



**Jewish Community
Relations Council**

MILWAUKEE
JEWISH FEDERATION

2016 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents

All incidents have been corroborated. This report does not include unconfirmed reports.

Harassment, Threats and Assault

Local attorney received an email from a man who threatened to kill the attorney and his son and said "One less Jew in a law office the better."

As an Orthodox family sat in their yard, a car with three men passed. As the passengers yelled "Fucking Jews" repeatedly, one of the men stuck his naked rear out of the window and shouted, "Like my ass, fucking Jews?"

A Jewish family whose children endured ongoing anti-Jewish bullying in a west suburban high school had an unexploded grenade firework placed, seemingly carefully, as a threat on their porch.

A Jewish high school student in a west suburb was taunted during a cross country practice with Nazi-related language.

Written and Verbal Expression

An anti-LGBT comment on a social media post referred to the poster's Jewish identity, using Jewish stereotypes and tropes about Judaism as legalistic.

Comments on a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about the Shorewood sculpture, Spillover II minimized Jewish concerns, referring to violent and aggressive "anti-Semite police."

Social media post about an incident at a local university with a miniscule Jewish student body was followed by comments such as: "[This university] caters to the rich Jewish kids of Milwaukee," "I HATE Zionists," and "Is it any surprise that [this university] is in league with Zionists."

A student at a high school in a small village in Washington County engaged in persistent bullying of a Jewish student, calling her names like "salty fucking Jew."

During a talkback of a film that was critical of Israel, speakers spoke of a conspiracy of Jews controlling the US government and asked for advocacy to "undo the harm and lies that have been perpetuated by the Jews on the world."

Holocaust denial: In an email to a local Jewish organization that was hosting Holocaust scholar Deborah Lipstadt, a well-documented Holocaust denier asserted that the David Irving trial did not prove that the Holocaust actually took place.

A high school student commented: "We have to get rid of the Jews once and for all."

On a local morning radio, a caller referred to a Jewish guest, employing a conspiracy theory about Jews and Jewish power, and asserting that Jews are duplicitous.

Angry comments on a synagogue Facebook page called congregants "rapists, murderers for hire, pedofiles (sic), insurance embezzlers and freeloading, lying Godless heathen scum."

A promotional article about a local Jewish institution highlighted its strangeness based on its Jewish culture. That article was then published by a third party company as part of a training booklet.

Comments on a social media post about Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton evoke classic anti-Semitic tropes about Jewish conspiracies, the evil of Zionism and Zionists, and Jewish control, including: "Hillary works for the bankers and Rothschilds and the Rothschilds have plans for you."

During a mock election at a North Shore middle school, several students taunted Jewish students by saying that planned to write in Adolf Hitler as president.

On social media, a student in a west suburban high school posted to a Jewish student: "You people are no good taxers and bankers who live for the fresh smell of money and will do anything to get your hands on it...."

A student gave a Jewish student illustrations of Hitler saying "Happy Hanukkah!" and of a reindeer with a swastika and Hitler moustache who was doing the Nazi salute.

Anti-Semitic posters were sent to printers at UW Madison and Milwaukee. The posters referred to a neo-Nazi website, Daily.Stormer.com, and included two swastikas framing the sentence, "White man, are you sick of Jews ruining the world...."

A college student displayed a swastika on her computer in a university library.

A man walked in downtown Milwaukee wearing a Nazi flag.

Vandalism

A student in a UW Madison dormitory posted swastikas and pictures of Adolf Hitler on a Jewish student's door.

A spate of at least 17 incidents of graffiti of white supremacist symbols were found at the UW Madison campus. Two were on or near institutions that served Jews. Madison Police categorized the incidents as hate crimes.

Graffiti on an observation tower of a state park said, "Hail Hitler. Kill the Jews."

Swastikas spray painted on a bridge in Washington County.

Swastika drawn onto a desk at a North Shore high school.

Swastikas spray painted on the sidewalk in a North Shore suburb.

Swastika spray painted on the side of an abandoned public school building in a far west suburb.

A Jewish student's locker at a north suburban high school was defaced with swastika graffiti.

Trends

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