Jewish Community Relations Council

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2013 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents

A brief overview of some of the anti-Semitic incidents in Southeastern Wisconsin

Written and Verbal Expression

Two reported incidents of high school students throwing coins at Jewish students and asking them to pick them up. This behavior plays on the anti-Semitic stereotype of Jews as cheap and greedy.

A teammate in a recreational sport encouraged others to donate with the comment, "Don't be a Jew."

A vendor at Wisconsin State Fair said to a Jewish fairgoer that she recently sold a diamond and didn't get a high price because, "Jews are cheap," adding, "and you know, they smell."

A landlord told a tenant that her drain clogged because, "All that Jewish hair is clogging it. You people have such thick hair."

A 12-year-old child in a suburban swim club called another child a "dirty Jew."

Anti-Semitic signs were posted in various locations in Algoma, Wis. Messages on the signs included swastikas and the following: "NO JEWS," "JEW, GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM LEAVE ALGOMA," "KILL THE JEWS KEEP ALGOMA CLEAN," "NO JEW WANTED IN ALGOMA," "JEW LEAVE ALGOMA," and ""NO JEWS WELCOME."

Comments on the Facebook page of a local organization included repeated references to Jewish power and declarations of Jewish and Israeli control over the U.S. government. Other comments called for deporting "all elected officials with dual U.S./Israeli citizenship or ties to Zionism"; "Zionist assholes"; and "Israel has all the money…. F__ing crooks."

Comments in a suburban newspaper malign the Jewish nature of the State of Israel.

Claims of deicide: On hearing that a particular woman was Jewish, a Racine woman said, "Oh, you're the people who killed my Lord."

Fax from the Westboro Baptist Church, www.JewsKilledJesus.com, declares that "Israel is Doomed" and exhorts, "You have filled modern Jewry with abominations, forsaken God & broken his covenant; He promises you curses for that!"

Vandalism

Swastikas were spray painted on the wall of a local Jewish cemetery and neighboring building.