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JFNA Grant Guidance: THREAT CHRONOLOGY:

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The below Threat Chronology is intended to assist applicants in responding to the “Threat” question in Part III (A) of the Investment Justification:

The applicant should discuss the identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks against the organization or a closely related organization by a terrorist organization, network, or cell (this would also include Violent Homegrown Extremists).

Proofs should include any findings from a previously conducted risk assessment, police findings, and/or insurance claims specific to the location.

Recommendations (in order of priority):

I. In answering this question an applicant should describe any specific terror (or violent homegrown extremist) attacks or threats, hate crimes, and/or related incidents of vandalism, trespass, intimidation, or destruction of property that have targeted the location or organization.

Note: An applicant may also include a specific event or circumstance that impacted an affiliate or member of their system or network.

II. In the event the applicant does not have a specific threat to report, it should report on incidents that have occurred against a similar or like institution located in the in the applicant’s community and/or state.

III. In the event the applicant does not have a specific incident in the community or state to report, the applicant should then reference threats against similar or like institutions within the United States or abroad.

Note: With respect to referencing the public record, there are numerous threats against Jews and Jewish institutions, as captured in this document. Since there is limited working space in the IJ, the applicant should be very selective in choosing the example or examples to incorporate into the response. **Applicants should search this document for events that are most recent, geographically proximate, and closely related to the type or circumstance of the institution or are of “National Significance” – being of such magnitude or breadth that they create a significant existential threat to the Jewish community at-large.**

Overview: Threat to Soft Targets

“We face a serious and persistent terror threat that, according to my assessment, will not diminish anytime soon. While we have made it harder for terrorists to execute large-scale attacks, changes in technology have made it easier for adversaries to plot attacks in general, to inspire and radicalize new followers, and to recruit beyond borders. The problem is compounded by the use of simple, ‘do-it-yourself’ terror tactics.”

~ Testimony of DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen (January 16, 2018, Senate Judiciary Committee oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security) ~

The threat picture provides a compelling public interest in protecting against attacks on the Nonprofit Sector that would disrupt the vital health, human, social, cultural, religious, and other humanitarian services and practices they provide to communities, and which threaten the lives and well-being of millions of Americans who operate, utilize, live, and work in proximity to them.

The threat is not merely hypothetical, as substantiated by the public record. Moreover, the majority of religious-bias crimes continue to target the Jewish community. These, and other “soft targets” in the Nonprofit Sector too frequently have been the victims of arson and fire bombing, shooting and mass shooting, attempted bombing, assault, death threats, vandalism, property damage, and other incidents that have occurred since January 2017.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program was designed to support the acquisition and installation of physical target hardening measures, coupled with related training, planning, and exercises, to protect against the types of threats the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection has identified as of most concern to at-risk faith-based (and related nonprofit) institutions. These include protection against explosive device, arson, active shooter, assassination/kidnapping, chemical/biological agents, and cyber-attacks. The measures include the installation of access controls, barriers, blast-proofing, monitoring and surveillance capability, and cyber security enhancements. They are similar in nature to the physical security enhancements acquired and installed at Federal government buildings, military installations and law enforcement agencies in the post-9/11 environment.

Incidents of National Significance

Anti-Defamation League Report: According to a recent audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League, there were at least 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents perpetrated throughout the United States in 2017 (many additional incidents are presumed unreported). This amounted to an increase of 57% over the number of incidents reported in 2016, constituted the largest single-year increase on record, and was the second highest number reported since the Anti-Defamation League began tracking such data in 1979. Moreover, for the first time in nearly a decade an incident occurred in every US state, targeting Jewish schools, community centers, synagogues, cemeteries, museums, public spaces, and private businesses and property. (Source: Worldwide Report on Anti-Semitism, Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry (US Audit), Associated Press, April 11, 2018)

The House Homeland Security Committee Assessment: The Committee released an assessment on the growing threat America, the West, and the world face from ISIS and other Islamist terrorists. According

to the report, since the September 11 attacks, there have been 204 homegrown jihadist cases in the United States, 36 of which occurred in the last 12 months. (Source Terror Threat Snapshot, April 2017)

Illustration: On April 3, 2017, a 19-year-old Ocala man arrested on burglary, theft, and firearms charges has been accused of researching materials linked to the Islamic State group, conducting internet searches about Jewish schools in Ocala, and possessing multiple firearms including an AK-47. The man, Jonathan Beese, is known to have owned several firearms, researched explosives, operational security matters, information about the Israel-Jordan border, and downloaded materials used by Westerners supporting ISIL. (Sources: The Ocala Star-Banner, April 14, 2017)

National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin: On May 15, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security updated and extended by six months the NTAS Bulletin based on the persistent threat from homegrown terrorists. According to the bulletin, the country faces one of the most serious terror threat environments since the 9/11 attacks as foreign terrorist organizations continue to exploit the Internet to inspire, enable, or direct individuals already here in the homeland to commit terrorist acts. Specific attack tactics have included the use of vehicle ramming, small arms, straight-edged blades or knives, and homemade explosives, as well as other acts such as taking hostages. (Sources: DHS NTAS ADVISORY: 2017.001-B, May 15, 2017)

Illustration: On May 14, 2017, it was reported that al-Qaeda released a new video, which purportedly features Osama Bin Laden's son, Hamza bin Laden, encouraging Muslims in America and the West to carry out lone-wolf attacks against Jewish targets. In the video, distributed by al-Qaeda media arm as-Sahab, Bin Laden urges the use of weapons such as knife and vehicle-ramming attacks. In January, Bin Laden, 28, was named a specially designated global terrorist by the US State Department. (Source: CNN, May 15, 2017)

FBI and DHS Joint Intelligence Bulletin: On May 10, 2017, the FBI and DHS released a joint assessment that lone actors and small cells within the white supremacist extremist (WSE) movement would likely continue to pose a threat of lethal violence over the next year. This assessment is based on a review of lethal and potentially lethal incidents of WSE violence from 2000 to 2016 (including acts of violence against the Jewish community) and the often spontaneous and opportunistic nature of these acts that limits prevention by law enforcement. They assessed that most WSE lethal violence over the next year will very likely be derived from the capabilities of lone offenders or small cells, that the violence will more likely continue to be spontaneous and involve targets of opportunity, and that firearms will likely continue to pose the greatest threat of lethal violence by WSEs due to their availability and ease of use. (Source: FBI and DHS Joint Intelligence Bulletin: IA-0154-17, May 10, 2017)

Illustration: In April 2014, Frazier Glenn Cross, an extremist white supremacist killed three people at the Overland Park, Kansas Jewish Community Center and nearby Jewish assisted living facility. Cross represented himself in the trial, during which he claimed he was protecting the white race from Jews. This statement was consistent with his history of espousing anti-Semitic and white supremacist views. (Source: CNN, August 31, 2015)

DHS Intelligence Note: On March 3, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security reported that members of a pro-ISIS Telegram channel were encouraging followers in the West to carry out attacks on Jewish communities. ISIS supporters on this Telegram channel since mid-February have posted a large number of files containing PDFs and video tutorials on a variety of potential attack preparations and methods to support "the Lone Mujahid." Resources posted on the Telegram channel include videos, guides, and tutorials—mostly in English—ranging from sections of religious texts purported to condone violent extremism to tactical guidance regarding weapons and explosives, physical training, survival in

hostile environments, and self- defense. A recent post urged members to head for "the nearest Jewish" area, included a photo of Paris kosher supermarket attacker Amedy Coulibaly, and encouraged readers to follow Coulibaly's example and attack people of the Jewish faith. (Source: DHS Intelligence Note: IA-0094-17, March 3, 2017)

Illustration: On April 29, 2016, James Gonzalo Medina was arrested while carrying what he thought was a bomb that he intended to use in an attack on a nearby Florida synagogue. He had purchased the dummy bomb from an undercover FBI agent. According to the criminal complaint, Medina originally planned to attack the synagogue with AK-47 assault rifles around the time of Passover (late April) and then kill himself as a martyr. He hoped to leave some sort of "clue" to tie his attack to an international terrorist organization, such as ISIS or al-Shabaab. (Source: Department of Justice, Release 16-518, May 2, 2016)

NCTC, DHS, FBI Joint Article: On August 3, 2016, the National Counterterrorism Center, DHS and FBI reported that since mid-2015, homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) are increasingly favoring softer civilian targets, such as Jewish houses of worship, having judged them to have lower levels of security and as a result of direct encouragement from overseas violent extremists, such as ISIL. According to the assessment, HVEs would likely target softer civilian targets over law-enforcement personnel, military members, and US Government-associated targets. (Sources: NCTC CURRENT Article: 2016-1727, August 3, 2016; New York Times, May 20, 2009)

Illustration: As an example of the threat, the report referenced a 2009 plot to blow up a New York-based synagogue and community center and footnoted a New York Time's article describing the plot. According to the New York Time's report, the attackers planned simultaneous bombing attacks on the synagogue and Jewish center and went as far as planting one of the improvised explosive devices in a trunk of a car outside the temple and two mock bombs in the back seat of a car outside the Jewish center right before they were arrested. Unbeknownst to the attackers, the devices were inert. (Source: NYTs, May 20, 2009)

Southern Poverty Law Center Report: The number of hate groups in the United States rose in 2016, and most of them subscribe to anti-Semitic views, according to a report released by the SPLC. In 2016, 917 hate groups were active, up from 892 in 2015. According to SPLC spokesperson Mark Potok, the vast majority of the groups are anti-Semitic. According to Potok, at least 550 of the groups are anti-Semitic in nature, and he emphasized that the number represented "a minimum. The groups active in 2016 include 99 categorized as neo-Nazi, 100 as white nationalist, 130 as Ku Klux Klan and 21 as Christian Identity, a religious movement that says whites are the true Israelites and Jews are descended from Satan. "2016 was an unprecedented year for hate," Potok said in a statement in the report. (Sources: SPLC Hate Map: <https://www.splcenter.org/hate-map>; JTA, February 16, 2017)

Specific Threat Incidents Reported January 2017 – Present

(Events identified as "National" are relevant to all communities, in general. Events identified as "Worldwide" are also generally relevant to communities located in the US.)

California, May 16, 2018 (JTA): A robocall against California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein used anti-Semitic slurs and urged listeners to support the campaign of her neo-Nazi challenger. The 90-second call refers to Feinstein as a "traitorous" Jew and "an Israeli citizen pretending to be an American."

Westfield, Massachusetts, May 14, 2018 (The College Fix): Responding to a spate of reported hate crimes, Westfield State University **installed 400 security cameras**. Afterwards, the weekly rate of people **reporting bias and hate crimes there dropped by 93 percent**. During an 11-week period during the fall 2017 semester there were 23 incidents reported. Since the cameras were installed, there has only been three complaints.

Worldwide, May 11, 2018 (Aritz Sheva/Yediot Ahronot, Israel news): Iranian forces or terrorist groups linked to Iran may target Jewish communities outside of Israel, following a series of recent Israeli airstrikes on Iranian targets and Iranian Revolutionary Guard attacks on Israel. Israeli security officials estimate that Iran's military capabilities in Syria suffered a serious blow in the recent attacks, leaving Tehran with limited options for a direct strike on Israel to "avenge" its recent losses. One option would mark a return to **Iran's use of Hezbollah for attacks against "soft" Jewish targets outside of Israel**. Iran has used the terrorist group Hezbollah as its proxy to attack non-Israeli Jewish targets abroad. Jewish schools, synagogues, and other institutions around the world are reportedly taking extra security precautions following the recent escalation between Israel and Iran. It is further reported **that Jewish institutions in Africa, Asia, and South America have all recently requested assistance from local governments in tightening up security**.

Beaumont, Texas, May 10, 2018 (Channel 12 news): Beaumont Police along with the FBI and ATF are investigating a **"package bomb" that detonated on the front steps of the office at St Stephen's Episcopal Church**. No one was injured in the detonation that was thought to have happened sometime after the church's evening services. The detonation busted out windows and left some holes in the walls according to Doyle

New York, New York, May 10, 2018 (BKLYNER): After a video of a **Brooklyn man mocking a Hasidic boy's hairstyle went viral through social media platforms**, local officials were quick to condemn the incident as hateful anti-Semitism. The video, which has now been taken down, had over 100,000 likes on Twitter and was shared thousands of times on Facebook.

Columbus, Ohio, May 10, 2018 (JTA/Channel 10 news): The **campaign yard sign of a Jewish candidate for Congress from central Ohio was defaced with a swastika**. The sign for Lawrence Cohen, a Jewish candidate for the Republican Party's nomination for Ohio's 12th Congressional District, had been placed on public property. The swastika was discovered two days before the state primary. "It seems like they decided that a Jewish candidate running for Congress was not something they could tolerate and decided to deface the sign," Cohen told the local news. "Whether it's on a banner for a congressional candidate, or the side of a synagogue, or on a Jewish doctor's office, it's a hate crime and it's extremely disturbing," Cohen also said. He filed a report with the Licking County Sheriff's Office. A statement from the Columbus Jewish Federation said that **swastikas are "the ultimate symbol of hatred and its appearance locally is extremely disturbing."**

Omaha, Nebraska, May 9, 2018 (The Forward/Omaha World Herald): Anti-Semitic flyers urging people to join a white supremacist book club were recently found in Omaha neighborhoods. The **flyers contain hate messages against Jewish people, encourage people to join pro-white activist clubs and direct people to a neo-Nazi website**. There are 19 of the "book clubs" across the nation, according to the website's own list, which includes a Nebraska club

New York, New York, May 9, 2018 (JTA/Forest Hills Post): A 14-year-old boy was **punched and cursed outside of a yeshiva and high school** in Queens, New York. The attack occurred outside the Yeshivath Shaar Hatorah Grodno. A man punched the teen in the face and called him a "Jew boy," according to

local news reports, citing police. The incident is being investigated as a bias incident by the NYPD's Hate Crimes Task Force. The attack comes on the heels of several recent assaults with allegedly anti-Semitic motives in Brooklyn targeting visibly Orthodox Jewish men.

Worldwide, May 7, 2018 (JTA): The Anti-Defamation League estimated that there were 4.2 million anti-Semitic tweets in the period between Jan. 29, 2017, and Jan. 28, 2018. ADL searched for classic anti-Semitic stereotypes, like greedy bankers, despoilers of racial purity, God killers; anti-Semitic pejoratives, Holocaust denial; and praise for anti-Semitic figures. It did not focus on criticism of Israel except when it was cast according to the identified stereotypes or conspiracy theories.

Towson, Maryland, May 3, 2018 (JTA/Baltimore Sun): Two members of the historically Jewish Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at Towson University were **victims of a possible anti-Semitic attack**. The fraternity members were walking near the campus when the two assailants began shouting "F*** the Jews" and called them by an ethnic slur. The assailants then began punching one of the fraternity members in the face. One of the victims recognized the assailants as Towson students. The assault reportedly is being investigated as a hate-bias incident. Towson is a public university with some 22,000 students located less than 10 miles from Baltimore.

Durham, North Carolina, May 2, 2018 (JTA/Herald Sun): Anti-Semitic and white supremacist posters were found near the Duke University campus. One of the posters showed a silhouetted man pointing a gun at an image of a bearded man with a long nose wearing a kippah, with tentacles wrapped around the earth. The poster reads "Right of revolution. Your ancestors threw off foreign oppression, time for you as well." Other posters read "Greedy Jews" and "End Zionist Oppression." The posters said they were sponsored by the neo-Nazi group National Socialist Legion. Duke Professor Gavin Yamey who reported seeing the posters commented, "It's not subtle — **it's violent anti-Semitic imagery**, so I take this obviously very seriously." "I lost family to pogroms and in the Holocaust. Seeing incitements to shoot Jews in my hometown is not something I ever imagined."

Worldwide, May 1, 2018 (JTA): Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said that Jews caused the Holocaust with their "social behavior," such as money lending, among other anti-Semitic statements. Additionally, he told the Palestinian National Council that Jews do not have a historical connection to the land. The council is the legislative body of the Palestine Liberation Organization and elects the PLO's Executive Committee, which makes decisions on all Palestinian issues — in Israel, the West Bank and around the world. Abbas also said that most of Europe's Jews thought their money was more important than their lives because they stayed put. Abbas has faced accusations of Holocaust denial in the past. The Anti-Defamation League condemned Abbas' speech for "the depth and persistency of the anti-Semitic attitudes he harbors."

California, April 30, 2018 (JTA): A top challenger to longtime U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California is a white supremacist who espouses anti-Semitic views. Little has been endorsed by former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. In a campaign video posted to YouTube, Little said he "woke up to the Jewish question and dedicated my life to exposing these Jews that control our country." Little on his Twitter account has accused Israel's Mossad intelligence agency of playing a leading role in the 9/11 attacks in 2001 and said that "No man in history saved more Jewish lives than Adolf Hitler."

Worldwide, April 26, 2018 (US News): Late in March, Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Jewish grandmother and Holocaust survivor, was found dead – stabbed to death with her body partially burned – in her Paris apartment. Two men in their 20s were placed under formal investigation on charges of murder motivated by anti-Semitism. French interior minister Gérard Collomb told Parliament that one of the

alleged killers told the other, "She's a Jew. She must have money." French authorities are still investigating the circumstances of the case, but Jewish advocacy groups across the world have situated the murder in the broader context of rising anti-Semitism in France, and across Europe. Dr. Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, commented that he said, is another sign. **"There have been far too many of these murders and attempted murders of Jews in France to call them sporadic,"** Kantor wrote in an email. "This murder should not just appall us, it should serve as a final wake-up call that more must be done not just to protect Jewish communities and institutions, but also all individuals at risk." The brutal murder of a woman who had already experienced the horrors of mass genocide has been particularly painful to the international Jewish community. **It follows other shocking anti-Semitic incidents in France, such as the 2012 killing of three Jewish children and a teacher at a Jewish school in Toulouse by an Islamic fundamentalist, and the 2015 murder of four people at a Jewish supermarket, linked to the Charlie Hebdo killings.** Kantor argued that 73 years after the end of World War II, Europe is no longer inoculated against anti-Semitism.

Evansville, Indiana, April 24, 2018 (Courier & Press): Neo-Nazi posters have recently been found on the University of Southern Indiana campus. According to Kindra Strupp, USI marketing and communications vice president, "They were inflammatory and neo-Nazi in nature and something that was very disturbing in their tone."

National, April 23, 2018 (DHS/FEMA): FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Assistant Administrator Thomas DiNanno testified before a House Homeland Security committee on the importance of Department's homeland security grant programs in assisting the Nation, particularly the Nation's high-risk urban areas, in preventing, preparing for and responding to terrorist attacks. His testimony included significant comment on the contributions of **the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which while smaller than the other grant programs is "nonetheless [a] significant program for its recipients."**

New York, New York, April 23, 2018 (JTA/CBS New York): Footage emerged of the **violent anti-Semitic attack on an ultra-Orthodox Jewish man** who was severely beaten and choked while walking home from Shabbat services in New York. In the video, the attacker jumps on the victim, 52-year-old Menachem Moskowitz, from behind in the Crown Heights neighborhood in Brooklyn, sending his hat and glasses flying into a nearby garden, beating him, pushing up against an iron fence and attempting to strangle him. The video may be viewed at: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/footage-emerges-of-violent-anti-semitic-assault-in-brooklyn/>.

Newnan, Georgia, April 23, 2018 (Time): Neo-Nazis held a **swastika burning following a white supremacist rally in the city of Newnan**. Photographer Spencer Platt captured the scene for Getty Images. His pictures show a massing burning swastika and an othala rune – a pagan symbol that was used by some elements of the Third Reich. One image shows dozens of people giving Nazi salutes in front of a burning swastika that appears to be 12 to 18 feet tall. Images of the burning may be viewed at: <http://time.com/5249811/neo-nazis-burn-swastika-georgia/>.

Washington, DC, April 24, 2018 (JTA): DC councilman Trayon White, Sr. already under fire for saying on Facebook that rich Jews control the weather and for walking out in the middle of an organized tour of the U.S. Holocaust museum, said he donated \$500 to the Nation of Islam's Saviours' Day convention in Chicago from his constituent services fund. He had initially said he did not know about the donation, but his treasurer told the Washington Post that the councilman had ordered him to make the payment. **At the convention, Farrakhan made anti-Semitic comments, including calling "powerful Jews" his enemy and blaming Jews in Hollywood for the existence of transgender people.**

Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 23, 2018 (10 WAVY.Com): Police are investigating swastikas spray painted on local businesses, including Stein Mart. The **hate messages included a swastika and the words 'no jew.'** As reported by Fortune in March 2015, Stein Mart is a national clothing chain that was founded in the early 20th Century by Sam Stein, who immigrated to the US in 1905 from Russia, to escape the persecutions of Russian Jews.

New York, New York, April 22, 2018 (JTA): An identifiably **Jewish man was beaten and choked while walking home from Shabbat services** in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. It is the second such attack in two weeks. The assailant allegedly put the Jewish man in a chokehold and threatened to kill him. Two bystanders intervened to separate the men. Police have opened an investigation into the attack as an assault motivated by bias. The assailant fled and the victim sustained a cracked rib along with swelling, bruising and scratches over his body.

Irvine, California, April 20, 2018 (Los Angeles Times): A 26-year-old Irvine man who prosecutors say **threatened to kill prominent Jews was charged on suspicion of attempted hate crime threats**, officials said. Investigators found Nicholas Rose in possession of "kill lists" of Jewish people, a list of steps titled "killing my first Jew," and anti-Semitic literature, according to the Orange County district attorney's office. A family member called the Orange Police Department when Rose said that he wanted to kill people and made violent threats against the Jewish community, prosecutors said. Authorities are trying to determine whether Rose was part of a hate group.

Syracuse, New York, April 19, 2018 (New York Daily News/Daily Orange): A fraternity at Syracuse University has been suspended after racist anti-Semitic videos of members surfaced in the student newspaper. Syracuse's chancellor Ken Syverud said that the Theta Tau chapter was suspended and that he was appalled by the videos that "include words and behaviors that are extremely racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, sexist, and hostile to people with disabilities." Excerpts highlighted by the Daily Orange include one member saying **"You fuckin' kikes, get in the fuckin' showers," the term "kike" is an ethnic slur for a Jewish person.**

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19, 2018 (Cleveland Jewish News): A 23-year-old Cleveland man has been **arrested for allegedly leaving harassing telephone messages, which at the time were described as "anti-Semitic," "vile" and "blasphemous,"** at Heights Jewish Center Synagogue in University Heights, Temple Israel Ner Tamid in Mayfield Heights and Northern Hills Synagogue in Cincinnati in January. Abdulrahman Abukhalil was arrested on two counts of harassing communication.

Garden City, Kansas, April 19, 2018 (AP): **Three Kansas militia members were convicted Wednesday of plotting to bomb a mosque and apartment complex housing Somali refugees**, an attack thwarted by another member of the group who tipped off federal authorities about escalating threats of violence. Sentencing is set for June 27. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the verdicts a significant victory against domestic terrorism and hate crimes. "The defendants in this case acted with clear premeditation in an attempt to kill people on the basis of their religion and national origin," Sessions said in a news release. "That's not just illegal — it's immoral and unacceptable, and we're not going to stand for it." The three men plotted an attack for the day after the presidential election.

New York, New York, April 16, 2018 (Reuters): A religious Jewish man was **assaulted in the Crown Heights neighborhood of New York near the international headquarters of the Chabad movement.** The movement established a network of more than 3,600 institutions that provide religious, social and humanitarian needs in over 1,000 cities, spanning 100 countries and all 50 American states. Chabad institutions provide humanitarian aid, as well as religious, cultural and educational activities at Chabad-

run community centers, synagogues, schools, camps, and soup kitchens. The man, who was walking with another haredi Orthodox man, was attacked by three men and two women. Police reportedly have opened a bias investigation into the attack.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 12, 2018 (Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle): Pittsburgh's first director of Jewish community security is **expanding the scope of his services, providing preparedness and emergency training to the local Muslim community as well as to Jews.** Former FBI official Bradley Orsini has been raising safety awareness and offering emergency training in the Jewish community since he was hired by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh at the beginning of 2017, his position financed through a fund within the Federation's Jewish Community Foundation. There has been a recent marked increase in religiously motivated hate crimes against both Jews and Muslims. Last year, the FBI released data showing that Jews were the chief target of religiously motivated hate crimes, and that despite constituting just 2 percent of the American population, Jews were subject to 54.4 percent of those types of attacks. Muslims were the victims of 24.5 percent of religiously-motivated crimes, the next highest total after Jews.

Nationwide, April 13, 2018 (JTA): Members of a bipartisan U.S. House of Representatives task force on anti-Semitism **condemned attacks on survivors of the Florida high school shooting in February, including anti-Semitic images and comparisons of the students to Nazis.** "It is shameful for anyone to attack students – especially survivors of gun violence – with anti-Semitic slurs and Nazi comparisons," said the statement Friday by four members of the task force. "Policy differences are never an excuse for anti-Semitism. We condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms and reject any inappropriate evocation of the Holocaust or comparison to Nazis." Reps. Ted Deutch, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Eliot Engel and Nita Lowey joined in the condemnation. A substantial portion of the high school's student body is Jewish. Five of the 17 students and teachers killed in the attack were Jewish.

Nationwide, April 11, 2018J (AP): A new anti-Semitism report released by the Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry has found that **anti-Jewish assault cases in 2017 were more brazen in their brutality.** It further cited an audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League that **identified 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents perpetrated throughout the United States in 2017.** This is an increase of 57% over incidents reported in 2016 -- the largest single-year increase on record and the second highest number reported since the ADL started tracking such data in 1979. Moreover, for the first time since at least 2010, an incident occurred in every US state.

Janesville, Wisconsin, April 11, 2018 (JTA): Paul Nehlen, a **far-right candidate is mounting a campaign for the Republican nomination to replace Speaker Paul Ryan** to represent Wisconsin's 1st District. Nehlen **peddles anti-Semitic tropes about Jewish control of the media.** Nehlen has raised \$160,000 for his run, according to the Open Secrets election monitoring website. The only other Republican contender, Nick Polce, an Army Special Forces veteran, has raised under \$18,000. The primary is Aug. 14. Nehlen has embraced the white supremacist slogan "It's okay to be white," seemed to endorse a book that blames Jews for introducing vice into Nordic societies, and tweeted a list of media executives he identified as Jewish or married to Jews. Already this year, a neo-Nazi has won the Republican primary in Illinois' 3rd Congressional District.

Newnan, Georgia, April 11, 2018 (Southern Poverty Law Center): The neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement (NSM) may have agreed not to return to Charlottesville, Virginia, with weapons, but that's certainly not stopping its members from **planning a string of racist rallies** elsewhere, including one on April 21 in Newnan, Georgia. The NSM chose to hold their rally at Greenville Street Park in Newnan due to the presence of several Confederate monuments in the city. August 12, 2018 is the one-year

anniversary of the disastrous events surrounding the 2017 “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville. By signing a consent decree not to return to Charlottesville, the NSM extractes itself from a lawsuit filed last October by the city of Charlottesville, local businesses and neighborhood associations contending the heavily armed, camo-clad militia groups and their white supremacist allies endangered public safety.

Nashville, Tennessee, April 9, 2018 (AP): A Tennessee man accused of **harassing two teenage Muslim girls and then swinging a knife and attacking their father** is a facing a federal hate crime charge, the Justice Department said. A federal grand jury in Nashville has indicted Christopher Beckham, 32, and charged him with violating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act and lying to the FBI. He is accused of confronting two sisters in hijabs after they got off a school bus and saying "Allahu Akbar!" and "Go back to your country," federal court records say. "While the defendant was in the patrol car, the arresting officer heard the defendant continue to make racist comments about the victims," the police report said. "The defendant threatened he was going to go back and kill Mr. Ali and his family when he got out of jail."

Washington, DC, April 9, 2018 (Refinery29.Com): Police arrested a person who was **hanging anti-Semitic, anti-gun control flyers near the American University campus** in Washington, D.C. The posters depicted an anti-gun control message along with pictures of Adolf Hitler and one of the students advocating for gun safety after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, FL, according to Dr. Fanta Aw, Vice President of Campus Life and inclusive excellence. "Particularly given that these posters were found during a week in which we remember those who were lost in the Holocaust, we understand how hurtful and deeply offensive this can be to our Jewish community and to all who mourn in solidarity with them," Dr. Aw said in a statement. Five of the 17 people killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas were Jewish, as are some of the leaders of the Never Again movement for gun reform.

Vermont, April 9, 2018 (New York Times/WPTZ-TV): Authorities say **white supremacist flyers have been posted at several libraries in Vermont, many on college campuses.** Flyers were found at Middlebury College, Southern Vermont College and the Rutland Free Library. The flyers quote Bible verses and include pictures of the Confederate flag. University of Vermont President Tom Sullivan said the university and other educational institutions around the country have recently seen "a proliferation of racist messaging."

Bellingham, Washington, April 8, 2018 (Seattle PI/KOMO News): In the past few weeks, vandals damaged a total of seven Jewish Studies books at Western Washington University. On more than one occasion, someone vandalized books inside the school library. According to a University spokesman, in the most recent incident, someone ripped pages out of the book and broke the book's spine. In previous incidents, other books were cut or torn or had pages defaced. Police are investigating. In a separate incident, someone drew a swastika on a poster outside a faculty member's office in the communications building.

Chrystal River, Florida, April 3, 2018 (JTA/ Huffington Post/CNN/SPLC): A Florida middle school teacher who **hosted a white supremacist podcast and shared anti-Semitic and Islamophobic content on social media** has resigned. Dayanna Volitich, a teacher at Crystal River Middle School, in the western part of the state, was removed from her classroom early last month when the Citrus County School District began investigating the podcast she hosted under a pseudonym. The probe started after the Huffington Post reported that using the name Tiana Dalichov, the teacher bragged about secretly injecting her beliefs into the classroom. She reportedly bashed diversity, said Muslims should be eradicated “from the face of the Earth” and praised the work of Kevin MacDonald, a retired psychology professor who holds

anti-Semitic views. MacDonald has said Jews are genetically programmed to destroy Western societies, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Anchorage, Alaska, April 2, 2018 (The Northern Light): Identity Evropa, a **neo-Nazi organization, posted posters in multiple locations on the University of Alaska Anchorage's campus.** The group is self-described as, "a fraternal organization for people of European heritage located in the United States. The group, which has over 29,000 followers on Twitter, is known for encouraging its members to put up posters like the ones spotted at UAA. The University of Washington, Northern Illinois University, Eastern Washington University and the University of Oklahoma have denounced the organization after finding similar flyers posted around their respective campuses. Identity Evropa is classified as a hate group by The Southern Poverty Law Center. Currently, The Southern Poverty Law Center lists 954 active hate groups in the United States, four being active or headquartered in Alaska.

New Jersey, March 29, 2018 (NJ.Com/Division of State Police, NJ): Reports of hate crimes are on the rise in New Jersey after years of steady decline, according to new data released by the State Police. There were 417 bias incident offenses reported by police agencies across the state in 2016, according to the new report, up 14 percent from the 367 reported in 2015. **The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 30% (124) of all bias offenses.**

Wilmington, Massachusetts, March 28, 2018 (DoJ, US Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts): A Wilmington man was sentenced to five years in prison and five years of supervised release for **making threats over Facebook to burn a local mosque and for unlawfully possessing dozens of firearms and ammunition.** Patrick Keogan, 46, posted threatening images on the Facebook page of the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, a Roxbury-based cultural center that offers a mosque and educational, spiritual, and social services to the New England Muslim community. Keogan posted an image depicting a mosque in flames with superimposed lettering that stated, "BURN YOUR LOCAL MOSQUE." Keogan also posted the same threatening image on the Facebook page of the Islamic Society of Northeastern University. Keogan's Facebook account also showed that he had been buying, selling, trading, building, modifying, possessing, and shooting firearms and ammunition, despite his prohibition from doing so as a convicted felon. On May 1, 2016, Keogan purchased two boxes of 8mm rifle ammunition and two bags of loose 8mm rifle ammunition at a gun store in New Hampshire. Upon Keogan's arrest in July 2016, authorities searched his residence and found light machine guns, assault rifles, and sniper rifles, and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Washington, DC, March 27, 2018 (Washington Post): After claiming a Jewish banking dynasty controls the climate and federal government, D.C. Council member Trayon White Sr.'s path to atonement included meeting with fellow lawmakers and local Jewish community leaders. White's anti-Semitic comments had set off an international uproar. **White posted a video in which he accused "the Rothschilds" of controlling the climate to make money — an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that has gained traction on the web.** He later removed the video and issued an apology. White has been privately meeting and speaking to Jewish leaders and is planning to visit the Holocaust Museum and attend a Passover Seder. Although some residents have called for White's resignation, lawmakers and Jewish leaders at the breakfast made clear they were content with his attempt to make amends and use the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism.

Virginia, March 27, 2018 (JTA/The Hill): Virginia Republicans have ousted a party leader who **said only Christians should run for party positions.** Fredy Burgos was voted off the State Central Committee. He had been elected to the post. Top Republicans in the state had called for his removal, noting his history of making controversial comments. "Having a preference for Christians over non-Christians as political

leaders is not bigoted,” Burgos said last month in a Facebook post promoting his favored candidate, Tim Hannigan, for the chairmanship of the Fairfax County Republican Committee **against a Jewish rival**, Mike Ginsberg. During the presidential campaign, Burgos **made anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant comments on social media**. He removed them following requests by party officials.

Chicopee, Massachusetts, March 26, 2018 (22 News WWLP): Anti-Semitic graffiti was found by the Connecticut River in Chicopee. The **anti-Semitic symbols include a swastika and the letters KKK**. The graffiti was spray painted on the water treatment facility and under a nearby bridge.

Lakewood, New Jersey, March 25, 2018 (New Jersey 101.5/The Lakewood Scoop): **Vandals struck a township synagogue for the second time in the past year**. Members of the Sons of Israel discovered the graffiti on Saturday night, according to the Lakewood Scoop. Pictures on the news site show "666" spray painted onto a monument at the front of their building. Another showed a swastika on the side of a white pickup truck in a parking lot. The temple was last vandalized in July, when anti-Semitic banners were draped over the congregation's holocaust memorial.

Amhurst, Massachusetts, March 23, 2018 (US News & World Report/AP): Hampshire College has launched a criminal investigation into what the school's administration calls "**an act of blatant and deplorable anti-Semitism**." Hampshire College President Jonathan Lash said in a message to the campus community that the act occurred in a residential area. He called all incidents "acts of cowardice intended to intimidate and hurt all of us." A spokesman for the school in Amherst says no additional information is being released because it's an ongoing investigation by campus police.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 22, 2018 (JTA/Cleveland Jewish News): A Cincinnati-area man was indicted on a federal hate crimes charge for **attacking a man he mistakenly thought was Jewish**. According to the indictment, Izmir Koch, 32, allegedly punched the victim, knocking him to the ground and continued to hit and kick him. The victim suffered injuries to his ribs and a fracture of the orbital floor, the bottom portion of his eye socket. U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman told reporters that the victim was not actually Jewish, but since Koch beat him because he believed he was Jewish, a federal grand jury indicted him on one count of committing a hate crime. **“Physically attacking someone because you think he’s Jewish — or Christian or Muslim or any other religion — is a federal crime,” Glassman said in a statement announcing the indictment.** “This office prosecutes hate crimes.”

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 22, 2018 (Cincinnati.Com): A lawsuit against a neo-Nazi website publisher over an anti-Semitic online trolling campaign against a Montana family will not be dismissed because he has been traveling outside the U.S. for several years (an alleged pretext to avoid prosecution), a federal magistrate judge ordered. U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeremiah Lynch said there's sufficient evidence that The Daily Stormer's publisher, Andrew Anglin, was legally "domiciled" in Ohio when he allegedly invaded the privacy of a Montana Jewish real estate agent Tanya Gersh and her family. Gersh sued Anglin, accusing him of invading her privacy, intentionally inflicting "emotional distress" and violating a Montana anti-intimidation law. Gersh claims anonymous **internet trolls bombarded her family with hateful and threatening messages after Anglin published their personal information**. Anglin's site takes its name from Der Stürmer, a newspaper that published Nazi propaganda in Nazi-era Germany, and includes sections called "Jewish Problem" and "Race War."

New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 22, 2018 (The Forward): The **white supremacist group Identity Evropa posted flyers on the campus of Rutgers University, which has one of the biggest campus Jewish populations in the country**. The posters included images of their logo, sayings like “Our Generation, Our Future, Our Last Chance” and their website information. White supremacist groups have a sharply growing presence on college campuses, according to the Anti-Defamation League, with Identity Evropa

accounting for nearly half of all tracked incidents since the fall of 2016. Rutgers is home to approximately 6,400 Jewish students, comprising 18% of the total undergraduate population.

Chicago, Illinois, March 20, 2018 (New York Times): Arthur Jones, a **Holocaust denier described as a Nazi by the Illinois Republican Party, won the Republican primary** in the state's Third Congressional District, which includes parts of Chicago. Mr. Jones, 70, unsuccessfully sought the nomination five times before, and his victory on Tuesday was a foregone conclusion after the Republican Party failed to draft another candidate to enter the race against him. "Arthur Jones is not a real Republican — he is a Nazi whose disgusting, bigoted views have no place in our nation's discourse," Tim Schneider, the Illinois Republican Party chairman, said in a statement.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 20, 2018 (The Forward): An anti-Semitic flyer was posted on a bulletin board at the University of Minnesota. The **flyer claimed that Jewish politicians were behind political gun control efforts**. It also **featured anti-Semitic caricatures of scheming Jews with beards and long noses**. It was listed as having been "brought to you by" the neo-Nazi website The Daily Stormer, the same one listed on flyers put up around campus in February 2017.

Miami Beach, Florida, March 20, 2018 (ABC 10 News Local): Miami Beach police are searching for a man who was captured on surveillance **video vandalizing security cameras** at a synagogue.

Bloomington, Minnesota, March 13, 2018 (DoJ, US Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota): United States Attorney Gregory G. Brooker announced a federal criminal complaint charging Michael Mcwhorter, 29, Joe Morris, 22, and Michael B. Hari, 47, for **using an explosive device to maliciously destroy and damage the Dar al-Farooq Islamic Center ("DAF")** in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Nationwide, March 12, 2018 (CNN): Jewish groups are criticizing Russian President Putin for suggesting in an interview with NBC News' Megyn Kelly that Russian minorities such as **Jews could be behind alleged meddling in the 2016 US presidential election**. "President Putin bizarrely has resorted to the blame game by pointing the finger at Jews and other minorities in his country," said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, CEO of the ADL, in a statement "It is deeply disturbing to see the Russian president giving new life to classic anti-Semitic stereotypes that have plagued his country for hundreds of years."

Atlanta, Georgia, March 12, 2018 (Fox 5 News local): Leaflets from a **white supremacist group** were thrown on lawns and sidewalks in the Candler Park neighborhood.

Plattsburgh, New York, March 7, 2018 (WCAZ 3 CBS local): Signs have been posted on utility poles and other city property by the **white supremacist group Patriot Front**. Lt. Levi Ritter with the Plattsburgh Police says the signs promote the white nationalist agenda.

Alexandria, Virginia, March 6, 2018 (DoJ, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia): An Alexandria man pleaded guilty to **threatening to murder African-Americans at Howard University, a historically black, nonprofit university** in Washington, D.C. John Edgar Rust, 26, pleaded guilty to transmission in interstate commerce of a communication containing threats to injure the person of another and faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison when sentenced on July 20.

Nationwide, March 6, 2018 (ABC News): Some **alt-right and white supremacist groups are using the same online recruiting tactics pioneered by ISIS, al Qaeda and other foreign-based extremist groups to grow** their ranks. John Cohen, an ABC News consultant and former acting Homeland Security undersecretary. Oren Segal, the director of the Anti-Defamation League's center on extremism,

reiterated that the online propaganda for hate groups mirrors the way that ISIS and other extremist groups, who, he says "were sort of early adopters to technology," have been trying to approach Americans for years. The most recent possible example is the Parkland, Florida, school rampage. After the deadly February 14 shooting, it was reported that shooter Nikolas Cruz had a swastika on one of the ammunition magazines found at the school, a law enforcement source told ABC News. Additionally, Cruz's public defender, Howard Finkelstein, said anti-Semitic postings made by Cruz were discovered by investigators after the shooting, which left 17 students and staff from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School dead.

Nationwide, March 5, 2018 (Jewish Journal): An organization fighting anti-Semitism was locked out of Twitter for exposing an anti-Semitic tweet. The organization, Canary Mission, claims that Twitter locked them out of their account yet again for exposing an anti-Semitic tweet issued by an alumnus of Students for Justice in Palestine at University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington). According to Canary Mission, Twitter informed them they would be prevented from accessing their account for tweeting that **Ahmed Ellahi "modified Adele's lyrics to say 'Set Fire to the Jews.'"** Canary Mission told the Journal in an email that Twitter never explained to them why their tweet violated the site's policies. "How is it possible that exposure of gross anti-Semitism can break a Twitter rule?" the organization stated in the press release. "What rule could Twitter possibly have against fighting bigotry? Given that the original deeply offensive tweet stood for 5 years, it is even harder to understand."

Massachusetts, March 2, 2018 (The Daily Free Press): Massachusetts' increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes are among the highest in the nation. The Anti-Defamation League released an audit showing a 42 percent rise in reported anti-Semitic incidents in Massachusetts from 2016 to 2017.

San Francisco, California, March 1, 2018 (Algemeiner): An apology by the president of San Francisco State University to members of the Jewish community was met with backlash from anti-Zionists on campus, including Associate Professor Rabab Abdulhadi who described it as "a declaration of war" against Arabs, Muslims, and Palestinians. Following a meeting with SFSU students from the Jewish group Hillel, President Leslie Wong sent a mass email apologizing for past comments affecting the Jewish community — particularly a May interview in which he refused to categorically assert that Zionists were welcome at SFSU. After study and reflection, the president said last week, "I have come to understand how flawed my comments were." Tensions have persisted for years between the Jewish community and SFSU, which is currently facing **two lawsuits alleging that it suffers from "institutionalized antisemitism."**

Conway, South Carolina, February 28, 2018 (WYFF 4 NBC local): A man who was tracked by the FBI after posts on social media showed his admiration of church shooter Dylann Roof and his desire for violence against Jews and Muslims has pleaded guilty to federal charges. Benjamin Thomas Samuel McDowell, 30, of Conway, pleaded guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The FBI became aware of McDowell's escalating white supremacist views on social media, in which McDowell advocated violence against nonwhites. **Agents said McDowell's comments implied that a particular synagogue might be a possible target of violence.**

Nationwide, February 28, 2018 (DoJ, US Attorney's Office, District of Columbia): The Department of Justice announced the indictment of Michael Ron David Kadar, 19, in three jurisdictions for hate crimes and other offenses. The indictment from Florida charges Kadar with **hate crimes as a result of threatening calls he made to Jewish Community Centers** in the state. The indictment from the District of Columbia charges Kadar with threatening the Israeli Embassy and the Anti-Defamation League in Washington, D.C. The third indictment charges Kadar with cyberstalking and conveying false information

to police regarding harm to private residents in Georgia. “When individuals target victims of their crimes based on who they are, what they believe, or how they worship, they target the bedrock principles on which our nation was founded,” said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. “These alleged threats of violence instilled fear in the Jewish community and other communities across the country...” “These alleged threats were very real for those individuals who were evacuated ... and for those in Jewish communities across the United States who felt targeted and unsafe,” said FBI Director Christopher Wray.

Nationwide, February 28, 2018 (ADL): The Anti-Defamation League reported a 57 percent jump in anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. in 2017. The group **recorded 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents, including 163 bomb threats against Jewish institutions and reported that one or more incidents occurred in every state.** The number of incidents was the highest figure reported in more than two decades.

Portland, Maine, February 27, 2018 (DoJ, US Attorney’s Office, District of Maine): Nina Michalski, 61, of Portland, Maine, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court to **sending bomb threats to religious institutions through the mail.** According to court records, between October 2016 and February 2017, Michalski sent three letters from Maine to religious congregations in California. These letters indicated that a bomb had been planted or would be planted in the congregations’ facilities. Michalski faces up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release.

Nationwide, February 27, 2018 (Newsweek): The number of recorded **anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. rose by 57 percent in 2017,** according to a new study from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The ADL recorded 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, an average of more than five per day, **the largest single-year increase on record** and the second highest number reported since the civil rights group started collecting data in 1979.

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 27, 2018 (WCPO 9 Cincinnati): Xavier University is investigating a report of a Nazi or **swastika flag hanging in a dormitory window.**

Walla Walla, Washington, February 27, 2018 (Union-Bulletin): Whitman College officials said a **swastika drawing** had been found at Penrose Library on campus, a second case this school year of what appears to be white nationalist propaganda.

Tampa, Florida, February 27, 2018 (DoJ): The Justice Department announced that David H. Howard, 59, of Tampa, Florida, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, to threatening, intimidating, and interfering with a Muslim family’s enjoyment of their housing rights. Howard intimidated and interfered with the victims, who sought to purchase a home in the Davis Islands neighborhood of Tampa, Florida, by **threatening to burn down the home, simply because it was being purchased by a Muslim family.**

Fort Collins, Colorado, February 26, 2018 (Rocky Mountain Collegian): **Posters affiliated with the white supremacist group, Identity Europa, were posted in a Colorado State University academic building.** At least six posters were found initially. There were at least three posters with different messages: “Our Generation Our Future Our Last Chance,” “Action Leadership Identity” and “Your Professor is Scared of This Book,” with an image of the book, “White Identity.” CSU’s Public Safety team issued an alert for a bias-motivated incident. The alert described the flyers explicitly as related to a “white supremacist group.”

New York, New York, February 26, 2018 (CBS News): February 26th marked the 25th anniversary of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, where six people were killed, including a pregnant woman. The blast injured more than 1,000 and forced 50,000 people to flee the trade center. Six bombing suspects were

convicted and are in prison, including accused ringleader Ramzi Yousef -- a nephew of self-proclaimed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. A seventh suspect in the bombing remains at large. Abdul Rahman Yasin is the seventh suspect who was never caught. On May 31, 2002, CBS News's 60 Minutes program interviewed Yasin. During the interview, Yasin explained that the Twin Towers were not the terrorists' first choice. Rather, he stated that the Yousef initially **intended to target Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn, and scouted Jewish areas of Crown Heights and Williamsburg to blow up.** Yasin further explained that Yousef switched plans to target the World Trade Center because he decided that one big explosion would be more efficient than orchestrating multiple smaller attacks in Jewish neighborhoods. Yasin said that Yousef reasoned that the WTC was ideal because, "the majority of people who work in the World Trade Center are Jews." (Source: CBS News, Link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-the-man-who-got-away/>)

Nationwide, February 25, 2018 (The Post and Courier): Hate groups in America used a simplistic approach to their recruitment efforts last year by plastering racist flyers on college campuses nationwide. The annual "Year in Hate and Extremism" report from the Southern Poverty Law Center found there were roughly **300 incidents in 2017 where racist flyers were distributed on more than 200 college campuses** across the U.S.

Berkeley, California, February 23, 2018 (The Daily Californian): UCPD is investigating a report of anti-Semitic writings at the UC Berkeley campus. Benjamin Brinner, faculty director for the Center for Jewish studies, said he received reports that the incident involved an anti-Semitic message posted outside of the office of a Jewish professor. Brinner said he believes this was especially disturbing as the threatening messages called for the death of a teacher. **"The message mentioned Hitler and called for killing the professor, using an extremely racist epithet for 'Jew,'" Brinner said.**

Warwick, New York, February 22, 2018 (AP): A 19-year-old accused of **spray-painting swastikas and other Nazi graffiti at a Jewish cemetery** in upstate New York has pleaded guilty to a hate crime charge. Several swastikas, the words "Heil Hitler" and the letters "SS" were found on the entrance to the Temple Beth Shalom's cemetery. He admitted that the vandalism was religiously motivated.

Nassau County, New York, February 22, 2018 (Newsday): Hempstead officials and Oceanside community leaders decried **a swastika spray-painted on a sidewalk** this week. Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito gathered with residents, Jewish war veterans and rabbis, urging the public to come forward to help identify the vandals who drew a swastika and lewd graffiti.

New York, New York, February 22, 2018 (Daily News): An **anti-Semitic vandal** etched swastikas on at least two cars in a Jewish neighborhood of Brooklyn. Police and the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force are investigating.

Nationwide, February 22, 2018 (NPR): Since last week's school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the number of **threats of violence against schools across the country has increased.** Educators School Safety Network says it recorded about 50 threats a day on average since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 people were killed. The Ohio-based national organization that tracks school threats says that compares to about 10 threats a day on average. Violent incidents or threats have occurred in 48 of the 50 states so far this school year, according to the network. Note: This includes a bomb threat this week at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland, next door to my children's middle school (Source: WUSA 9, February 21, 2018) One year ago, the David Posnack Jewish Day School in Davie, Florida, received a bomb threat. This K-12 private school is located just 25 minutes south of Parkland. (Source: ABC 10, March 3, 2017).

Storrs, Connecticut, February 20, 2018 (The Daily Campus): Two swastikas created in the snow were reported at the University of Connecticut. The swastikas, one large and one smaller, were clearly visible. “It’s discouraging and frustrating,” Executive Director of UConn Hillel Scott Selig said. “I really thought that we, as a country and a community, were past using symbols of hate.” Hillel is a Jewish college student organization.

Broward County, Florida, February 18, 2018 (JTA/CNN): Florida school shooter **Nikolas Cruz made anti-Semitic and other racist comments in a private Instagram group chat.** He joined the group chat around August 2017. The tragedy struck at the heart of one of the country’s largest Jewish communities. Of the 17 people who lost their lives, five were Jewish, including students Alyssa Alhadeff, 15, Meadow Pollack, 18, Jaime Guttenberg, 14, Alex Schachter, 14, and teacher Scott Biegel, 33. Florida is home to nearly 1 million Jews, making it the state with the third biggest Jewish population after New York and California.

Wisconsin, February 14, 2018 (JTA.AP): The Wisconsin Republican Party has dumped a **congressional candidate who has tweeted anti-Semitic statements and ideas,** and identifies with the “alt-right.” Paul Nehlen, who is running to unseat Speaker Paul Ryan in this year’s elections, was permanently banned from Twitter last week for racist and anti-Semitic tweets. Nehlen also claimed in a private Twitter direct message group that his critics are “working for the Jewish media.”

Davie, Florida, February 13, 2018 (Secure Community Network): **The Jewish Federation of Broward County’s David Posnak Jewish Community Center (JCC) received a suspicious envelope** via the United States Postal Service. The envelope contained a one dollar bill with the word “Dead” handwritten on the front and back of the bill. Local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service are investigating, and the envelope and the dollar bill were transferred for analysis. **The Jewish community center in Davie was hit with two bomb threats within days of each other this time last year.**

Fairfax County, Virginia, February 13, 2018 (JTA/Washington Post): Virginia Republicans have called for the ouster of a party official, Fredy Burgos, who **suggested in a Facebook posting that Jews should not run for political office.** He commented that “Having a preference for Christians over non-Christians as political leaders is not bigoted,” in a post promoting his favored candidate, Tim Hannigan, for the chairmanship of the Fairfax County Republican Committee **against a Jewish rival,** Mike Ginsberg. “It is a preference and a duty we are allowed,” he further stated. Hannigan and Ginsberg are running to chair the committee in Fairfax County. Top Republicans in the state called for Burgos’ removal. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington thanked officials for calling for the ouster of Burgos and their “speedy and unequivocal denouncement of Fredy Burgos’ anti-Semitic message.” The Anti-Defamation League’s Washington office also commended the Virginia Republicans “for making it clear that religious intolerance has no place in the state.”

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 12, 2018 (JTA/CBS KDKA): **Police detonated an unattended package left at a Pittsburgh-area Jewish Community Center.** A small canvas bag was left on a ramp leading to the parking garage under the JCC. Out of an abundance of caution, the JCC closed its facilities for a period of time and the Pittsburgh Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit detonated the bag. The package was later determined to be a bag of tools left behind by a worker. More than 100 bomb threats were made against JCCs throughout the United States in early 2017.

Cook County, Illinois, February 9, 2018 (JTA/CNN): Arthur Jones, a former neo-Nazi who is running for an Illinois congressional seat as the only Republican in his district, **inveighed against what he called the “Jew-party system” and called the Holocaust “poppycock” in an interview on CNN.** “Yes, I deny the Holocaust,” Jones said. “If you did any honest investigation of the Holocaust you’d realize that it is nothing but an international extortion racket by the Jews to bleed, blackmail, extort and terrorize

their enemies and to suck us into one war after another in the Mideast." Jones said further that, "The Jews controlled basically the country, the economy — the economy, the media," and called the existence of Auschwitz untrue. The Auschwitz concentration camp was a network of concentration and extermination camps built and operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II. The national Republican Party and the Illinois Republican Party have strongly disavowed Jones.

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 9, 2018 (FBI): The Cincinnati Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Cincinnati Police Department today announced a reward of up to \$3,000 for information leading directly to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for a **suspected anti-Muslim hate crime**. The incident: On May 4, 2017, a maroon and tan Ford Explorer owned by a person of Middle Eastern descent was badly damaged and vandalized with graffiti. A number of windows were broken out of the vehicle and the tires were slashed. Swastika symbols and other marks were scratched into the paint. In addition, several phrases were spray-painted inside and outside the vehicle, including "Go Home," "Muslim [sic] Terrorist," and other words and symbols.

St. Paul, Minnesota, February 8, 2018 (Fox 9, KMSP): The former St. Catherine's University student who reportedly set several fires on the school's campus in St. Paul, Minn. a few weeks ago was indicted in federal court for providing support to al-Qa'ida, as well as dual **charges for arson** and making a false statement to FBI agents, officials said. The terrorism-related charges stem from a September 19, 2017 letter Tnuza Jamal Hassan allegedly wrote and sent to fellow students at St. Catherine's asking them to "join the jihad in fighting," and to "[j]oin al-Qaeda, Taliban, or Al Shabaab," according to a release. In an interview with several FBI agents a few days later, officials say she denied ever writing or distributing the letter. Then, on Jan. 17, 2018, the 19-year-old set several small fires around the St. Catherine's campus, telling investigators, "You guys are lucky that I don't know how to build a bomb because I would have done that."

Missoula, Montana, February 8, 2018 (NY Post): Andrew Anglin, the publisher of a neo-Nazi website has until next week to notify a federal magistrate of his whereabouts as part of a lawsuit accusing him of orchestrating an **anti-Semitic trolling campaign** against a Montana family, a federal judge has ruled. The lawsuit said the family received a barrage of emails, phone calls and other messages after Anglin published their personal information that included her 12-year-old son's Twitter handle and photo.

Nationwide, February 6, 2018 (ABC News): Many of the Americans who traveled to Syria to fight alongside Islamist extremists remain a potential threat to the United States, according to a new report released by George Washington University's Program on Extremism. An unknown number of jihadists from western nations including the U.S. remain unidentified by authorities, which also remains a significant part of the threat, U.S. and European intelligence officials have recently told ABC News. "The idea that we know everyone who's fought in Syria — there's not a lot of comfort in the community saying that," the U.S. counterterrorism official said. "We wouldn't say we have that absolute certainty. That is challenging to obtain." John Cohen, an ABC News contributor and former counterterrorism coordinator at the Department of Homeland Security who maintains close ties to law enforcement, said jihadi groups in Syria have made efforts to hide westerners they recruited. "Law enforcement and counterterrorism officials remain concerned that there **may be Americans, whose identities are currently unknown, who were able to avoid detection**, make it these conflict zones, and who are now highly trained and experienced terrorists," Cohen said. **(Note: Cohen helped to foster the Nonprofit Security Grant program during his tenure at the Department of Homeland security.)**

Nationwide, February 1, 2018 (CNN): **White supremacist groups have been flocking to college campuses at an increased rate**, spreading propaganda and hoping to lure new followers, the Anti-Defamation League said. Since September 2016, the ADL's Center on Extremism has tracked 346

instances in which leaflets, stickers, posters and banners have appeared on more than 200 campuses across the country. The number of times the propaganda was recorded at schools in the fall semester of 2016 -- 41 -- more than tripled in the same time period a year later -- to 147, according to recent data provided by ADL.

Missoula, Montana, January 29, 2018 (Missoulian): A Missoula woman has been charged with what prosecutors deem a hate crime after allegedly writing an **anti-Semitic message** on her car window and parking in front of a Jewish family's home. Prosecutors filed for a felony hate crime sentencing enhancement.

Orange County, California, January 28, 2018 (Los Angeles Times/ProPublica): The 20-year-old Newport Beach man accused of killing a former high school classmate is an **avowed Neo-Nazi who trained with Atomwaffen Division, a notorious extremist group** committed to violent overthrow of the U.S. government. Samuel Woodward is charged with murder in the killing 19-year-old Blaze Bernstein, a Jewish University of Pennsylvania student who went missing this month while visiting his family in Orange County. Prosecutors say Woodward stabbed Bernstein 20 times and then buried his body in a Lake Forest park, where it was found days later. Atomwaffen's commitment to violence has made it one of the more dangerous groups to emerge from the new wave of white supremacists. Social media posts and chat logs shared by Woodward's friends show that he openly described himself as a "National Socialist" or Nazi. He **"was as anti-Semitic as you can get,"** according to one acquaintance.

Corvallis, Oregon, January 25, 2018 (The Oregonian): A student government representative at Oregon State University, who marched with white power proponents, is facing a recall over **his anti-Semitic views and activities** have become known. Andrew Oswalt delivered Nazi salutes to cars traveling on Interstate 5 and appears to have stood with a swastika flag outside the home of a man who advocates the extermination of Jewish people last year. Additionally, he wrote in an email to The Oregonian/OregonLive that "Germar Rudolf did nothing wrong," referring to a German chemist and Holocaust denier who was sentenced to prison by a German court in 1995 for inciting racial hatred. He was charged again in April 2006 with "systematically" denying or playing down the Nazi genocide of Europe's Jews in documents and on the Internet and of stirring anti-Semitic hatred.

Nationwide, January 24, 2018 (FBI/DHS Joint Threat Assessment): The FBI and Department of Homeland Security (with input from other intelligence agencies) released a Joint Threat Assessment, which underscored the vulnerability of "soft" targets in the United States to violent extremist groups. With respect to Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) the JTA provided: Terrorist groups such as al-Qa'ida, the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), and their affiliates remain intent on attacking Western targets and continue to call on individuals to conduct independent attacks in the United States using a range of weapons, including improvised explosive devices or incendiary devices (IEDs/IIDs), vehicles, small arms, and edged weapons. **These attacks have focused on soft and hard targets.** With respect to Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs), the JTA similarly provided: Unaffiliated lone offenders and HVEs are of particular concern due to their ability to remain undetected until operational, **willingness to attack civilians and soft targets,** and ability to inflict significant casualties with weapons that do not require specialized knowledge, access, or training.

Cleveland, Ohio, January 24, 2018 (JTA/Channel 19 News Cleveland): **Two Cleveland-area synagogues received anti-Semitic hate messages** on their voicemail systems. The messages, left on the voice-mail systems of Orthodox and Conservative synagogues, were described as "disturbing and anti-Semitic." Local police have labeled the incidents as "ethnic intimidation" and a "harassing communication." Police reportedly have not determined if the two incidents are related.

Oahu, Hawaii, January 24, 2018 (JTA): Two rare Torah scrolls were stolen from a synagogue on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. One was written in the 1850s in Lithuania and survived the Holocaust. In the fall, the Jewish center was targeted with **anti-Semitic epithets spray-painted** on the sidewalk outside the building.

Nationwide, January 24, 2018 (JTA/Times of Israel): A senior al-Qaeda leader was placed on the U.S. State Department's list of global terrorists a day after **he called on Muslims to "attack the Jews and the Americans everywhere"** in response to US decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Novi, Michigan, January 23, 2018 (JTA): Brandon Griesemer, 20, of Novi, Michigan was arrested after allegedly calling CNN 22 times and threatening to kill its employees – **making disparaging statements about Jewish people and African-Americans**. He was charged Friday in U.S. District Court with transmitting interstate communications with the intent to extort and threat to injure.

Detroit, Michigan, January 21, 2018 (NBC affiliate Local 4): The head of Detroit's Joint Terrorism Task Force reported on details of a Dearborn resident, Khalil Abu Rayyan, who was convicted on gun charges and sent to federal prison related to a plot to shoot up Detroit's Greater Grace church in 2015. The church is one of Michigan's largest megachurches with thousands of worshippers. Authorities tracked Rayyan's online postings, which included statements about wanting to go into a church to kill people, including women and children, running people over with his car, and skinning people alive." According to officials he also was practicing loading and reloading weapons. Officials had enough evidence to charge him with serious gun violations but not enough to charge him with terrorism charges.

Lake Forest, California, January 21, 2018 (The Forward/New York Post): Samuel Woodward, the high school classmate suspected of murdering Blaze Bernstein, reportedly posted white nationalist screeds on fringe sites and posted a photo of himself pretending to crush a friend's skull against a concrete parking barrier, in an apparent reenactment of a famed neo-Nazi attack from the 1998 film "American History X." The photo sheds new light on the hateful rage that police say led Woodward to stab Bernstein more than 20 times in a park on January 3rd. Police say they are investigating whether he will be charged with hate crimes.

Los Angeles, California, January 19, 2018 (Daily Bruin): Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh, the student body president at the University of California, Los Angeles returned to campus earlier this month to find her **mezuzah vandalized in an apparent anti-Semitic incident**. A mezuzah is a small ornament that is placed on the doorframe of Jewish homes, places of business, and synagogues. It contains two passages from the Torah that symbolize protection for practitioners of the faith. Mokhtarzadeh claimed that her predecessor was subjected to the same experience just last year, but vowed that she would not be intimidated into hiding her Jewish identity. Earlier this week, she rededicated a new mezuzah outside of her office. UCPD Lt. Kevin Kilgore said the department is investigating the incident as a potential hate crime because the mezuzah is religiously significant to the Jewish faith, and Mokhtarzadeh identifies as Jewish. He added there are currently no suspects or leads in the investigation.

Lexington, Kentucky, January 18, 2017 (NBC affiliate LEX18): A Rabbi said he witnessed a young adult tackle and **break the sign for the University of Kentucky Jewish Student Center**. He said there were about five or six individuals, including the one that damaged the sign. He said he heard male voices yelling things such as, "**Get the Jews, kill the Jews**". "One of them charged in the lawn, charged at the Jewish Student Center sign yelling 'Heil Hitler,' and tackled the sign to the ground," said Rabbi Litvin. The group ran off and Litvin said UK Police Officers recovered the sign. A Lexington Police Detective was assigned to the case.

Puerto Rico, January 18, 2018 (JTA): The El Nuevo Dia, Puerto Rico’s largest newspaper, removed from its website an **anti-Semitic opinion column** that blamed the island’s economic crisis on the Jews who “control” Wall Street and the U.S. government. The newspaper apologized for publishing the Jan. 8 column by Wilda Rodríguez titled “What does ‘the Jew’ want with the colony?” and eventually removed it from the website after some delay.

Miami, Florida, January 17, 2018 (DoJ (PR# 18-50)): A U.S. District Judge sentenced Gerald Wallace, 35, to 12 months and one day in prison and three years’ supervised release for **threatening to shoot members of a mosque** in Miami Gardens. Wallace pleaded guilty in October 2017 in the Southern District of Florida to one count of obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs for making the threatening call. During the plea hearing, Wallace admitted that on the evening of Feb. 19, 2017, Wallace left a voicemail message for the Islamic Center of Greater Miami, located in Miami Gardens, Florida. The defendant admitted leaving a hate-filled and profanity-laden message against Islam, the prophet Mohammed, and the Koran, during which he threatened to go to the mosque, and stated, “I’m gonna shoot all ya’ll.” He further admitted that by leaving this threatening message, he obstructed congregants who worship at the Islamic Center from freely exercising their religious beliefs. “Our Constitution and laws guarantee all people – regardless of where they worship – the right to live free from violence and discrimination,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore.

Nationwide, January 16, 2018 (Senate Judiciary Committee): DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen testified at an oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. In her remarks, Secretary Kirstjen stated that, “we face a serious and persistent terror threat that, according to my assessment, will not diminish anytime soon. While we have made it harder for terrorists to execute large-scale attacks, changes in technology have made it easier for adversaries to plot attacks in general, to inspire and radicalize new followers, and to recruit beyond borders. The problem is compounded by the use of simple, “do-it-yourself” terror tactics.” She highlighted **“the threat to so-called soft targets,”** which she said are appealing to terrorists and violent criminals because of their accessibility and the potential to inflict significant physical, psychological, and economic damage. She further stated that **it is essential that the Department of Homeland Security has the capability to support visible efforts to enhance soft target security** in order to safeguard the American people.

Leesburg, Virginia, January 16, 2018 (The Jerusalem Post): Racist and **anti-Semitic fliers published by the Ku Klux Klan** were placed in plastic baggies and held down with a piece of candy on the doorsteps of homes in Leesburg. One of the fliers reads “Join the United States Army and Fight for Israel.” The caricature shows an American soldier standing in front of a balding, bulbous nosed man in plaid shorts holding an Israeli flag. It also accuses Jews of controlling the media and provides a list of “high ranking Jews who control the media.”

Ridgefield, Connecticut, January 11, 2018 (Ridgefield Press): In the latest act of anti-Semitic vandalism, Ridgefield police are investigating **five swastikas that were drawn on doors and signs at both the Aldrich Museum and Masonic Lodge.** Richard Klein, co-director at the Aldrich, said staff and trustees of the museum were “saddened and disappointed by this hateful act, particularly in light of the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday.”

National, January 10, 2018 (Newsweek): **Three U.S. imams have called for the death of Jews since December,** a trend that has followed the Administration’s recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In the latest incident, Abdullah Khadra, a Syrian-American imam, announced during a sermon in a Raleigh, North Carolina-area mosque that Jews should be killed. The sermon was taped and transcribed by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). Raed Saleh Al-Rousan, a Houston-based imam, made a similar proclamation to his followers at the Tajweed Institute, an Islamic center, on December 8.

Aymen Elkasaby , an imam at the Islamic Center of Jersey City, gave a sermon on the same day as the Al-Rousan speech, where he too called for the annihilation of Jews..=

Phoenix, Arizona, January 5, 2018 (azcentral (part of the USA Today Network)): A Phoenix man accused of plotting a “lone-wolf” style terrorist attack will spend one year in jail and likely four years on probation after pleading guilty to two felony charges. Derrick Thompson, 31, admitted to assisting a criminal syndicate and solicitation to commit misconduct involving weapons during hearing in Maricopa County Superior Court. Thompson’s December 2016 arrest was the result of a two-year investigation by the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force. Court documents stated Thompson made frequent contact with ISIS websites. His Google account in October 2016 was used to **search for “istishad (martyrdom) vs. suicide” on the same day he searched for “Midnight Mass” — a Christian tradition of celebrating Christmas in church in the late-night hours of Christmas Eve or midnight on Christmas Day.** Agents tracked down the seller of a handgun with whom Thompson had communicated. According to court records, a person using Thompson’s account contacted the man in January 2016 in regard to a handgun being sold on Backpage.com. "I would love to get the CW9 from you but won't be in Phx again for a month or so wondering if you have other firearms if so I will definitely be in touch." The seller responded, "No, that's it," and told investigators he sold his firearm to a short, white man. Thompson’s case was one of the first amid an Arizona Attorney General’s Office push to prosecute would-be terrorism suspects before they are able to act.

Santa Cruz, California, December 19, 2017 (The Algemeiner): A white swastika was found spray-painted at the University of California, Santa Cruz days before the start of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah — marking the 11th report of an anti-Semitic incident on campus this quarter. The vandalism — believed to have taken place either December 9th or 10th — was denounced as “hateful and oppressive” by administrators in a campus-wide email. According to the Anti-Defamation League, reports of anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses increased by 59 percent this year. “On college campuses, a total of 118 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in the first three quarters of 2017,” the advocacy group explained in a recent audit, “compared to 74 in the same period of 2016.”

Northern, Virginia, December 18, 2017 (Washington Post): Former D.C. transit police officer Nicholas Young was found guilty of attempting to support the Islamic State and for obstruction of justice. Young, a Muslim-convert, faces up to 60 years in prison. He is the first law enforcement officer to be prosecuted under Federal terrorism laws. Young is also considered to be the **first person convicted of Islamic extremism who is also a neo-Nazi. Prosecutors posited that Young’s virulent anti-Semitism connected the two seemingly incompatible forms of extremism.**

Margate, New Jersey, December 18, 2017 (NBC-10): As the celebration of Hanukkah continues, police are trying to find **the vandal who damaged three menorahs in an Atlantic County community.** The vandalism was discovered at three locations in Margate. The city-owned menorah at Margate’s municipal pier was toppled while the bulbs were smashed and the cords were cut.

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 17, 2017: (JTA): A New Jersey imam will reportedly be sent for “retraining” after delivering anti-Semitic sermons. Sheikh Aymen Elkasaby, imam of the Islamic Center of Jersey City, in a sermon earlier this month, called Jews “apes and pigs,” and urged his followers to: “Count them one by one, and kill them down to the very last one. Do not leave a single one on the face of the earth.”

Hamtramck, Michigan, December 17, 2017 (ABC-7): The mayor of Hamtramck is upset over **anti-Semitic graffiti found spray-painted on a residential fence in the city.** Mayor Karen Majewski posted a photo of the fence on her Facebook page, which shows "Jew" spray-painted in large lettering. Neighbors

reported that the graffiti had been present for some time and that efforts to paint over it was unsuccessful.

Nationwide, December 13, 2017 (The Forward/HuffPost): The Daily Stormer, one of the most prominent neo-Nazi websites, has an extensive “style guide” explaining to potential contributors how to write for the site and help fulfill their goal of making anti-Semitism mainstream. The 17-page document explains everything from the site’s hyperlinking policy to its “Prime Directive: Always Blame the Jews for Everything.” The style guide cites Adolf Hitler’s book Mein Kampf to argue that “all enemies should be combined into one enemy, which is the Jews....The Jews should always be the beginning and the end of every problem, from poverty to poor families to war to the destruction of the rainforest.” This can be made palatable by adapting a tone of winking irony, including by using racial slurs that “should come across as half-joking.” “The indoctrinated should not be able to tell if we are joking or not,” the guide explains. But it goes on to add, “This is obviously a ploy and I actually do want to gas kikes.” It explains that writers shouldn’t explicitly call for violence, but when attacks against Jews or other minorities occur, “it should be made fun of, laughed at.” “The goal is to continually repeat the same points, over and over and over again,” the guide stresses. “The reader is at first drawn in by curiosity or the naughty humor, and is slowly awakened to reality by repeatedly reading the same points.”

Andover, Massachusetts, December 13, 2017 (WHDH – 7 News Boston): Police and school officials are investigating after three swastikas were found drawn on school desks at Andover High School just hours before the start of Hanukkah. Officials said three drawings were found in a Jewish teacher’s classroom on Tuesday afternoon, escalating the incident to a hate crime. “This was something that was being repeated and something that we had to confront,” Superintendent Sheldon Berman said. “We’re taking this extraordinarily seriously.” The person who committed the act could face felony hate crime charges, according to police. The incident marks the third time in recent months that swastikas were found inside the high school.

Los Angeles, California, December 12, 2017 (JTA) Temple Aliyah, a Conservative synagogue in Los Angeles was targeted with a spray painted swastika. The Los Angeles Police Department considers the attack to be a hate crime.

New Brunswick, New Jersey, December 11, 2017 (AP): A Rutgers University professor accused of posting anti-Semitic statements on Facebook has been removed from his position as a director at the school. Rutgers President Robert Barchi says Michael Chikindas will no longer serve as director of the Center for Digestive Health at the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health. The tenured food science professor has also been barred from teaching required courses and will take cultural sensitivity training courses. Administrators said the posts “perpetuated toxic stereotypes” and were upsetting to Jewish students and staff at the university.

Berkeley, California, December 7, (JTA/Fox News): Several University of California, Berkeley Jewish student groups called on the university to take action against a lecturer over his anti-Semitic tweets. In a letter to the university administration, the groups, including Chabad Jewish Student Group at UC Berkeley, Bears for Israel, Berkeley Hillel and Tikvah: Students for Israel, called on Berkeley to remove Hatem Bazian, a lecturer in the Department of Asian American and Asian Diaspora studies. Bazian has come under fire for a number of tweets targeting Jews. One tweet that Bazian shared on the social media platform had a picture of a man with sidelocks and a black hat with the message: “Mom, look! I is chosen! I can now kill, rape, smuggle organs and steal the land of Palestinians ‘Yay’ #Ashke-Nazi.” Another showed an image of North Korea’s leader wearing a yarmulke with the words “God chose me,”

and the message: "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 start paying me 34 billion a year in welfare."

Charlotte, North Carolina, December 7, 2017 (CBS-WBTV): A swastika was found spray painted on the garage door of a Jewish family living in south Charlotte. The family had just recently put up decorations for Hanukkah. According to the Anti-Defamation League, North Carolina, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia have seen a spike of reported anti-Semitic incidents in 2017 compared to 2016.

Urbana, Illinois, December 7, 2017 (The News-Gazette): A **University of Illinois student who allegedly damaged the menorah at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life** on campus has been formally charged. Jacob R. Bassler, 18, was arraigned on a single count of criminal damage to property between \$500 and \$10,000. The charge stemmed from vandalism to the religious symbol that is in the front yard of the center. The incident was captured on video surveillance.

Orange County, New York, December 7, 2017 (Times-Herald Record): Addressing the discovery of two **swastikas found** last week, drawn on a bathroom stall at Cornwall Middle School, the Orange County Jewish Federation issued a statement Thursday, calling on the Cornwall school district to "further investigate the incident" and "apprehend and discipline the individual(s) responsible for this hateful act."

Houston, Texas, December 6, 2017 (NBC5): Texas State University officials say five non-students were kicked off campus for **trespassing after posting white supremacist flyers and banners**.

New York, New York, December 5, 2017 (JTA/New York Post/ WNBC TV): A **man shouting a Jewish slur attacked the resident of a New York City Jewish nursing home after trying to rob him**. The alleged attacker, Alen Califano, 41, of Yonkers, New York, was allowed in the New Jewish Home in the Bronx after telling the security guard he needed to use the bathroom. But Califano entered the room of a resident, where he lit a marijuana cigarette and trashed the room. He then entered the room of an 84-year-old Jewish man and demanded his money before hitting him with a fire extinguisher. He also shouted, "I'm going to kill you, you mother f***ing Jew," according to reports. Califano was charged with robbery, burglary, a hate crime, assault, criminal possession of a weapon and possession of marijuana, police said.

Princeton, New Jersey, December 4, 2017 (Daily Princetonian): Two varieties of **white supremacist flyers were found posted** to various locations around campus. One of the flyers was titled, "The Truth about 'White Privilege' and Jewish Supremacy."

Dallas, Texas, December 4, 2017 (CNN): The Texas chapter of the white supremacist, **Nazi group Vanguard America is claiming responsibility for posting white supremacist** flyers and banners on Southern Methodist University's campus. The Anti-Defamation League lists Vanguard America as a white supremacist group. Vanguard America's website includes racist and anti-Semitic messages.

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 3, 2017 (KLA.ComFox13now): Police are investigating an incident whereby a **man allegedly pointed a gun at a woman outside the Jewish Community Center** at the University of Utah.

Nationwide, December 3, 2017 (JTA/Times of Israel/CBS affiliate KCTV): A **Missouri man made several bomb threats to Jewish institutions in the Kansas City area and in Washington, DC**, a federal complaint charges. Ford Kevin Coats, 25, of Urich, Missouri, allegedly threatened the synagogues and Jewish community centers and later assaulted a federal officer sent to question him. On April 24 of this year,

Ohev Shalom — The National Synagogue in Washington, DC, received a call saying that 66 bombs would explode in the building sometime that week. Over several days in July, bomb threats were called in to Jewish institutions in the Kansas City area, including the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Beth Shalom synagogue in Overland Park, and Kol Ami synagogue in Kansas City.

Nationwide, November 30 2017 (House Homeland Security Committee): The House Homeland Security Committee held a hearing to examine current threats to America. The focus included domestic terrorism, which Chairman Mike McCaul described in his opening statement as, “attacks and violence ignited by white supremacists, the KKK, or anyone else who preaches prejudice.” FBI Director Christopher Wray, National Counterterrorism Center Director Nicholas J. Rasmussen, and Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke each testified that **Homegrown Violent Extremists will continue to focus on soft targets, such as “racial minorities.”**

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center also testified on the **threat to soft targets.** Rabbi Cooper reminded the Committee that Jews are the number one target of religion-based hate crimes according to the FBI’s annual hate crimes report. He stated that, “Against this background, earlier this year there were over 100 bomb threats made against Jewish Community Centers, home to many pre-schools and kindergartens. These threats evoked painful memories of earlier deadly attacks at JCC’s, including in Granada Hills, California (1999) Seattle, Washington (2006), and Overland, Kansas (2014).”

Also testifying on the threat to soft targets was Richard Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Mr. Cohen underscored that while the **threat of terrorism from extremist forms of Islam is acute, “the threat from white supremacists is undoubtedly the most persistent** one in our country’s history.” He stated that since the founding of the Ku Klux Klan in the aftermath of the Civil War, our country has faced terrorism from those determined to preserve white hegemony, and that, “Those who marched in Charlottesville this summer chanting “You will not replace us” and “Jews will not replace us” were motivated by the same goal.” He concluded that, “the threat of white supremacist violence is likely to be with us for many years to come.” (

Nationwide, November 29, 2017 (JTA): Four national Jewish organizations involved in advocating for Jewish university students have launched an initiative to coordinate on security with the national umbrella for Jewish security. The Jewish Federations of North America, Hillel International, Chabad and the AEPi fraternity will jointly cooperate on the initiative. According to Michael Masters, the incoming director of the Secure Community Network, the security arm of national Jewish community organizations, there is recognition that **conditions on campuses and student organizations require a collective and collaborative approach to deal with Jewish security issues.**

Rappahannock County, Virginia, November 29, 2017 (Washington Post): Small Virginia towns are being recruited by local KKK chapter. Residents received small plastic bags that carried bird seed — and fliers promoting racist and anti-Semitic messages. In one reported incident, a flier attacked “Jews and their synagogues of Satan.” The fliers listed addresses and a phone number for the Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which is headquartered in Pelham, N.C., near the Virginia border.

Miami, Florida, November 28, 2017 (DoJ): James Gonzalo Medina was **sentenced today to 25 years in prison for attempting to attack an Aventura, Florida synagogue,** and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Medina conspired to blow up an 800-member synagogue and its school with a WMD during the Jewish high holy day of on Yom Kippur and intended his actions would “look like ISIS here in America” and would inspire other Muslims to commit terrorist attacks.

State College, Pennsylvania, November 22, 2017 (JTA): Four Penn State University students are being charged with stealing a 9-foot menorah from the home of the campus Chabad rabbi and leaving it

damaged outside a traditionally Jewish fraternity. The students were caught on surveillance camera footage. State College Police said Monday that they had filed charges against the students, including misdemeanor counts of theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

Nationwide, November 21, 2017 (JTA/ProPublica): A year after Facebook vowed to stamp out discriminatory advertising, landlords can still exclude specific races, minorities and other categories of people from seeing rental ads on the social media site. ProPublica bought dozens of rental housing ads and had no issue filtering out Jews, African-Americans, Spanish speakers and other groups from viewing them, the news site reported. One ad excluded Facebook users with "interests" such as "Judaism," "Hasidic Judaism," "Orthodox Judaism" and "Reform Judaism." Under the Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to publish housing advertisements that indicate "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin." In September, **ProPublica reported that Facebook's ad buyers could reach "Jew haters" and other anti-Semitic categories of people.**

Norfolk, Virginia, November 20, 2017 (Virginia-Pilot): Two people broke into an Orthodox synagogue and spent two hours wandering through its halls and vandalizing the inside of the building. The break-in was captured by high resolution images of the perpetrators and the Norfolk Police Department is investigating.

New Brunswick, New Jersey December 17, 2017 (Fox News): Swastikas have been scrawled on the walls of university buildings, drawn on dry eraser boards and taped to dorm room ceilings. Jewish students at Rutgers University have reported being threatened with violence, while some professors have espoused conspiracy theories ranging from Jews controlling global money markets to carrying out ritualistic organ harvesting.

Los Angeles, November 16, 2017 (Los Angeles Times): Los Angeles County saw a surge in reported hate crimes last year linked to white supremacists, with a wave of incidents targeting Jews, Muslims and African Americans, according to a study just released. Reported hate crimes linked to white supremacists jumped from 63 in 2015 to 105 last year, a 67% increase, according to the annual study conducted by the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations. The study found that a majority of the reported hate crimes linked to white supremacists — 52% — were motivated by religion and targeted mostly Jews. Last year, swastikas were found on vehicles, synagogues, schools and Jewish-owned businesses.

Naples, Florida, November 16, 2017 (NBC 2): A hateful message and thousands of dollars' worth of damage were left behind at a Jewish preschool in Naples. Michael Dami is accused of breaking in, wreaking havoc, and leaving anti-Semitic graffiti. The Naples Preschool of the Arts, part of the Chabad Jewish Center, was the latest target of anti-Semitic violence. Police said 19-year-old Dami was caught on surveillance video breaking into the preschool. Lt. Seth Finman with the Naples Police Department said, "Once inside, it appears that he used a fire extinguisher to start smashing televisions and bookshelves and other equipment." He wrote a message reading, "!! YOU JEWS NEVER! LEARN!! HEIL HITLER!" Detectives said they recovered several credit cards and checks that were stolen from the preschool.

St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 2017 (The Mac Weekly): A ninth swastika was found on campus by Campus Security this semester.

Cinnaminson, New Jersey, December 14, 2017 (Fox 29 - WTXF): Cinnaminson police say they are investigating several incidents of hate graffiti. The racist and anti-Semitic graffiti were spray painted on streets, sidewalks and basketball courts.

New York, New York, November 13, 2017 (Israeli National News – 7): Police arrested a New York man in the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn after he **threatened a Jewish man as he walked past** him. The suspect reportedly spat on the Jewish man and yelled “all you Jews must die”. Police stationed nearby quickly located, arrested (after resisting arrest) and charged with aggravated harassment. Authorities are treating the incident as a hate crime.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 12, 2017 (WUWM – Milwaukee Public Radio): At least two dozen incidents have been compiled since the beginning of 2017 by Elana Kahn, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. She has been collecting information about anti-Semitic incidents in Wisconsin for the past seven years. The **barrage of anti-Semitism in Wisconsin** has stunned Kahn. “I have never had so many reports (about anti-Semitism) as I have had in the last couple months,” she said. “There’s more fear in our community now than there was even a year ago.

Highland Park, New Jersey, November 11, 2017 (Middlesex County News): Authorities are investigating an alleged **incident of anti-Semitism**, where a resident found an envelope on her front lawn, covered in anti-Semitic drawings. The investigation is being conducted jointly between the Highland Park Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office Bias Crimes Unit, according to HPPD Police Chief Stephen Rizco. The outside of the package sported drawings of a middle finger, a Nazi swastika and vulgar descriptions of Jews, while the inside contained garbage, cigarette butts and dog excrement.

Long Island, New York, November 9, 2017 (JTA): An **Orthodox Jewish high school was evacuated after receiving a bomb threat**. The bomb threat was faxed to the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, school leaders said in a letter to the school community posted on its Facebook page. The message said that a bomb had been planted on school property. Students, from preschool to high school, were evacuated and classes and evening program cancelled as the school’s three building were cleared by police with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Durango, Colorado, November 8, 2017 (The Durango Herald): Police are investigating what appears to be a hate crime in the Three Springs subdivision and elsewhere in Durango, where several swastikas have appeared. According to Cmdr. Ray Shupe, with the Durango Police Department, **the people who were targeted are Jewish**.

Burlington County, New Jersey, November 8, 2017 (NJ.Com): Vandals climbed onto the roof of a synagogue, pulling out shingles and using them to construct oversized letters on each of the synagogue’s eight skylights. Together, they spelled out racial and homophobic slurs.

Nationwide, November 7, 2017 (PJ Media): While citing this year’s **spike in anti-Semitism around the United States**, Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) called on the Department of Education to crack down on perpetrators he said are trying to silence Jewish voices on college campuses.

Nationwide, November 6, 2017 (Washington Post/AP): Since the **deadliest mass shooting at a house of worship in modern U.S. history** this past weekend, political and spiritual leaders have been voicing concerns about safety in religious sanctuaries. The Associated Press has tallied more than a dozen fatal shootings since 2012 at U.S. houses of worship, including at churches, mosques and Jewish centers. There were also deadly shooting attacks at The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle in 2006 and at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2009.

Cambria County, Pennsylvania, November 6, 2017 (JTA/AP): The Forest Hills School District is **investigating social media posts from students on a senior class trip that mocked exhibits at the U.S. Holocaust Museum** in Washington, DC. While participating in a school trip, some of the students reportedly made disrespectful statements next to a photo of a pile of shoes taken from prisoners at a

Nazi concentration camp that were posted on Snapchat. The class president, Gabe Singer, told The Associated Press that those students “made a mockery of what they saw.” In a public letter, he apologized on behalf of his classmates and called their actions “unacceptable.” Forest Hills School District Superintendent Edwin Bowser told AP on Friday that school officials are looking into the students’ conduct.

Sacramento, California, November 6, 2017 (JTA/Sacramento Bee/B+NBC affiliate KCRA 3): Anti-Semitic posters were pasted to a synagogue in suburban Sacramento. Members of Temple Or Rishon discovered about 10 to 15 of the hate posters stuck to the building, The vandalism attack was reported to the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department and the FBI. Security camera footage is being reviewed. The synagogue serves about 275 families.

Miami Beach, Florida, November 3, 2017 (JTA/Miami Herald): A bomb threat forced the cancellation of an event at the Jewish Museum of Florida on the Balfour Declaration. Law enforcement apprehended a 21-year-old college student after he allegedly issued the threat ahead of the event. Oscar Aguayo, who attends Florida International University, was taken into police custody. Police said the message threatened to “raise havoc” at the event. While Aguayo was being interviewed by police, an FIU police dog identified possible explosives in his car, leading to the evacuation of a university parking garage. The event was to celebrate the centenary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, in which the British government vowed to help establish a national home for the Jewish people in the Land of Israel.

Nationwide, November 2, 2017 (JTA/ADL): According to a newly released report by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), **anti-Semitic incidents in the first nine months of 2017 have risen 67 percent over the same period last year.** “We are astonished and horrified by the rise in anti-Semitic harassment, incidents and violence targeting our communities,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL’s CEO and national director. “While the tragedy in Charlottesville highlighted this trend, it was not an aberration. Every single day, white supremacists target members of the Jewish community — holding rallies in public, recruiting on college campuses, attacking journalists on social media, and even targeting young children.” There were 1,299 incidents of anti-Semitism between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, according to the report. In all of 2016, there were 1,266 — a 34 percent increase over 2015. If the 2017 pace continues, this year will see 1,732 anti-Semitic incidents, close to double the 942 incidents of two years ago. The last year with that level of anti-Semitism was 2005, according to ADL figures. This was the year the Nonprofit Security Grant Program began.

Champaign, Illinois, October 31, 2017 (JTA/News-Gazette): The **menorah in front of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign was vandalized for the fourth time** in two years. Security cameras caught two people trying to move the entire 9-foot menorah, then breaking off a branch and walking off with it. A menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum most notably lit during the eight-day Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

Leesburg, Virginia, October 31, 2017 (JTA/WTOP): Several residents received bags with candy and materials promoting the Ku Klux Klan. The plastic bags left outside homes in downtown Leesburg contained a cartoon that **warned of “white extinction” and literature with hateful messages about Jews, African-Americans and liberals.** Police said the materials seemed to be part of a recruitment effort for the white supremacist hate group.

New York, New York, October 30, 2017 (JTA/New York Daily News): A **letter decorated with swastikas that contained an unidentified white powder was mailed to the Israeli consulate** in New York. The powder was determined to be non-toxic. The envelope also contained a hate letter.

New York, New York, October 26, 2017 (New York Daily News): The NYPD is looking for **three men who spray-painted a pink swastika on a Midtown synagogue**. The incident adds another case to a troubling rise in the number of anti-Semitic crimes in the city, which have jumped almost 50% so far this year. Surveillance video from a camera across the street shows one of the vandals defacing the temple doors as an accomplice looks on.

Nationwide, October 26, 2017 (JTA): Two men associated with the Islamic State were arrested in India for allegedly planning to attack a local synagogue. The anti-terrorism squad in the western Indian state of Gujarat arrested the men. They are accused of planning to attack the synagogue in Ahemdabad, the largest city in Gujarat. The suspects did reconnaissance on the Magen Abraham synagogue on Sept. 12 and were planning either an explosion or shooting there, the Times of India reported. The men allegedly are ISIS operatives and reportedly had been in touch with an Indian ISIS handler based in Afghanistan. The state anti-terrorism squad told the newspaper that the two men had been on their radar for some time and were taken into custody as they were preparing to carry out the attack. The men had planned to escape to Syria via Jamaica following the attack in order to join ISIS, anti-terrorism officials told the newspaper. The men reportedly were trying to radicalize youths in India via social media and meetings.

Berkeley, California, October 26, 2017 (JTA): The **chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, condemned a student newspaper for publishing an editorial cartoon that used what she called “anti-Semitic imagery”** to criticize Alan Dershowitz’s pro-Israel stance. The cartoon published in the Daily Californian depicts a grinning Dershowitz with his head poking through a cardboard cutout bearing an Israeli flag and the silhouettes of happy children. The sign reads “The Liberal Case for Israel,” which was the topic of the Harvard Law School professor’s recent speech on the campus. Behind the sign, Dershowitz is stepping on a man with a Palestinian flag and holding up an Israeli soldier shooting an unarmed man soaking in a puddle of blood. In the online version, only the Palestinian flag, the soldier and the blood are in color. In a letter to the editor published Tuesday in The Daily Californian, Chancellor Carol Christ called the cartoon “offensive, appalling and deeply disappointing.”

Ithaca, New York, October 26, 2017 (JTA): Anti-Semitic fliers with swastika-like symbols were discovered on the campus of Cornell University. The posters read “Just say no to Jewish lies!” and urged students to “join the white gang.” They promoted the “Solar Cross Society,” but there is no such group at Cornell and it does not have an internet presence. Police were investigating the matter and increasing patrols around Jewish buildings on campus, the Cornell Hillel said in an email to the Jewish community.

New York, New York, October 26, 2017 (CBS New York): Police are looking for suspects who they say were **caught on camera spray painting the door of a synagogue**. Police said the suspects, described only as males, were first seen on surveillance video heading towards the Sutton Place Synagogue. They were then seen spray painting a pink swastika on the synagogue’s door, police said.

Damascus, Virginia, October 26, 2017 (JTA/Bristol Herald-Courier): Two Virginia brothers were arrested after they were captured on video yelling anti-Semitic comments at a man wearing a Star of David. The incident occurred outside a restaurant in the Appalachian Trail town of Damascus owned by the father of the suspects. The brothers were charged with disorderly conduct and assault, and have not been given bail. In the video, the brothers tell Johnston that he “should be in a f***in’ Jewish oven and die like your ancestors.” They also call him “Jewish scum” and tell him he is not welcome in the restaurant. They also threaten to “come and find you later.”

Staten Island, New York, October 20, 2017 (JTA/Staten Island Advance): The **home of a Jewish woman was vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti** including the misspelled slur “Kyke.” The woman has lived in the house for 14 years and told the Advance that she was “devastated” by the attack.

Mount Kisco, New York, October 18, 2017 (Iohud/USA Today): The staff at **Bet Torah synagogue found two swastikas spray painted on the wall of its nursery school** over the weekend. The swastikas were each about 2-feet-by 2-feet in diameter on a wall near a playground, said Westchester County Police, which is investigating the incident as a bias crime.

College Station, Texas, October 18, 2017 (The Battalion): On September 9, during halftime of the Texas A&M-Nicholls State football game, a now **former member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity carved a swastika into the wooden bar of the historically Jewish fraternity, Sigma Alpha Mu.** The Sammy chapter filed a police report with the University Police Department. The report said Sammy members had left their tailgate to go to the game then returned at halftime to discover the swastika.

Gainesville, Florida, October 17, 2017 (JTA): The **University of Florida, home to the largest Jewish student body in the country, is bracing for an upcoming speech on campus by white supremacist leader Richard Spencer.** Spencer, the founder of a white supremacist think tank, has advocated a white ethno-state that would exclude non-whites and Jews. The Anti-Defamation League said he has become "more openly anti-Semitic in recent years." Some 9,400 Jewish students attend the university, which has an enrollment of 52,000.

Nationwide, October 17, 2017 (SPLC): Since March 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has tracked **329 flying incidents on 241 different college campuses across the United States,** a number that continues to grow. Some of the white supremacist groups leading the way in this effort are Identity Evropa, The Right Stuff and Vanguard America. Fliers have the distinct ability to draw attention to the group and cause while keeping the member in the shadows. These incidents represent a new rise in hate and recruitment for hate groups on college campuses.

Nationwide, October 11, 2017 (CNN): As the Administration prepares to take a tougher line on Iran, senior US officials claim Iranian-backed Hezbollah aspires to conduct attacks against the US homeland. "While I'm not here today to speak publicly about any specific, or credible, or imminent threat to the homeland," National Counterterrorism Center Director Nicholas Rasmussen told reporters, "we in the intelligence community do in fact see continued activity on behalf of Hezbollah here inside the homeland." "It's our assessment that Hezbollah is determined to give itself a potential homeland option as a critical component of its terrorism playbook," he went on to say, citing recent arrests of alleged Hezbollah operatives in New York and Michigan. "And that is something that those of us in the counterterrorism community take very, very seriously." According to the Anti-Defamation League, the goal of Hezbollah -- a terrorist organization based in Lebanon -- is the destruction of Israel. In that pursuit it has **attacked Israeli and Jewish targets worldwide.**

Jacksonville, Florida, October 11, 2017 (JTA/ABC First Coast News): The **Ku Klux Klan dropped anti-Semitic and racist fliers in a recruiting pitch.** The fliers contain a phone number linked to a recording that attempts to recruit members. According to reports, the content of the fliers, which have been dropped in recent weeks, has increased in vitriol, including specific threats. One flier reads: "He who fights the Jew fights the Devil," citing the Nazi children's book publisher Julius Streicher, and shows a good Jew as one with a bullet in his forehead. Another says "Smash Jew Communism." The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is investigating the fliers.

Baltimore, Maryland, October 10, 2017 (The Baltimore Sun): **Incidents of hate crimes and acts of intolerance at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County have doubled in 2017.** Police do not know whether the incidents are related. "Hateful and discriminatory language or symbols are an affront to our campus values and we will continue to actively investigate acts of intolerance and hate crimes," Candace Dodson-Reed, a UMBC spokeswoman, said. The increase tracks with what some say is a broader

increase in anti-Semitism across the U.S., seen in crime reports as well as high-profile incidents like the summertime white nationalist march in Charlottesville, Va. An April Anti-Defamation League report said that anti-Semitic vandalism nationwide increased by 36 percent in the first quarter of 2017 as compared to the same period last year. Incidents on college campuses rose slightly, the report said, though the largest rise was in incidents at elementary, middle and high schools.

Nationwide, October 6, 2017 (NBC – Bay Area): The source of **hate mail** that juxtaposed a swastika and President Trump's campaign slogan is under investigation in Los Angeles and New York, authorities said. "We were in shock when we saw it out of the blue," said Mervyn Hahn, whose shop, Los Angeles Diamond Factory, received one of the hate letters that were also sent to at least seven shops in New York, all with owners who are Jewish. At the top of the one page flyer is a Nazi swastika on a red background. Below it is printed, "Make America Great Again!!!" and then vulgar phrases disparaging minority groups. The FBI confirmed that it is looking at the mailing.

New York, New York, October 5, 2017 (Jerusalem Post/ABC News): **Jewish businesses in New York have become the target of a series of anti-Semitic attacks**, local media has been reporting with an increasing frequency in recent weeks, including an alarming uptick when seven businesses were sent the same flyer marked with a swastika and containing other menacing symbols. Evan Bernstein of the Anti-Defamation League told ABC News that the organization doesn't have specific numbers on hate mail but that "we know the NYPD has seen over a 30 percent spike in anti-Semitic hate crimes in New York City already this year... so that's incredibly concerning for us.

New York, New York, October 5, 2017 (JTA): An **anti-Semitic flier that threatens Jews** was sent to a kosher bakery in a Jewish neighborhood of Borough Park, Brooklyn. It read: "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!! JUDEN RAUS (jews out). N*****S AND F*****S MUST BURN IN HELL. CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IS BACK." Above the words is a black swastika surrounded by a white circle on a red background. Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said his office is aware that the flier also was sent to other locations and that the incidents are under investigation.

St. Cloud, Minnesota, October 5, 2017 (JTA): **Anti-Semitic graffiti was discovered on a junior high school.** A swastika and the word "soon" was painted on the side of the building. It was discovered on Sept. 29, hours before the start of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

Madison, Wisconsin, October 4, 2017 (The Daily Cardinal): Reported **hate crimes on UW-Madison's campus dramatically increased in 2016** — and anti-Semitic vandalism was the most prominent issue. The UW-Madison Police Department's Annual Security Report showed an increase from two reported hate crimes in Madison in 2015 to 20 in 2016. Fourteen of the reported hate crimes in 2016 were incidents of vandalism "motivated by bias against Judaism" and performed by a single offender, according to the report.

St. Paul, Minnesota, October 4, 2017 (CBS – Minnesota): St. Paul police are investigating at **least two incidents of Swastika markings being found at a campus hall at Macalester College.** These are in addition to two previous incidents recently reported.

Athens, Ohio, October 2, 2017 (Athens News): Ohio University's president Duane Nellis and vice president for Student Affairs Jason Pina in a joint statement condemned the **painting of swastikas on OU's Athens campus, discovered the morning of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.** "This symbol has historically been used to intimidate, terrorize and ostracize entire segments of people," the Nellis-Pina statement reads. "The re-emergence of such a hateful symbol is unacceptable on any day of the year,

but this incident is even more disturbing during Yom Kippur. We stand in solidarity with our Jewish community and strongly condemn this act of hate and anti-Semitism.”

New York, New York, October 1, 2017 (NBC – NY 4): The New York Police Department has **ramped up security at the Jewish Heritage Museum in Lower Manhattan after Islamic State audio recordings suggested that the Museum would be a good target** because of an upcoming Kurdish exhibit opening this week, according to authorities. Kurdish Peshmerga fighters have helped in the fight against ISIS.

Waltham, Massachusetts, September 29, 2017 (JTA): Several **swastikas were found drawn** on message boards outside two dormitory rooms in the same residence hall at Brandeis University. Officials at the University issued a letter addressed to “Members of the Brandeis community,” which stated that, “These incidents remind us that Brandeis is not immune to the expressions of hate we see around the country and on other campuses.” “We take such incidents seriously and these are being investigated...” A bomb threat was emailed to Brandeis in late August.

Nationwide, September 27, 2017 (ABC News): FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee that the FBI is investigating about **1,000 potential domestic terrorists, including people who may be linked to extremist white supremacy and white nationalism**. During his testimony Director Wray said domestic terrorism is “a very, very serious” matter that the investigative agency spends “a lot of our time focused on.” He further stated that these investigations are in addition to about the same number of probes by the FBI into “homegrown violent extremists” such as those who may be inspired by ISIS. As reported by the Southern Poverty Law Center in February, the number of hate groups in the United States rose in 2016, and that at least 550 of the 917 groups identified are anti-Semitic.

Tampa, Florida, September 27, 2017 (The Times of Israel): The **leader of a small Florida-based neo-Nazi group pleaded guilty to charges associated with having explosives in his apartment’s garage**. Court documents show that Brandon Russell entered his pleas on charges of possessing illegal firearms and a destructive device, and storing explosives. The bomb-making materials included the highly explosive substance HMTD, several pounds of ammonium nitrate and homemade fuses. Police also found two illegal rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition in the trunk of his car.

Charlotte, North Carolina, September 26, 2017 (AP/Charlotte Observer): A **Jewish family was the victim of three hate crimes beginning on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year**. Police have ramped up patrols following three hate crimes targeting one Jewish family. The reports that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has increased foot and bike patrols, alerted federal law enforcement, conducted “zone checks” around synagogues in the city and is organizing a community meeting as a result of the crimes, which took place during the ongoing High Holy Days. According to law enforcement, a swastika was drawn on the back door of the home while the family was at religious services, and the words “See You” were stuck to a window screen. In addition, the words “White Power” were written near the workout room of the gated community in which the family’s home is located. Police believe the message also targeted the Jewish family.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 26, 2017 (CBS Pittsburgh): Hardy Lloyd is a self-proclaimed neo-Nazi recently released from prison. He was recently captured on video disrupting an anti-hate demonstration last month in Mount Lebanon. But, now, he’s back in jail. Lloyd is being held for trial for violating his probation for the Mount Lebanon incident and other acts, including **distributing white supremacist fliers** in the city’s East End. “I think the community is relieved,” said Bradley Orsini, the director of security for the Pittsburgh Jewish Federation.

Eastern Tennessee, September 25, 2017 (The Forward/Knoxville News-Sentinel): Stormfront organized a White Supremacist Conference to take place at an undisclosed location in Tennessee on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Stormfront is one of the oldest hate sites on the internet and has over 300,000 members around the world. The event will feature speeches from David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard, and Sam Dickson, the KKK's attorney, as well as a nature walk in honor of Duke. It is the seventh such gathering hosted by Stormfront. "Rest assured that no Jews, race mixers, or homosexuals will be present at this event," wrote neo-Nazi blogger Bill Roper of the gathering. Stormfront, came back online just in time for users to coordinate meet-ups at a white supremacist conference, more than a month after its domain registrar shut the site down in the wake of the deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Georgia, Vermont, September 24, 2017 (JTA/WCAX local news): A Vermont substitute teacher was fired after she was **accused of teaching her students how to give the Nazi salute.** Ned Kirsch, the school district's superintendent, said in an email to parents that the Georgia Elementary School took immediate action after the teacher admitted to teaching the the third-graders the "Heil Hitler." The students were seen "standing with their arm out in front of them and the teacher was modeling the position," the email said. "She then raised her arm slightly and said 'and now we say Heil Hitler.'" The teacher has substituted for several years.

Long Beach, California, September 24, 2017 (JTA/Long Beach Press-Telegram): The FBI has been called in to investigate **threats against minority students at California State University, Long Beach, including Latino and Jewish students.** Campus President Jane Close Conoley confirmed the threats and the investigation. The threats were made over the internet and by fliers posted last week on the walls of the university's Multicultural Center, reported.

Washington DC, September 21, 2017 (The Hoya): Multiple **swastikas were found painted** inside an LXR Hall women's restroom. The graffiti was reported to the Georgetown University Police Department, which increased patrols in the areas around residence halls after the incident. A second, similar act of vandalism was discovered in the same room the next day. A university spokesperson said GUPD has increased surveillance in LXR and is investigating the incidents with the help of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Oakland, California, September 21, 2017 (SFGATE): An **Oakland synagogue was vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti early on the first day of the Jewish High Holy Days,** prompting police to boost security at other temples in the city and the mayor to condemn the incident as a vulgar act of hate.

Madison, Wisconsin, September 20, 2017 (Wisconsin Department of Justice): Anti-Semitic graffiti was found on a monument next to the Gates of Heaven Synagogue in James Madison Memorial Park. This incident is being investigated by the Madison Police Department and Attorney General Brad Schimel and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the perpetrator of this attack. Attorney General Brad Schimel has condemned this appalling attack and has offered the DOJ's assistance to the Madison Police Department. "The display of anti-Semitic graffiti being investigated today is outrageous and particularly so, given the Jewish community's celebration of Rosh Hashanah this week. All graffiti is criminal, but not all graffiti invokes this type of emotion and I am outraged to see two examples of targeted vandalism in Madison within the last week. I am asking all Wisconsinites to join me in calling for an end to these incidents. Now, as with the threats against the Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay earlier this year, I am pledging DOJ's support to investigate the source of this hatred."

Nationwide, September 20, 2017 (Times of Israel): The **United States put South African twin brothers accused of plotting attacks on the US embassy and Jewish institutions onto its terror blacklist.** Tony-Lee Thulsie and Brandon-Lee Thulsie were arrested in South Africa in July 2016. They allegedly conspired to bomb the US embassy in Pretoria and unspecified Jewish facilities. The State Department said that because of the threat they pose to US security the pair had been named “Specially Designated Global Terrorists.”

Castro Velley, California, September 19, 2017 (East Bay Times): The Alameda County Sheriff’s Office said it will **investigate racist and anti-Semitic graffiti** found scrawled across a school district-owned vehicle. “The words consisted of disparaging and offensive racial remarks against members of our Jewish and African American communities. In addition, swastikas were drawn on the vehicle and the rear window was smashed,” according to sheriff’s reports.

New York, New York, September 18, 2017 (Times of Israel): The Israeli consulate was briefly closed with employees barred from leaving the premises, **after an envelope with white powder was sent** to the building along with a direct threat on the life of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The substance was eventually determined to be harmless. It was the second such threat sent to the building in four days.

College Park, Maryland, September 18, 2017 (ABC7 - Washington DC): A **swastika and an offensive phrase were found at the University of Maryland, University of Maryland** Police report. According to police, the vandalism was found on a cement balcony ledge at the Plant Sciences building. The incident remains under investigation, UMD police confirmed. Additional details were not immediately available.

Des Moines, Iowa, September 17, 2017 (NBC 13 – WHOTV.com): Drake University President Marty Martin alerted staff and students Sunday that someone **carved a swastika into a campus elevator and left a racist message** outside an African-American student's dorm room.

Sussex, New Jersey, September 17, 2017 (New Jersey Herald): Authorities are **investigating anti-Semitic graffiti and vandalism** found at the Airport Diner. One side and the rear of the building were spray-painted with swastikas and other anti-Semitic language, including "Kill Jews," "Heil Hitler," "WPWW," an acronym for "white power world wide," "14/88," a combination of two white supremacist numeric symbols, and several SS lightning bolts. A walk-in freezer in the back of the restaurant had also been vandalized. The New Jersey State Police are investigating the incident.

Eugen, Oregon, September 16, 2017 (CBS 13 –KVLE): Police are **investigating anti-Semitic slurs, threats and white supremacist language found graffitied on the North Eugene High School campus.** Police say graffiti was found on the front and East side of the building. The graffiti was an assortment of slurs that were reported to be too offensive to repeat in the broadcast.

White Plains, New York, September 15, 2017 (JTA): A man was arrested for allegedly **sending an anti-Semitic email to a town official** who had been pushing to remove a monument to Confederate soldiers. Timothy Goetze of White Plains in Westchester County was arrested and charged with aggravated harassment as a hate crime. Police did not say what was in the letter, but said it targeted Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, who is Jewish.

Nationwide, September 14, 2017 (ProPublica): Until ProPublica exposed Facebook earlier this month, the social network enabled **advertisers to target their content to the news feeds of almost 2,300 people who expressed interest in the topics of “Jew hater,” “How to burn jews,” or, “History of ‘why jews ruin the world.’”** Facebook generates its ad categories automatically based both on what users

explicitly share with Facebook and what they implicitly convey through their online activity. In the wake of the violent protests in Charlottesville by right-wing groups that included self-described Nazis, Facebook and other tech companies vowed to strengthen their monitoring of hate speech. But Facebook apparently did not intensify its scrutiny of its ad buying platform. In all likelihood, the ad categories that we spotted were automatically generated because people had listed those anti-Semitic themes on their Facebook profiles as an interest, an employer or a “field of study.” Facebook’s algorithm automatically transforms people’s declared interests into advertising categories. Since ProPublica contacted Facebook with this reporting, it removed the anti-Semitic categories — which were created by an algorithm rather than by people — and said it would explore ways to fix the problem, such as limiting the number of categories available or scrutinizing them before they are displayed to buyers.

New York, New York, September 13, 2017 (The Yeshiva World): The annual High Holy Days briefing was held at Police Headquarters this morning as the NYPD continues to promote open communication between the Jewish community and the Department in advance of the Jewish religious observances beginning with Rosh Hashanah and extending through Yom Kippur. Community leaders from all sects of the Jewish community were in attendance. As in previous years, the NYPD is **increasing protection in Jewish neighborhoods as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approaches**. Police said although there is not any specific threat, synagogues are considered potential terror targets.

Nationwide, September 12, 2017 (The Algemeiner): Dozens of **flyers and stickers promoting neo-Nazi propaganda were found at the University of Houston (UH)**, the latest incident associated with an increase in white supremacist activity on campuses nationwide. The flyers, found on bulletin boards, walls, trash bins, and lamp posts at the university’s main campus on Tuesday, included phrases such as, “Beware the International Jew” and “Imagine a Muslim-Free America.” The phrases are associated with the extremist group Vanguard America, which “has engaged in unprecedented outreach efforts to attract students on American college campuses,” according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). During the 2016-17 school year, the civil rights group said it “counted at least 32 incidents where VA fliers were posted on campus in Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Virginia and Washington.” Since September 2016, the ADL has recorded 188 incidents of leafleting or other activities by white supremacist organizations on 129 campuses in 36 states.

Seattle, Washington, September 12, 2017 (Q-13 Fox): Reports of **hate crimes and non-criminal bias incidents have risen in Seattle**, with 178 reported during the first half of 2016 compared to 128 in the same period last year, according to the Seattle Police Department. The largest number of crimes and non-criminal bias incidents during the first six months of 2017 were against blacks, gays and Jewish people.

Bethesda, Maryland, September 12, 2017 (Bethesda Magazine): In recent weeks, fliers with what police and officials describe as **hateful speech** have turned up in Rockville and Chevy Chase. Rockville police have found fliers that they described as “white national propaganda” in four incidents since July. Each time, police officers have located one or two papers hung on street signs or telephone poles that address white people and warn of “heritage and culture ... being ripped away” and the “Jewish media’s indoctrination.” Additionally, in the separate area of Chevy Chase, a Jewish family found an anti-Semitic pamphlet on their front door. **The flier includes screeds against Jews**, connecting them to Hurricane Harvey and plans of world dominance. The papers found in the two communities do not appear to be connected, but Rockville and Chevy Chase officials said they are taking them seriously. The fliers includes the web address of a site run by Patriot Front, an organization that advocates for a “New American Nation State” and promotes “American Fascism” as a “a return to the traditions and virtues of our

forefathers.” Hate crimes have been a continuing concern for Rockville and the county after a rise in reported incidents last year.

Nationwide, September 11, 2017 (JTA): A group that took part in the recent **white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia is embarking on a yearlong recruitment campaign on college campuses**, according to the Anti-Defamation League. The group, Identity Evropa, was founded last year and seeks to promote “white American culture.” Now the group is engaging in a campaign called “Project Siege,” which involves posting fliers and posters on campuses promoting its goals. The ADL, which tracked a rise last school year in white supremacist activity on college campuses, has documented 12 campuses where the group has advertised in the new school year. Identity Evropa led chants of “You will not replace us” at the Charlottesville rally last month, which some rally-goers then paired with “Jews will not replace us.” “Identity Evropa is actively targeting campuses and their actions are extremely disruptive and unsettling to students,” said ADL National Director Jonathan Greenblatt. “The message is explicitly racist and anti-Semitic.”

New York, New York, September 11, 2017 (JTA): The parents of New York State’s Assistant Attorney General Jenny Michael were **attacked with anti-Semitic vandalism**. Michael’s father, former New York City Budget Director Philip Michael, discovered the vandalism on the door to the family’s home in a Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx. The word “Jew” was spray painted in large white letters on the black front door while the family was sleeping. A New York Police Department spokesperson told the New York Post that the incident is being investigated as a hate crime.

Nationwide, September 8, 2017 (Secure Community Network/ADL): Over the past year, the **rising numbers of hate crimes and resurgence of hate groups and alt-right activities on campuses and in communities across the country has created security challenges for many communities** targeted or impacted by individuals, groups and movements that espouse a range of violent and/or hateful ideologies. This has necessitated special community security briefings scheduled ahead of the upcoming Jewish High Holy Days with security experts who will discuss the current threat environment and practical security planning and preparedness measures for facility and community security.

Lafayette, Colorado, September 8, 2017 (Boulder Daily Camera/Colorado Springs Gazette): A **swastika was carved into the front door of a Jewish couple** in Colorado twice in two days. Police do not have any suspects in the incidents. The couple have a mezuzah (Jewish symbol) affixed to their doorpost. Colorado has seen a significant increase in anti-Semitic acts the past two years, a local office of the Anti-Defamation League announced last month. A spokesman said there were 45 acts of anti-Semitism in the area in 2016, compared to 18 the previous year.

Atlanta, Georgia, September 7, 2017 (JTA/WGCL-TV): **Anti-Semitic graffiti was spray-painted** on an Atlanta car wash. The graffiti included a swastika, a crossed-out Star of David and a reference to the Nazi military, according to. Atlanta police are investigating the incident as a bias hate crime.

Stamford, Connecticut, August 31, 2017 (JTA/local news Channel 12): **Swastikas and graffiti**, some of it anti-Semitic, was painted on the wall of a public high school. The vandalism discovered at the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering was the second act of anti-Semitic vandalism to occur this summer in Stamford. In July, a city resident used feces to smear a swastika and a Star of David in the window of a television station downtown. In addition, there are reports of two people being called anti-Semitic slurs while leaving local synagogues in the past two weeks, according to the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Miami, Florida, August 28, 2017 (JTA/WSVN – 7 Miami): Miami-Dade Police are asking for the public's help in their search for **a man who, police said, threatened to shoot up a Northeast Miami-Dade synagogue**. A flier distributed by police seeking information about the whereabouts of the man stated that he made verbal threats to shoot with an Uzi sub-machine gun and kill everyone at the synagogue.

Dumfries, Virginia, August 29, 2017 (AP): Discriminatory and anti-Semitic signs have been discovered at a Virginia church. Local news outlets report a depiction of a hooded Ku Klux Klan member wearing a suit with a Confederate flag was found Sunday taped to the front door of Greater Praise Temple Ministries. The sign had a slur against African-Americans written on it and below was note with swastika drawings and the words "The Fourth Reich." Dumfries and Prince William County police are investigating.

New York, New York, August 28, 2017 (JTA): A swastika was drawn on a church in New York City that shares space with a nearby synagogue. The swastika was found at the bottom of the doorway of the Methodist Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew on Manhattan's Upper West Side. "We obviously don't know what motivated this, but we will continue to speak out against hate, hate speech and anti-Semitism, particularly in light of the recent events in Charlottesville and the approaching Jewish High Holy Days," said a statement by the church's senior pastor, Rev. K Karpen, according to the West Side Rag.

Stamford, Connecticut, August 27, 2017 (Stamford Advocate): A number of **swastikas and other graffiti discovered on a wall at a public high school** has sparked outrage and concern in the community. The assorted graffiti included swastikas painted in black, an upside-down crucifix, and the numbers 666, according to Phelan. The "F" word was also painted in places, with several extra k's appended to it, a possible reference to the Ku Klux Klan. In a statement, the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and the Jewish Community Relations Council said they were "deeply disturbed" by the symbols painted on the building. The statement noted that this incident followed reports of two people making anti-Semitic slurs at local synagogues in the past two weeks.

Atlanta, Georgia, August 25, 2017 (JTA/Atlanta Journal-Constitution/WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News): A student from The Lovett School (a private high school in Atlanta) was expelled and four others were suspended after a photo on social media showed them **playing a game of Jews vs. Nazis beer pong**. The school learned of the game when a local rabbi, Peter Berg, told the headmaster about the party after receiving the photo in an email from several people. "The fact that someone could even conceive of such a game and then play it and think it's funny is beyond words," Berg told WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News. "To see that image as a Jewish person is something that the Jewish students in that school, it's gonna take a long time to get over, if ever."

Waltham, Massachusetts, August 24, 2017 (JTA): Brandeis University received an email bomb threat, prompting the school to close the campus until police deemed it safe to reopen. People on campus were moved to a secure facility and anyone not on campus was told not to enter. After law enforcement surveyed the campus and declared it safe, the university reopened in the afternoon. A statement from the university said the source of the threat is still under investigation. The University was founded in 1948 as a nonsectarian Jewish school.

Piedmont, California, August 24, 2017 (The Jewish News of Northern California): The police are **probing an incident of vandalism at the Kehilla Community Piedmont Synagogue**. Three stickers were placed on the welcoming sign next to the synagogue's front steps. Two of the stickers read "Marxism is Murder" and the third was a racist attack. The incident at Kehilla likely occurred the same day that two

classroom windows were smashed about 10 miles away at Temple Israel of Alameda in what police there are treating as a possible hate crime.

Michigan, August 23, 2017 (JTA): The Twitter account of a **Jewish Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate was discovered to have been hacked** after it showed that she liked several posts by white supremacist leader David Duke. Lena Epstein, who is running for the nomination in Michigan. As a Jewish woman with deep roots in the Jewish faith, a proud lineage of Jewish leaders, and relatives who were killed in the Holocaust because of blind hatred and prejudice, there is little that could be more offensive to me than the suggestion that I support, ‘like,’ or condone David Duke, neo-Nazis, or any group that promotes hatred and prejudice,” Epstein said in a statement.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 23, 2017 (JTA/MLive news website): A **bomb threat called in to the Jewish Family Services** of Washtenaw County. According to police, the caller said there would be an explosion in the building in 20 minutes. More than 100 clients and staff were in the office when the threat came in and were forced to evacuate. The police determined there were no explosives there. In February, a bomb threat was called into the Hebrew Day School located at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. No bomb was found.

Pullman, Washington, August 22, 2017 (The Daily Evergreen): WSU Police are investigating a **swastika and bomb threat** etched into a wall in one of the school’s Halls. After seeing the graffiti, which included a swastika, the word bomb and a time, the WSU Police decided to evacuate the building. After searching the common areas and finding no threat, they allowed students back in the building. In April, the Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism reported that campuses across the U.S. continued to be a hotbed for antisemitism: 45% increase in antisemitism of all forms, especially harassments and insults.

Bellevue, Washington, August 22, 2017, (Bellevue Patch): A Bellevue resident called 911 last week to report finding **anti-Semitic graffiti** sprayed near a local bus stop, according to Bellevue police. The swastikas were discovered at the end of tense week following the white supremacist and Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Va. The incident also follows a report of the white nationalist group the Northwest Front leafleting cars in the City of Lakewood in Pierce County, Washington. That group is trying to create a whites-only state in the Pacific Northwest, and its leader has praised the white supremacist show-of-force in Charlottesville.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 22, 2017 (Philly.com): Philadelphia has experienced a **growing number of bias incidents, including a store window in Center City that was spray-painted with a swastika and Sieg Heil.** The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations reported that over the past 9 months they have received 82 reports of hate crimes and bias incidents.

Alameda, California, August 22, 2017, (East Bay Times): **Fliers featuring a swastika and a “hate message”** were discovered on a sidewalk, according to police. The discovery of the fliers came just days after windows at Temple Israel of Alameda were broken in what police have described as a hate crime. The fliers also follow an incident of someone drawing a swastika in the dust of a vehicle window parked on another street.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 21, 2017 (JTA): **Swastikas and anti-Semitic and racial slurs were discovered** in a skate park. The Veteran’s Memorial Park was closed for several hours after the 15 swastikas and slurs, which included “Jews die” and “Free USA,” were discovered, according to local reports citing the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department. The Ann Arbor Police are investigating the incident and increased patrols in and around city parks in response. “Hate speech goes against the

moral fiber of the Ann Arbor community,” Mayor Christopher Taylor said in a statement. “Any speech that advances racism, religious oppression, sexism, homophobia, transphobia or bigotry does not belong in Ann Arbor.”

Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 21, 2017 (JTA/Southern Poverty Law Center/Times of Israel): A Michigan man who used Twitter **to threaten to kill children and Jews in mass shooting attacks** was sentenced to two years of probation. The threats made on Twitter included tweets about shooting up a synagogue, and that he wanted to put two bullets “in the head” of a rabbi or Jewish leader.

Alameda, California, August 21, 2017 (JTA): Police are investigating what appears to be **vandalism at a synagogue in the Bay Area**. The congregation’s president Genevieve Pastor-Cohen sent an email to the congregation stating, “in the morning, it was discovered that two classroom windows had been smashed.” “During our Weds. Aug 16th Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the possibility of our synagogue being a target in our small town of Alameda especially with the ongoing expression of bigotry and anti-Semitism,” the letter continued. “It breaks my heart and soul to be exposed to this type of mindless and senseless action especially aimed at the community I (we) love.”

Oregon, August 20, 2017 (Times of Israel/Oregonian/The Oregon Statesman Journal): **Signs with anti-Semitic messages were hung** on highway overpasses in Oregon, which was welcoming visitors hoping to experience the rare solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. The banners read, “UNJEW HUMANITY,” “Eclipse Whitey,” and “Jewish Financing Available.” The banners were hung on two northbound highways, which were heavily traveled by California tourists. In June, a sign blaming Jews for the September 11 attacks was hung from a pedestrian bridge over an interstate highway in Portland, Oregon.

New York, August 14, 2017 (AP): New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is poised to sign into law new penalties for those who make bomb threats. It was passed by the state Legislature in response to **a string of bomb threats called into Jewish Community Centers** in New York and elsewhere in the country.

Charlottesville, Virginia, August 14, 2017 (JTA): The Jewish community of Charlottesville, hired security guards for the first time in its history ahead of a **far-right event that included the chanting of Nazi-era slogans, anti-Semitic chanting**, and ended with a deadly attack on protesters against racism.

Worldwide: August 8, 2017 (JTA/Jewish News (Britain): **Slurs including “Jewish Pig”, “Let’s gas some Jews together” and “Gays to Auschwitz” were spray-painted** outside Twitter’s head office this week to shame the social media giant into confronting anti-Semitic abuse. Dismayed by the social media giant’s failure to censor offensive tweets, Jewish comedian Shahak Shapira daubed hate messages that remain undeleted on the site outside the company’s German head office in Hamburg, Germany. In a YouTube video to highlight his protest he stated, “I reported weren’t just plain insults or jokes, but absolutely serious threats of violence, homophobia, xenophobia, or Holocaust denial. Things no one should say and no one should read. If Twitter forces me to see those things, then they’ll have to see them too.”

Marblehead, Massachusetts, August 8, 2017 (Itemlive.com/The Daily Item): Police are investigating another **anti-Semitic incident** in town. A swastika, the emblem of the Nazi party, was found drawn in the dirt of the softball field at Marblehead High School. The swastika was found a little over a month after town residents and officials rallied at Riverhead Beach to protest a rash of anti-Semitic graffiti discovered on a harbor causeway wall. According to the ADL, anti-Semitic incidences are occurrences all over New England, and it is not a unique situation to Marblehead.

Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 7, 2017 (JTA/Colorado Spring Gazette): Anti-Semitic messages and a swastika were spray-painted on the building and sign of a synagogue in. In addition to a swastika, the words “sig heil,” a misspelling of the Nazi salute sieg heil, was painted on the synagogue’s sign.

Northern New Jersey, July 31, 2017 (JTA/Northjersey.com): Two New Jersey men **convicted in the firebombing of North Jersey synagogues** in 2011 and 2012 were each sentenced to 35 years in prison. Anthony Graziano and Aakash Dalal were charged on a 30-count indictment in 2013 with arson and bias-related incidents that occurred from December 2011 to January 2012 in the Bergen County towns of Paramus, Rutherford, Maywood and Hackensack. In describing the men, Brian Sinclair, an assistant Bergen County prosecutor, stated that, “They saw the world with the same set of eyes. They saw Jewish people not as people but as subhuman and like reptiles...They were partners in hate, intimidation and crime.”

Melrose,, Massachusetts, July 31, 2017 (JTA/AP): Vandals **toppled six headstones at the third-oldest Jewish cemetery in Massachusetts**, which contains about 475 graves and was established in 1859 by Dutch Jews living in the Boston area. Melrose Mayor Robert Dolan reported on his blog, “I am deeply saddened and outraged by this vandalism and potential hate crime ... Cemeteries are sacred grounds. Any malicious destruction is deeply saddening and must be given the full attention of law enforcement.”

New York, New York< July 31, 2017 (Prospect Park Patch): Authorities have arrested and charged a man who they say **set fire to a bus that was featured in a popular music video about Jewish pride**. The man was arrested and charged with arson and criminal mischief.

Bergen County, New Jersey, July 28, 2017 (NJ.com): Two Lodi men were sentenced to 35 years in state prison on **terrorism and other charges for a string of crimes at Jewish facilities in Bergen County** where they spray painted anti-Semitic messages and threw Molotov cocktails. Anthony Graziano and Aakash Dalal, both 25, showed no emotion when Judge Joseph Isabella ordered them to serve 32 years on the terrorism charge and a consecutive 36 months on bias intimidation charges. The sentences for other charges will run concurrently. This is the first case in which the state's post-9/11 terrorism statute was used. It mandates a prison term of 30 years to life.

Davis and Riverside, California, July 27, 2017 (JTA): The Anti-Defamation League decried as **“dangerous” sermons by two California imams that included prayers for the annihilation of Jews, one of which was published on YouTube**. “These statements are anti-Semitic and dangerous,” Greenblatt said. “We reject attempts to cast the conflict in Jerusalem as a religious war between Jews and Muslims. At this time of heightened tension, it is more important than ever for the Jewish and Muslim communities to come together to condemn the use of stereotypes and conspiracy theories, and to rebuild trust so that people of all faiths can coexist with mutual respect in the Holy Land and around the world.”

Bergen County, New Jersey, July 26, 2017 (NJ.com): Mahwah Chief of Police James Batelli said the department is treating recent **vandalism to a Jewish religious installation** as a possible bias crime. An “eruv”, consisting of wires and piping suspended from poles and similar structures that are used to allow Orthodox Jews to engage in activity normally prohibited in public on the Sabbath, was recently damaged in at least four places. The damage is being investigated as a bias crime because of the religious nature of the structures.

Hartford, Connecticut, July 23, 2017 (Hartford Courant): Some **60 headstones were toppled at the Ateres Knesseth Israel Cemetery**. Some of the damaged headstones were shattered.

Watertown, Massachusetts, July 19, 2017 (Watertown.wickedlocal.com): Police were notified by Watertown High School's administration about a **threatening email** which they had received. The email had been sent to the school department's email and threatened the town's public schools as well as the **Jewish Community Day School**.

Sacramento, California, July 19, 2017 (Los Angeles Times): William Scott Planer, a 34-year-old Denver resident, was charged recently with assault with a deadly weapon and participation in a riot for his role in the violent clash that took place in Sacramento, California, on June 26, 2016. Sacramento County Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. Steve Grippi said in a statement that Planer is a member of a white nationalist group known as the Traditionalist Worker Party. Planer is currently being held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was **arrested July 12 after he allegedly affixed a sticker reading "Fight Terror, Nuke Israel," to the outside of a Jewish center**.

Massapequa, New York, July 17, 2017 (Massapequa Patch): Graffiti of anti-Semitic writing including a swastika was found at an elementary school in East Massapequa, according to police. Discovered by school security, the red spray painted anti-Semitic writing included a 3 foot x 3 foot swastika on the hand ball court. and the words "Hitler "and USA spray-painted on the pavement nearby..

Nationwide, July 17, 2017 (The Montreal Gazette): An arrest warrant has been issued for an imam who **made several anti-Semitic statements during a sermon** at a Montreal mosque last December that remains posted to the mosque's YouTube channel. Sheikh Muhammad ibn Musa Al Nasr called Jews "the worst of mankind" and expressed his hope that Muslims would slaughter them on Judgment Day

Nationwide, July 13, 2017 (The Jerusalem Post): United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Anwar Gargash has accused Qatari broadcast network Al Jazeera of promoting antisemitism, supporting terrorist groups, and incitement to violence. He stated that, "Al Jazeera is a platform for spreading terrorist ideology," by conducting interviews with leaders of various terror organizations such as Osama bin Laden and Anwar al-Awlaki of al-Qaida, Khaled Mashal and Mohammed Deif of Hamas, and Hassan Nasrallah of Hezbollah. He also accused Al Jazeera of **promoting anti-Semitic violence** in its programming, citing comments by Muslim Brotherhood spiritual leader Yusuf al-Qaradawi in one of his broadcast sermons on the Qatar-based network. According to Gargash, Qaradawi "described the Holocaust as 'divine punishment' during which 'Hitler... put [the Jews] in their place.'"

Boston, Massachusetts, July 13, 2017 (JTA): Two Holocaust survivors joined Gov. Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh at the New England Holocaust Memorial to unveil a replacement glass panel; the **large panel was shattered by a large rock**. Religious leaders and other city and state officials also were on hand. The memorial opened in 1995 in the heart of Boston and is open to the public 24 hours a day. It includes six glass towers representing the 6 million Jews killed during the Holocaust, as well as the six major death camps. The towers resemble chimneys built with 132 panes of glass etched with numbers that had been tattooed on the arms of Jews during the Holocaust.

Nationwide, July 12, 2017 (Cleveland Jewish News): Representatives of 20 countries joined Argentine lawmakers in signing a **statement decrying global terrorism ahead of the 23rd anniversary of the Buenos Aires AMIA Jewish center bombing**. The July 18, 1994, terrorist attack against the AMIA that left 85 dead and hundreds wounded. The signers included ambassadors or top diplomats from Belarus, Belgium, Colombia, Czech Republic, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Montgomery, Maryland, July 11, 2017 (Washington Post): School incidents involving hate symbols slurs appear to have more than tripled during the past school and are helping drive a surge in bias-related acts investigated by police. Since October, more than three dozen bias incidents have been reported by or linked to schools in Montgomery County, mostly involving vandalism with swastikas, racial epithets or other bigoted messages, including graffiti saying “Heil Hitler” and Images of swastikas. More than 25 schools reported problems. Police data shows that bias incidents across the community have soared more than 80 percent for the first half of this year compared with the same period last year.

New York, New York, July 11, 2017 (JTA/AP): New York police are searching for a man who **carved about 30 swastikas into wet concrete in Brooklyn**. The neighborhood where the incident occurred early in Saturday morning is predominantly Jewish, and home to at least nine large Orthodox synagogues, a branch of Touro College, and two historic non-Orthodox synagogues. The incident is under investigation by the NYPD’s Hate Crimes Task Force.

Denver, Colorado, July 10, 2017 (JTA/Denver ABC 7): Anti-Semitic graffiti was spray painted on a highway underpass near a high school in Highlands Ranch. “Hitler was right” was painted next to a drawing of a swastika near a high school in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. The Douglas County Sheriff’s Office investigated the crime, but closed the case after not finding any clues with which to identify a suspect, according to the report. The Anti-Defamation League’s annual Audit of Anti-Semitic incidents found 45 incidents in Colorado in 2016, up from only 18 incidents in 2015.

Whitefish, Montana, July 10, 2017 (Times of Israel/AP): Lawyers for a **Jewish woman in Montana say they are unable to track down a neo-Nazi she is suing for launching a harassment campaign** against her and her family. Tanya Gersh announced in April a suit against Andrew Anglin, the founder of the white nationalist website, The Daily Stormer, for revealing her personal information and inflicting “emotional distress.” The suit accuses Anglin of invading Gersh’s privacy and violating a Montana anti-intimidation law. After a three-month search, Anglin’s whereabouts remain unknown.

Boston, Massachusetts, July 9, 2017 (AP): Massachusetts’ governor plans to join Holocaust survivors and two Jewish organizations at a **rededication ceremony for the repaired New England Holocaust Memorial**. Prosecutors say the Boston man smashed the roughly 9-foot-tall (2.7-meter) panel in the early morning hours of July 28th.

Phoenix, Arizona, July 5, 2017 (FOX 10): A couple returned from vacation to find **hateful messages spray-painted** on their Phoenix house. The couple said the incident involved the word “jew” and a swastika spray-painted on the family’s mailbox, as well as on the side of a fence.

Liberty, New York July 5, 2017 (Times Herald-Record): An 18 year-old man appeared in court to answer charges related to a series of incidents police are calling hate crimes. He’s accused of **burglarizing Camp Shomria, a Jewish camp, a total of three times** last month. He is charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony, and criminal mischief in the fourth degree as a hate crime. According to state police, the damage included anti-Semitic graffiti, which covered both the exterior and interior of a number of camp buildings.

California, July 3, 2017 (Los Angeles Times): California is seeing an increase in hate crimes. There were 931 incidents in 2016, an 11.2% spike over 2015, the state Department of Justice reported. According to the report, **hate crimes with an anti-Jewish motivation continue to be the most common** within the religion bias category.

Marblehead, Massachusetts, July 3, 2017 (JTA): Anti-Semitic graffiti was spray-painted on a wall near the harbor in a Boston-area coastal town. The graffiti included a Star of David in a circle with a line drawn through it and the letters IDF in a circle with a line through it, a derogatory phrase referring to Bernie Sanders, "End the Jew." Police are investigating the graffiti incident, as well as another incident in a section of Seaside Park, where they said "similarly offensive graffiti was discovered." It is not known if the same vandals are responsible for both incidents.

Lakewood, New Jersey, July 2, 2017 (NBC 4 New York): Vandals posted a banner containing an anti-Jewish slur on a Holocaust memorial in front of a New Jersey shore town synagogue. A message on the covering included an ethnic slur for Jewish people and stated they "will not divide us." Lakewood is home to a large and growing ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. In another incident, anti-Semitic fliers placed on the windshields of dozens of cars in Lakewood. Both incidents are presumed to have been carried out by the same people.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 30, 2017 (JTA/ Philadelphia Jewish Exponent): Cemetery vandals will be fined for each act of desecration under a new Philadelphia law enacted four months after a city Jewish cemetery was vandalized. Under the Ethnic Intimidation and Institutional Vandalism bill signed last week by Mayor Jim Kenney, fines for desecrating objects will be applied to each individual act of vandalizing a headstone, grave marker or gravesite. The fine for damaging just one headstone is \$2,000. For a third violation, vandals can be imprisoned for 30 days. Councilman Kenyatta Johnson introduced the bill in an effort to amend the city ordinance dealing with hate crimes. It applies to all cemeteries in Philadelphia. He said he introduced the bill "to send a clear message that these hate crimes will not be tolerated." "We should not be dealing with any forms of hate and discrimination," he said. "Those who engage in these types of acts are cowards." The damage to about 175 gravestones at the Mount Carmel Cemetery in the northeast part of the city was discovered in late February. No suspects have been identified.

Nationwide, June 29, 2017 (CNN): A majority of hate crime incidents are not reported to police, according to the results of a new Department of Justice hate crime report released on June 29th. The report, which included data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' National Crime Victimization Survey, also found that between 2004 and 2015, there was an average of 250,000 hate crime incidents each year. Between 2011 and 2015, 54% of violent hate crimes went unreported, the report found. During that same period, 90% of hate crimes included some form of violent crime, with the majority including simple assault. In comparison, the report said just 25% of non-hate crimes involved some form of violent crime. The report defined hate crimes as "those that manifest evidence of prejudice based on age, gender or gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity." According to the report, about 1 in 6 hate crime victimizations were thought to be motivated by bias against the victim's religion (17%).

New York, New York, June 29, 2017 (NBC 4 New York): An iconic "mitzvah" bus found torched in Brooklyn earlier in the week was intentionally set on fire, police say. Authorities released new details and surveillance footage in the hopes of catching a man who they say lit it on fire. The bus, a symbol of Jewish pride in Brooklyn, was completely destroyed in the fire. The repurposed school bus, decorated elaborately with religious imagery, was a prominent cultural fixture in the Brooklyn neighborhood. The charred shell of the bus was all that remained.

Watertown, Connecticut, June 29, 2017 (Hartford Current): Four headstones at Mount Olivet Cemetery were spray-painted with the word "Satan" and with swastikas, police said.

Washington, DC, June 28, 2017 (JTA/FOX 5): Anti-Semitic and white supremacist fliers were dropped at houses in a Washington, D.C., neighborhood. Jewish and non-Jewish residents of Glover Park found the two-sided fliers on their front doorsteps Wednesday morning, Fox5 reported. The fliers offer several conspiracy theories against Jews and call for a war on Jews. The same flier has appeared in D.C. neighborhoods before.

St. Louis, Missouri, June 28, 2017 (FOX 2): Plans are in the works to improve security at Jewish cemeteries in the St. Louis area. The move follows widespread vandalism at a Jewish cemetery in University City in February, when someone toppled more than 150 headstones at the historic Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery. No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

Sullivan County, New York, June 26, 2017 (Anti-Defamation League): The Anti-Defamation League condemned anti-Semitic vandalism in Bloomingburg, Sullivan County where an under-construction mikvah, a Jewish ritual bath, was defaced with swastikas and other hateful messages overnight between June 25 and 26. “A mikvah is a central piece of Jewish life, and spray-painting swastikas and crude symbols strikes at the heart of traditional Jewish life and practice,” said Evan R. Bernstein, ADL New York Regional Director.”

Nationwide, June 23, 2017 (JTA/ADL): The Ku Klux Klan still “poses a threat to society,” according to the Anti-Defamation League. The findings of an ADL report found that 42 KKK groups are active in 33 states, with an estimate of some 3,000 members. More than half the groups were either formed or restarted in the past three years. Most of the groups are concentrated in the South and the East, with a slight increase since early 2016. The report showed that some groups not only are still involved in criminal activity and violence, but have formed alliances with other white supremacist groups in hopes of restoring their continuity.

Nationwide, June 22, 2017 (Secure Community Network): James (Yoon) Shin, who made threats against the Jewish community and travelled across the country last summer visiting Jewish institutions, was released from jail after serving a 3 month sentence. Mr. Shin was arrested 11 August 2016 during last summer’s Maccabi games in Stamford, Connecticut, and charged with Disorderly Conduct, and 3 counts of Interfering/Resisting an Officer. The Maccabi games (often referred to as the “Jewish Olympics) comprise an international Jewish and Israeli multi-sport event. His release was conditional, and includes his staying away from Jewish locations, such as synagogues, schools, and facilities of any type in “whatever state they happen to be in.”

Alameda, California, June 22, 2017 (KRON 4): Anti-Semitic graffiti was found at an elementary school in Alameda. This is one of a handful of hate-related incidents the Alameda Unified School District has dealt with in recent months. “There was a reference to Hitler that was relatively favorable,” according to a district spokeswoman. It also insinuates a threat to an 18-year-old man who lives near the school.

San Francisco, June 21, 2017 (Los Angeles Times): Students and Jewish community members filed a lawsuit against San Francisco State University and Cal State’s board of trustees, alleging that the San Francisco campus of the country’s largest public university system has long cultivated a hostile environment in which Jewish students are “often afraid to wear Stars of David or yarmulkes on campus, and regularly text their friends to describe potential safety issues.”

Rockland County, New York, June 21, 2017 (JTA): Swastikas and the word “hate” were spray-painted on a suburban New York home newly sold by a Jewish-owned real estate agency. Late last month, the words “No Jews” were spray painted from floor to ceiling on the walls of a home for sale in another town in Rockland County. An Orthodox Jewish couple had been interested in buying the house.

Stamford, Connecticut, June 18, 2017 (Stamford Advocate): Jewish community leaders called for more security in the city after someone **used fecal matter to smear a swastika and the Star of David near the entrance of the Rich Forum Media Center.** Lauren Steinberg, director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien's Jewish Community Relations Council, said instances of anti-Semitism occur more often than one might expect. "Unfortunately anti-Semitism remains a pervasive element in our communities that we see increasingly more incidents of," Steinberg said. "This is a reminder to the Jewish community that we need to ensure our security and safety."

Ridgefield, Connecticut, June 15, 2017 (NBC CT): Police are investigating after finding **anti-Semitic symbols** and spray painted on the park stage and a stone wall.

Nationwide, June 13, 2017 (JTA/AP): A St. Louis man accused of making eight bomb threats against Jewish institutions pleaded guilty to cyberstalking charges. Juan Thompson, 32, also pleaded guilty in a U.S. District Court in Manhattan to a charge of conveying false information and hoaxes. The cyberstalking charges are for eight threats against Jewish community centers and the Anti-Defamation League, which federal prosecutors say were copycat crimes during a wave of nearly 150 bomb threats to Jewish institutions during the first three months of this year.

Nationwide, June 13, 2017 (The Times of Israel): In an audiotape circulated online, the Islamic State group called on supporters to **carry out attacks in the United States** and Europe during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan that began two weeks ago. The audio tape praised a number of recent terrorist attacks claimed by the terror group.

East Brunswick, New Jersey June 12, 2017 (East Brunswick Patch): **Anti-Semitic graffiti** was discovered Friday afternoon at an East Brunswick elementary school, according to East Brunswick schools Superintendent Dr. Victor Valeski. Based on the location of the graffiti, the Superintendent does not believe this was an act of a student.

Tampa, Florida, June 11, 2017 (The Washington Post/Times of Israel): Self-proclaimed **neo-Nazi, Brandon Russell, 21, was arrested after agents found bomb-making materials in his Florida apartment.** According to court documents, **prosecutors say he planned to use the explosives to harm synagogues.** Russell was charged with possession of unregistered destructive devices and unlawful storage of explosive material. He has admitted he is capable of making a bomb. Investigators found guns, ammunition and white supremacist propaganda in his bedroom, according to court records.

Goochland County, Virginia, June 11, 2017 (JTA/CBS affiliate, WTVR): **A swastika** was painted on the welcome sign of a Jewish summer camp, Camp Hilbert. The camp is by owned by the Weinstein JCC in Richmond, and hosts children in grades k through 10. Camping activities are scheduled to begin the week of June 19.

Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 11, 2017 (The Gazette): Police are investigating a possible hate crime after two men (caught on video surveillance) **stuck an anti-Israel message on the door of a Jewish synagogue,** which read, "FIGHT TERROR, NUKE ISRAEL."

Los Angeles, California, June 10, 2017, (Jewish Journal): **Three Los Angeles synagogue campuses were shut down following a series of online bomb threats,** disrupting normally scheduled Shabbat (Sabbath) activities. LAPD was notified immediately and the synagogue's campuses were shut down. The June 10 shutdowns follow a wave of more than 160 threats to synagogues and other Jewish buildings between January and March made by phone and email, including two against the Westside Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles.

Aurora, Colorado, June 7, 2017 (JTA/CBS4): Swastikas were spray-painted on the home of a Jewish couple in northeast Colorado. Local police are investigating the incident as a hate crime. The family reported that they do not know how the vandals knew they were Jewish.

Portland, Oregon, June 7, 2017 (JTA/Oregon Live website): A sign blaming Jews for the Sept. 11 attacks was hung from a pedestrian bridge over an interstate highway in Portland. The banner sign reading “Jews did 9-11” was hung on both sides of the bridge.

St. Louis, Missouri, June 7, 2017 (JTA): Juan Thompson, 32, will plead guilty to cyberstalking charges for making bomb threats against eight Jewish institutions. The Federal Bureau of Investigation complaint says Thompson threatened institutions including the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish community centers in San Diego and New York City, schools in New York and Michigan, and a Jewish history museum in New York City.

Aurora, Colorado, June 5, 2017 (Denver ABC-7): A couple in Aurora is shaken after waking to find swastikas spray-painted on their home. Police are now investigating the incident as a bias-motivated crime.

Spokane, Washington, June 2, 2017 (CBS News -KREM 2): Local Rabbi’s Facebook event was flooded with anti-Semitic comments. The Spokane rabbi created a Facebook page to invite the community to hear a Holocaust survivor share her story. The page was flooded with hateful anti-Semitic comments.

Bend, Oregon, June 2, 2017 (AP/KGW Portland): A horseback rider discovered nearly 20 swastikas and other offensive graffiti along a popular trail at Crooked River Ranch in Central Oregon.

Port Neches, Texas, May 31, 2017 (ABC News – 12): Resident’s reported finding a swastika spray painted at the Port Neches Riverfront Park.

Mt Lebanon, Pennsylvania, May 30, 2017 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette): For the third time in seven months, Mt. Lebanon police have been called upon to **investigate an anti-Semitic message** left in a public area. “Kill the Jews!” was found spelled out in pine cones with a swastika.

Florida, May 29, 2017 (ABC News – 10): Several Jewish temples and schools throughout the state have received bomb threats and requests for money as a ransom. North Miami Beach police said the letters came from an untraceable number from overseas, and said they brought in Homeland Security and the FBI to investigate. The letter says in part, "Good morning. I'll be brief. I installed several explosives in the building. If you do not send the amount of \$25,000 by May 31st I will blow this whole block. If you contact the police, I'll know..."

Rockland County, New York, May 29, 2017 (Yeshiva World News): An investigation is after **anti-Semitic graffiti** was found in vacant home in Haverstraw. The home is owned by a bank and is currently for sale. The perpetrators were likely targeting potential Jewish buyers, in an attempt to intimidate them against moving into the area.

Bozeman, Montana, May 26, 2017 (JTA): Users of websites associated with the “alt-right” cheered a Republican congressional candidate from Montana for allegedly body slamming Jewish reporter Ben Jacobs. There was no indication that Greg Gianforte knew or cared that Jacobs was Jewish when he allegedly threw The Guardian political reporter to the ground and broke his glasses. Gianforte was charged with misdemeanor assault. However a number of online commenters made the connection on

platforms frequented by the alt-right, a loose right-wing movement that includes white nationalists and anti-Semites. A user on the neo-Nazi website The Daily Stormer posted an article by The Guardian, a London-based daily, about the incident with the title “Montana Republican Stands up to the Jewish Media.” The user commented, “I don’t know anything about this guy, but I can appreciate him treating the Jewish media how it deserves to be treated.” Responses included “Body slamming k*** media members should become standard for Republican candidates. It should be part of the party platform.” Also, “The night of the broken glasses won’t soon be forgotten,” an apparent reference to Kristallnacht, a Nazi pogrom considered the start of the Holocaust. On 4chan, an online message board credited with launching the alt-right, threads about the incident frequently turned anti-Semitic, with comments like, “One day our patience will come to an end and then we will grab these insolent Jews by their throats and stuff their lying mouths shut!” and “Should’ve stomped the Jewlet.” Twice during the month of May, anti-Semitic and anti-Israel fliers were dropped outside homes in Bozeman, Montana.

Global Threat, May 26, 2017 (Newsweek): ISIS called for an “all-out war” on the West during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Circulated on ISIS’s official Nashir channels on encrypted messaging app Telegram, the Arabic-language audio message and accompanying slideshow directs the latest propaganda message to its “soldiers” and calls for attacks on Western “homes, their markets, their roads and their forums.” It said the “targeting of civilians is beloved to us and the most effective...may you get great reward in Ramadan.”

Wedgfield, Florida, May 25, 2017 (JTA/ABC –WFTC): Anti-Semitic and satanic graffiti was discovered by parents spray-painted throughout a park. The graffiti included the phrase “Gas the Jews.”

Miami, Florida, May 24, 2017 (JTA/AP): A South Florida man charged with **plotting to bomb a Miami-area synagogue and Jewish school** is negotiating a plea agreement, his defense attorney said. The FBI arrested James Medina, a convert to Islam from Hollywood, on April 29, 2016, while he was approaching the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center with what he believed was a bomb. An FBI informant had furnished Medina with the real looking but fake bomb. According to prosecutors, Medina initially planned to attack the 800-member Conservative synagogue and its school with assault rifles on Yom Kippur and was hoping to inspire other Muslims to commit terrorist attacks. He reportedly told an undercover FBI informant that he was prepared to kill innocent women and children. Medina also allegedly made several videos before the planned attack on the synagogue, including one in which he said goodbye to his family, the Sun-Sentinel reported at the time of the attack.

Northern California, May 24, 2017 (The Jewish News of North California): School records showed a **spike in anti-Semitic incidents at schools in nearly every county**, from Marin to the Peninsula to the East Bay and beyond. So far this year, 29 anti-Semitic incidents have been reported by more than 25 schools — compared with 25 incidents reported by more than 16 schools in all of 2016.

Los Angeles, California, May 23, 2017 (JTA/ABC -KABC): An **elderly man wearing a kippah was attacked** as he walked to morning prayers in a Los Angeles neighborhood. The attack took place in the Fairfax District, near the Congregation Bais Yehuda synagogue. Surveillance video shows the assailant punching and kicking the man, knocking him to the ground. The assailant then walks away from the scene.

Bozeman, Montana, May 22, 2017 (JTA/Bozeman Daily Chronicle): Fliers described as anti-Semitic were dropped in front of homes in Bozeman, Montana. The incident was the second in May, though the actual fliers were different. It is not clear whether the same person or group is responsible for the second distribution of fliers, which was not as extensive as those earlier in the month. A spokesperson from the Bozeman police, said, “It’s not the same flier as before, but is anti-Semitic; the tone is the

same.” Anti-Semitic fliers have been distributed in other areas of Montana, including Missoula and Whitefish, the site of a planned neo-Nazi march that was later called off.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 18, 2017 (JTA/Philly.Com/Fox 29 Philadelphia): Gravestones were toppled at a Philadelphia Jewish cemetery, the second time a Jewish cemetery in the city was vandalized this year. Five headstones were discovered knocked off their bases. Police reportedly do not have any suspects. The cemetery, which is more than 160 years old, does not have surveillance cameras. In August 2015, at least 124 tombstones were toppled in the same cemetery. In February this year, some 175 headstones were toppled at Philadelphia's Mount Carmel Cemetery.

New York, New York, May 17, 2017 (The Forward/New York Daily News): The NYPD suspect **arson is behind the raging blaze that destroyed a historic 150-year-old synagogue** that was in the process of redeveloping and reopening. Video footage shows three suspects entering the synagogue and leaving just before the fire erupted. The synagogue, which was designated a city landmark in 1967, was the oldest Ashkenazi shul in New York.

Charlottesville, Virginia, May 16, 2017 (JTA): The **mayor of Charlottesville, Virginia, was hit with anti-Semitic tweets** following protests by white nationalists over the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from a local park. White supremacist leader Richard Spencer led the protests. One tweet read “I smell Jew. If so, you are going back to Israel. But you will not stay in power here. Not for long.”

Nationwide, May 15, 2017 (National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin: 2017.001-B): Updated and extended by six months the NTAS Bulletin based on the persistent threat from homegrown terrorists. According to the bulletin, the country faces one of the most serious terror threat environments since the 9111 attacks as foreign terrorist organizations continue to exploit the Internet to inspire, enable, or direct individuals already here in the homeland to commit terrorist acts. Specific attack tactics have included the use of vehicle ramming, small arms, straight-edged blades or knives, and homemade explosives, as well as other acts such as taking hostages. (Sources: May 15, 2017)

Illustrations:

- On May 14, 2017, it was reported that al-Qaeda released a new video, which purportedly features Osama Bin Laden's son, Hamza bin Laden, encouraging Muslims in America and the West to carry out **lone-wolf attacks against Jewish targets**. In the video, distributed by al-Qaeda media arm as-Sahab, Bin Laden urges the use of weapons such as knife and vehicle-ramming attacks. In January, Bin Laden, 28, was named a specially designated global terrorist by the US State Department. (Source: CNN, May 15, 2017)

- On April 3, 2017, a 19-year-old Ocala man arrested on burglary, theft, and firearms charges has been accused of researching materials linked to the Islamic State group, **conducting internet searches about Jewish schools** in Ocala, and possessing multiple firearms including an AK-47. The man, Jonathan Beese, is known to have owned several firearms, researched explosives, operational security matters, information about the Israel-Jordan border, and downloaded materials used by Westerners supporting ISIL.(Sources: The Ocala Star-Banner, April 14, 2017)

Nationwide, May 14, 2017 (i24 News/Times of Israel/San Diego Jewish World): In a new video released by al-Qaeda, which purportedly features Osama Bin Laden's son, Hamza bin Laden, the terror group encourages **Muslims in America and the West to carry out lone-wolf attacks against Jewish targets**. In the video, distributed by al-Qaeda media arm as-Sahab, Bin Laden urges the use of weapons

other than guns, and includes footage of knife and vehicle-ramming attacks, as illustrations. In January, Bin Laden, 28, was named a specially designated global terrorist by the US State Department.

Durham, New Hampshire, May 14, 2017 (AP): Police at the University of New Hampshire are **investigating swastika drawings** found in a student dormitory. The discovery followed a forum in which dozens of UNH students urged administrators to do more to combat racism.

Boise, Idaho, May, 11, 2017 (Idaho Statesman/Times of Israel): A **memorial to teen Holocaust diarist Anne Frank was vandalized with anti-Semitic and racial slurs**. The damage at the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial will cost about \$20,000 to repair. Built by the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, the privately funded memorial opened in August 2002, as a gift to the city of Boise. There are no security cameras at the memorial.

Nationwide, May 10, 2017 (FBI and DHS Joint Intelligence Bulletin): On May 10, 2017, the FBI and DHS released a joint assessment **that lone actors and small cells within the white supremacist extremist (WSE) movement would likely continue to pose a threat of lethal violence** over the next year. This assessment is based on a review of lethal and potentially lethal incidents of WSE violence from 2000 to 2016 (**including acts of violence against the Jewish community**) and the often spontaneous and opportunistic nature of these acts that limits prevention by law enforcement. They assessed that most WSE lethal violence over the next year will very likely be derived from the capabilities of lone offenders or small cells, that the violence will more likely continue to be spontaneous and involve targets of opportunity, and that firearms will likely continue to pose the greatest threat of lethal violence by WSEs due to their availability and ease of use. (Source: FBI and DHS Joint Intelligence Bulletin: IA-0154-17, May 10, 2017)

Illustration: In April 2014, Frazier Glenn Cross, an **extremist white supremacist killed three people at the Overland Park, Kansas Jewish Community Center and nearby Jewish assisted living facility**. Cross represented himself in the trial, during which he claimed he was protecting the white race from Jews. This statement was consistent with his history of espousing anti-Semitic and white supremacist views. (Source: CNN, August 31, 2015)

Bozeman, Montana, May 10, 2017 (JTA/Bozeman Daily Chronicle): **Hundreds of fliers showing an apparently fictitious haredi Orthodox rabbi calling for a white genocide** were dropped in front of homes in Bozeman. The fliers quote the rabbi as saying that it is “in the Jewish interest ... that whites experience a genocide,” describing violence against women and children.

Palm Beach County, Florida, May 10, 2017 (Palm Beach Post); **Swastikas and racial slurs were found** painted on the walls of Santaluces High School early Wednesday, the second incident involving racially offensive graffiti at a southern Palm Beach County high school in a week. Last week, Park Vista High School in suburban Boynton Beach was targeted by vandals, authorities said. Yael Hershfield, the interim regional director for the Anti-Defamation League’s Florida region, called the recent incidents disturbing. She noted similar incidents at other schools around the state. A recent audit conducted by the ADL showed that Palm Beach County had the highest number of reported incidents in 2016 with 42, followed by Miami-Dade and Broward counties, with 26 each. The audit included reports of vandalism, assaults, harassment and threats.

Las Vegas, Nevada, May 9, 2017 (CBS -8 Las Vegas): A man identified as Afshin Bahrapour, is facing multiple counts of arson in connection with **fires at the Chabad Center of Southern Nevada**. Metro Police said the man is accused of setting fires to several cars in the parking lot, and to a trash can in one of the bathrooms of the Jewish synagogue. According to police, there was even someone in the bathroom at the time he set the fire.

Warwick, New York, May 9, 2017 (JTA): The New York State Police have called on the public to help find the **vandals who defaced a Jewish cemetery with anti-Semitic graffiti**. The brick wall surrounding the Beth Shalom Cemetery in Warwick, a suburban town located about 90 minutes north of Manhattan, was vandalized with black spray-paint including the words “Heil Hitler,” swastikas and SS lightning bolts. The attack occurred in October, just days before the observance of Yom Kippur.

Washington D.C., May 8, 2017 (JTA/NBC - 4): Officials at Georgetown University said a **death threat was among the anti-Semitic graffiti found** on the Georgetown University campus in a public restroom next to the campus Jewish center. The Makom Jewish Gathering Space houses Jewish student group meetings, Shabbat and holiday programming, social events, Jewish learning, cultural programs, movie-screenings, and Interfaith group meetings. Campus police are investigating the incident, increasing patrols and coordinating with the Metropolitan Police Department. In March, swastikas were discovered scratched into the walls of elevators in two student residences at Georgetown.

Minot, North Dakota, May 8, 2017 (Minot Daily News): A vandal or vandals **scrawled anti-Semitic and racist words and images** across the door of the Church of the Living God. Minot police are investigating.

Concord, Massachusetts, May 8, 2017 (Concord/Journal Patch): A **swastika was found** on a bathroom wall at Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. security tapes are being reviewed and investigators are interviewing students, faculty and staff who may have additional information. Late last year, racist and anti-Semitic graffiti was found on three separate occasions at Concord Middle School.

Iowa City, Iowa, May 6, 2017 (The Gazette): The University of Iowa is investigating a **swastika found drawn** on a mural in a campus pedestrian tunnel. In the statement, the administrators said, “We are united in condemning this incident and the recent white supremacy messages found at the UI Library.” Last month, media reported that “a card promoting white supremacy” was found in the UI Libraries.

Missoula, Montana, May 5, 2017 (JTA/Missoulian daily): **Anti-Semitic fliers were posted** at a gas station in Missoula. The fliers appeared to be distributed by a white supremacist group and were taped to the gas pumps, according to local reports. In November, a Missoula synagogue requested a police patrol after American Nazi Party fliers accusing Jews of controlling the media were dropped in residential areas of the city.

New York, New York, May 3, 2017 (The New York Jewish Week): An unidentified man **started a fire in a Jewish school’s bus in Brooklyn using religious books he found in the vehicle**. The arsonist broke into the emergency exit of the parked bus in the early evening. Police said he found the religious books in the glove compartment. No one was in the vehicle. According to police, video surveillance captured an image of the man, who is still at large.

New Bedford, Massachusetts, May 2, 2017 (South Coast Today): Vandals spray-painted **anti-Semitic graffiti** on a sidewalk and building wall in downtown New Bedford.

Denver, Colorado, May 2, 2017 (ABC – 7): **Swastikas and other symbols of hate were found carved** into cars in a University of Denver neighborhood near the campus Hillel Jewish center. Denver police report that they have no suspects.

Louisville, Kentucky, May 1, 2017 (NBC – 18): Louisville Police arrested a man, who they say **spray painted a swastika** on the side of the police headquarters. According to the arrest citation, the man was caught on camera spray painting the hate message on the building.

Manalapan, New Jersey, May 1, 2017 (New Jersey Jewish News): Manalapan police are still investigating an incident where **anti-Semitic graffiti, including a swastika, was scrawled** on the grounds of the Clark Mills elementary school. The graffiti was drawn during Passover and on Holy Thursday. Holy Week, which leads up to Easter, had traditionally been a time when Europe's Jews were subjected to harassment, attacks, and pogroms blaming them for the death of Jesus.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 30, 2017 (JTA): The **front door of a Jewish elementary school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was struck with a bullet.** No one was injured when the bullet hit the glass front door of the Yeshiva Elementary School. The bullet broke the glass but did not go in to the school. Police are investigating the shooting and working with the school to locate witnesses. At this point, the police do not believe that the school was specifically targeted.

Spokane, Washington, April 30, 2017 (Times of Israel): **A building housing community support services and non-profit groups was vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti.** Among the anti-Semitic statements were: "Hitler did nothing wrong," "Gas the Kikes" and "Judens Raus," German for "Jews Out." The graffiti also called for a "race war now." Racist and anti-Semitic white nationalist flyers were posted on the building last month.

Charleston, South Carolina, April 29, 2017 (Fox – 57): Charleston Police say a **West Ashley synagogue has been vandalized** and investigators are searching for a suspect. According to CPD spokesman Charles Francis, officers were called to Synagogue Emanu-El after receiving reports of damage. Police say an employee called them after finding a small hole in a window in the rear of the building. The police are inquiring with neighbors about whether a gunshot was heard. Police say they are increasing patrols in the area as a precaution.

Manhattan, Kansas, April 28, 2017 (JTA/Manhattan Mercury): An **anti-Semitic poster was hung** on the campus of Kansas State University on Holocaust Remembrance Day. "Ending white privilege starts with ending Jewish privilege," said the poster, which contained a graphic of a pyramid of people. "Is the 1 percent straight white men? Or is it Jewish?" Kansas State police are investigating the incident.

New York, New York, April 27, 2016 (JTA/New York Daily News): More **than two-thirds of hate crimes on New York City subways this year have targeted Jews**, according to the Police Department's Transit Bureau, with anti-Semitic graffiti the most frequent offense. Some 22 of 31 hate crimes on the subways this year targeted Jews, the Transit Bureau said in a report to the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Last year there were a total of seven hate incidents in the same time period, according to the report. The anti-Semitic graffiti included swastikas and threats to kill Jews.

New York, New York, April 26, 2017 (dnainfo): At least one **swastika drawn** with a marker was discovered on a Q train, according to the MTA. The number of anti-Semitic hate crimes have spiked by 94 percent this year, which has been driving an uptick in overall hate crimes in 2017. In another recent incident, a motorcyclist recently tossed fliers with swastikas and anti-Semitic drawings on them onto a street in South Williamsburg.

Princeton, New Jersey, April 25, 2017 (Daily Princetonian/The Jerusalem Post): **Fliers with anti-Semitic, racist, and anti-immigrant messages were posted** on the campus of Princeton University. The fliers were discovered in at least four areas of the campus, including on the door to the main entrance of the campus Center for Jewish Life

Casper, Wyoming, April 20, 2017 (KTWO Radio – Wyoming): The school principal offered an award for information on a person who drew a **swastika on school furniture**.

Edmonds, Washington, April 19, 2017 (KIRO – 7): Edmonds police are investigating after **multiple cars were spray painted with swastikas** overnight. Throughout the day, police received five reports from victims whose property was damaged with the symbols.

Whitefish, Montana, April 18, 2017 (JTA): A Montana Jewish woman, backed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, is suing a neo-Nazi white supremacist for launching a harassment campaign against her and her family. Tanya Gersh, announcing her lawsuit against Andrew Anglin, the founder of the Daily Stormer website, said in a conference call that she has lost income and has suffered because of the attacks unleashed on her after Anglin posted her personal information on his neo-Nazi website in December. "We got terrorized," she said **including photo shopped pictures of her and her 12-year old son being murdered by Nazis**, describing multiple death threats, , and phone calls that included gun shots. "I'm no longer working, I'm in trauma therapy twice a week, I'm losing my hair," she said. "I'm having anxieties I never had before. Most importantly I'm never feeling safe."

New York, New York, April 18, 2017 (World Jewish Congress): A man driving through Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood littered **numerous anti-Semitic posters**, in an incident that the New York Police Department is now investigating. His fliers contained swastikas, as well as a cartoon examining the "Holocaust myth."

New York State, April 18, 2017 (JTA/AP): New York State reportedly will establish a hate crimes task force. The task force, which will identify and investigate hate crimes and discriminatory practices. It will be made up of members of the New York State Police, who will work with the state Division of Human Rights, prosecutors and local school and law enforcement officials. Following the **vandalism at a Jewish cemetery** in Rochester, New York, Cuomo said in a statement, "New York has zero tolerance for bias or discrimination of any kind, and we will always stand united in the face of anti-Semitism and divisiveness." In mid-February, a report said that hate crimes against Jews more than doubled in New York City since the start of the new year from the same period in 2016. According to the city's Police Department, there have been more reports of hate crimes against Jews in 2016 and 2017, to date, than any other targets.

Charlottesville, Virginia, April 17, 2017 (NBC 29): A fraternity in Charlottesville was tagged with **anti-Semitic graffiti**.

Hartford, Connecticut, April 16, 2017 (Associated Press): Kendall Sullivan, a Connecticut man who **posted threats against Jews and synagogues** on a metal music internet forum, is scheduled to go before a U.S. District judge in Bridgeport. He pleaded guilty in January to perpetrating a hoax and originally faced three federal charges of making online threats. The 50-year-old was arrested in July following an investigation that linked him to messages posted that spring and summer on the Metalthrone.net website. "I will slaughter them and burn their Synagogue to the ground . . . kids, goldfish, old folks. Shove money down their throats," Sullivan wrote under the screen name KS43. "These Jews of 2016. They think they are safe." Investigators searched Sullivan's Stamford home and found more than two dozen firearms, gun parts, high-capacity magazines and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Patricia Ferrick, the agent in charge of the FBI's New Haven division, said at the time that authorities "may have averted a horrific hate crime from occurring."

New York, New York, April 16, 2017 (ABC 7): A **vicious robbery at a Brooklyn synagogue** sent one man to the hospital. At around 5 a.m., two men entered the Chabad Synagogue Beth Menachem Mendel.

Once the suspects were inside, they awoke a 53-year-old man on the third floor and hit him with a rotary cultivator garden tool over his face and head, police say. The suspects fled through the rear door with a laptop, cellphone and the victim's wallet with approximately \$300 and credit cards. Police say he also stole donations that were meant to be given to charity. The victim was taken to Maimonides Medical Center.

Eugene, Oregon, April 15, 2017 (The Register-Guard): Offensive words and phrases and a swastika were found plastered on the side of a Lane Transit District bus stop -shelter. Eugene police Lt. -David Natt said Friday that there has been an increase in the number of hate and bias incidents reported to the police department as well as to the city of -Eugene's Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement this year compared to 2016.

Auburn, Alabama, April 13, 2017 (WLTZ – NBC): A group called the "Auburn White Student Union" distributed flyers around the Auburn University campus, strongly expressing their anti-Semitic views. AU officials wouldn't go on camera, but they said this group has no affiliation with the university. They sent WLTZ a statement saying: "This group isn't an Auburn student organization, and we find the views expressed in their materials reprehensible and unrepresentative of those of the university." But, some students believe the university needs to do more. This comes days prior to Richard Spencer speaking on the campus.

Phoenix, Arizona, April 13, 2017 (Phoenix Patch): Anti-Semitic graffiti was spray-painted on a building in Phoenix. After receiving a tweet with a photo of the graffiti, the mayor quickly sent dispatched a crew to the scene to clean up the hate message.

Fairfax, Virginia, April 12 (JTA/Washington Post): Authorities say a Jewish community center and a church within a mile of each other were vandalized during a week when the two locations observed holy days. Fairfax County police said authorities responded to a report of graffiti at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. "Hitler was right," swastikas and the SS symbol were found spray-painted on the exterior of the JCC building. Within hours, they received a similar report at Little River United Church of Christ. The vandalism occurred before daybreak. The community center's executive director, Jeff Dannick, says it was particularly painful that the vandalism occurred during Passover. Police say they are reviewing surveillance footage in both cases.

Bucks County, Pennsylvania, April 12, 2017 (Philly VOICE): The Warminster Police Department responded to a string of criminal mischief reports. The vandalism all occurred within a mile of each other, but authorities are unclear when the activity happened. Vehicles and mailboxes were damaged, but one car had a swastika carved on it.

Missouri, April 10, 2017 (Newsweek): Juan Thompson, the former journalist whom authorities believe is behind several of the recent bomb threats to Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) and other Jewish sites, has pleaded not guilty. On March 3, police in Missouri arrested Thompson, 32, for allegedly making the threats to at least eight Jewish sites in January and February.

Flemingsburg, Kentucky, April 10, 2017 (LEX 18): Two people were arrested after police say they spray painted cars with vulgar messages, images, and swastikas.

Norwell, Massachusetts, April 10, 2017 (The Patriot Ledger): Police in Norwell are investigating anti-Semitic graffiti and vandalism along the town's "pathwalks."

St. Louis, Missouri, April 10, 2017 (JTA/Huffington Post): An **anti-Semitic voicemail message** was left for a librarian at Washington University. The message came after the librarian helped organize an exhibit on the Holocaust at a local museum. The librarian, who declined to be named, notified the Huffington Post of the incident through its “Documenting Hate” project in conjunction with the ProPublica nonprofit news organization dedicated to investigative journalism.

Nationwide, April 5, 2017 (Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs): In response to an inquiry made by Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) during a hearing on border security, **Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly testified that he would continue to support the Nonprofit Security Grant Program** at the Department of Homeland Security.

Nationwide, April 4 and March 29, 2017 (Algemeiner/JNS/The Jewish Press): The AMCHA Initiative, a Jewish non-profit focused on tracking and combating anti-Semitism, has launched new interactive maps to track patterns of anti-Semitism on American college campuses. “The anti-Semitism plaguing our nation’s colleges and universities continues to grow,” said Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, AMCHA Initiative founder and director. According to AMCHA, in total, the **campuses studied experienced a 40 percent spike in anti-Semitic behavior**, with 433 episodes recorded last year. Rossman-Benjamin also noted that “homicidal expression — condoning or calling for the murder of Jews, using language and imagery linked with the Holocaust — is rising at a troubling rate.” she said. And that an uptick in the first quarter of 2017 has been documented. Rossman-Benjamin added that AMCHA’s goal is that the tools and data AMCHA provides, “will prove helpful to advocacy organizations, government officials, university administrators, researchers and concerned parents, students and university stakeholders.”

Scottsdale, Arizona, March 30, 2017 (JTA): **Fliers accusing Jews of creating anti-Semitic hoaxes** were left in neighborhoods of Scottsdale, Arizona. The fliers dropped throughout this week near the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center in Scottsdale. “Why do Jews feel the need to create fake anti-Semitism hoaxes?” the flier reads, and directs people to the website of the neo-Nazi and white supremacist Daily Stormer website. The flier also features a cartoon of a man with a very large and slightly hooked nose wearing a hat and trench coat spray-painting a swastika on the side of a building with the caption “Hey Rabbi. Watcha’ Doing?”

Ridgefield, Connecticut, March 30, 2017 (JTA): **Anti-Semitic graffiti**, including a swastika, were found on the campus of the Ridgefield High School. The principal, Stacey Gross, sent an emailed letter to parents and students saying such acts are a blow to the school’s efforts at inclusiveness. “I know that you join with me in saying, ‘We will not allow our school to become a platform for hatred and intolerance of any group,’” she wrote in the letter. “Furthermore, we will not be bystanders to humiliation, and we will not be silent to the suffering of others.”

Phoenix, Arizona, March 29, 2017 (KTAR News): **Anti-Semitic fliers** were distributed overnight in a Scottsdale neighborhood. It is unknown who distributed the fliers, but they do have a link to the Daily Stormer, a website associated with neo-Nazi and white supremacist viewpoints. Police are investigating.

Nationwide, March 28, 2017 (JTA/FOX News): Dozens of volunteers and laborers launched the restoration of **topped and damaged headstones at a Philadelphia Jewish cemetery**. Experts in grave restoration are overseeing the work at the Mount Carmel Cemetery, the local Fox affiliate reported. Two Philadelphia labor unions offered to provide free repairs and added security. The damage to about 175 gravestones was discovered in late February, days after a Jewish cemetery in St. Louis was vandalized. No suspects have been identified. Meanwhile, most of the 154 toppled gravestones at the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in St. Louis have been righted and resealed to their bases, local public radio reported. Some 16 of the stones have to be replaced, according to the report.

St. Paul, Minnesota, March 28, 2017(GO-MN): The Jewish Community Action, a local community group that works for social changes reported that their office was the **target of anti-Semitic vandalism**. The word “Jewish” in “Jewish Community Action” was struck through and replaced with “Satan.” t’s the latest in a string of anti-Semitic incidents to be reported in the state. Although recent figures have yet to be compiled, advocacy groups have said there’s been an uptick in anti-Semitism and hate crimes recently. Two Jewish centers in Minnesota are among the dozens that have been evacuated over bomb threats. And more anti-Semitic vandalism has been reported in places like college dorms and high school bathrooms.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 27, 2017 (ABC-6): A **window was broken at a synagogue** in the Tacony section of Philadelphia, in what is the latest incident of vandalism involving the building. In this case, someone threw a baseball-sized rock through a stained glass window at Temple Menorah Keneseth Chai. This is the third such incident since December. In the first case, a rock was thrown through a window as well. In the next incident, in January, eight rocks were thrown through windows.

Clover, South Carolina, March 27, 2017 (The Herald): A housing development is the latest to be hit with **swastika graffiti**. An employee of the Iron Gate Farms subdivision told York County sheriff’s deputies that he found the Nazi symbol spray-painted on the entrance to the community. The discovery comes after at least three subdivisions in nearby Gaston County, N.C., just across the state line from the vandalism

Gastonia, North Carolina, March 26, 2017 (CNN/ WSOC-TV): Police are reviewing footage from security cameras after **vandals spray-painted anti-Semitic symbols** in at least two neighborhoods near Gastonia. The Southern Poverty Law Center, which studies and follows hate crimes, says incidents like these are on the rise nationwide.

Phoenix, Arizona, March 26, 2017 (The Arizona Republic): Anti-Semitic graffiti was removed from the Pinnacle High auditorium and a nearby pillar. The graffiti continues a string of anti-Jewish activities in Phoenix that includes swastika graffiti outside a Paradise Valley elementary school, bomb threats to a Jewish community center and a decorative menorah bent into a swastika.

Nationwide, March 24, 2017 (JTA): **Twitter emerged as the social network with the most anti-Semitic content** in a comprehensive analysis. The study of the prevalence of hatred toward Jews on such platforms, commissioned by the World Jewish Congress and published this week, was conducted throughout 2016. Nearly two-thirds of the 382,000 posts deemed anti-Semitic in the study appeared on Twitter, followed by 11 percent posted on Facebook, 6 percent on Instagram and 2 percent on YouTube.

Dallas, Texas, March 24, 2017 (Dallas News): The **Jewish Community Center in North Dallas was evacuated yesterday evening after a bomb threat** was made. The Jewish Federation is located on the JCC campus.

Livingston, New Jersey, March 23, 2017 (JTA/CBS New York): A **New Jersey synagogue that houses a preschool was evacuated after receiving a called-in bomb threat**.

Belmont, California, March 23, 2017 (The Daily Journal): **Anti-Semitic graffiti** twice scrawled at Carlmont High School.

Nationwide, March 22, 2017 (JTA/House Subcommittee on Global Human Rights): Representatives of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Secure Community Network testified before the human rights subcommittee of the U.S. House of

Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., the subcommittee chairman, convened the hearing to examine connections **between increases in anti-Semitism in Europe and in the United States**. The witnesses testified to factors attributed to the uptick in incidents at home including the wide-spread availability and anonymity inherent in the use of technology – such as social media platforms. Tens of thousands of people can be reached with the click of button. They added that places of worship, community centers, schools and other inherently Jewish institutions have become lightning rods for geopolitical events. They testified that anti-Semitism links hate groups across the spectrum that otherwise have no connection.

Dallas, Texas, March 22, 2017 (Washington Post): A man was charged in Texas with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after sending a Twitter message containing an animated strobe image to journalist Kurt Eichenwald, who suffers from epilepsy and was sent into a seizure. The charge includes a **hate crime enhancement, based on alleged anti-Semitic bias** associated with the crime.

Baltimore, MD, March 21, 2017 (JTA/Baltimore Sun): Baltimore Jewish leaders and local political officials came together for a solidarity event after a **swastika was painted on a sign for The Jewish Museum of Maryland**. The swastika appeared on the sign acknowledging the museum's status as an agency of the The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. Days earlier, the museum opened an exhibit titled "Remembering Auschwitz: History, Holocaust, Humanity."

Chicago, Illinois, March 20, 2017 (Jerusalem Post): A University of Illinois student discovered piles of **various anti-Semitic posters** in the library just days after a flyer calling for the end of "Jewish privilege" made waves across the campus.

Blacksburg, Virginia, March 20, 2017 (Virginia Tech Collegiate Times): The Jewish Student Center's front lawn was littered with 100 hand-drawn swastikas emblazoned on leaflets. The Jewish Student Center is named for Liviu Librescu, a Holocaust survivor, professor of engineering science and mechanics at Virginia Tech and one of the 32 victims of a mass shooting on campus in April 2007. He held the doors to his lecture hall closed, allowing all but one of his students enough time to escape through the windows.

Phoenix, Arizona, March 19, 2017 (): Chandler police arrested four suspects in an apparently **anti-Semitic act of vandalism**. The Chandler Police Department announced that a 19-year-old man and three youths were responsible for dismantling a Jewish family's menorah (symbolic (ritualistic) Jewish candelabra) and turning it into a swastika while the family slept.

Chicago, Illinois, March 17, 2017 (DNA Info): **Anti-Semitic fliers**, which stated, "Ending white privilege ... starts with ending Jewish privilege," were found in locations around campus.

St. Paul, Minnesota, March 17, 2017 (Star Tribune/KMSP-TV): A University of St. Thomas student leader has come under fire for three-year-old tweets, which included **tweets saying "[The Jews] will get what is coming for them"** and calling people who support Israel "the scum of the Earth".

San Francisco, California, March 15, 2017 (San Francisco Gate): A **Jewish symbol adorning a student's front door on the UC Hastings campus was set on fire by a vandal**, and police are investigating the incident as a possible anti-Semitic hate crime. The mezuzah, which contains a scroll of Hebrew verses from the Torah, is commonly placed on door frames by those of the Jewish faith.

Nationwide, March 14 (FBI): A criminal complaint was unsealed today charging Ahlam Aref Ahmad Al-Tamimi, also known as "Khalti" and "Halati," a Jordanian national in her mid-30s, with conspiring to use

a weapon of mass destruction against U.S. nationals outside the U.S., resulting in death. The charge is related to the defendant's participation in an Aug. 9, 2001, **suicide bomb attack at a pizza restaurant in Jerusalem that killed 15 people, including two U.S. nationals**. The affidavit states that on August 9, 2001, Al-Tamimi led the suicide bomber to a crowded area in downtown Jerusalem and instructed the suicide bomber to detonate the explosive device in the area, or somewhere nearby if an opportunity arose to cause more casualties. According to the affidavit, the suicide bomber entered a Sbarro pizza restaurant and detonated the explosive device, causing extensive damage, bodily injury and death. Seven of the dead were children, including one U.S. national.

Nationwide, March 14, 2017 (Huffington Post): Last year, there were **600 hate crimes against Jews on American college campuses** and more than 130 such instances, including Swastikas painted on doorways, slurs, and physical assaults, have occurred since the beginning of this year.

Nationwide, March 14, 2017 (Jewish Press): **Hate crimes rose sharply in several major American cities** in 2016, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino. Previously unpublished data by the university's Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism show double-digit increases in hate crimes in New York City, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Columbus, Ohio last year. The new hate crime report was conducted under the supervision of Criminologist and attorney Brian Levin, who is a professor of criminal justice and Director of the nonpartisan Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino where he specializes in the analysis of hate crime, domestic and international terrorism and related legal issues. According to Levin, **"Jews remain the most targeted faith community, both numerically and proportionally**, accounting for 11.4% of all hate crime and 53% of all religious hate crime."

Detroit, Michigan, March 14 (WDIV-TV): **A Jewish center's website was hacked with hate speech.**

Ocala, Florida, March 14, 2017 (Secure Community Network): A 19-year-old Ocala man arrested on **burglary, theft, and firearms charges has been identified as an ISIL sympathizer who conducted internet searches about Jewish schools** in the Ocala area and searched information regarding travelling overseas to places where ISIL operates. The man, Jonathan Beese, is known to have owned several firearms, including an AK-47, and researched explosives, operational security matters, information about the Israel-Jordan border, and downloaded materials used by Westerners supporting ISIL.

Seattle, Washington, March 13, 2017 (Reuters): **Vandals scrawled graffiti claiming the Holocaust was "fake history" on an exterior wall of a Seattle synagogue.**

New York New York, March 10, 2017 (Daily News): Workers at a Jewish organization serving the elderly were forced to evacuate after one of its employees received a text message on their **phone threatening that a bomb would go off**, leading to the evacuation of the facility.

Potomac, Maryland, March 7, 2017 (WTOP News): Teachers and parents of students at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland, received a letter Tuesday advising them of a hate incident at the school. A student whose class was in **the midst of studying the Holocaust received an anti-Semitic text**, according to Montgomery county police.

Nationwide, March 7, 2017 (JTA/Secure Community Network): **Four Jewish community centers across the United States and a number of Anti-Defamation League offices have received threats of lethal attack**, the sixth such wave since the beginning of the year. Bomb threats were called into community centers in Milwaukee; Rockville, Maryland; Portland, Oregon; and Rochester, New York. In addition, the

JCC in Syracuse, New York, was on lockdown after a threat was called in. Meanwhile, the ADL confirmed that several of its regional offices had been threatened.

Chicago, Illinois, March 7, 2017 (NBC Chicago): Chicago police responded to a report of a **bomb threat at a Jewish school and temple** on Chicago's North Side. Police said it appeared someone called the school and said there was a bomb at that location. The students were evacuated and the school and temple swept by bomb-sniffing dogs.

Loraine, Ohio, March 7, 2017 (JTA): A **swastika was carved onto the door frame of a 100-year-old synagogue** in northeastern Ohio. The swastika was carved at the Agudath B'nai Israel Synagogue in a suburb located on the west side of Cleveland. In addition to the swastika, the words "We will rise and gas you," followed by an expletive, also were found on the synagogue.

Mason City, Iowa, March 6, 2017 (Globe Gazette): The president of the Jewish congregation in Mason City, who receives voicemail forwarded from the synagogue, **received a threatening message directed at the synagogue:** "We gonna spray your sh---y synagogue in pigs blood. Watch the f----- out." Mason City police have been notified.

New York, New York, March 6, 2017 (JTA/DNAinfo): **Anti-Semitic incidents are up 94 percent in New York City** over this time last year, the New York Police Department reported. Through the first two months of this year, 35 anti-Semitic incidents have been reported, compared to 18 through February 2016. Patrols have been added near Jewish community centers and synagogues in response to the increased anti-Semitic hate crimes. The patrols will increase even more as Passover nears in April, the NYPD said.

Springfield, Massachusetts, March 5, 2017 (JTA): The Springfield **Jewish Community Center in Massachusetts was evacuated after a bomb threat** was found written on the wall of the men's locker room. The city's arson and bomb squads, police and firefighters searched the building but did not find anything, according to reports. JCC officials decided to keep the facility closed for the rest of the day following the incident.

Nationwide, March 3, 2017 (DHS Intelligence Note): **The Department of Homeland Security reported that members of a pro-ISIS Telegram channel were encouraging followers in the West to carry out attacks on Jewish communities.** ISIS supporters on this Telegram channel since mid-February have posted a large number of files containing PDFs and video tutorials on a variety of potential attack preparations and methods to support "the Lone Mujahid." Resources posted on the Telegram channel include videos, guides, and tutorials-mostly in English-ranging from sections of religious texts purported to condone violent extremism to tactical guidance regarding weapons and explosives, physical training, survival in hostile environments, and self- defense. A recent post urged members to head for "the nearest Jewish" area, included a photo of Paris kosher supermarket attacker Amedy Coulibaly, and encouraged readers to follow Coulibaly's example and attack people of the Jewish faith.

Illustration: As an example of the threat, the report mentions the April 2016 FBI arrest of a Florida resident for allegedly **attempting to detonate an explosive device at a synagogue** in Aventura, Florida. The individual expressed anti-Semitic views and allegedly agreed to conduct the attack on behalf of ISIS or al-Shabaab, according to the criminal complaint. He also conducted pre-operational surveillance to determine facility vulnerabilities. (Source: DHS Intelligence Note: IA-0094-17, March 3, 2017)

Nationwide, March 3, 2017 (JTA): Thanking the FBI and police for the arrest of Juan Thompson, who allegedly made eight bomb threats to Jewish institutions, the Anti-Defamation League called the **current**

wave of anti-Semitic acts “unprecedented.” “Law enforcement at all levels is a close friend to the Jewish people in America,” Evan Bernstein, ADL’s New York regional director, said at a news conference. “Just because there’s been an arrest today around our bomb threats does not mean that the threats have disappeared or will stop.” Earlier, sources told the media that Thompson was a “copycat” and that the investigation continued into finding the hoaxers behind the dozens of other bomb threats reported since January.

Columbia, Missouri, March 3, 2017 (JTA/Columbia Missourian): Two University of Missouri students were arrested for alleged **anti-Semitic intimidation of a Jewish student**. Campus police arrested Erich Eastman 18, and Noah Rogers, 19, both of Columbia, Missouri. According to the alleged victim, Eastman and Rogers have been harassing him for six months, including with anti-Semitic notes and comments.

Nationwide, March 3, 2017 (JTA): Secretary John Kelly in a statement called the threats and harassment directed at faith-based communities in the United States “unacceptable and escalating.” He directed his department to “heighten outreach and support to enhance public safety.” Kelly said in the statement that the department’s National Protection and Programs Directorate had spoken with leaders of the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, or JCCA, representing more than 150 JCCs across the country, to offer training, protective measures, exercises and information sharing.

Austin, Texas, March 2, 2017 (JTA): The University of Texas and Austin Police are investigating an **incident of vandalism at the campus Hillel**. A window of its building was broken, and the vandalism comes amid an uptick across the country in threats on Jewish community buildings. The office of University President Greg Fenves said in a statement: “The University will assist Austin police as they investigate and determine if this was an act of hate against Jewish students.”

Evansville, Indiana, March 2, 2017 (JTA/Indianapolis Star): A **gunshot was fired through a Hebrew school classroom window at an Indiana synagogue**. The bullet hole was discovered at Adath B’Nai Israel Temple in Evansville. Rabbi Gary Mazo told the Indianapolis Star that the shooter would have had to walk around to the back of the building and fire into the classroom from the playground. The Evansville Police Department and the FBI are investigating the incident.

St. Louis, Missouri, March 2, 2017 (JTA): Rep. Keith Ellison sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions urging him to **investigate the recent desecration of a Jewish cemetery in the St. Louis** area as a hate crime. Ellison called on Sessions to designate the attack on the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in University City, Missouri, in which more than 150 headstones were overturned and damaged, as a hate crime. Less than a week later, about 100 headstones were toppled at the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia. “While local law enforcement is working hard to identify the perpetrators, it is evident that a federal Hate Crime investigation is warranted due to the dark history of anti-Semitic attacks of this nature, both here and abroad, and the symbolic message it sends to the Jewish community all over the world,” Ellison wrote in his letter.

Rochester, New York, March 2, 2017 (JTA/News 10 NBC WHEC): A **Jewish cemetery was vandalized**, the third such incident in the United States in less than two weeks. Five headstones were found toppled.

Nationwide, March 1, 2017 (JTA): U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer exhorted the Federal Communications Commission to **provide Jewish institutions with caller information to help solve a recent string of bomb threats**. Schumer, the Democratic Senate minority leader from New York, sent a letter on Wednesday — two days after 29 JCCs and Jewish schools across the country received called-in bomb threats — to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai asking him to grant the targeted institutions special waivers allowing them to work with law enforcement to access caller ID information.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2017 (JTA/Philly.com): About **100 headstones were overturned and broken at a Jewish cemetery** in Philadelphia. Police estimated that 75-100 headstones were damaged, according to Philly.com. The discovery comes nearly a week after over 150 headstones were discovered overturned and damaged at a Jewish cemetery in St. Louis.

Nationwide, February 28, 2017 (JTA): At **least 21 Jewish community centers and Jewish day schools across the country received bomb threats** in the latest wave of threats to hit Jewish institutions. Among the affected JCCs on Monday are Asheville, North Carolina, and Davie, Florida, both of which were evacuated to local churches, as well as JCCs in York and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Indianapolis; Tarrytown and Staten Island, New York; Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Birmingham, Alabama; and Wilmington, Delaware. Jewish day schools in Rockville, Maryland; Fairfax, Virginia; and Davie, outside Miami, were also evacuated after receiving bomb threats. Institutions in Michigan and Rhode Island were also targeted.

New York, New York, February 28, 2017 (JTA/New York Daily News): A New York **man who was convicted of assaulting the head of the Brooklyn Jewish Y at a basketball game in 2014 has fled the country for Turkey.** Shawn Schraeder, 27, of Queens, failed to show up for his first appointment with probation officials. According to a spokeswoman for the Department of Probation, the department had been informed by federal authorities that Schraeder had left the country and is believed to be living in Turkey. A warrant has been issued for his arrest for violating his sentence — two years of probation, 80 hours of community service and anger management classes. Schraeder was convicted in September of assault, menacing and endangering the welfare of a child for punching Leonard Petlakh, the executive director of the Kings Bay Y, in the face following an exhibition game at the Barclays Center between the Brooklyn Nets and Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv after pro-Palestinian protesters began shouting anti-Israel slogans.

Buffalo, New York, February 27, 2017 (JTA): About **one dozen swastikas and racial slurs were drawn** on cars and a building in a suburb of Buffalo. A nearby elementary school playground and railway overpasses were similarly vandalized. Public and private surveillance camera footage is being checked to find the perpetrators, according to village police. Investigators believe more than one person could be involved, according to the reports.

Des Moines, Iowa, February 27, 2017 (JTA): Anti-Semitic vandalism discovered on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, is being investigated by the university as a hate crime. The anti-Semitic slur was discovered carved into furniture in a university lecture hall.

Miami Beach, Florida, February 27, 2017 (JTA/Miami Herald): **Swastikas were scratched** into several cars in a Jewish neighborhood in Miami Beach. Earlier this month, a large swastika was painted on the car of a resident of Boca Raton, about 45 miles from Miami, in a neighborhood where many Holocaust survivors live. Across the country, two buildings in Seattle, Washington, were found defaced with threatening anti-Semitic graffiti, as well.

Nationwide, February 27, 2017 (JTA): **Seven additional Jewish community centers, all in Western states, and the San Francisco office of the Anti-Defamation League were evacuated after bomb threats.** The Secure Community Network, the security arm of the national Jewish community, reported JCC evacuations in Tucson and Phoenix in Arizona; Orange County, Palo Alto, San Diego and Long Beach in California, and Mercer Island in suburban Seattle, Washington state. The evacuations brought to 28 the number of JCCs and Jewish schools evacuated that day in what was fifth wave of threats since the beginning of the year. Earlier evacuations in the day were reported in North Carolina, Michigan, Rhode

Island, Florida, Pennsylvania, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Alabama, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. They included 13 JCCs and eight schools.

New Orleans, Louisiana, February 23, 2017 (JTA/WWL-TV New Orleans): A bomb threat forced the evacuation of the New Orleans Jewish Community Center. People were allowed back into the building about two hours after they were evacuated.

Durham, North Carolina, February 23, 2017 (JTA.NBC): A Jewish day school in Durham, North Carolina, was evacuated after receiving a bomb threat. Video from the school showed officers using a bomb-sniffing dog while people stood outside the building.

San Diego, California, February 23, 2017 (JTA): A San Diego-area Jewish community center was evacuated after receiving a bomb threat in an email. It was the second time in three weeks that the Lawrence Family JCC in La Jolla had to be evacuated.

Nationwide, February 22, 2017 (JTA): More than 150 members of Congress signed on to a letter urging federal law enforcement officials to investigate recent bomb threats leveled at Jewish community centers across the country. The bipartisan letter, which was initiated by Reps. Joe Crowley, D-N.Y., and Stephanie Murphy, D-Fla., urged the Department of Homeland Security, the attorney general and the FBI to “approach this issue with a sense of urgency, and to work in partnership with state and territory governments, local law enforcement officials, JCC Association of North America, individual JCCs, and Jewish community institutions and leaders to address the threat in a holistic manner.”

New York, New York, February 22, 2017 (JTA/New York City Patch): NY State police are investigating an anonymous bomb threat called into the national offices of the Anti-Defamation League. Three days earlier, 11 Jewish community centers across the country were evacuated after bomb threats were called in — the fourth wave of such threats in five weeks. It also came two days after up to 200 headstones were overturned at a St. Louis-area Jewish cemetery.

University City, MO, February 21, 2017 (UPI/Fox2 News St. Louis): Investigators with the University City Police Department are investigating the desecration of more than 100 headstones in an organized act of vandalism at a historic Jewish cemetery in University City, Missouri.

Las Vegas, NV, February 21, 2017 (Las Vegas Review-Journal): Clark County School District police are investigating graffiti of a swastika and other symbols that were spray-painted on two doors at Cheyenne High School.

Nationwide, February 20, 2017 (CNN/The Hill/NBC News): The JCC Association of North America reported that 11 Jewish community centers received bomb threats, including in Albuquerque, NM; Birmingham, AL; Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; Milwaukee, WI; Nashville, TN; St. Paul, MN; Tampa, FL; and Tulsa, OK. To date, there has been reported a total of 69 incidents targeting 54 JCCs in 27 states. The White House responded to the latest wave of bomb threats, saying hatred has no place in the country.

New York, NY, February 17, 2017 (JTA/Politico): Hate crimes against Jews have more than doubled in New York City since the start of the new year from the same period in 2016, police reported. The city’s Police Department said 56 hate crimes were reported from Jan. 1 to Feb. 12, with 28 of the incidents targeting Jews, according to Politico. In the same period last year, the total number of hate crimes was 31, with 13 targeting Jews. Jews were the top targets in both years.

Myrtle Beach, SC, February 17, 2017 (JTA/New York Daily News): A South Carolina man who ranted against Jews was arrested after buying a gun to carry out a shooting “in the spirit of” a white supremacist who killed nine at a black church, according to a federal complaint. Benjamin Thomas Samuel McDowell, a former convict with connections to white supremacists, was arrested after he bought a handgun from an undercover FBI agent. McDowell, 29, allegedly told the agent that he was inspired by Dylann Roof, who was sentenced to death last month for the killings at the Charleston church in 2015, and that he wanted to commit a “big scale” attack and write on the wall of the building “In the spirit of Dylann Roof.” McDowell had shared on his Facebook a link to a local synagogue, Temple Emanu-El in Myrtle Beach, with the message “I love love to act what u think.” He also seemed to claim that Jews were out to kill white people, writing on his Facebook page, “All they wanne do is stay loaded on drugs the Jews put here to destory white man and they fest on the drugs (sic),” according to the complaint.

Los Angeles, CA, February 16, 2017 (Jewish Journal): The Ventura County Sheriff’s Department (VCSD) is investigating two separate anti-Semitic incidents, including one in which the Chabad of Oak Park received a note Feb. 11 with a swastika drawn on it and the words “Hail Hitler.” The incident occurred a week after three swastikas were discovered spray painted at Dos Vientos Community Park in the Conejo Valley. VCSD is investigating the Oak Park situation — in which two suspects were captured on surveillance video by the synagogue — as a “hate incident,” according to VCSD Detective Marta Bugarin.

Nationwide: February 16, 2017 (JTA): The number of hate groups in the United States rose in 2016, according to a report released Wednesday by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Last year, 917 hate groups were active, up from 892 in 2015. **At least 550 of the 917 groups are anti-Semitic.** The groups active in 2016 include 99 categorized as neo-Nazi, 100 as white nationalist, 130 as Ku Klux Klan and 21 as Christian Identity, a religious movement that says whites are the true Israelites and Jews are descended from Satan.

Eugene, OR, February 16, 2017 (The Register-Guard): Eugene police are investigating two more incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism downtown, less than two weeks after the Whiteaker neighborhood was the target of Nazi-related graffiti. A passerby reported to police finding a swastika painted on the glass of an elevator in a downtown parking garage. A second caller reported that a man riding a bike stopped to hang an Aryan Brotherhood flier on a Lane Events Center sign. The sign is near a house that displays a Jewish symbol.

Nationwide, February 15, 2017 (JTA/Wall Street Journal/NYT): Disney and YouTube cut ties with the popular Swedish video blogger known as PewDiePie, after more than 6 million people viewed his **videos featuring anti-Semitic content.** PewDiePie had more than 53 million subscribers. The Wall Street Journal reported that the YouTube star had posted nine videos with anti-Semitic content and Nazi references since August, including content calling for “Death To All Jews.”

Westwood, Massachusetts, February 15, 2017 (WFXT Fox 25): A swastika was found scrawled inside a classroom at Westwood High School and the principal has reached out to the local synagogue for help. The high school principal immediately emailed parents and also reached out to a local synagogue just down the street to get them involved in the discussion.

Los Angeles, California, February 15, 2017 (NBC News): A vendor selling shirts featuring the swastika symbol on the University of Southern California campus was asked to leave. USC's campus Rabbi Dov Wagner said that students were "understandably upset" and saw students and the vendor arguing about the shirts designed with the emblem of the German Nazi Party. The vendor was asked to leave

campus because the merchandise did not meet the university's community standards. "Art should not be a cover for hate," USC's campus Rabbi Dov Wagner wrote in a Facebook post.

Oak Park, California, February 14, 2017 (CBS Los Angeles): Someone has **been leaving anti-Semitic messages at half a dozen places**, including a Chabad house and a number of Jewish homes in this Ventura County community, according to the Thousands Oak police. The Chabad of Oak Park, which is an Orthodox Jewish outreach center, turned over security footage to police.

Los Angeles, California, February 14, 2017 (JTA): A cartoon seen as anti-Semitic that was published in the UCLA student newspaper has been strongly condemned by civic and campus organizations. The cartoon published Monday in the Daily Bruin shows Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu standing in front of two stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments. In the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal," the word "not" has been crossed out in red. Pointing to another commandment "Thou Shalt Not Kill," labeled as the seventh by the cartoonist, Netanyahu shrugs his shoulders and says, "#7 is next." A statement by the Anti-Defamation League denounced the cartoon as "deeply offensive ... and impugning core Jewish beliefs." Other critical statements were released by the campus Hillel chapter, members of the California Legislature, and Ha'am, the campus Jewish newspaper, which reported extensively on the controversy.

New York, New York, February 14, 2017 (The Patch): Tenants of a Williamsburg building that **houses a large population of Orthodox Jews found a swastika drawn inside their hallway**. The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force is investigating the incident. Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez joined local elected officials in releasing a statement that stated in part, "The swastika represents some of humanity's darkest history, and has no place in our communities. For years it incited hatred, and it continues to incite deep pain. This reprehensible symbolism -- in a largely Jewish community -- is simply unacceptable. Let us be very clear: the politics of hatred and fear have real consequences locally, nationally, and around the world."

Boca Raton, Florida, February 13, 2017 (JTA/Miami Herald): A **large swastika was spray-painted** on the side of a car in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood in Boca Raton, Florida. Many Holocaust survivors live in the neighborhood. The white swastika took up the entire driver's-side door of the black Ford Mustang. The owner of the car is a teenager who is visiting Israel. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has launched an investigation into the incident. Residents have asked the local police for increased patrols and some plan to install surveillance cameras, according to reports. The swastika comes on the heels of several bomb threats on Jewish community centers in South Florida, part of a wave of bomb threats on JCCs across the country.

Schenectady, New York, February 11, 2017 (Times Union): A **Jewish man had his home vandalized with multiple swastikas**. Schenectady police are investigating the incident, which comes amid a wave of hateful vandalism across the state and country.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 10, 2017 (KFGO Fargo-Moorhead): A **University of Minnesota student who is Jewish returned to his dorm room and found an anti-Semitic message written on the inside of his door**. The message states, "Nazis Rule" above a swastika and what appears to be a concentration camp. Although this incident has gotten a lot of attention, the University said in a statement that it's the seventh anti-Semitic incident since December. However, it's the first to specifically target someone.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 10, 2017 (JTA): The FBI is investigating a **series of mass emails sent to students at the University of Michigan threatening violence against Jews and blacks**. Three emails were sent to students in the university's computer science and engineering program. One of the emails,

with the subject line “Jewish Student Diversity,” read: “Hi you f***ing filthy jews, I just wanted to say the SS will rise again and kill all of your filthy souls. Die in a pit of eternal fire! Sincerely, Dr. Alex Halderman.” J. Alex Halderman, a professor at the university, denied sending the emails and told the campus newspaper that it takes little sophistication to make it seem like the emails were sent by him. A statement from the university confirmed that the emails had been forged.

Conifer, Colorado, February 9, 2017 (JTA): A Jewish eighth-grader filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education over allegations of anti-Semitic harassment. The department’s Office of Civil Rights reportedly is investigating charges that the girl has been subjected to harassment because she is Jewish. The child, a student at West Jefferson Middle School, appeared before the local school board to report that she had been told she should be placed in an oven like Jews during the Holocaust. Her family filed the complaint with federal authorities, alleging that the school had not taken appropriate action. “I constantly deal with anti-Semitism and other students saying that Hitler was a genius,” she said. The Jefferson County Public Schools district said it had launched an investigation into the matter and disciplined several students, but citing privacy laws declined to elaborate further.

Chicago, Illinois, February 9, 2017 (Chicago Tribune): A Chicago accountant identified by a tipster as a "white supremacist" was charged with a felony hate crime after his fingerprints were found on swastika stickers placed outside a Loop synagogue. Police executing a search warrant later found racist literature in the home of Stuart Wright, 31, who has a swastika tattooed on his back, prosecutors said. Video surveillance captured Wright placing two swastika stickers on the front door of the Chicago Loop Synagogue, an 800-person congregation, and then breaking a window with a U-shaped bike lock he pulled out of his pocket.

Mt Pleasant, Michigan, February 9, 2017 (JTA): The College Republicans at Central Michigan University apologized for a **Valentine’s Day card with a photo of Adolf Hitler.** A student posted a photo to Facebook of the card she received at a College Republicans Valentine’s Day party. The card had the caption “my love 4 u burns like 6,000 Jews.”

Rockland County, New York, February 8, 2017 (JTA/Journal News): Large swastikas and pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic slogans were discovered on dozens of trees, facing the center of what appears to be an informal meeting place in the woods. The site is not easy to find and the markings have been known for months, after they were first reported to local police last July. Police in Clarkstown, say they are continuing to investigate the vandalism. No arrests have been made.

Las Vegas, Nevada, February 7, 2017 (WTOL 11 – CBS/KTNV/CNN): A swastika was found carved into a synagogue, and an alleged culprit was captured on camera. A rabbi’s son watched through a window as a man picked up a rock and apparently carved the symbol into the front of Chabad Synagogue. Video cameras only catch the man standing near the entrance in broad daylight. He runs off shortly afterward.

Houston, Texas, February 7, 2017 (JTA/Houston Chronicle): A swastika was drawn in bright-colored chalk on the base of a statue at Rice University. The statue, for the university’s founder, William Marsh Rice, is located in the heart of the academic quad of the campus. It was the third act of racist vandalism on the campus in a month.

Buffalo Grove, Illinois, February 7, 2017 (Daily Herald): Someone carved anti-Semitic graffiti into a plastic slide at a Buffalo Grove park, and police are investigating. Buffalo Grove police learned of the vandalism at Rolling Hills Park. The graffiti depicted a swastika inside a six-pointed star, often called the Star of David.

Eugene, Oregon, February 6, 2017 (KOIN 5): Racially-charged messages were left on 2 Eugene businesses, including **swastika depictions**, and now the state's coalition against hate crimes says it's seeing a spike in this kind of behavior.

Beaumont, Texas, February 6, 2017 (FOX4): **Hateful graffiti aimed at Jewish people was discovered** painted across the Riverfront Park Bridge. It was removed by city workers. Commenting on the incident, Allison Nathan Getz, the Congregation President at Temple Emanuel, stated, "It's just incredibly sad that there is hatred toward any group, but especially for us, it's very sad to see in light of all the things that have been going on recently."

Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 2017 (Chicago Sun Times): A hate crime investigation is underway after the **front window of the Chicago Loop Synagogue was smashed by a vandal who affixed swastikas to its front entrance.** Surveillance video shows someone getting out of a dark-colored SUV, placing two swastika stickers and smashing a large plate glass window, according to police.

New York, New York, February 3, 2017 (JTA/DNAinfo): **Swastika and "KKK" graffiti were found** in a park in Queens, New York. The graffiti is being investigated by the New York Police Department Hate Crimes Task Force.

New York, New York, February 3, 2017 (JTA/NY Daily News): **A Jewish woman was verbally abused and shoved aboard a New York City subway by a man who recited from an anti-Semitic pamphlet.** The suspect shoved the woman, an unnamed 25-year-old, after shouting at her "Dirty Jew" and "Hail the Hitler Youth!" He is still at large. In an apparently unrelated incident, a swastika was found etched in a subway window at a station in Manhattan's Tribeca neighborhood. The New York Police Department said it has seen a dramatic rise in hate crimes, with the majority of incidents directed at Jews.

Nationwide, January 31, 2017 (JTA): At least **17 Jewish community centers across the United States were targeted with bomb threats** in the third wave of such mass disruption in January. Paul Goldenberg, the director of Secure Community Network — an affiliate of the Jewish Federations of North America that advises Jewish groups and institutions on security — said the threats were called in late Tuesday morning. Some of the messages were live, he confirmed. "[I]n the past we know that the numbers can grow exponentially," he said, adding that perpetrators have been "leveraging technologies to make mass calls." Goldenberg confirmed that threats had been called into JCCs in Albany, New York; Syracuse, New York; West Orange, New Jersey; Milwaukee, San Diego and Salt Lake City.

Beloit, Wisconsin, January 31, 2017 (GazetteXtra/Beloit College Round Table): **A Jewish student at Beloit College was targeted twice with anti-Semitic messages**, including a threatening note. Beloit police are investigating. The student reported receiving a note on International Holocaust Remembrance Day that featured a swastika, anti-Semitic derogatory terms, a reference to the Holocaust, and a threat telling the student to watch her back. Previously, a swastika was painted on a dry-erase board on her door. A separate incident involved anti-Islamic slurs written on the door of another student. Beloit police said the incidents are under investigation by the Beloit Police Department and Beloit College Security.

Lexington, Kentucky, January 31, 2017 (WKYT news): School officials are looking into an incident at Henry Clay High School involving **a swastika drawn** on a bathroom wall. Zach Sippy, a student at the school, reported finding the swastika on the wall. Sippy says he notified the school principal about the offensive symbol. Sippy, who is Jewish, says he's often sent personal text messages and messages via social media that poke fun at or attack his religion. But Sippy says he's not sure his peers understand the level of hate and hurt that these images portray. He hopes by speaking publicly he will get that message

across. In a statement, Superintendent Manny Caulk, stated, "We have zero tolerance for acts of hatred in our schools..."

Stanford, California, January 30, 2017 (JTA/Stanford Daily): Swastikas were discovered at Stanford University for the second time in less than a month. "Several" swastikas were found on the buildings of the university graduate housing, known as Escondido Village, the Stanford Daily reported. The Stanford University Department of Public Safety has been working on the case in cooperation with the Palo Alto police but has not yet named any suspects, the student daily newspaper reported.

Louisville, Kentucky, January 28, 2017 (WHAS 11 ABC/ Courier-Journal): Metro Police are investigating a threat to a synagogue made on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The threat was in the form of a voicemail message containing anti-Semitic threats. A police declined to provide further details only confirming officers are providing additional patrols in the area as the investigation continues.

Nationwide, January 26, 2017 (JTA/Stanford Daily/NBC/The Tennessean): Printers on the campuses of three universities — Stanford, Vanderbilt and California, Berkeley — produced **anti-Semitic fliers** in a suspected hacking attempt over the past two weeks. At Stanford, anti-Semitic fliers were sent to printers in offices around campus, the Stanford Daily reported. The FBI has joined the investigation there. Fliers with swastikas appeared on printers at the University of California, Berkeley, according to NBC. Printers at Vanderbilt, in Nashville, started spewing anti-Semitic fliers, according to The Tennessean. Last year, similar attacks on printers occurred at a half dozen college campuses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as well as others across the country, including Princeton. They were hacked with an anti-Semitic and racist flier.

New York, New York, January 26, 2017 (JTA): A driver threatened to shoot a crossing guard and a child outside a Jewish day school in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The guard had asked the driver to move his car, which was blocking the sidewalk outside the Beth Rivkah Elementary School. The driver then asked the guard: "Why are you protecting the Jewish girls?" and displayed his gun, the New York Police Department told local media. The driver then allegedly said "I'll shoot you both." Police are looking for the driver. In May, one of the school's buses was set on fire, and an arrest was made based on footage recorded on surveillance camera.

Boone, North Carolina January 25, 2017 (WBCC Charlotte): Police are trying to identify the suspect caught on camera after **vandalizing a Jewish community center.** The suspect tried to enter the Temple of the High Country – Schaefer Jewish Community Center and caused significant damage to several of the outside doors.

River Forest, Illinois, January 25, 2017 (Chicago Tribune): Community members joined staff and students in denouncing hatred, racism and bigotry, after a student living in the residence hall discovered a **swastika had been written** into the carpet just outside of her room. The incident was not the first time a swastika image had been reported at the university. According to Radford-Hill, a student who had parked at the main campus reported someone had used a finger to draw a swastika in the dirt on the window their car. Dominican Chief Diversity Officer Sheila Radford-Hill said "That symbol has become a universal symbol of hatred and bigotry, but is also a very particular symbol to the Jewish community."

Lewisboro, New York, January 25, 2017 (Lewisboro-Ledger): For the third time in recent weeks, **swastikas have been found** on Katonah-Lewisboro school property. In the latest incident, a student reported the presence of swastikas drawn on two seats in a school bus that travels only to private schools, according to Katonah-Lewisboro School District officials. Police were immediately notified and have commenced an investigation. The first event involved graffiti, including swastikas, found on the

playground at Lewisboro Elementary School during the schools' winter break. The second event occurred when swastikas were found on a tree on the John Jay High School campus. Police are currently investigating that incident.

Gainesville, Florida, January 25, 2017 (The Independent Alligator): A man wearing a swastika armband rode his bicycle near activities conducted by The University of Florida's Jewish Student Union to promote Jewish Heritage Month, prompting outrage from students and members of the Jewish community. UF spokesperson John Hines issued a statement noting that while the First Amendment protects personal political expression, UF does not encourage hate on its campus. "However, it is critical to recognize that swastikas are symbols associated with the Holocaust which exterminated six million Jews as well as multitudes of individuals from other persecuted groups on the basis of their race or religion," the statement read. "The University of Florida encourages inclusion and respect, not hate." In a separate statement, Rabbi Berl Goldman and Chanie Goldman, co-directors of the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center, condemned the swastika as "the symbol of the Nazis, an expression of Anti-Semitism and hate."

Beaumont, Texas, January 24, 2017 (ABC News 12): Broken windows and shattered glass was found at Temple Emanuel in Beaumont. Allison Getz, who is the president of the synagogue, says it happened while worshipers were attending service. "It's happened several times over the past few months." said Getz. About 30 to 70 people go to Temple Emanuel on Fridays for service. We have an elderly community here and I was just concerned." she says. The windows have been temporarily sealed with wood outside the temple. Getz has reported the crime to Beaumont police.

Washington, DC, January 24, 2017 (JTA/Vanity Fair): Jewish playwright Jon Robin Baitz said he and his companions were assaulted in Washington, D.C., outside the Kimpton Carlyle Hotel. Baitz reported the attacker shouted anti-Semitic invective and threatened to kill Baitz before throwing him to the ground. Baitz said it was clear that the members of the group were Jewish. Baitz said he filed assault charges against the man. The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department is investigating the incident as a "suspected hate crime," according to Vanity Fair.

Nashville, Tennessee, January 18, 2016 (The Tennessean): Printers at Vanderbilt University started inexplicably printing anti-Semitic fliers in an incident that officials said could be linked to a round of hacking that targeted printers at several universities last year. University police are investigating the incident, which occurred "in a handful of offices on campus," according to an email from university spokeswoman Princine Lewis. The university also notified federal authorities. A white supremacist computer hacker took credit for a series of similar incidents at Princeton University, Brown University and several other colleges last March, when printers began churning out fliers filled with swastikas and messages that spoke against Jewish people. Lewis said the incident at Vanderbilt "appears similar."

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 16, 2017 (FOX 20): Police are investigating the desecration of a Jewish religious site in a shopping center. It was the only structure vandalized in the strip mall. The building itself is known as a "Mikvah", which is where ritual baths are housed. Police are investigating the incident but say they don't have surveillance tape because several cameras in the strip mall were recently damaged. The last working images show a man shooting a camera with a paintball gun.

Hyannis, Massachusetts, January 15, 2017 (FOX 25): Unidentified perpetrators spray painted the words "kill Jews" and a white supremacist slogan on headstones at a cemetery in Cape Cod. Police in Barnstable are treating the investigation as a hate crime. Several headstones were also knocked over. One headstone was defaced with the number 666, a number association with satanic groups. Another featured the numbers "4.20," ostensibly a reference to Adolf Hitler's birthday.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 14, 2017 (Secure Community Network (SCN)): Members of the Albuquerque, **New Mexico Jewish community reported receiving a message containing threatening language and hate speech** received via the contact form on a local agency website. Local and federal law enforcement officials have been informed and are conducting an investigation. SCN has been monitoring an increase in anti-Semitic incidents, and in particular, hate speech. In recent events some domestic groups have taken to attacking members of the Jewish community online personally, calling on others to harass or “troll” the individuals posted, publishing their photos and personal contact information.

Washington, DC, January 13, 2017 (JTA): The Washington, D.C., District Court ruled that Iran and Syria must pay a total of \$178.5 million in damages to the family of an infant with dual American-Israeli citizenship who was **killed in a terrorist attack** by a member of Hamas. The court ruled that Iran and Syria must provide compensation to the family because the two countries financially back the terrorist Hamas organization. Chaya Zissel Braun was 3 months old when she was thrown from her stroller and killed in October 2014 in a car-ramming attack in Jerusalem. The case was filed in a U.S. court because the baby, her parents and grandparents all hold American citizenship. Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, an attorney who heads the Shurat HaDin Israeli Law Center, represented the family. “The criminal regimes in Tehran and Damascus are the biggest state sponsors of terrorism in the world,” Darshan-Leitner said in a statement. “This judgment sends a clear message that there is a very heavy price to be paid for financing terrorism and spilling innocent blood in the streets of Jerusalem.”

New York, New York, January 11, 2017 (CBS New York): Police responded to the Jewish Community Center in Sea View, Staten Island. The NYPD said a **sticker with a swastika, the word “bomb,” and today’s date were found** attached to a bathroom wall. Officers searched the building and didn’t find any explosives. The Anti-Defamation League condemned the apparent threat, saying it “deeply unsettled Jewish community members.”

Nationwide, January 10, 2017 (Reuters): A **wave of telephone bomb threats to 16 Jewish community centers in nine U.S. states** may have originated from the same number and been placed by at least one individual and an automated calling system, security officials said. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking into the calls, which led to evacuations at some of the community centers. Police who searched the centers found no bombs. The FBI has not named any suspects or described a likely motive for the bomb threats, and it was not clear why the centers in the U.S. Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and South regions were targeted. The phone calls were made to Jewish community centers in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Springfield, Massachusetts, January 10, 2017 (WWLP 22 News): The **Jewish Community Center in Springfield received a threatening note**. Police conducted an investigation and determined there was no threat. JCC Executive Director Michael Paysnick told 22News that the JCC takes any threat extremely seriously and has enhanced security since the note was found.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 9, 2017 (Philly.com): A **nearly century-old synagogue in the city's Tacony section had its stained glass windows shattered by rocks for the second time in as many months**. A rock was thrown through a window at Temple Menorah Keneseth Chai on the evening of December 2. Shards of glass scattered in the second-floor sanctuary just before services were to begin. The same window was broken again, in the same way, along with two other windows. The synagogue, which has been at that site since 1925, is clearly marked as a Jewish place of worship. Both incidents occurred on a Friday, the start of the Jewish Sabbath. Services are held on the second floor. The synagogues first floor is used as a children's day care center.

Nationwide, January 5, 2017 (JTA): The Wendy's fast-food chain is facing criticism, including a rebuke from a rabbi's human rights group, for tweeting an image of **Pepe the Frog, a cartoon character that has become a popular symbol for white supremacists**. Pepe, a character created for an online comic in the mid-2000s, was later co-opted by followers of the "alt-right," which advances an insular conservatism promoting white power. White nationalists attach Pepe illustrations to their Twitter handles or share doctored Pepe memes on anonymous internet message boards. The Anti-Defamation League has added Pepe to its database of hate symbols.

Whitefish, Montana, January 5, 2017 (Forward): A **neo-Nazi website claims a member of the Palestinian Hamas movement will speak at its planned anti-Jewish rally in Whitefish**. Andrew Anglin, who runs the Daily Stormer website, wrote in a recent post that nationalist groups from the United Kingdom, Sweden, France and Greece will attend the **armed** march. He said the Hamas representative "will give a speech about the international threat of the Jews." Hamas's charter calls for establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel and rejects all agreements made between the PLO and Israel. The US State Department has designated Hamas as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Maitland, Florida, January 4, 2017 WOFL FOX 35): **Separate bomb threats were made** to the Chabad of South Orlando and the Roth Jewish Community Center. About 40 people, including school children, were evacuated. No explosives were found at either location.

Marlboro, New Jersey, January 4, 2017 (Rumson Patch): The **Marlboro Jewish Center Annex pre-school was evacuated after a suspicious phone call** was received by the staff. The children were evacuated. Afterwards, Marlboro police determined that there was no danger to the safety of the school children or the school building.

New York, New York, January 4, 2017 (Washington Heights Patch): **Multiple swastikas were seen drawn on a poster for the Jewish Museum** in the Dyckman Street A train station. City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez and new State Assembly Member Carmen de La Rosa — who both represent Inwood — denounced the anti-Semitic graffiti in a joint statement. The graffiti was reported to the NYPD, MTA and NYC Commission for Human Rights

Palm Beach, Florida, January 4, 2017 (CBS 12): A **swastika sign was found drawn** in pencil in the boys' bathroom at Palm Beach Day Academy over winter break. Some of the parents expressed concern that the school was underplaying what happened. The Southern Poverty Law Center reports 1,000 hate related incidents have occurred across the nation since November, and that K-12 schools had the most incidents.

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 3, 2017 (Forward): Police are investigating a **swastika that was discovered scrawled** at the entrance to Hebrew Union College, one of the foundational institutions of Reform Judaism. Staff at the college reported the incident to the Cincinnati Police. Authorities are said to be reviewing surveillance video for evidence.

Scottsburg, Indiana, January 3, 2017 (JTA/News and Tribune): Scottsburg police have arrested three people, including a juvenile, in connection **with anti-Semitic vandalism on gravestones** in Scottsburg Cemetery. Among the damage was an anti-Semitic message spray-painted across the headstone of a Jewish couple buried in the cemetery -- one of the only headstones bearing a Jewish name. The words **F***ing Jew** were spray-painted in white across the back of the double headstone, on top of the large Jewish star. Police, acting on an anonymous tip arrested and charged the three with criminal mischief

and criminal trespassing. The investigation will be sent to the Scott County Prosecutors Office to be reviewed for further charges.

Palo Alto, California, January 3, 2017 (The Mercury News): Police are investigating about **10 instances of vandalism where symbols resembling swastikas** were drawn on buildings and street signs around Palo Alto and the Stanford University campus. The graffiti also included the words, "No Jews allowed." Stanford police are working closely with Palo Alto police on the matter.

Esperance, New York, January 2, 2017 (Warner Cable News): State police are investigating at least **three different painted swastikas and about nine different hate symbols** which were painted on businesses, road signs, a church, and even a park sign that celebrates village donations

Nassau County, New York, January 2, 2017 (Newsday): **Swastikas spray-painted** in Massapequa Park are being investigated as bias crimes, according to the Nassau County police. Massapequa Park Mayor Jeffrey Pravato said the graffiti, which included two swastikas, obscenities and other symbols and writing, was discovered in Brady Park after apparently being spray-painted the night before.