



**Jewish Community
Relations Council**

MILWAUKEE
JEWISH FEDERATION

2014 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents

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

Vandalism

Swastika spray painted under a bridge over the Milwaukee River

Swastikas plus the letters “NYM” were etched into the inside of an elevator of a Jewish institution

Swastika and male genitalia were spray painted on a driveway of a Jewish-owned home.

Swastikas and a Star of David were carved into two golf greens. Damage estimated at \$5,000K

Large swastikas drawn on the Oak Leaf Trail

Swastika repeatedly drawn with a finger on a stainless steel elevator on the UW-Madison campus

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Hate Group Activity

Swastika and “1499” painted on a handrail in a park. “1499” is a well-known white supremacist numeric symbol referring to the 14 of a white supremacist creed and “heil Hitler,” because H is the eighth letter of the alphabet.

Expression Involving Youth-Incidents in Schools

Abovementioned swastika targeted a high school student’s family home

Tenth grade student used “jewed” as a pejorative verb in a joke: *“He freakin’ jewed the hall pass.”*

Holocaust joke told to a Jewish child: *“Hey I learned I had a relative who died in the Holocaust.... Yeah, he got drunk and fell off the guard tower.”*

Student used “Jew” to mean cheap. Then iTunes refunded money, student commented, *“For once, Apple is being a Jew.”*

Harassment, Threats and Assault

Man entering a Jewish facility shouted, *“All Jews will fucking burn.”*

As a Hasidic man and his wife were walking near their home, someone yelled out their car window, “Fucking Jew!”

During outdoor Shabbat services, a teenage boy passing on the street gave the “Seig heil” sign.

A woman called her neighbor a “fucking Jew” as he asked her to slow down while driving through the neighborhood.

Discrimination

Hairdresser told a potential client that she doesn’t cut “Jewish hair.”

Written and Verbal Expression

Comments on social media before the Jewish community gathering during the summer war in Gaza included:

“We need to show these animals that are going to rally in support of ‘Israel’s’ campaign of murder that we will not accept this behavior.” “Vigil against the baby killers as the cowards are celebrating ‘israel’s’ atrocities.” Reference to local synagogue as *“Congregation Murderers.”* *“WARNING TO ALL ZIONISTS: Do not cross my path this weekend at any the protests as I am likely to ahhilihate you as you are my children in Gaza. Consider this your notice ... ur roof knock motherfuckers.”*

Comments and slogans during the rally outside a Jewish community gathering during the war in Gaza: *“Jews and Nazis are the same; only difference is the name.”* *“Hey Yid, go home!”* *“Animals!”* *“Israel sucks.”* *“Fuck Israel.”* At that rally, people threw coins at the feet of people approaching the synagogue, an obvious reference to anti-Semitic canards about Jews and money.

Local man commented on a social media post: “It’s obvious that Zionist control media” and other comments about Jewish power and manipulation.

Person at a Palestine advocacy table told people at a local festival used “Jews” and “Israel” interchangeably in criticism of Israel. Comments included: *“We need to do something about the Jews.”* *“The Jewish people were very aggressive in this war.”* *“The Jews are killing the children of the Middle East.”* *“Jews are killing the Palestinians.”*

An employee of club asked the Jewish owner for a raise. When refused, he said, *“You’re a stingy Jew.”*

College basketball player tweeted a link to a website about the Zionist Controlled Government conspiracy theory with a note: *"For those of you who are interested, check out who really runs America."*

Man calling himself "Citizen Intervenor" filed a motion with the Wisconsin State Court of Appeals seeking charges against court officers because of "their membership or support of a Zionist Jew mafia influenced criminal enterprise."

Comment on a news story about dismantling the Mary Nohl house: "Lox Point, fuck you."

Letter in a suburban newspaper: *"They [Israel] firmly believe according to literature written by their people that their god, who is the supreme God over all other gods, gave them the right to kill every living thing in that territory that their God set aside for Israel.... The absolute truth is that Israel does not and never did want a complete peace.... I, being a Christian, know that Jews don't truly respect Christians. They use them..."*

Opinion article in newspaper criticized "religious leaders of the Jews" as "mockers" of Jesus: *"...do you cling to ritual and tradition to the point of excluding relationship with Jesus? Are you in the group of the religious mockers creating an image of God you will serve as opposed to the truth standing before you?"*

Fax from the Westboro Baptist Church called Jewish *"more abominable than the Sodomites in their promotion of every sin of the flesh and spirit, and their endless layers of guilt for killing the Christ!"*

Joke forwarded from the former county executive's office disparaged various peoples, including Jews.