expressed racist and anti-Semitic sentiments. Marchers waved banners reading “Europe Must Be White” and “Clean Blood.” One demonstrator told a reporter he came, “To get the Jews out of power.” Meanwhile, ultranationalist politician, Peter Rebak, posted this sign outside his hotel: “Entrance to Jews, and all other thieves and traitors is prohibited.”



## DYKE MARCH HAD NO PLACE FOR JEWISH PRIDE

In July, the *Chicago Dyke March* expelled three Jewish women for carrying Jewish pride flags emblazoned with a Star of David. Their crime? Dyke March organizers labeled them with the anti-Semitic, “Zio” on their Facebook page, a term coined by career white supremacist and professional anti-Semite, David Duke. Meanwhile, Linda Sarsour, one of the organizers of the January 21<sup>st</sup> Women’s March in Washington and BDS activist, insists that one cannot be a feminist and Zionist at the same time. “You either stand up for the rights of all women, including Palestinians, or none. There’s just no way around it,” she declared. Sarsour has made no demands related to any other country—including those where women are serially mistreated.

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## UK LABOUR HOME FOR ANTI-SEMITES; ONE-THIRD OF BRITISH JEWS CONSIDER LEAVING

*“So far the Labour leadership’s action has been derisory. It is not enough to denounce all racisms in general.” – Historians Simon Schama, Simon Sebag Montefiore, and Booker Prize Winner, Howard Jacobson*

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Their open letter to UK Labour leader, denounced Jeremy Corbyn for not doing enough to fight anti-Semitism in his own party. The three prominent intellectuals added that current UK anti-Semitism is reminiscent of anti-Semitic views held in the Third Reich. In August, a You.Gov poll revealed that 80% of the country’s Jews feel that Labour has been too soft on anti-Semitism and that a third are considering leaving . Meanwhile, a fringe meeting during an annual Labour conference presented Holocaust denial as a point of legitimate debate, while comparing Israel to Nazi Germany.

