

# EUROPEAN HISTORY: THE HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, PART I

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# The Roots of Anti-Semitism

Prejudice against those who practiced Judaism (the Jewish religion) did not begin with the Holocaust; it was a long-standing tradition in much of Europe. Anti-Semitism is known as “the world’s oldest hate,” as the Jewish people constitute the longest history of a nation in the Western Hemisphere; the Chinese constitute the oldest nation in the Eastern Hemisphere.



Jews are guilty of undermining the work of Germans



Pagans (those who worshipped nature, a number of gods, or who had no religious beliefs) seemed more willing to convert to Christianity than the small group of Jewish people who were present in Europe during the 1<sup>st</sup> century, during the rise of the Christian faith.

The Lateran Councils of the Catholic church of 1179 and 1215 put restrictions on all non-Christians, including Jews.

An owl from a *bestiary*\* (c1226-50), England. MS Bodley 764, Folio 73v. *Courtesy Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford.* (see readings)

\*A bestiary is a descriptive or anecdotal treatise on various real or mythical animals, especially a medieval work with a moralizing tone.



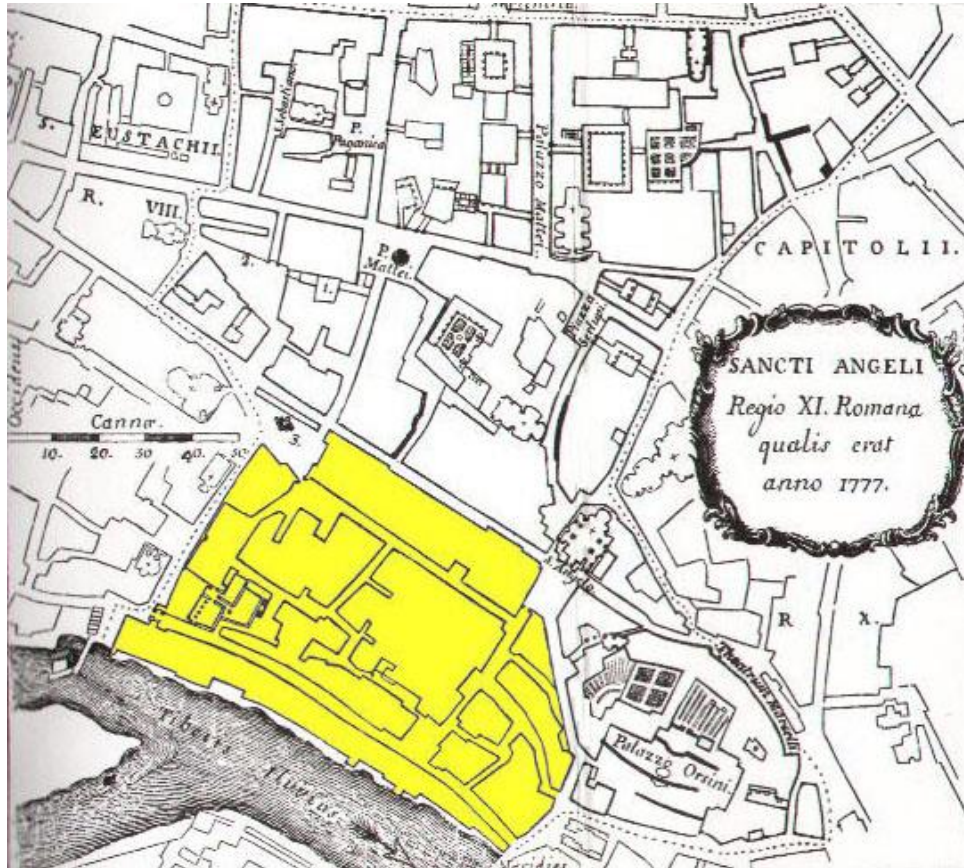
A medieval person would have looked upon the owl and the birds and seen a Christian parable. Drawing from the Roman tradition of associating owls with death and sickness, the medieval person would have seen a filthy animal further defiled by its nocturnal habits. He would also have seen a Jew.

Similar to how the owl avoids the light of day, the parable went, so the sinner avoids the light of Christ. The birds surrounding the owl are neither listening to it nor admiring it, as perhaps we would think today when viewing an image of Pallas Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom and war.

Instead, these birds are attacking the owl and, through their act of violence, the birds represent the virtuous who react to the sinner in their midst.

Befitting the agenda of the medieval Church, the owl was the perfect animal to represent the Jews. According to the Church, no other group turned away from Christ more decisively than them. Anyone who was not with Christ was with the Devil, and consequently evil. Evil dwells in darkness and is unclean, just like the owl. The owl surrounded by the attacking birds is the Jew surrounded by Christians vanquishing evil. In short, what we see when we look at the scene on the seat of the misericord in Norwich Cathedral is an example of medieval antisemitism.

Infidels (non-Christians) were required to wear yellow badges, and to live apart from Christians-the beginning of *ghettos*. The first use of the word, “ghetto,” was in Rome, during the 1550s, and Jews were forced to live in these undesirable neighborhoods. Later, Jews were forced to listen to conversion sermons, and their books were censored and confiscated. Periodic public mass executions reminded the Jewish community of its status.



Map of the Rione Sant'Angelo f(1777), colored to show the extent of the ghetto at that time.

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Wild accusations that Jews spread the plague known as the Black Death and poisoned wells were made. In one country after another, the Jews were driven out. England's King Edward I seized the possessions of the 16,000 Jews living there, and he expelled them from his kingdom.

The **Edict of Expulsion** was a royal decree issued by King Edward I of England on 18 July 1290 expelling all Jews from the Kingdom of England.

Edward told the sheriffs of all counties he wanted all Jews expelled by no later than All Saints' Day (November 1) that year. The expulsion edict remained in force for the rest of the Middle Ages.

The edict was not an isolated incident, but the culmination of over 200 years of increasing anti-Semitism antisemitism in England.

The edict was eventually overturned more than 350 years later, during the Protectorate when Oliver Cromwell permitted the resettlement of the Jews in England in 1657.



An English manuscript depicting the Edict of Expulsion

French King Philip the Fair robbed his Jewish subjects and drove them out as well. Germany was not unified, so the Jews driven out of France and England were accepted by the rulers of some German states.

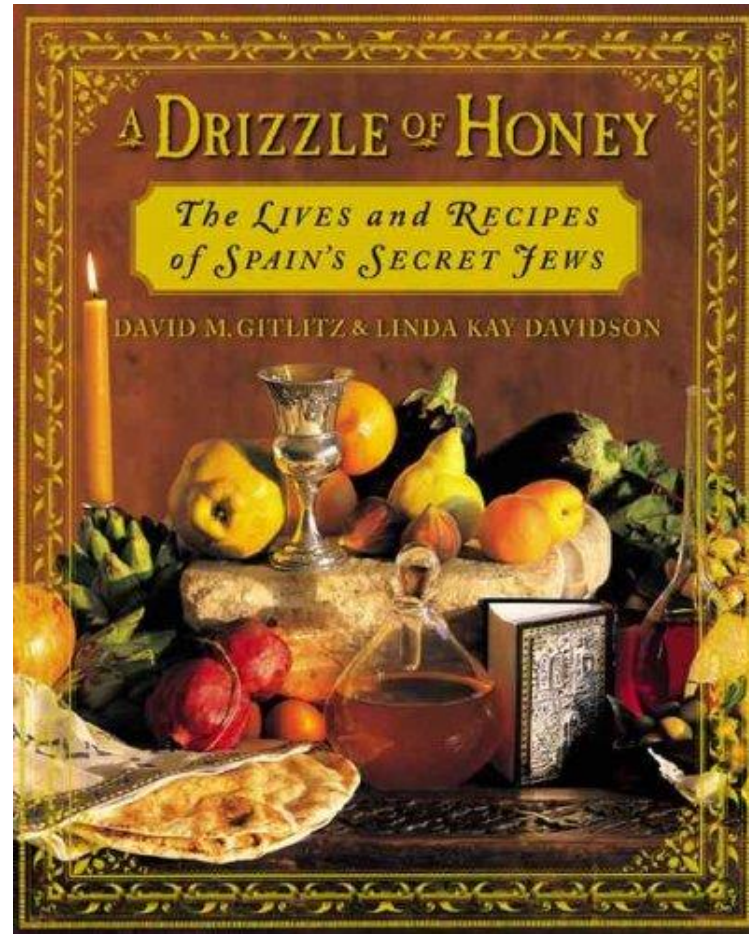
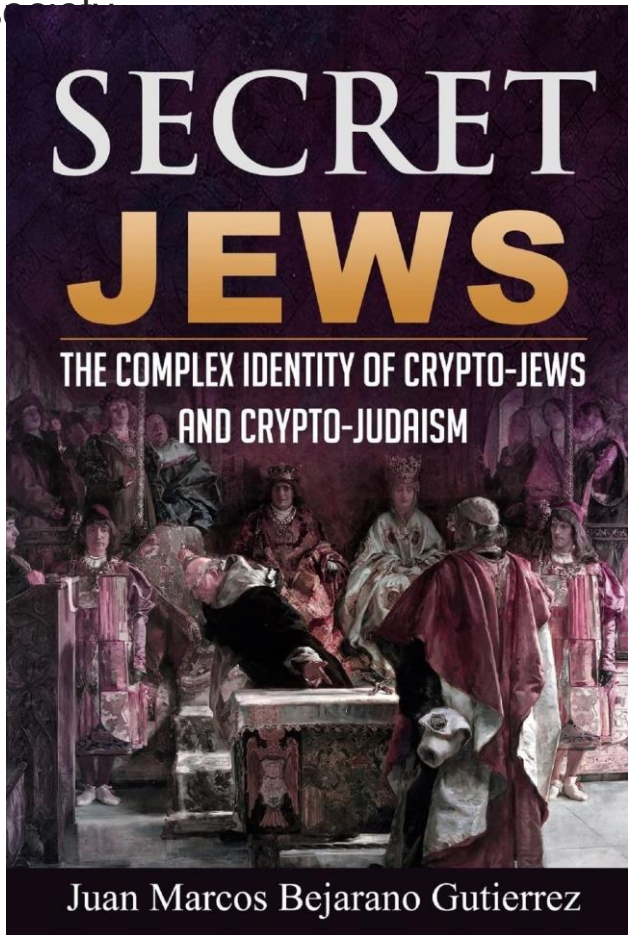
### Persecutions and expulsions of Jews from France, 14th century

The Great Exile of Jews of 1306 under the reign of Philip the Fair, king of France: arrest of the Jews who are condemned to banishment, France (Leemage/Corbis via Getty Images)



Nothing could protect Jews from the prejudice of cruel mobs accusing them of causing a local catastrophe, so many Jews were forced to move again, this time to Poland or Italy.

Jews in Spain were forced to convert or die, as ordered by King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella in the Spanish Inquisition (1478). Some, called Marranos, became Catholics, or at least pretended to be. In 1492, all Jews were ordered to leave Spain, and in 1496, they were driven from Portugal. Except for the Marranos and other Jews secretly practicing their religion, no Jews remained west of Germany. German and Polish Jews found their only safety was in the confines of the ghetto, and there they formed a separate



Jews who refused to convert or leave Spain were called heretics and often burned to death on a stake.

Marranos were Spanish and Portuguese Jews living in the Iberian Peninsula who converted or were forced to convert to Christianity during the Middle Ages, but continued to practice Judaism in secrecy.

A few took the risk to venture out of the ghetto, and some became successful in business. Some advised kings on financial matters, "Court Jews," but most were poor people, marked by a yellow badge and limited in where they could go and what occupations they were allowed to enter.

These were the "Dark Ages" for Jews, who were vilified ubiquitously throughout Europe, accused of conspiring with the Devil, drinking the book of Christian children, as well as other libel and slander.

A bestseller on this topic, this is the definitive work of scholarship on the medieval conception of the Jew as devil—literally and figuratively.

Through documents, analysis, and illustrations, the book exposes the full spectrum of the Jew's demonization as devil, sorcerer, and ritual murderer.

The author reveals how these myths, many with origins traced to Christian Europe in the late Middle Ages, still exist in transmuted form in the modern era. (2002)

# The Devil and the Jews

*The Medieval Conception of the Jew and Its Relation to Modern Anti-Semitism*



Joshua Trachtenberg

Foreword by Marc Saperstein





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Slowly, Jews became more accepted. In England, after Charles I was beheaded, Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans came to power. The Puritans, strongly anchored in the Jewish Bible, known to them as the Old Testament, welcomed Jews back. By the 1650s, Cromwell came to believe that Jewish skill in foreign affairs would benefit England.

In 1656, Jews were readmitted to the British Isles, after a 350 - year hiatus, through the joint efforts of Oliver Cromwell and the Dutch scholar Menasseh ben Israel.

The following year, London's small Spanish and Portuguese community established the Bevis Marks Congregation, still one of that city's major synagogues.

This four-handled tray represents the congregants' 100 - year annual tradition of offering presentation silver to London's lord mayor. Beginning in 1679, silver trays were commissioned for the mayor and sent to him, lavishly filled with deli meats.

The one pictured here is from 1708.



Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, invited Jews to immigrate to his American colony.

The first Jewish immigrants in the small but growing colony of Newport, Rhode Island, arrived from Barbados in the mid to late 17th century, possibly as early as 1658.

They were primarily of Spanish and Portuguese origin; their families had migrated from Amsterdam and London to Brazil and then to islands in the Caribbean.

They were not given full rights as citizens — they could not vote or hold office — but Rhode Island's religious toleration meant they were safe and free from persecution.

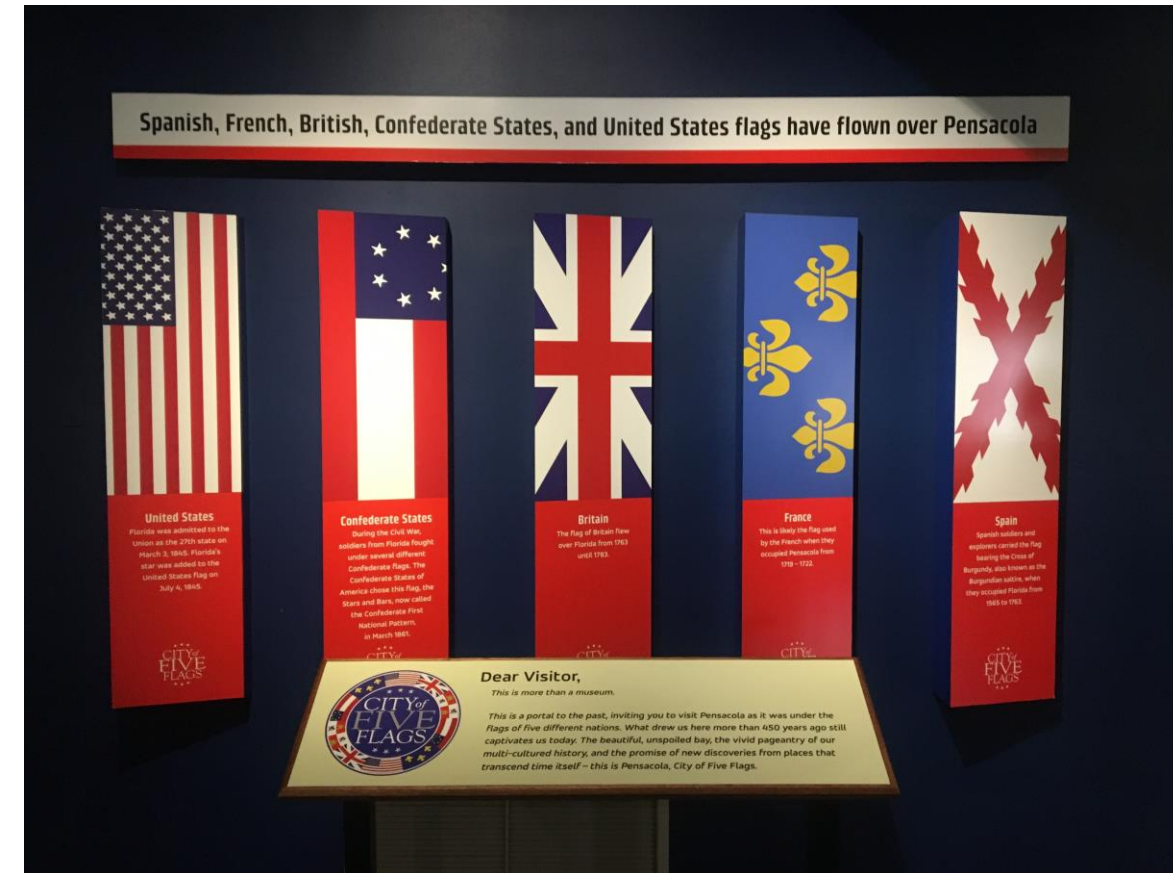


In the early nineteenth century, Jews began to become more visible. In one country after another, change was occurring. Even in Florida, as a Spanish Colony, the Inquisition was suspended, allowing Jews to remain, particularly those who had lived here during the brief period of British rule over the colony (see reading, *Jews of Florida*).

Under the Treaty of Paris in 1763, England acquired Florida from Spain and Jews could reside there. The first-recorded Jews to settle in Florida, Alexander Solomons, Joseph D. Pallaccios, and Samuel Israel, arrived in Pensacola.

More Jews moved to northern Florida over the next few decades, though the Jewish population still comprised of only a dozen individuals.

In 1783 England returned Florida to Spain. Once again under the rule of the Inquisition, Spain ordered a census that revealed Jews, including a Polish Jew, David Moses, who had a hide store in St. Augustine. Remarkably, Spain decided to allow the few Jews to remain as the area needed settlers.



**What? How was Florida transferred from Spain to Great Britain, then back to Spain?**

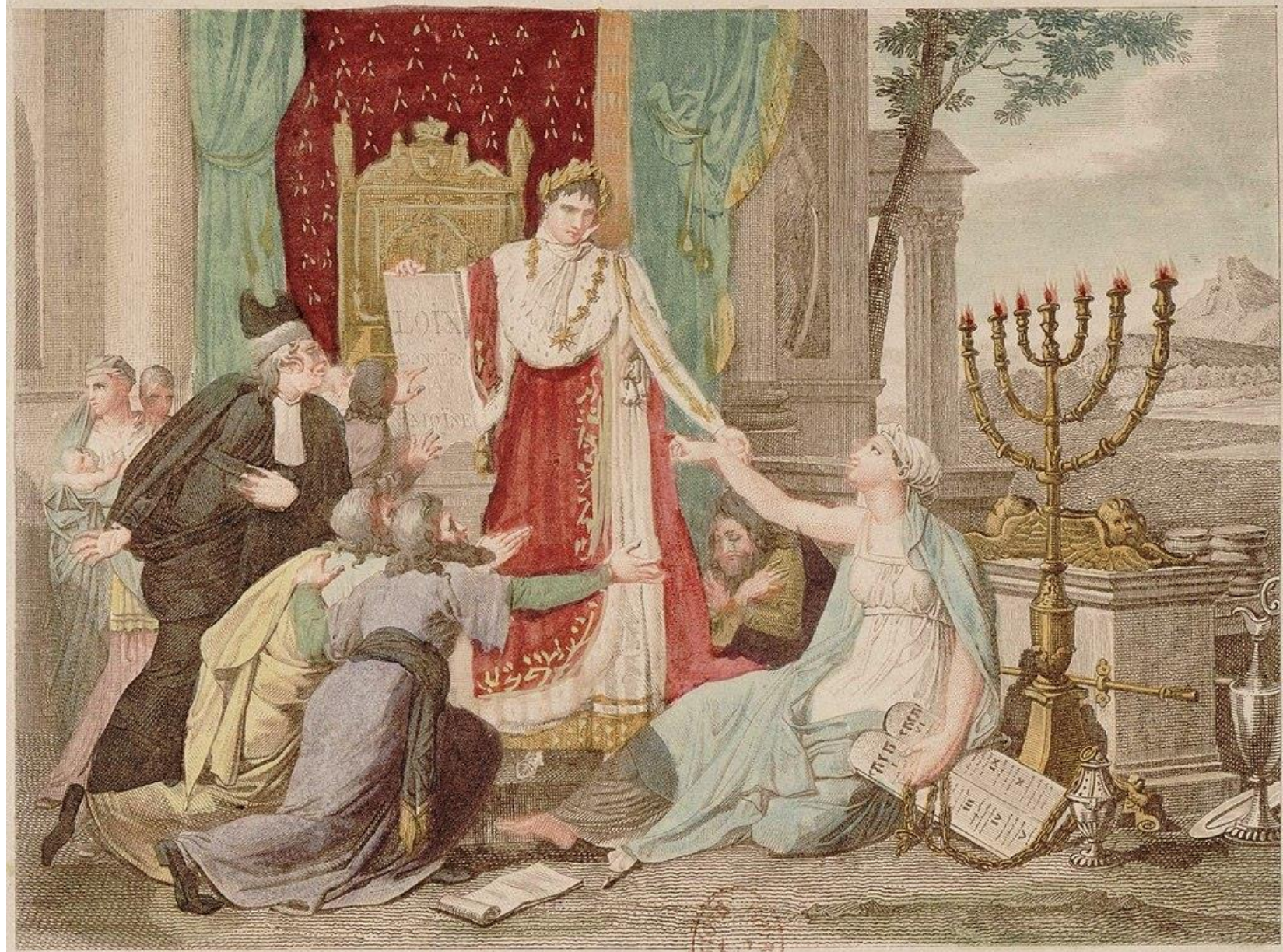
During the Seven Years War (French and Indian War), the British captured Spanish Cuba and the Philippines. In order to get these valuable colonies back, Spain was forced to give up Florida. Signed on February 10, 1763, the First Treaty of Paris, gave all of Florida to the British.

**Why did Britain give Florida back to Spain?**

In the Second Treaty of Paris (1783), Britain recognized the independence of the United States. Under separate treaty, England ceded Florida back to Spanish control in exchange for the Bahama Islands. This time, however, most of the population, who owned businesses and plantations in Florida, did not leave.

FRANCE. Napoleon's armies marched across Europe carrying the motto of the French Revolution, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," with them.

Napoleon called the Jewish leaders together and allowed them to become citizens of French civilization.



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NAPOLÉON LE GRAND,  
rétablit le culte des Israélites, le 30 Mai 1806.

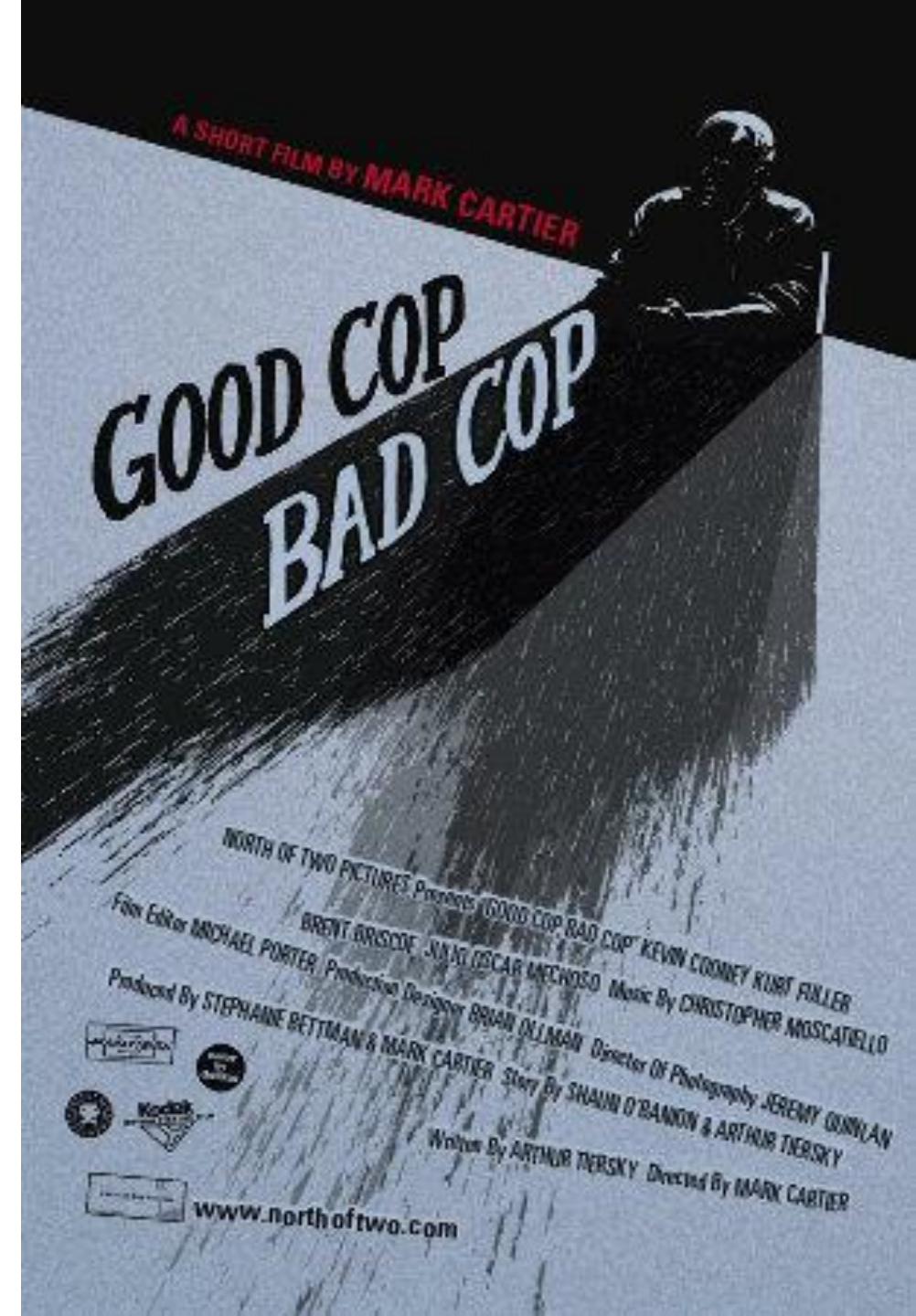
An 1806 French print of Napoleon granting freedom of worship to the Jews.

AUSTRIA. Empress Maria Theresa of Austria hated Jews, and in 1760, she required all unbearded Jews to wear a yellow badge on their left arms. Jews were not allowed to buy vegetables until 9 A.M. or cattle before 11 A.M. Jews were taxed three million florins each year for ten years for the privilege of living in Austria.

Joseph I abolished the tax and let Jews attend schools and serve in the army.

However, his successor, Francis II, put Maria Theresa's restrictions back in place.

It was not until 1867 that all disabilities were removed; Jews became members of the legislature, and some became generals in the army.



RUSSIA. In the 1790s, Russian armies conquered Poland, and they now controlled the largest Jewish minority population of any nation in the world. The Russians were hard on the Jews; they were denied the right to attend universities or become officers in the army.

When tragedy arose in Russia, Jews were often blamed. 1791, Jews were forced to live in western Russian lands called "The Pale of Settlement," hence the term "beyond the Pale." The example of Alexander II (below) is an example of this trend.

To relieve public unrest in hard times, the government occasionally started a "pogrom," a time when mobs could attack Jews or steal their property without reason, apart from scapegoating.

MARCH 13, 1881.

**JEWIS FALSELY BLAMED FOR THE ASSASINATING ALEXANDER II, ALTHOUGH HE WAS A HERO TO THE JEWS**

Czar Alexander II, the leader of Russia, was assassinated in St. Petersburg when a bomb was thrown into his carriage. Alexander II had assumed the throne in 1855 following his father Nicholas I and was a more liberal-minded leader than his predecessor. He relaxed some of the restrictions placed against the Jews of Russia by his father, including abolishing the Cantonist system of Russification which had been established in 1827. The Cantonist system forced Jewish males, ages 12-18, away from their families into a program of Russian and Christian education in preparation for a 25-year military conscription. Jewish leaders had to supply a quota of youth and even hired kidnapers to take children as young as eight to meet the demands. Alexander II also allowed some Jews to live outside of the area known as the Pale of Settlement, the 472,000 square mile region that comprised most of today's countries of Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, in which Jews had been restricted to living beginning in 1835. Moving outside the Pale resulted in the development of Jewish communities in Moscow and St. Petersburg. As a result of these policies, many Jews became more involved in the cultural and intellectual life of Russia.





1882, After the unfortunate assassination of Czar Alexander II, Czar Alexander III took the position that one-third of the Jews should be converted, another one-third should die, and the remaining one-third should be exiled. Many of those exiled came to the United States. Despite all the restrictions put on them, some Russian Jews became successful doctors, engineers, and lawyers. Most, however, were isolated in the small towns (shtetls) of what is now Poland, the Ukraine, and western Russia.

Scene from Fiddler.  
Exiled from Russia  
[https://youtu.be/uu\\_QQLM4biQ](https://youtu.be/uu_QQLM4biQ)

1881 pogrom in Kiev



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**HOLLAND.** The Jewish community in Holland had a long history, and the synagogue in Amsterdam had been dedicated in 1675. Dutch Jews received full political liberty in 1796. Most lived in Amsterdam, working in the diamond and tobacco industries.

Unfortunately, and paradoxically, Jews of Holland and the Netherlands in general had been so accepted for so many years, yet the largest percentage of Western European Jews killed during the Holocaust were from the Netherlands. Germans were well aware that the Dutch would be unlikely to cooperate, so German police were employed there in far greater numbers than Holland, France, or Belgium, and therefore much more effective in killing and discovering hidden Jews, such as Anne Frank and her family.

<https://www.jpost.com/jerusalem-report/rembrandt-and-the-jews-of-holland-578486>



A painting in the Joodse Historische Museum of the Esnoga Synagogue, painted in the 18th century showing the affluence of the Jews at the time.



Dutch Jews board the train that is to take them to Auschwitz. Photograph from 1942. Photographer: Rudolf Breslauer. Source: [Wikimedia Commons](#). Rechten: Public domain



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SWEDEN, NORWAY, AND DENMARK were all tolerant of Jews. In Sweden, Jews had all the rights that other non-Lutherans had. Norway and Denmark gave Jews full rights, and a prosperous Jewish community developed in Denmark where they became leaders in banking and business. This openness continued until the Holocaust (see 1 Danish Jews).

This 1973 Israeli postage stamp commemorates the Danish resistance movement, which, with the assistance of many Danish citizens, managed to evacuate 7,220 of Denmark's 7,800 Jews, plus 686 non-Jewish spouses, by sea to nearby neutral Sweden during the Second World War.



GERMANY. Jews in Germany had become so isolated that they could not speak or write in German. Moses Mendelssohn, a Jewish scholar, overcame that problem by translating the Torah (the Jewish Bible, known to Christians as the *Old Testament*) into German.

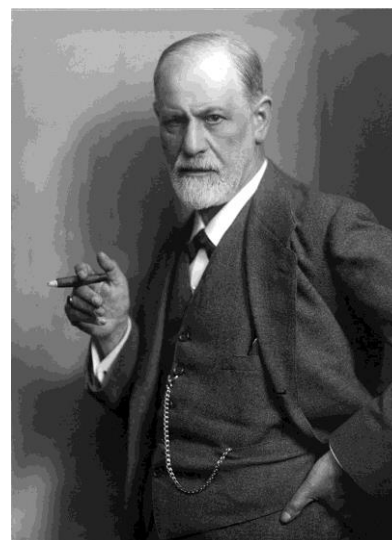
Moses Mendelssohn was a German-Jewish philosopher and theologian. His writings and ideas on Jews and the Jewish religion and identity were a central element in the development of the Haskalah, or 'Jewish Enlightenment' of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.



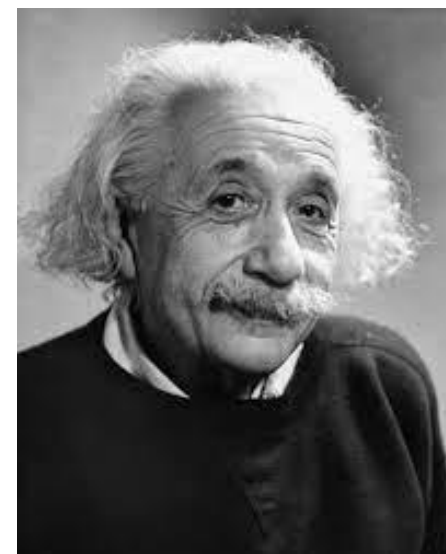
After some important German states gave Jews citizenship, restrictions on Jews were finally lifted in 1870. Jews were now more visible and could more easily move among, compete with, and excel alongside the rest of the population. As time progressed, Jews became well integrated into German society. By 1900, most were middle-class, and lived in large cities. They were over-represented in the fields of law, medicine, journalism, and retail business. Jews were so integrated into German society, directly until the time of Hitler, that they were given the opportunity to excel... and did. Although Jews consisted of only 1% of Germany/Austria, they brought in 33% of the Nobel Prizes earned by these countries. In fact, President Roosevelt's *Manhattan Project*, which created the Atomic Bomb, and won WWII for the Allies, was possible only because of the German-Jewish physicists who escaped to the U.S. Roosevelt said of the Jewish intellectuals from Germany, "Hitler shook the tree, and I picked up all the apples."



Hedy Lamarr, a famed American actress and one of the most gorgeous women of the époque, is celebrated in German-speaking countries like Austria, Germany and Switzerland as Inventors' Day. Lamarr is the inventor of the frequency-hopping method, which is still used by many communication protocols, including GPS, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and CDMA.



Sigmund Freud was an Austrian neurologist and the founder of psychoanalysis, a clinical method for evaluating and treating pathologies seen as originating from conflicts in the psyche, through dialogue between patient and psychoanalyst, and the distinctive theory of mind and human agency.



Albert Einstein was a German-born theoretical physicist. Einstein is best known for developing the theory of relativity, but he also made important contributions to the development of the theory of quantum mechanics. Relativity and quantum mechanics are the two pillars of modern physics.

The Gentile (non-Jewish) community became aware of them, and they reacted in various ways. To many, a Jewish person was only slightly different from anyone else, and they had no problem accepting them. Others maintained the established norm of antisemitism, viewing Jews as a threat. When able, they found excuses to put them back in what they believed was their "proper" place. To rally support for their position, anti-Semites brought up medieval accusations against the Jews. They said Jews were Christ-killers, that they drew blood from Gentile children for their Passover celebration, and that they plotted against Gentiles. Other anti-Semites looked to new race theories to try to prove that Jews were genetically inferior to Gentiles.

A patch from the 1890s reading: 'Away with Juda! - The Jews are Germany's disaster'

displayed at an exhibition of antisemitic and racist stickers at the Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin, Germany, April 19, 2016. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)





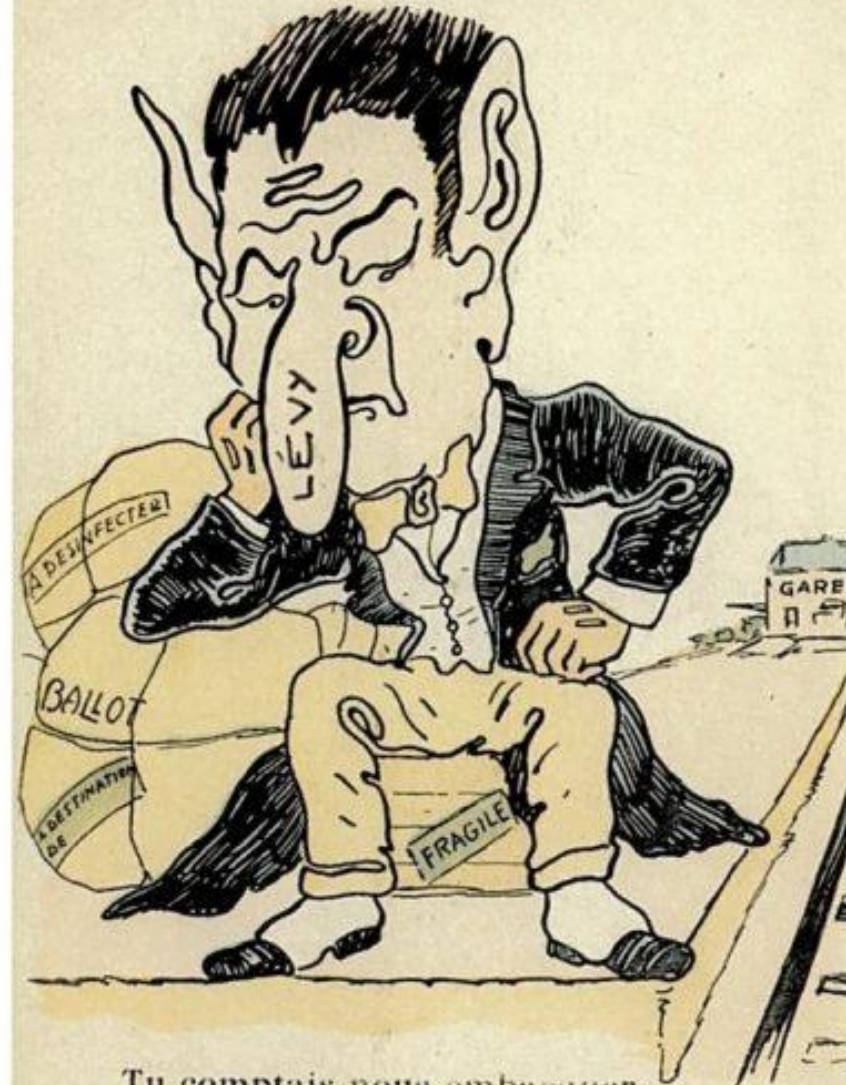
**Dehumanization of Jews** (Czechoslovakia, late 19th century) From the Middle Ages to the modern era, antisemites frequently portrayed Jews as vermin and various other animals—especially pigs because Judaism considers pigs unclean and forbids the consumption of pork. This statue depicts three pigs in traditional Jewish garb sitting on a bench in Karlsbad, Czechoslovakia, a popular spa town frequented by prewar European Jewry. A prohibition on Jewish settlement existed in Karlsbad from 1499 to 1793, and until 1848 Jewish residence there was contested in protracted litigation initiated by non-Jewish merchants. In time, Karlsbad gained a Jewish clientele and a rich Jewish life unfolded there, but coexistence with members of other religions was never widespread.

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ÉLECTIONS MUNICIPALES



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French caricatures from the period of the Dreyfus affair. These cartoons depict Jews committing election fraud.

"Hatemail: Anti-Semitism on Picture Postcards" <https://www.amazon.com/Hatemail-Anti-Semitism-Mr-Salo-Aizenberg/dp/0827609493>



To Jews, freedom from the isolation of the ghetto was a mixed blessing. Now they were exposed to accusations and threats of the outside world. The height of this clash between the Jewish expectation of inclusion, and the reality of repackaged antisemitism was the Dreyfuss Affair...



## THE DREYFUS AFFAIR PARIS, FRANCE, 1894-1906

In Paris, in the fall of 1894, French counterintelligence agents discovered that military secrets had been leaked to Germany. Evidence was falsified to blame Captain Alfred Dreyfus, the only Jew at the General Staff Headquarters. A year later he was found guilty and stripped of his rank, with the crowd outside the trial yelling “Death to the Jews!”

The trial was witnessed by Theodore Herzl, who published *The Jewish State* in response.

The sensation over Dreyfus’ guilt or innocence became a proxy fight between the voices of tolerance and intolerance in France. The Dreyfus supporters were those who expounded his innocence and criticized French anti-Semitism, such as Marcel Proust, Emile Zola, Anatole France, and future political leaders. In 1898 Emile Zola published an open letter titled “J’Accuse!” (“I Accuse!”), warning that “this odious anti-Semitism will destroy freedom-loving France.” Zola forced the issue of anti-Semitism out into open debate. Dreyfus wasn’t officially exonerated until 1906, when he went back on duty in the army.

The Dreyfuss case denoted that antisemitism would manifest itself through changing standard. During the Middle Ages, Jews were hated for their religion, and although the Enlightenment promised to bring about the end of racism, Jews continued to be singled out for their race. In country after country, they found themselves unwelcome in Europe.

Having been exiled from their home of Israel in 76 AD by the Romans, only a small number of Jews remained in place. The rest of the Jewish nation, however, preserved the religion and culture in the Diaspora (dispersal from one's homeland). Prayers, both religious and personal, longed for the day of return (Aliyah) to Israel.

Under Roman rule, the name "Israel" was erased from maps, and replaced with the new name, "Palestine" (no relation to the current community who call themselves Palestinians. The Romans used the name "Palestinians" in reference to ancient Canaanites, a group long disappeared.

Despite their name being removed from maps, Jewish prayer always included the elusive desire to reclaim the land from which they had been driven away.

Two tendencies were already coalescing, however, that would make possible this ancient, lofty dream. First, the Jews were realizing that they would never be fully accepted in exile, and Second, although no local force had ever ruled with sovereignty over Israel, the period of colonialism was coming to an end.

The Romans, the Greeks, the Persians, the Greeks, the Ottomans, all had ruled Israel as a foreign colony. Yet the end of the colonial era would soon yield the opportunity for Jews to return home.

Unfortunately, this dream would be realized too late for the Jews killed during the Holocaust. Worse still, half of all Jews in the World would be killed before Israel was re-established.

It was the Dreyfuss Affair specifically that motivated Theodore Herzl to act, and to form the Zionist Organization, whose purpose was to recognize “the right of Jews to dwell in their ancient homeland.”

With the constant reversal of first being granted rights, and then the oppression of denying those rights, it should by no surprise that Jewish Austro-Hungarian Theodore Herzl, soon said, “we are tired of being told, ‘you’re a citizen, you’re an enemy, you’re a citizen, you’re an enemy.’” It was time, Herzl decided, to go home.

After 2000 years of exile, a movement began to end the Diaspora, and return home to our ancestral dwelling, Israel. Although this two millennia-old dream would not be realized until the Holocaust had occurred, the Jewish people were able to return home after the longest Diaspora in human history.



As we will discuss further on, Herzl's efforts eventually led to the re-establishment of the ancient state of Israel. Unfortunately for the Jewish people, however, a state of their own still failed to reduce anti-Semitism among those who were determined to punish this nation.

At one point, Jews were hated for their religion, then for their race. Today, hatred for Jews is most commonly expressed globally as a hatred for their country. This is evidenced by the fact that most of Israel's neighbors want the Jews killed or removed from their homeland.

Furthermore, although Israel is a peaceful nation, it has been attacked in several wars that it won, but never wanted. Nevertheless, in protection of its people, the democracy of Israel continues to offer peace deals to its neighbors, who reject each offer.

Israel exceeds international expectations, with regard to humane treatment of enemy combatants, even when they are captured while attempting to commit acts of terror. And Israel is the only country in the Middle-East whose citizens enjoy equal treatment under the law, to include full rights of citizens of all religions, sexual orientation, race, and gender.

Tanenbaum, in collaboration with *Three Faiths Forum* Middle East, has developed cutting-edge materials designed to support Israeli health care providers and institutions in providing religio-culturally competent care for patients from across the spectrum of religious backgrounds and practices.



כשירות תרבותית ודתית  
בטיפול רפואי בישראל



Israeli Arab Ra'am party chief Mansour Abbas speaks with reporters following coalition talks in Kfar Maccabiah, Ramat Gan on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (Tal Schneider/The Times of Israel)

When Yityish Aynaw immigrated from Ethiopia to Israel at age 12, she was thrust into an Israeli classroom. An orphan lacking Hebrew skills, Aynaw says she relied on other kids and her own sheer ambition to get through. Ten years later Aynaw, 22, is the first Ethiopian-Israeli to be crowned Miss Israel – a title she hopes to use to showcase Israel’s diversity. “Israel really accepts everybody,” she told JTA. “That I was chosen proves it.”



There is only one country in the Middle East with lgbtq rights.

Despite these freedoms in Israel, despite this perpetual offer of aid to the world community, Israel is continually singled out for a hatred inspired, not by evidence, but instead by an ancient hatred... antisemitism.

When Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in 2010, Israeli disaster team jets departed David ben-Gurion Airport immediately, unaware if the runways in Port-au-Prince were operable.

These are merely brief examples of the countless endeavors undertaken by Israel, as it plays a role in the Jewish ideal of *tikkun olam* (healing the World). See following slide...



This new form of Jew hatred is expressed through opposition to the existence of a Jewish homeland, although it is the oldest country in the region. In fact, Israel is the only country in the world that bears the same name, whose citizens speak the same language, inhabit the same land, and practice the same faith as their ancestors did 3,000 years ago.

It is difficult to understand exactly what continues to drive this hatred. There are four particular manifestations of this antisemitism that pervade the modern world.

(It must be remembered, however, that many forms of hate and Prejudice have similarly baseless foundations. Unfortunately, this Discrimination is felt by many other demographic groups, as well).





1) This hatred has been manifested in the halls of the world forum at the United Nations...

## UN has condemned Israel more than all other countries combined in 2022 – monitor

General Assembly resolution backing ICJ probe capped year that saw 15 anti-Israel measures, compared to 13 against rest of world, reinforcing claims of bias at Turtle Bay

Israeli Ambassador Gilad Erdan attends a meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee at UN headquarters on Friday, November 11, 2022. (AP/Jeenah Moon)



NEW YORK — The United Nations General Assembly passed more resolutions critical of Israel than against all other nations combined in 2022, contributing to what observers call an ongoing lopsided focus on the Jewish state at the world body. The General Assembly approved 15 anti-Israel resolutions last year, versus 13 resolutions criticizing other countries, according to a tally by the group UN Watch.

Russia was the focus of six resolutions condemning its invasion of Ukraine. North Korea, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Iran and the US were hit with one resolution each.

Saudi Arabia, China, Lebanon, Turkey, Venezuela and Qatar, which have poor human rights records or were involved in regional conflicts, were not mentioned by any resolutions criticizing them.

Since 2015, the General Assembly has adopted 140 resolutions criticizing Israel, mainly over failed relationships with neighboring countries and other alleged wrongdoings. Over the same period, it has passed 68 resolutions against all other countries, UN Watch said.

2) The same hatred is also seen across the world in the form of The BDS (Boycott, Divest, and Sanction) movement, aimed at delegitimizing and destabilizing Israel...



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The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) is an international campaign aimed at delegitimizing and pressuring Israel, through the diplomatic, financial, professional, academic and cultural isolation of Israel, Israeli individuals, Israeli institutions, and, increasingly, Jews who support Israel's right to exist.

The BDS movement asserts that Israeli policies towards Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, and even some within the Green Line, are akin to those of apartheid South Africa. They argue that the same boycott and isolation tactics used to help dismantle the South African White minority government should be used against Israel in order to force it to change its policies towards the Palestinians. In practice, the global BDS movement doesn't seek to create a Palestinian state but rather aims to dismantle the Jewish state and end the right to Jewish national self-determination on any portion of this contested land. BDS is one tactic in the long history of campaigns and efforts to delegitimize and isolate the State of Israel.

3) Antisemitism is also very common in the United States, and among both major political parties, where leftist extremists, to include the “Squad” of the U.S. Congress have attacked the very existence of Israel, to the extreme right, exemplified by Congresswoman Margery Taylor Greene, who has claimed that Israel and the Jews use space lasers to set wildfires in the American Southwest. Both were stripped of their Congressional committee assignments for these slanderous and racist comments.



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Ilhan Omar (D) Minnesota (above right), pictured with one of her fellow antisemitic “squad” members, congressional representatives, Rashida Tlaib (D) Michigan.

4) Although this is not an exhaustive list, another current practice of antisemitism is the unfounded charge that Israel practices racial segregation, akin the Apartheid government from the time of white rule in South Africa.



Kenneth Rasalabe Joseph Meshoe is a South African politician, reverend and teacher. He served as the inaugural leader of the African Christian Democratic Party, a Christian democratic political party from 1993 until his passing in January of 2023. He became a Member of Parliament in 1994 and has since been re-elected five times.

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As Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks wrote recently (6-11-15) in a piece in the Jerusalem Post: "...the larger phenomenon which forms the backdrop for the BDS movement—a movement aimed at boycotting Israeli products, and delegitimizing the Jewish state—has become ever clearer during the course of the 21st century. It is the latest incarnation of the denial to Jews as a distinctive faith and people the right to be: the right to govern themselves in the land of their beginnings. Anti-Semitism is not a static phenomenon. It is a virus that mutates, thereby defeating the immune system of free societies.

During the Middle Ages, Jews were hated for their religion. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, they were hated for their race. Today they are hated for their nation state. For a thousand years they were the most conspicuous non-Christian presence in a Christian Europe. Today the State of Israel is the most obvious non-Islamic state in a largely Muslim Middle East. Anti-Semitism is not simply about Jews. It is an offense against the fundamental dignity of difference."

Israeli historian Amos Oz, Sacks wrote:

"In the 1930s, antisemites declared, 'Jews to Palestine.' Today they shout, 'Jews out of Palestine' . . . they don't want us to be there; they don't want us to be here; *they don't want us to be*" (ibid.). GN



*Jonathan Sacks*