

## The New Face of Antisemitism



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#### **A. Antisemitism is Back**

Antisemitism is back. Whether the bombing of a Synagogue in Turkey, the use of traditional anti Semitic stereotypes in the Arab press, or the open hatred of Jewish students on University campuses worldwide, one fact is clear: the "oldest hatred" has returned.

Historically, Europe has been one of the centers of Antisemitism, and – indeed – its cradle. Today, the syndrome has re-appeared worldwide, but on the European continent, in particular, – and with a vengeance. This is not just speculation, or based solely on the outcome of incident record-keeping: it is the conclusion of serious research. Below are the disquieting findings about beliefs among the general population, as surveyed and recorded by two independent and highly reputable institutions:

- The European Union – in the Berlin Report, which was suppressed for almost a year;
- The Anti Defamation League – which surveyed specific beliefs in their recent European poll.
- The American Jewish Committee also reported to the US Senate in global

terms.

## **B. The European Commission Report on Antisemitism**

This independent report was prepared by the Center for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technische Universität Berlin, Germany, on behalf of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), namely, for the European Commission.

The fact that the report was suppressed by the Commission itself, and published by other, non-associated bodies, speaks volumes about its findings: at first, the Commission claimed that there were data collection and statistical problems relating to definitions and quantification, but their primary concern was really the major finding that *most of the antisemitic incidents were directly related to the political tension in Europe reflected from the Second Intifada and that, moreover, this growing wave of Antisemitism emanated primarily from Muslims in Europe*. It is no coincidence that this outcome was the sequel to another EU poll, which found that Israel was perceived as the greatest threat to world peace: there is a perceived correlation in the minds of many Europeans.

The report is well based in statistical references from reputable sources. It covered verbal aggression, physical violence and assault, as well as attacks against institutions. Findings clearly demonstrate that the major problems were in France, the UK, Belgium and the Netherlands. It also addresses the tone of the mass media (Greece), the appearance of radical Islamic groups in countries with a traditionally right-wing form of Antisemitism (Spain), as well as the persistence of right-wing Antisemitism in other countries (Austria). However, it also emphasises the unification of the left-wing and pro-Palestinian groups at demonstrations in Spain, France, Italy and Sweden, where antisemitic slogans and banners were part of the rallies.

In terms of incidents and attacks, the perpetrators did include right-wing extremists, but also "radical Islamists, young Muslims", "Palestinian groups", politicians and "citizens from the political mainstream", as well as the anti-globalization lobby, the anti-American lobby and "just for the fun of it".

The report did not attempt to quantify "salon" Antisemitism, but noted the prevalence of latent antisemitic opinions in the general population and addressed the entire gamut of antisemitic prejudice, from the conspiracy theory, through Holocaust denial, across the political spectrum to the Church. It also covered the tie-in to anti-Israel sentiment, especially in the media and the Internet, irrespective of source.

*"... there exists a close link between the increase of anti-Semitism and the escalation of the Middle East conflict, whereas factors which usually determine the frequency of anti-Semitic incidents in the respective countries, such as the strength and the degree of mobilisation extremist far-right parties and groups can generate, have not played the decisive role in the reporting period."  
The European Commission Report on Antisemitism*

The recommendations were clearly directed at improving records, policing, legislation joint strategies and guidelines in general. Recommendations for Internet and Media were less clear.

It remains to be seen whether the proposed Conference on Antisemitism will now take place – it has been postponed once, but Council President Prodi has now promised that it will be convened (in conjunction with the European Council of Jewish Communities).

### **C. The Anti-Defamation League Poll**

This is a summary report and analysis of the recent Taylor Nelson Sofres poll commissioned by the Anti Defamation League (also in the EU report, above, page 43) [http://www.adl.org/PresRele/ASInt\\_13/4118\\_13.asp](http://www.adl.org/PresRele/ASInt_13/4118_13.asp) found that a traditional hatred of Jews in Europe has been rekindled. The poll showed that a large number of Europeans accept a wide range of traditional anti-Semitic stereotypes about Jews. Of those surveyed;

**30%** harbor traditional anti-Semitic stereotypes.

**45%** believe Jews are more loyal to Israel than their own country.

**30%** believe that Jews have too much power in the business world.

**39%** of Europeans believe Jews still talk too much about the Holocaust.  
from the ADL survey

### **D. The Tip of the Iceberg**

In 2003 a Jewish memorial in Belarus was vandalized. Neo-Nazi extremists planted bombs at a Munich synagogue. A Viennese rabbi was attacked. A man was kicked and spat upon in Berlin for wearing a Star of David.

Jeff Jacoby of *The Boston Globe*, describes Jews as the canary in Europe's mine. He outlines the alarming extent of Antisemitism across Europe, and how far it has gone. The article lists physical assault, arson and automatic fire on property in Belgium; anti-Israel cartoons with anti-Jewish themes in Italy; physical assault, explosives against property, a neo-Nazi rally near a synagogue and similar graffiti on a synagogue in Germany; in Greece, a Jewish cemetery and a Holocaust memorial were desecrated; in Slovakia, the Kosice Jewish cemetery was severely damaged and desecrated; in Holland, there were dominant neo-Nazi tones at an anti-Israel rally.

He returns, nevertheless, to the phenomenon being most widespread and conspicuous in France.

*"In Belgium, the chief rabbi, was assaulted . Two synagogues in Brussels were firebombed..."*

*"In Germany... Graffiti appeared on a synagogue in the western town of Herford: "Six million were not enough."*

*"In Greece, Jewish graves were desecrated.... In Holland, an anti-Israel demonstration featured swastikas, photos of Hitler, and chants of "Sieg Heil" and "Jews into the sea." ...*

*"But nowhere have the flames of Antisemitism burned more furiously than in France."*

***from The Canary in Europe's Mine by Jeff Jacoby***

It is in France that the new wave of Antisemitism appears endemic and to have reached a critical level. With the largest Jewish population in Europe, France offers an ideal breeding ground for the fomentation of opportunistic Antisemitism, with little deterrent action being taken by the authorities over a period of three years.

Between September 9, 2000 and November 20, 2001, 330 antisemitic incidents took place in Paris - about an incident a day.

In April 2002 a Paris synagogue was targeted, a Jewish sports club was attacked in Toulouse, southern France, two Molotov cocktails were thrown at a synagogue outside Paris. Attackers threw several firebombs at the Jewish religious centre in the southern city of Montpellier overnight, setting a nearby office ablaze. A bus was torched at a Jewish school in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers.

On the night of Saturday November 15th 2003, the same day as the Istanbul synagogue was attacked by suicide bombers, there was a major arson attack on a French Jewish school in outer suburban Paris.

The list is endless and the curve is still rising in France: it markedly now includes assault on Jewish people in the streets and an attack on a Jewish youth club, during club hours. However, it should be noted that incidents *in Belgium have been far more violent against actual persons (assault)* as a whole, and more



numerous too, in proportion to the smaller Jewish and general population.

### **E. Epidemic proportions**

Antisemitism has spread beyond Europe; attacks on Jews and their property have been reported in Canada, Australia and the USA. Antisemitism has reached such a proportion that it can no longer be brushed aside as incidental, or minor.

For a recent article relating the rise of anti-semitism, see [here](#).

For a blog reporting all the latest on anti-semitism around the world, see [here](#).

The "new" Antisemitism emanates from three major sources:

- **The left wing,**
- **The far right wing,**
- **The Muslim and Arab world.**

These constitute the three pillars of hatred towards the Jewish people today. The events of September 11, together with the renewed violence in the Middle East, have rallied these three ideologies around a central anti-Semitic theme to form an axis of evil.

*Where Left meets right  
Socialist Worker or National Front?*

Themes in Left-Wing Antisemitism

- A. Language of Hate
- B. Jews as Money Grabbing People
- C. Israel as a Nazi State, Sharon as Hitler
- D. Blood Libel
- E. Jews with Stereotypical Features

## F. Themes of Left-Wing Antisemitism: Points to Ponder

### A. Language of Hate

From time immemorial, the antisemite has depicted the Jew as a perverted soul, as a morally inferior people. Today, this ideology has been translated, in that the same language of hate is being used to describe the Jewish state; Fiamma Nirenstein epitomizes this superbly, both in the political and the neo-theological context:

*"...a separate, unequal, basically evil stranger whose national existence is slowly but surely emptied and deprived of justification...."*

*"The caricature of the evil Jew is transformed to the caricature of the evil state. And now the traditional hook-nosed Jew bears a gun and kills Arab children with pleasure... Antisemitism officially became the banner of the new secular religion of human rights, and Israel and Jews became its official enemy."*

*The 'Left' and Anti-Semitism, July, 2003, by Fiamma Nierenstein*

<http://www.betar.co.uk/articles/betar1059682577.php>

Left wing Antisemitism has a number of reoccurring themes, these include:

### B. Jews as Money Grabbing People

Revival and adaptation of existing motifs, with the added label of criminality.. One of the traditional 20th century, left-wing motifs was to portray the Jew as the greedy capitalist, often in cahoots with the United States as the money-man: this is straight out of socialist and Soviet propaganda and, later, Soviet anti-Israel propaganda, as embraced also by the Arab states. The image of Ariel Sharon in a zoo is crude and designed to create repugnance. The message is also trendy, for its anti-US angle, which appeals to the anti-globalization cause.



### C. Israel as a Nazi State, Sharon as Hitler



The allegation of Israeli Nazi-like behavior is not limited to the radical left, which draws its public in its anti-fascist persona: it can be found in a more sophisticated version in the eminently respectable columns of The Times of London, which, in 1998, printed a scurrilous article that claimed that Israel was developing a bomb that would kill only Arabs.

*Israel Developing an Ethno-Bomb  
by Uzi Mahnaimi and Marie Colvin*

*ISRAEL is working on a biological weapon that would harm Arabs but not Jews, according to Israeli military and western intelligence sources. The weapon, targeting victims by ethnic origin, is seen as Israel's response to Iraq's threat of chemical and biological attacks.*

For more on the history of the Myth of Zionism=Racism and the Nazi extension to this allegation, please see also our unit on the [Myth of Zionism = Racism: After Durban](#)

### D. Blood Libel

The left exploits many themes in traditional Antisemitism, often substituting the word "Zionist" for "Jew" quite freely. The traditional themes of Jews killing or sacrificing Christians is thus re-incarnated in gross caricature in the politically correct print media of the left-wing.

In Britain, the cover of the left-wing *New Statesman* magazine depicted a large Star of David stabbing the Union Jack.

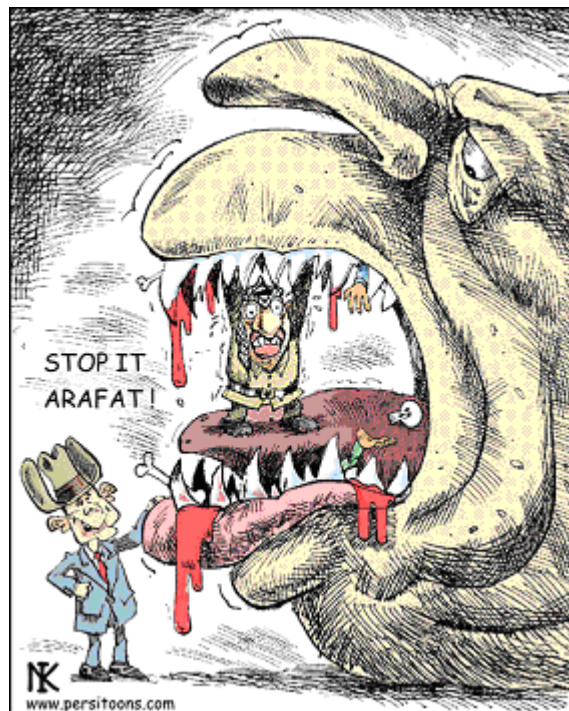
Most vicious and more outrageous was the UK's Independent newspaper, which ran the following cartoon, targeting the blood libel at Ariel Sharon.

Please view via link:

[http://backspin.typepad.com/backspin/2003/11/evolution\\_of\\_an.html](http://backspin.typepad.com/backspin/2003/11/evolution_of_an.html)

### **E. Jews with Stereotypical Features**

Classic antisemitic caricatures of Jews are translated into contemporary anti-Israel messages by the left-wing, focused on easily identifiable personalities, often allying Israel, with a supportive USA.



<http://cagle.slate.msn.com/news/antiSRAEL/main.asp>

### **F. Themes of Left-Wing Antisemitism: Points to Ponder**

1. What are the prevalent themes in left-wing Antisemitism and how damaging are they - in your country?; -internationally?
2. Why does the left compare Israel to new Nazis and what is the importance of

this parallel?

3. Are left-wing comparisons of Israel to new Nazis a form of Holocaust revisionism? (Yes/No; Why/why not?)

4. By what standards of "good practice" should the media be judged? What would you do to make the media accountable?

Arab, Muslim and Radical Islamic Antisemitism

A. Origins and Scope

B. Louis Farrakhan and Black Antisemitism

C. Arab and Islamic Antisemitism by Arab Leaders and in Society

### **A. Origins and Scope**

With the collapse of the Middle East Peace Process, even before the outbreak of the Al Aqsa Intifada (2000), Antisemitism in the Arab world increased. It continues unabated, unchecked by the western world, or Arab leaders. Even Israel turned a blind eye to Palestinian Antisemitism at the time of the Oslo accords. Today, hatred of Jews is central to the rhetoric of the Arab and Muslim world - and has become increasingly virulent, disseminated by the media across the Middle East, as well as via satellite television into Europe.

The origins of Antisemitism in the Arab world itself go beyond the longstanding Middle East conflict. Indeed, The Israeli Forum to Coordinate the Struggle Against Antisemitism - a think tank of Israeli intelligence, Foreign Ministry officials, and leading researchers - asserts that:

- The most dangerous strand of Antisemitism has its roots in Islam;
- The rising number of Muslims in Europe (estimates range from 15-25 million Muslims) is responsible for fuelling terror attacks, street violence and general harassment of Jews.

In this reality, far-right groups - such as France's National Front, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen and Austria's Freedom Party, led by Jorge Haider - can stand by, or play a supporting role, as "Muslim youths", young adults of Maghreb (North African) extraction and Palestinians resident in those countries run riot and accomplish the job for them. This is not limited to France, although the origins of the young Muslims vary in the UK, the US, Germany and the other European Union countries.

Daniel Pipes concludes:

"Antisemitism, historically a Christian phenomenon, is now primarily a Muslim phenomenon -- and not just in the Middle East, but right here in the United States. Muslims today are the most vibrant and explicit anti-Semites, and it is they who contribute most to Jew-hatred here. Muslims speak in terms of overt Antisemitism hardly found elsewhere in the West. It is important to note that this Antisemitism in the Arab world is not peripheral, but expressed by the leaders of Arab countries"

<http://www.danielpipes.org/article/288>

## **B. Louis Farrakhan and Black Antisemitism**

A prevalent theme in the rhetoric of the Nation of Islam, the Black Muslim movement in the U.S., is that Jews control America. There is no more conspicuous example than that of its leader, Louis Farrakhan, who has combined Islamic Antisemitism with black pride. His comments about Jews are replete with allegations of financial control, profit-making, wealth and power, as well as conspiracy and murderous malpractice, while calling Muslims to unity and religious hegemony. The overt antisemitic and oft repeated allegations are not indictable in the US.

Towards the close of his 1996 Friendship Tour in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, he called for the Muslims of the world to unite and form a "superpower."

"Those who fear Islam fear that Islam is going to replace the Western hegemony in the world, and they are right..." he said.

"Farrakhan has caused problems for the Jews of America... Farrakhan calls Jews 'bloodsuckers,' ...

"In the past, Farrakhan has ... accused Jewish doctors of injecting the AIDS virus into black babies, and in a January 24 speech at a Harlem armory he said, 'We know that the Jews are the most organized, rich and powerful people, not only in America, but in the world. They're plotting against us as we speak.' "

[http://www.adl.org/media\\_watch/newspapers/20040108-ChicagoTribune.htm](http://www.adl.org/media_watch/newspapers/20040108-ChicagoTribune.htm)

## **C. Arab and Islamic Antisemitism by Arab Leaders and in Society**

### **Notes**

It is important to note that this Antisemitism in the Arab world is not peripheral, but expressed by the leaders of Arab countries, Muslim states and inducted into society, via media and government-controlled education.



*Cartoon from The Radio Islam Website*

Another important theme is the Holocaust, especially from Palestinian and pro-Palestinian sources, but the comparisons between Israel and Nazis are more widely networked:

*"Holocaust denial and revisionism is on the rise in the Middle East. The Holocaust is denied, revised, or Israelis are compared to Nazis. "*

[http://www.adl.org/holocaust/denial\\_ME/hdme\\_genocide\\_denial.asp](http://www.adl.org/holocaust/denial_ME/hdme_genocide_denial.asp)

## **Syria**

During October-November 2003, a 29-part, Syrian-produced, Ramadan special 'Al-Shatat' (Diaspora) was aired by the Lebanese Hizbullah-affiliated Al-Manar TV station. The series purported to show the history of the Jews and the evolution of Zionism; it is also transmitted to European countries via satellite.

A sample quotation of the tone, clearly antisemitic in motif:

*"The Jews have sought to control the world for many centuries, via a secret global Jewish government."*

In Syria, Antisemitism is taught from an early age. Government text books introduce ideas in stages, in the guise of introductory and advanced Islamic studies, regional history, and politics. They are explicit and unequivocal, to the point of demanding "elimination" of the Jews.

*"Syrian children are taught to hate Jews and Israel with such ferocity that genuine reconciliation between the two peoples appears unlikely in the near future."*

Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace

- Grade 6: "The Prophet [Mohammed] knew about the treacherous intention harbored in the Jews' souls."
- Grade 8: "It is known that the Jews of today do not have any connection to Palestine."
- Grade 9: "Co-existence with them or having them as neighbors, is an enormous danger that threatens Islamic and Arab existence with destruction and extinction Their criminal intention should be turned against them by way of their elimination." [Source: Islamic Studies textbook]
- Grade 10: Zionism is.., "a racist-imperialist-colonialist-aggressive-expansionist political movement."
- Grade 11: Zionism is... the "new Nazism" and a "model of racist evil."  
*Source: The New York-based Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace  
www.edume.org  
"Jihad, Jews and Antisemitism in Syrian School Texts," (30pp), The Jerusalem Post, June 26, 2003*

## **Saudi Arabia**

Despite close diplomatic ties to the Middle East Peace Process, Antisemitism in the Saudi kingdom is rabid.

Saudi Arabia is a theocracy; although its political elite is not devoutly religious, it views itself as the guardian of Mecca and a central pillar of Islamic influence. With an entirely Muslim population, the Saudis have never rescinded or amended application of Islamic law on the inferior (dhimmi) status and undesirability of "infidels". Wahhabism calls for a strict adherence to Islam, dhimmitude expresses an intolerance of everything foreign.

Saudi Arabia's oil wealth has long been linked to the finance of anti-Israel propaganda with antisemitic content, the sponsorship of academic positions in major US universities which create and foment in their limelight pockets of aggressive student campaigning against Israel, and, of course, to the anti-American and anti-western terror of Al-Qaida.



Riyadh, November 28, 2003

Source: ADL [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)

### The Palestinian Authority

The Palestinian Authority produces antisemitic literature and propaganda in quantity.

The main themes that appear are:

1. ***That Jews are inferior, even sub-human;***
2. ***That Jews are planning and executing heinous crimes which constitute a mortal danger, if unchecked;***
3. ***Defensive action is necessary for protection against the Jewish threat***
4. ***Holocaust Denial.***



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Apr. 5, 2003 Source: PMW.org.il

In a crossword that appeared in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, 18th February 1999, *Yad Vashem* was the correct answer to the question:

*What is the Jewish Center for eternalizing the Holocaust and the lies?*

For an extensive collection of Palestinian Antisemitism see:

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/anti-semitism/palantoc.html>

## **Egypt**

Antisemitism in the Arab world is not restricted to countries at war with Israel, but can also be found with her allies. Egypt has serialized *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* on State television and visitors to the Museum of Manuscripts were able to see a copy of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

## **Morocco and Tunisia**

In this period, there have been clear cases of killings, bombings and other attacks on Jews and Jewish property by individual Muslims and fundamentalist Islamic groups, some associated with Al-Qaida. Initially, the authorities in these countries were reluctant to admit these were terror incidents by Islamic groups, or antisemitic acts, connected with anti-Israel groups, but the bombing outside the synagogue on the Isle of Djerba killed German tourists, and their investigation underlined the origins of the attack. The situation is considered volatile in both countries, with radical Islam considered a threat to the regime, but little being done to investigate it.

## **Turkey**

The simultaneous November 2003 suicide bomber attacks on two Istanbul synagogues deliberately targeted Jewish places of worship, but killed many bystanders on the street, including Turkish security guards.

<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/antisemitism/fire1103.html>

The authorities were initially cautious in attributing these to terrorist groups identified with radical Islam, but the subsequent investigations and bombings in Istanbul's foreign commercial centers was clearly linked. Responsibility was claimed by Al Qaida on both occasions, albeit through the weak cover of a disintegrated Turkish terror cell.

## **Beyond the Middle East**

Islamic Antisemitism is also to be found in the wider Muslim world, originating from countries not directly implicated in the conflict with Israel.

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad denounced: "Jewish world domination", at the opening of the Conference of The Organization of the Islamic States, which brought together Islamic leaders from 57 countries:

*"The Europeans killed 6 million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule the world by proxy," ...*

*"They get others to fight and die for them."*

Morton Klein of the Zionist Organization of America, writes:

*"Hatred of Jews is widespread throughout the Muslim world. It is taught in the schools and preached in the mosques. Cartoons in Muslim newspapers routinely portray Jews in blatantly anti-Semitic terms."*

Source: Daniel Pipes <http://www.danielpipes.org/article/1294>

## Themes in Right-Wing Antisemitism: Points to Ponder

1. Why do many right-wing activists deny the Shoah (Holocaust)?

2. Consider the following quotation, which does not appear antisemitic:

*"This, in a nutshell - albeit phrased in the most moderate language - is what it is all about. Saddam Hussein does not threaten Britain. He does not threaten America. And moreover British and American politicians know it. But Saddam is perceived, correctly or incorrectly, to threaten Israel;"*

What has the UK right-wing racist John Tyndall borrowed here from the left-wing anti-globalism cause, and why?

3. Identify this theme:

*"and the gigantically powerful international Jewish apparatus of political lobbying, patronage, pressure and propaganda has been mobilised to dragoon the United States, Britain and, if possible, the nations of western Europe into sending the best of their young men to die, if necessary, for Jewish interests and at the Jewish command."*

This is the end of the same speech, by the same person: John Tyndall. Who is therefore clearly the perceived enemy of the West and the anti-globalists?

4. These texts were found on <http://www.spearhead-uk.com/0210-jt1.htm> (not a suitable site for legal minors or anyone without a fully protected computer and ip address!). The European report says that the British government claims it is legislating, monitoring and acting on Antisemitism, xenophobia and racism. Should the British Home Secretary be pressurized to close down this website, in the same manner as for "Redhead"?

5. Read the following quotation.

Are the themes of Fascism and Antisemitism connected – and if so, how?

Roger D. Griffin, B.A., Ph.D. Professor, Department of History, Oxford Brookes University, argues that central to fascism is:

A. Anticonservatism,

B. Myth of National or Ethnic Renewal,

C Idea of a Nation in Crisis, and an Emphasis on Militarism.

Conclusion

In the period proceeding September 11 2001 and the consequence - War on Terror - two pillars of Antisemitism had already discovered a common language: Arab/Islamic fundamentalist and Left-wing Antisemitism utilized the common ground of anti-Israel and anti-imperialism to vent their hatred against the West, Israel and – inevitably - the Jews.

The radical right, traditional bastion of racial discontent, having found that Islamic fundamentalists and the left adopted its rhetoric of antisemitism, now stands alongside them in their vilification of Israel and attacks on Jews the world over.

*“ Chanting anti-imperialist slogans that often had a distinctly radical leftist ring, Germany's otherwise xenophobic National Democratic Party (NPD) and other ultra-right-wing groups used the demonstrations to make political capital out of the war, having discovered their sympathy for Palestinians, Iraqis and even for al-Qa'ida.*

*“... an indication of the now socially acceptable hatred of Jews, often masked as anti-Zionism, was the appearance at anti-war demonstrations of slogans such as “Jewish pigs” and “Sieg Heil” which in the past would have been sufficient to ban neo-Nazi marches or to outlaw the NPD.”*

<http://www.tau.ac.il/Anti-Semitism/asw2002-3/general.htm>

By December 2003 the three pillars of Antisemitism had thus become welded together: left-wing demonstrators were painting swastikas in the name of Palestine.

Encouraged by the success of the anti-war demonstrations organized by the left, extreme right-wing activists also organized their own “peace marches.” The impending war on Iraq also inspired some of these “peace activists” to create peculiar associations, such as that between the situation in Iraq and “what happened 60 years ago in Germany.”

The 200 extreme rightists and neo-Nazis who met on 22 February 2003 in

Hamburg demonstrated under the banner:

“Amis [Americans] out – Peace in.”

However, their slogans were far from peaceful and showed their real priorities:

“Bombs on Israel!”;

“German soldiers in defense of Iraq!”;

“Revolt of the vassals!”;

“For international solidarity! Down with Zion-fascism!”;

“For a world of free peoples – solidarity with Palestine!”;

“Emancipation of the Zentralrat” (the Jewish community leadership in Germany).

Source: <http://www.tau.ac.il/Anti-Semitism/asw2002-3/general.htm>

The oldest hatred has thus been reborn in a new and more dangerous "incarnation" and - as Professor Murray Gordon, of Villanova University, Pennsylvania, observes :

***“History has demonstrated that once the germ of a new form of anti-Semitism takes hold in Europe, it becomes extremely difficult to eradicate.”***

Final Points to Ponder

1. Irena Klepfisz, a Jew born in Poland in 1941, escaped the 1943 Warsaw Uprising (her father was killed on the second day of the Uprising).

She writes:

*“Jews ... have been unable to absorb the experience of the Holocaust, have not learned how to transcend the catastrophe. They’ve mistakenly thought that to transcend means to forget the past, that to think about the present is to abandon the past. ...it's kept many of them from universalizing their experience, from joining with others who have experienced oppression—not perhaps an exact duplication of Jewish oppression, but nevertheless oppression.”*

<http://www.bartleby.com/66/9/32909.html>

- Is Antisemitism caused by Jewish isolationism, or did Antisemitism cause Jewish isolationism?
- Do you agree with Klepfisz?
- What is the philosophy behind the ADL's work in the wider community on Hate?

2. Is Antisemitism primarily either a or b, and why?:

- a: A Jewish problem?  
b: A non-Jewish problem?

3. What antisemitic themes are common to Muslim, left and right-wing Antisemitism?

4. How do these three ideological sectors defined and changed by their own Antisemitism, according to the following quotations?

- What would they have or be, without this hatred?
- What values have been lost through their Antisemitism?

*"Take away hatred from some people, and you have men without faith"*  
Eric Hoffer (1902–1983), U.S. philosopher. *The Passionate State of Mind*, aph. 225 (1955).

*"Hatred is a feeling which leads to the extinction of values"*  
José Ortega Y Gasset (1883–1955), Spanish essayist, philosopher. "To the Reader," *Meditations on Quixote* (1914)

5. What has been the contribution of the Internet to Antisemitism, and what is its potential impact on Antisemitism?

6. What is the best way to campaign against Antisemitism? What have you found to be effective?

7. How can Israel help combat Antisemitism?

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