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*The Last Word: An Intolerable Tolerance by Jeremy Jones*

*Michael Backman, who wrote a disgusting, vile piece of anti-Jewish fiction masquerading as an opinion article in the business section of the Age newspaper, was rightly criticised by the editor of that paper, competing media outlets, politicians and others.*

*The column, which consisted of little more than a string of caricatures, slanders and factual inaccuracies, had been approved for publication by those responsible for putting out the newspaper (in the regular editor's absence). By doing so, serious questions were raised as to why they should ever be trusted to know the differences between news and slander, or between argument and libel. Those responsible deserve to be held in disgrace and the swift and forthright condemnations of them by Michael Danby MP and Senator Michael Ronaldson were examples of moral leadership on the subject of racism.*

*An example of immoral contributions to the debate came in the behaviour of a person who, after overcoming considerable hardship, is now a self-described "human rights" activist. In emails in late December, he wrote "you the Jews are real motherf--ker bastards"; that he is "often provoked" to "think that the Jews were not as innocent as we speak (sic) when Hitler was persecuting them"; Israel "is actually overstepping what Hitler did to the Jews"; "Jews like you are the dirty scums... I wonder why God himself hate (sic) the Jews", and more to at least three different Jewish people who had each been active in human rights advocacy but who didn't believe Israel had been unprovoked in attacking Hamas in Gaza.*

*I stress this was not a single email, but a series, all of which contained hateful and vicious rhetoric supplemented by statements such as "As a human rights activist I speak with evidence rather than emotion" and that, as "a devout Catholic", he offered a prayer for Jews to have the "ability to be fair, honest and grateful at least". One of his themes, that Jews are as bad or worse than Nazis, has been a feature of many of the anti-Israel demonstrations and rallies which have taken place in Australia in December and January.*

*Mixed with chants such as "Bomb the Jews" and children bearing placards bemoaning that Jews didn't get enough Nazi treatment, were many posters and signs claiming Israel/Jews were perpetrating a Holocaust, that the Star of David was the same as the swastika and/or that the Jewish people are involved in genocide. The Socialist Alliance was just one group which advised its supporters to campaign on the theme of Israel as the equivalent of Nazi Germany, even providing a web-site from which one could print a placard on this theme.*

*This analogy, which is as ridiculous as it is offensive, was named by Irish diplomat and intellectual Conor Cruise O'Brien (whose recent passing, this column notes with sadness) as Anti-Jewism which he said was an ugly word which suited an ugly phenomenon. Emanuele Ottolenghi noted in a recent article in the Jewish Chronicle that "intelligent people should be able to see the difference and refrain from such comparisons", before asking whether those who make it are "stupid or malicious?".*

*It is not a new phenomenon but, unlike the outrage it provoked in previous years, in the summer of 2008-09 in Australia, its graphic presence did not appear to worry those church officials, mainstream Muslim figures, Greens, Australian Democrats and others who have pretence to moral leadership, but who made no moves to dissociate themselves from this abominable campaign of disinformation, distortion and defamation.*

*In many parts of the world, including our near neighbour Indonesia, synagogues have been sought out by anti-Israel demonstrators. The intensity of anti-Jewish activity led to a friend recently telling me she was afraid, for the first time in her life, as a Jewish person living in London. Antisemitism is not new and antisemites seeking to cause harm to Jews in Australia is hardly a novel phenomenon. But for antisemitic activity to not be swiftly, publicly and unambiguously condemned is a disturbing indication that too many are willing to tolerate the intolerable.*

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year in which the author has compiled, analysed and reported on the many phenomena which together constitute antisemitism in Australia. The Jewish community's elected representative organisation, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), has recognised the importance of having an annual, national assessment which pooled the research conducted at a local level and provided year to year and region to region comparisons and requested the author report on this subject to its Annual Meeting in 1990 and all years subsequent. As a professional employed by the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) with expertise in research and analysis of this subject, the author has enjoyed strong cooperation in compiling material from the ECAJ's affiliates, Jewish organisations and other groups and individuals concerned with racism and antisemitism. The report has been issued as a stand-alone written document for more than a decade, distributed to Councillors of the ECAJ to inform and guide their deliberations, to opinion leaders within and outside the Jewish community and to a diverse range of other agencies.

The most significant developments over the past 20 years have been the crossing of a variety of "red lines" in anti-Jewish rhetoric, particularly from sections of the political Left relating to false and offensive comparisons of Israel/Jews with Nazis/Nazism and unashamed association with fascist and antisemitic groups such as HAMAS; the growth of a diverse, dynamic Muslim community which has segments which are actively anti-Jewish (as well as those who are actively opposed to antisemitism); the continued failure of far-right groups to gain traction, despite outbursts of xenophobia beyond the far right extremes; the diminution in significance of Eastern and Central European post-war migrants as a base of antisemitism; a number of positive developments from Churches in attitudes to Jews and Judaism; the introduction of Federal, and development of State and Territory, legislation designed to give recourse to victims of racism and religious discrimination/harassment; the internationalisation of a number of strands of antisemitic activity, through improved communication technology and also movements of individuals and populations; the enlistment of persons who identify as Jewish in support of a variety of anti-Jewish slurs; and the exponential growth and now pervasiveness of on-line technology, which has changed the modes and ease by which antisemites can abuse, harass and intimidate, reshaped and improved the relationships between local, regional, national and international antisemitic groups, resulted in the dissolution of the concept of common information, provided isolated and alienated individuals with the ability to broadcast their views widely and forced those concerned with racism and antisemitism to re-evaluate strategies for containment of, and response to, these negative and destructive concepts.

It is also significant that over this period there have been major developments and improvements in international coordination confronting and responding to antisemitism. The author of this paper has been involved in international initiatives to enhance inter-community relations, develop the capacity of Jewish organisations to protect and promote their interests and in improving monitoring and analysis of antisemitism. The general assessment of Australia, in this context, is that the balance between philosemitism, neutrality and antisemitism in Australia has been, and remains, amongst the most favourable, if not the best, of all the countries in which there are functioning Jewish communities.

## 1.1 The Year in Review

In Australia in 2009, to accuse any person or organisation of antisemitism is to allege that their behaviour is antisocial and unacceptable. No one with aspirations to public credibility admits to holding antisemitic views or to associating with openly antisemitic organisations. While individuals and organisations associated with the political left who promote extreme anti-Israeli racism, which sometimes included offensive and gratuitous anti-Jewish imagery, are keen to assert that they are not antisemitic, even some far-right and neo-Nazi groups publicly profess to be "anti-Zionist" rather than anti-Jewish, although the material they distribute can give the lie to any such distinction. Further, Holocaust deniers, including those who allege that the Holocaust is a Jewish confidence trick played on gullible Christians as one part of a raft of anti-Jewish slurs, generally claim they are only "researching" historical subjects.

In the Australian mass media, professional journalists occasionally, but rarely, crossed the line between political commentary and anti-Jewish slander, in discussions of Israel and/or the alleged strength of "Jewish lobbies" in both the USA and Australia. However, during December 2008/January 2009 in particular, when Israel was fighting HAMAS in Gaza, contributors of letters and comments on blogs maintained by mainstream media outlets often engaged in thinly-veiled or overt antisemitic rhetoric.

Antisemitism emanating from Islamic sources in Australia has been a topic of public discussion for a number of years. Particular concerns, in the period in review, have been expressed at the negative impact of material from a variety of overseas sources which has as its thesis an eternal enmity of Muslims towards Jews and at the adoption of far-left political attacks on Jews and Israel which become incorporated in to broad Muslim discourse.

Public discussion on the extradition request by Hungary to Australia for alleged Nazi War Criminal Charles Zentai, Australia's decision not to participate in the UN Durban Review Conference and the Federal Court contempt hearing process against Fredrick Toben was essentially reasoned and reasonable, despite efforts by some organised political and other anti-Israel groups, as well as a small number of media commentators.

Between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2009, the database assembled and maintained by the author of this report since 1989 included over 960 reports of anti-Jewish violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation, the highest tally ever recorded and close to three times the average of the previous 19 years. Anti-Jewish propaganda in fringe publications and from extremist organisations remained an ongoing concern. Conspiracy theories abounded on the internet and these included a disturbing proportion which were overtly or implicitly antisemitic.

Although no new complaints of racial vilification were launched under the Federal Racial Hatred Act, the Federal Court found Fredrick Toben to be in breach of orders and in contempt of court, after he continued to publish Holocaust denial, and he began a three month prison term in August 2009.

## **1.2 Racism in Australia and Antisemitism**

The Australian Jewish community has been an integral part of Australia's population since the first days of European settlement. While there have been incidents of anti-Jewish activity occurring throughout the different periods of the development of modern Australia, opposition to antisemitism has also been present and, perhaps more importantly, the question of the place of Jews within Australian society has generally not been an issue which has excited the Australian population.

Although Jewish Australians have twice been appointed Governors-General, our military forces have included Jewish Australians in their senior leadership ranks and the community has been able to build an impressive network of institutions to serve its needs, an unacceptably high number of Australian Jews can provide evidence of instances of discrimination, harassment and racial defamation.

Some anti-Jewish behaviour has found apologists who portray it as culturally innate, simple ignorance, a legitimate reaction to the behaviour of Jews themselves or as the poor expression of otherwise legitimate views. In recent years, with increasing antisemitism emanating from left-wing sources there has been an additional issue of figures close to the political and social mainstream rationalising or justifying antisemitism by misrepresenting it as legitimate political expression. In a recurring pattern, the false charge that all, or most, critics of any Israeli policy or action is called antisemitic, is levelled.

One development in antisemitism in Australia in the period in review was the way in which individuals who identify themselves, or were identified, as Jews were given high profiles who engaged in defamation of Judaism and/or Israel. A number of extreme right-wing groups published contributions from, or items by, Gilad Atzmon, Ilan Pappé and Neturei Karta. Norman Finkelstein and Antony Lowenstein were cited by Islamic sources with maximalist anti-Jewish agendas. Far left groups cited a number of different individuals with the suggestion that a person's birth as a Jew gave them special authority to condemn Israel, Judaism and Jews. At an anti-Israel demonstration in Sydney, a Jewish academic claimed he was wearing a Palestinian badge because "the Nazis made Jews wear a yellow Star of David" (18/1/09), much to the delight of the antisemitic elements in the crowd.

An 11-year study of attitudes of 16,000 Australians, released in June 2009, found that Australians strongly supported cultural diversity with only 6.5% of respondents declaring themselves against multiculturalism. However, the writer of this paper believes there is strong anecdotal evidence that there exists in Australia an under-current of racism. It is difficult to objectively assess the place of antisemitism in Australian racism as no comprehensive statistics exist on the subject of general racist violence, vilification, harassment and intimidation, which would supplement or give context to the data-collection and analysis of the Jewish community. It is disappointing that, despite considerable public funding aimed at redressing anti-Muslim and/or anti-Arab discrimination and prejudice, there has been no comprehensive documentation of incidents of harassment or intimidation which would assist in both analysis and formulation of policy response. While some clues as to the level of concern at racism can be discerned from indicators such as the volume of complaints to bodies such as the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Press Council, the Australian Broadcasting Authority and State-based anti-discrimination boards,



the voluntary nature of the complaints system, the confidentiality of material they receive and many other factors result in the need to treat many such statistics with caution.

It is the informed view of the writer of this report that there is often a link between racism against other sections of the Australian community and antisemitism, as reports of physical manifestations of antisemitism have increased at times of harassment of Asian Australians after Professor Geoffrey Blainey's claim of the imminent Asianisation of Australia in 1984, when Indigenous organisations and individuals were facing intimidation in 1988 and when the anti-immigration One Nation Party enjoyed short-lived electoral success in the late 1990s. The difficulty is in determining the extent of the overlap.

### **1.3 Forms of Antisemitism**

When attempting to understand the extent of antisemitism in Australia it is important to bear in mind the following:

(i) Anti-Jewish comments made by public figures, the decision of editors and producers to publicly air antisemitism, and the failure of individuals who occupy positions of moral or political authority to respond to racist activity provide evidence there is a culture tolerant to antisemitism in Australia or that there is a potential for antisemitism to impact on a level which potentially harms Australian Jewry. This situation has been exacerbated with the growing phenomenon of antisemitism purporting to be representative of a left-wing or “antiracist” opinion. It is extremely difficult to measure or assess this phenomenon and virtually impossible to do so on an annual comparative basis.

(ii) The volume of physical attacks on community members and communal institutions is a measure of one aspect of anti-Jewish behaviour, but needs to be considered in the broad context of the daily experiences of Jewish Australians.

(iii) The activities of anti-Jewish organisations may constructively be compared with previous behaviour from the same sub-culture, but should not be taken as a key indicator of the extent to which antisemitism threatens the well-being of Australia's Jewish community.

Within this report, as far as practical, the different manifestations of antisemitism appear within separate sections. These are:

- Anti-Jewish rhetoric which may inform different aspects of anti-Jewish behaviour
- The physical manifestations of anti-Jewish violence, vandalism and intimidation
- Antisemitism in mainstream public debate and problematic media coverage of matters affecting the Jewish community
- Anti-Jewish organisations and publications.

## **2.0 COMMON THEMES IN ANTI-JEWISH RHETORIC**

### **2.1 Introduction**

There is no evidence to suggest that Australians in general think of Jews in negative terms. Australia does not have a past to which antisemites can comfortably look with nostalgia, which distinguishes it from many other countries.

Nevertheless, some Australians have anti-Jewish prejudice which equates to, for example, anti-Asian, anti-Aborigine, anti-Arab or anti-African prejudice, expressing itself in terms of racial superiority. However, antisemitism in Australia often goes beyond simple contempt, hatred or discrimination based on the fact that a Jewish person is perceived to be in some way different. In addition, anti-Jewish prejudice considered normative in some other cultures has been brought to Australia by immigrants and can exist for many years within sub-cultures.

Sources of anti-Jewish stereotyping and vilification are quite diverse and it would be misleading to portray antisemitic organisation and individuals as acting in concert. Although some of the antisemitic organisations will present a grab-bag of stereotypes to rationalise their prejudice, it is generally possible to identify a central theme in organised anti-Jewish campaigns.

Some individuals and organisations disseminating antisemitic propaganda seek to attribute particular characteristics, motives or agendas to Jewish Australians, portraying them as not only different but threatening to the well-being of Australian society. They identify behaviour which the intended audience will find abhorrent and attribute it to Jews, undermining the legitimacy of participation of Jews in Australian life. Propagation of anti-Jewish stereotypes, even when meant to be humorous, can sustain the agendas of malicious antisemites. The most common theme in contemporary Australian antisemitic rhetoric is that Jews in Australia and/or internationally, individually and/or collaboratively, exercise disproportionate power and influence against the interests of non-Jews.

Anti-Jewish claims in Australia traditionally draw on a number of strands of rhetoric. For example, Holocaust Denial is often framed to include charges of anti-Christian motivation, almost supernatural Jewish power and global conspiracy.

It is unfortunately common for extremists and antisemites in Australia to use the experiences of Jews as victims of Genocide, murder and assault as a means to insult Jewish people and incite or justify hatred of them. The most extreme example is the historically and logically inappropriate designation of language and symbols associated with the Nazi genocide to Jewish people, such as accusing Jews of being "Nazi-like", committing "Holocausts" and/or Genocide, or supporting "concentration camps".

A thread common to a number of types of prejudice and vilification which are specific to Jews is the depiction of Jews as representing an existential threat to non-Jews and who have enormous power and drive to achieve their aim, generally presented as "world domination".

In the period in review, material sold and otherwise distributed in the Muslim community which contained one or more of these myths became a matter of public discussion.

Stereotypes of Jews, most often as stingy or ostentatiously wealthy, reinforce prejudices which facilitate more malicious vilification. A result of behaviour of this type can be the encouragement, or rationalisation of, abuse, harassment and more serious vilification.

## **2.2 "Jewish Power"**

Common to many variations of antisemitism identified in Australia in the period in review is the assertion of belief in the desire and ability of Australian Jews to dictate public policy in a way which distorts the workings of society in the interests of individual Jews, the local Jewish community or, occasionally, international interests. In its crudest form this myth allows easy scapegoating of Jews for the sundry ills which befall individuals in disadvantaged economic, political or social circumstances. This conviction sustains the followers of various anti-Jewish groups in the view that on a level playing field they would prove triumphant and it is therefore necessary to weaken the ability of Jews to play a role in public affairs.

Australian Jews are blamed by extremist organisations and their followers for contentious Federal and State policies on social matters, financial programs and the weakening of establishment institutions. The high profile of a number of individual Jewish Australians, particularly in the business community, is used by those who seek to further this particular anti-Jewish propaganda line as evidence of Jewish power. Government decisions which have accorded with public positions adopted by the Jewish community are also presented as evidence of Jewish control of the levers of political power.

A parallel myth which appears on a semi-regular basis in the mainstream media is that the US Government is either controlled by or in thrall to the "Jewish lobby". The way in which this is expressed not only reflects anti-Jewish prejudice but implicates Jewish Australians in the control of international interests and indirectly of Australia, given the importance of the US in world affairs. This slur was particularly prominent during the past four years and includes in its promoters a number of individual Jews.

The presentation of Jews as holders of mystical "power" has the potential to propagate the image of all Jews as part of an elite, implicitly conspiratorial, who cannot be treated as simply another group of Australians involved in public policy debates. Further, it lays the ground for acceptance of some of the other myths covered in this Report.

## **2.3 "International Jewish Conspiracy"**

Extremist organisations actively propagate the myth that there is a plot by some or all Jews, acting alone or in collusion with other "elites", to control international finance, media and politics. This view is commonly expressed as opposition to a globally imposed "World Order" which has as one of its aims the subjugation of the (non-Jewish) population of Australia to serve an all-powerful United Nations.

The theme of an international Jewish conspiracy is central to the world view of each of the overtly antisemitic organisations. Extreme elements within some migrant communities also promote this mythology as a means of explaining circumstances in their countries of birth. One of the sources antisemitic organisations use to support this myth is The Protocols of the

Learned Elders of Zion, which incredibly is taken seriously by most extremist groups and advertised in many antisemitic, extreme right-wing and New Age publications.

Alleged Jewish power is depicted as a powerful force behind globalism in some circles, with many others depicting Jews as malevolent forces controlling Western governments.

The importance of the "Jewish conspiracy" allegation is that it becomes the rationalisation for taking extreme, violent action, allegedly in "self-defence" against the conspirators. By their very nature, conspiracy theories dehumanise the "conspirators", who are indelibly marked as targets for "revenge". In relatively stable political and economic circumstances, the conspiracy theories are less important than at a time when individuals are looking for scapegoats, but the presence in Australia of a base group who believe and promote this strand of antisemitism is a matter for concern.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the Bali attacks, a plethora of antisemitic conspiracy theories arose. Most of these theories claimed that Israel, Jews or forces sympathetic to them carried out the mass murders to further political agendas. Some of these theories saw the attacks as part of a path by Jews towards world domination, while others attributed financial and short term political motives to the alleged perpetrators. Within some Muslim and the Arabic-speaking communities in Australia, anecdotal reports suggest these theories were widely endorsed. They also received some currency in left-wing, anti-Israel circles.

## **2.4 Holocaust Denial**

A subset of the above is the promotion of the claim that there was neither a Nazi Genocide of Jews nor an attempt at one. The thesis presented, either explicitly or implicitly, is that Jews, sometimes with the help of sympathisers and sycophants, use popular belief in the Nazi Holocaust as a means of extorting sympathy, money and political gain.

Although there is little evidence to suggest Holocaust Denial has any impact on the way the Holocaust is taught or has any influence on scholars or scholarship, the dissemination of material which insults, offends, ridicules and intimidates Holocaust survivors, the families of survivors and of those who did not survive and of all Jewish Australians, is a key activity of extreme right-wing elements in Australia. Further, in the period in review, an anti-Israel "left wing" activist promoted Holocaust denial in on-line discussions and left and Islamic apologists for the Holocaust denial by Iran's President Ahmadinejad posited that it was not antisemitic to "question" whether or not there had been a Nazi genocide.

Holocaust deniers based in Australia have caused a great deal of offence and hurt to Holocaust survivors and other members of the Jewish community, but have failed beyond that to have any impact. It is noteworthy that the foremost visible promoters of Holocaust denial in Australia, Fredrick Toben of Adelaide, Richard Krege of Canberra, John Bennett of Melbourne and Olga Scully of Launceston, have all been identified with international organisations promoting Holocaust denial.

Given that Holocaust deniers have no place in the Academy, the development of on-line communications has proven to be a boon to their activities. As noted by Leonard Weinberg in Extremism in Europe, 1998 Survey, "If you search the word 'Auschwitz' on the World

Wide Web the first entry that appears is from a site in Australia that asserts the death camp was a post-war invention of the CIA".

Virtually all Australian antisemitic organisations either advocate Holocaust Denial or argue that Holocaust deniers have a right to be given serious academic consideration. Holocaust Denial is also promoted by some individuals and groups whose primary political concern is the defence and promotion of totalitarian Arab regimes or extreme Islamism.

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***Reformist: Holocaust believers main accomplice in Israeli crimes***

***GMT: 1/27/2009 2:41:07 PM***

***Tehran, Jan 27, IRNA -- A reformist figure dealing with the issue of Holocaust has said that those believing in Holocaust are the main accomplice of Israel and are the enemies of truth. Holocaust denier Dr Fredrick Töben said at a press conference that Holocaust is a big lie.***

*"All western rulers know that if the falsehood of Holocaust is proved, Israel's very existence will be at stake. They know that if the issue is raised, they will no longer be able to use Holocaust as a powerful weapon against Palestine. Today, anybody in the so-called western democratic world supporting Holocaust, is Israel's accomplice in Holocaust and the genocide of the Palestinians," said Töben.*

*He said that the tale of Holocaust in western culture is a pivotal issue and anybody denying it will be sentenced to prison terms.*

*"Anybody in the West questioning Holocaust is imprisoned and forced to change his ideas."*

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*<http://www5.irna.ir/En/View/FullStory/?NewsId=323087&idLanguage=3>*

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At present it is fair to say that Holocaust Denial is generally understood, in Australia, to be antisemitic. In the judgements in the Federal Court cases, *Jones v Toben* and *Jones v Bible Believers* it was established it can be racist as defined in Australian law. Nevertheless, Holocaust deniers have been establishing their own historiography and have shown an ability to take advantage of media opportunities and modern communication techniques to harass and intimidate Jews as well as attempting to mislead the Australian public.

## **2.5 Jewish/Nazi Analogy**

In 1982, Conor Cruise O'Brien, searching for a term to describe the slur that Israel, representing the heirs of the victims of Nazism, was behaving in a "Nazi" manner, coined the term "anti-Jewism". This slur has been directed at Israel and Australian Jews with a disturbing frequency during the past four years, with a number of fringe far Left organisations promoting this analogy as policy.

When Jews are called Nazis it not only renders the unique crimes of Hitler's regime common-place, but also uses Jews' past suffering as a means of abuse. During recent periods of high tension in the Middle East, the expression of this view was increasingly tolerated, and even promoted, by sections of the mainstream media.

During and subsequent to Israel's Operation Cast Lead in December 2008 / January 2009, this slur was a feature of public protests and public commentary, from Islamic, Arab and

leftist sources. In rationalisations or justifications in response to criticism, Islamic spokesmen and far-left commentators asserted that it was justifiable to use such rhetoric as Israel Shahak and Norman Finkelstein, both Jewish, promoted the Nazi-Jewish analogy.



Melbourne CBD January 2009

The slur has currency particularly in far left circles, with some members of left-wing groups alleging that civilians who are the tragic victims of conflicts involving Israel are victims of a Nazi-like genocide and some right-wingers accusing Jews who support legal recourse for victims of racism with Nazis who murdered political opponents. It has also been used increasingly by Arab and Muslim critics of Israel in Australia.

This slander is sometimes conscious antisemitism, sometimes thoughtless polemic and sometimes confused rhetoric, but regardless of its motivation it is generally recognised, after consideration, as antisemitism.

## 2.6 Holocaust Denigration

In a community, such as that in contemporary Australia, which includes substantial numbers of Holocaust survivors and people who lost many family members in the Nazi Genocide, the legitimate concern that Nazism is understood for what it was is complemented by sensitivity to abuse of language. Sloppy, inappropriate invocation of terminology, including “Nazi” and “Holocaust”, is not necessarily the result of antisemitic intent, but does denigrate the reality of Genocide, persecution and suffering. Political analysts in Australia have observed the way in which consistent, inaccurate analogies involving Holocaust terminology reduce the true historic event in a way which can be summarised as “if everything is a Holocaust, then the Holocaust has no special significance.” This phenomenon is disturbing, and can have the result of furthering antisemitic agendas, even if Jews were not part of the thinking of those who are part of it.

## ***Nazi remarks go way over the top***

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/nazi-remarks-go-way-over-the-top-20090914-fntf.html>

September 15, 2009

*The outrage against Kyle Sandilands's comment that Magda Szubanski would lose more weight if "you put her in a concentration camp" is understandable. The 2DayFM shock jock has been stood down by management, some companies have withdrawn advertising and he was widely condemned by politicians, community leaders and such celebrities as Renee Gayer. The criticism has carried more weight on account of his previous bad behaviour.*

*However, the reaction to his comment - widely interpreted as a reference to Nazi Germany's concentration camps - exhibited a double standard. In recent years, in the West particularly, it has become a common to attempt to link public figures with totalitarianism - usually fascist/Nazi but sometimes communist. Many on the left, or centre-left, use the word "fascist" as an adjective to describe people with whom they disagree.*

*There is some debate about the actual circumstances of Sandilands's youth in Brisbane. He maintains he was homeless for a time aged about 15. Some of his family deny this; others confirm it. But it is accepted Sandilands had a limited secondary education. It would be unreasonable to expect he is conversant with the sordid details of Hitler's murderous Third Reich.*

*If he were the first to attempt to equate contemporary Australia with Nazism, or the communist regime established by Lenin and Stalin, he would deserve the bagging he received. But it seems Sandilands is simply repeating a line of attack which he has heard well-educated Australians use over many years.*

*At times the democratic-Australia-equals-totalitarian-dictatorship line is run by quite able commentators who should know better. Just before the November 2007 election, Bruce Kent (an academic at the Australian National University) wrote an article alleging there was worrying similarity between some of the policies of the Coalition government and the Third Reich. Kent linked John Howard with such mass murderers as Hitler and Himmler.*

*In July, writing in the Crikey newsletter, Guy Rundle attempted to equate News Corporation's Rupert Murdoch with Stalin. Rundle assigned News personnel in Australia to the leading Bolsheviks of their day. John Hartigan was Lenin, Chris Mitchell was Bukharin and so on. Sure, Rundle is a part-time comedian. But there was a serious message to his historical vaudeville.*

*In the past decade, politicians have taken to casting the totalitarian stone with a vengeance. Just before the 1996 election, the Liberal frontbencher Amanda Vanstone devoted an entire speech to equating Paul Keating with Goebbels. I spoke to Vanstone about this at the time but failed to convince her there was no causal relationship between a democratic politician and a regime propagandist. In May, Steve Gibbons, the Labor MP for Bendigo, criticised Tony Abbott's position on the pension by declaring he showed "all the compassion of the Third Reich".*

*It's not just scholars and politicians who bang the totalitarian drum in domestic debates. In December 2001, Chris Maxwell, QC, described the Howard government's counter-terrorism legislation as "redolent of Stalinist Russia". Maxwell is now president of the Victorian Court of Appeal. In October 2006, the ABC journalist Liz Jackson depicted the wish of the ABC's managing director, Mark Scott, for balance on the ABC as "verging on Stalinism".*

*On the ABC AM program yesterday, John Shovelan expressed concern about the tone of protests in the United States about some of Barack Obama's policies. He quoted one banner directed at the President which declared "Hitler gave good speeches too". And he quoted, with evident approval, a comment by a Washington Post journalist, Colbert King, that "the ugliness and hatred" directed towards Obama "takes the breath away". Obama has also been equated by some critics with communism.*

*There is much to be said of the concern exhibited by Shovelan and King. But it should be remembered that George Bush was also linked to Hitler and was pilloried by the left. Some who, quite correctly, object to the sledging of Obama said little or nothing when Bush was the recipient of ugliness and hatred.*

*If some opinion leaders use "Nazi" or "fascist" or "communist" to denigrate political opponents, is it any wonder some demonstrators in the US and shock jocks in Australia will follow their lead?*

*Hyperbole has become a way of getting noticed in the never-ending news cycle. Exaggerated comments about the applicability of totalitarianism to contemporary democracies get a run because so little is known about the suffering of the victims of Hitler and Stalin.*

*Let's welcome the fact that Sandilands's comments on concentration camps have been bagged. But let's hope that such condemnation is extended beyond the shock jock brigade.*

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Another form of Holocaust denigration is the demand that Jews stop acting as if the experiences under Nazism have any contemporary relevance and the call for individuals and the community to "get over it." This sentiment is often voiced by that section of the extreme right which accepts that there was a Holocaust, as well as by Holocaust Deniers who will argue that the suffering was not even particularly severe. Avraham Burg was regularly cited by antisemitic groups and individuals promoting Holocaust denigration.

In the recent period, it has been used increasingly by anti-Israel activists who believe that the fact of the Nazi Genocide and sympathy for those who were its actual and intended victims is the most important factor in support for the existence of Israel.

## **2.7 Jews as "Un-Christian" and Judaism as "Anti-Christian"**

References to Judaism as a religion which leads its adherents to behave in a manner which, by virtue of being un-Christian and is judged to be not in accord with Australian social values, has been invoked by individuals and organisations, who have differed with Jewish community organisations on matters of public policy.

The stereotyping of Judaism as being obsessed with the pursuit of vengeance (as against justice) in some public commentary on the issue of the challenge posed to Australian society by revelations that some Nazi War Criminals held Australian citizenship, for example, misrepresented Christianity and Judaism to further a political agenda.

Beyond the concept of Judaism as un-Christian is the theme of Judaism as anti-Christian, which plays a part in the conspiracy theories of a number of extremist organisations. The Australian League of Rights, the Adelaide Institute, the British-Israel World Federation, "Identity" churches and some self-styled "Biblical Fundamentalists" portray Jews as religious, racial or political opponents of Christianity.

The Talmud is a subject for distortion and misrepresentation by these groups and others aiming to vilify Jews, and in the rhetoric of the far right symbolises a code of living implacably opposed to "Christian justice". The widespread dissemination of distortions of the Talmud has taken on the trappings of a concerted campaign, with antisemitic internet sites used as a source of material which subsequently appeared in other productions of antisemites. (In the period in review, distortions of the Talmud, including those which sought to portray Jews as existential enemies of Christianity, were also circulating in the Arabic speaking and Muslim communities in Australia.)

The on-going public discussion of the topic of female genital mutilation also gave occasion for Judaism to be misrepresented as a religion or culture which endorsed this practice, a claim which has even been made in one state legislature.

In publications of some extreme right-wing organisations, Jews are described as "Esau" and/or the "spawn of Satan", in each case defining Jews as Christians' existential enemies.

While Australian Christianity is not, by and large, susceptible to the promotion or endorsement of these mythologies, it is disturbing that men and women educated in Christian traditions are addressed by vilifiers of Judaism in terms tailored to their perceived



understanding of Jews and Judaism. It is also disturbing that debate still rages in a number of mainstream churches as to the legitimacy of Judaism in the Christian era.

## **2.8 Jewish Stereotypes**

Out-dated and puerile as the stereotype of Jews as unethical and stingy may appear to be, it has had remarkable resilience in the repertoire of a number of humorists, including some within the mainstream media. Anti-Jewish humour in social contexts in contemporary Australia also often revolves around such stereotypes, occasionally even receiving broadcast on radio.

The racist and antisemitic sub-culture which exists in the gutters of Australian society not only benefits from such negative portrayals of Jewish Australians but incorporates such imagery into propaganda designed to depict Jews as fundamentally undeserving of a role in Australian life.

## **2.9 "Street Antisemitism"**

At various times over the past sixty years, when there has been anecdotal evidence that racism against any segment of Australian society is increasing there has been a concurrent increase in reports of crude and unthinking antisemitic comments made in the workplace, educational institutions and in public places towards individuals who were or were believed to be Jewish. This type of abuse is indistinguishable from that aimed at other minority groups such as Indigenous Australians, Asians and Muslims.

There is nothing to suggest that this type of offensive and insulting behaviour represented any particular targeting of, or specific threat to, the Jewish community. It does support the thesis that, in the mind of the Australian bigot, being Jewish is sufficient to be thought of as "the other".

## **2.10 The Effect of Vilification**

One immediate effect of vilification and the perpetuation of stereotypes is to intimidate those who are the victims of group defamation. Another effect is the distortion of public debate. A cumulative effect is to provide both inspiration and rationale for physical attacks on the members of the group which has been depicted as existentially opposed to the interests of the majority.

In Australia, vilification of Jews is present to varying degrees throughout the media and at many different levels of society. On matters of public interest which have an aspect which gives them particular significance for Australian Jewry, discussion can be skewed due to antisemitic prejudice. The Australian Jewish community also experiences hundreds of incidents each year of harassment, intimidation, vandalism or other acts which conform to the pattern of racist violence. While it is difficult to prove the causal connection between individual instances of antisemitic vilification and physical actions motivated by anti-Jewish hatred or prejudice, it is not at all difficult to draw the nexus between hateful language and acts motivated by hate.

Particularly in the event of social dislocation and alienation, vilification of minorities encourages political and physical action against those who have been identified as the enemies of the majority.

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### ***A sinister hatred kept alive when we turn a blind eye***

Frank Devine / February 06, 2009

Article from: ***The Australian***

***IT is improbable that I could bring myself to stay for long, if at all, in the same room with somebody who had described Jews as "real motherf--king bastards." Apart from this piece of abuse, Maqsood Alsham, an asylum seeker from Bangladesh, has described the Gaza invasion by Israel as a worse atrocity than the Holocaust.***

*Yet three universities - Sydney, Macquarie and the Sydney University of Technology - continued their support of a conference organised by Maqsood to debate whether Israel should be tried by the International Court of Justice for the invasion.*

*In an early defence, Maqsood ingenuously whinged: "Is it anything wrong to have a private conversation? This is not my public view."*

*But to hold and express such views privately or publicly is to put oneself beyond the pale.*

*The English Catholic schismatic "bishop" Richard Williamson has done that with his dogmatic assertions that "only 200,000 to 300,000 Jews" died under Nazi persecution and none in gas chambers.*

*Only 200,000 or 300,000 men, women and children murdered for the crime of being Jews! How trivial a transgression!*

*Williamson reiterated this view on Swedish TV just prior to Pope Benedict's lifting last week the excommunication orders imposed on Williamson and three other "bishops" of the breakaway Society of Pius IX, founded by the French archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in rebellion against some of the conclusions of Vatican Council II.*

*Not being skilled at reading the minds of popes, I'm inclined to accept the official explanation that Benedict, having responsibility for preserving church unity, seeks to draw the Society of Pius IX back into the Catholic communion. The Pope's personality also makes it plausible that he cancelled the excommunication order, imposed on the four bishops by Paul VI in 1988, out of compassion for the individuals.*

*But Williamson! Great fools have achieved episcopal rank before, and you don't have to search widely to suspect their contemporary presence. Williamson is a special case, however.*

*Apart from his attempted trivialization of the Holocaust, he has called Jews "the enemies of Christ" and claimed that they "aim at world dominion". (He also believes the US government engineered John F. Kennedy's assassination and that women shouldn't attend universities.)*

*The Pius IX Society superior, "bishop" Bernard Fellay, has told the Pope he has forbidden Williamson to speak out publicly about any historical or political question.*

*But who would want to listen to such a man speaking out in any circumstances on any subject? Unless, of course, he was able to pass himself off as a bishop and a man now in good standing with the Catholic Church.*

*At least, living in Sydney, where The Age does not home deliver, I am spared the temptation to provide the hospitality of my doorstep to a newspaper that publishes a column (by one David Backman) blaming Israel's "utter inability to transform the Palestinians from enemies into friends" for "the bombs on London's public transport, bombs in bars in Bali and even the loss of the World Trade Centre in New York".*

*Backman tosses in a loonily non sequitur anecdote about how unpopular young Israeli backpackers are in Nepal because of being "rude, arrogant and arguing over trifling sums of money".*

*The allegation of arguing over trifling sums of money was, for me, the killer strike: the hate-filled stereotype of the avaricious, grasping Jew.*

*It brought back an imbedded memory of a long-ago poker game, during which a friend called John, whose surname doesn't matter, and a friend called Wally, whose surname does, battled it out for a pot of about 50 quid: double a journalist's weekly wage at the time. Wally had the cards and, with a joyful whoop, reached out to gather in the pile of coins and notes.*

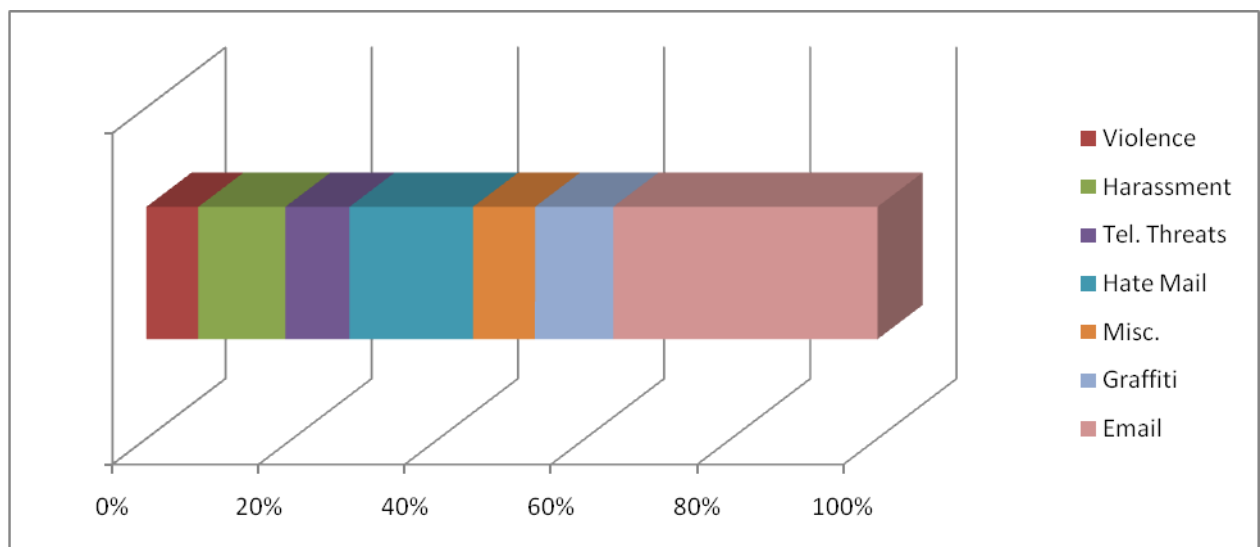
*"You bloody Jew Ginsberg sorry Wally," John blurted. It came out in a single sentence. John's face turned scarlet with shame.*

*The poker game finished after a few desultory hands. It couldn't continue. Though, happily, no friendships were lost, we were all aware of having approached the brink of something unspeakable.*

*When I was 14, my father took me, to further my education, to a newsreel about Belsen concentration camp. The scenes of bulldozers pushing emaciated bodies into mass graves horrified me but the greatest horror was in the eyes and faces of the survivors, who had been to a place beyond nightmare and hell.*

*Given to adolescent self-romanticising, I felt, as a non-Jew, guilty about these sights. The guilt has not vanished. Whenever I read, reluctantly, about the Holocaust, I ask myself if I would be brave enough to resist officially sanctioned persecution of my neighbours because of their race.*

*Not being sure, I feel pain and shame when people such as Maqsood Alsham, David Backman and Richard Williamson get away with their sinister calumnies.*



Breakdown of incidents recorded over 20 years

### 3.0 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, VANDALISM AND INTIMIDATION

#### 3.1 Introduction

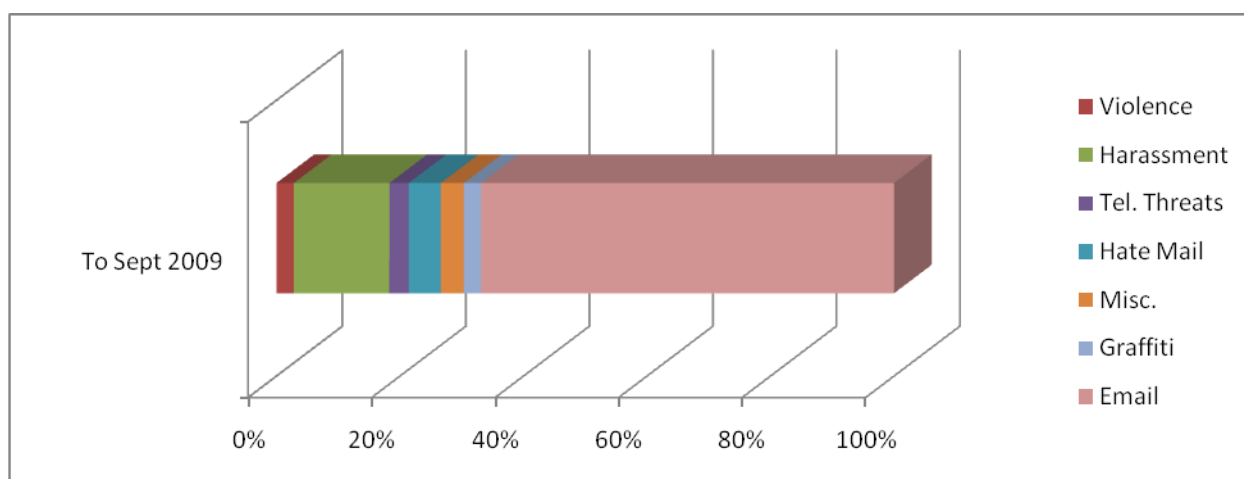
The author of this report has logged data on all incidents reported to Australia's central state and territory Jewish organisations, or sent directly to him, since October 1989, which has meant that the incidents have been assessed by identical criteria, on a national basis, for a full twenty year period. While there are evident and obvious problems in the reliability of a report-based system, the mechanisms for collecting data and the analytical and interpretative process have been effectively unchanged over the full period of the life of the database, which should minimise the impact of variables which may otherwise affect report-based systems.

During the twelve months ending September 30, 2009, 962 reports were recorded of incidents defined by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (now the Australian Human Rights Commission) as "racist violence" against Jewish Australians. These incidents included physical assault, vandalism – including through arson attacks – threatening telephone calls, hate mail, graffiti, leaflets, posters and abusive and intimidatory electronic mail. This exceeded by 48% the previous highest total, recorded in the year ending September 30, 2008. It was well over twice the previous average annual total.

Regarding the data in this section, it is important to note that incidents of suspicious behaviour around Jewish institutions, which do not directly relate to a physical manifestation of harassment or vandalism, while obviously important, do not appear in the database as they do not constitute racist violence. Telephone calls, letters, e-mail or graffiti which consist of criticisms of Israel or of political stances of the Jewish community which do not include specifically antisemitic comments are also excluded, even though there is a realistic prospect that a proportion of these are motivated by antisemitism.

Further, an assault on a Jewish person who is not identifiably Jewish, and which does not include any reference to the person being Jewish, would not be included.

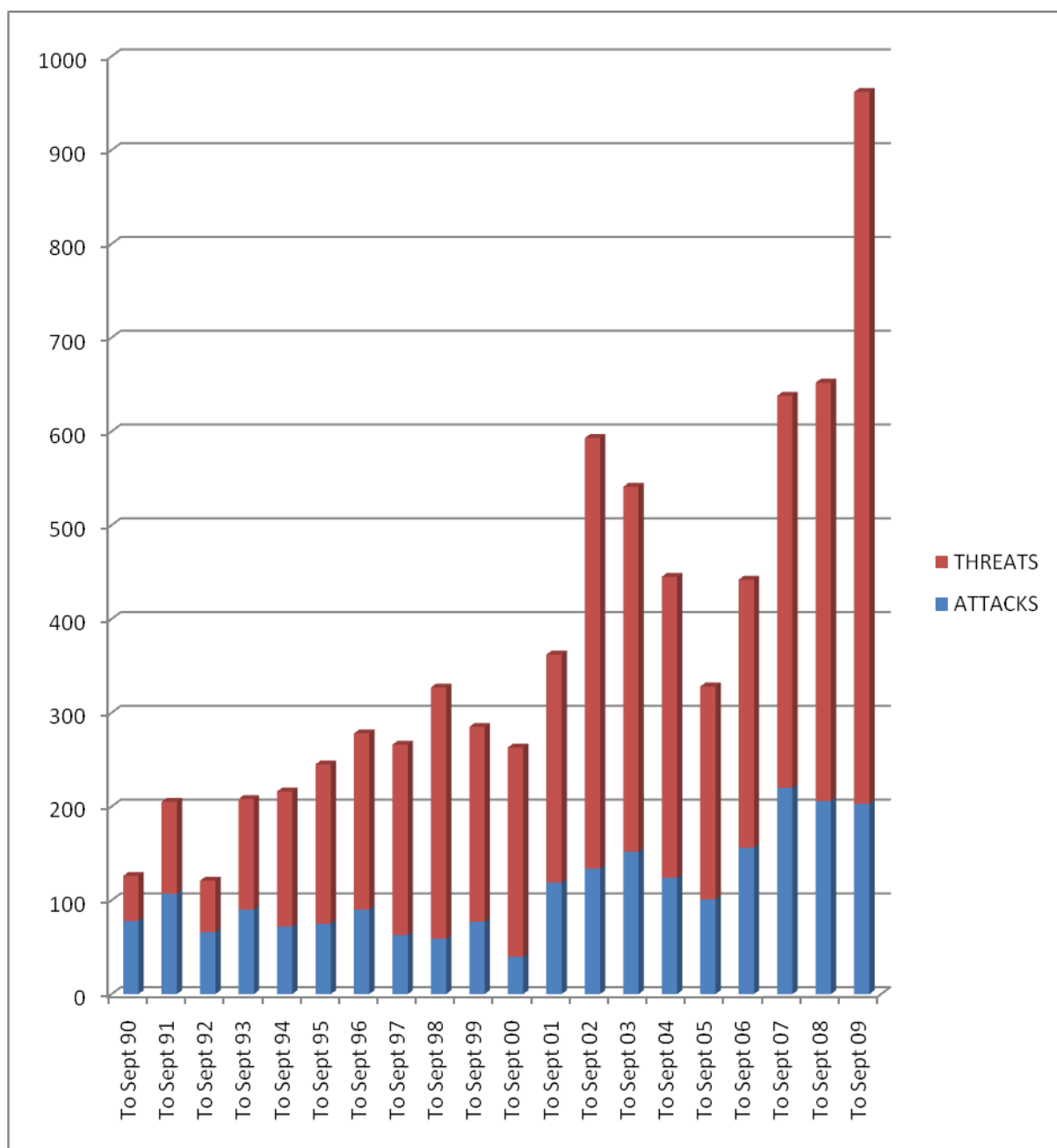
The bias is in favour of exclusion rather than inclusion, which limits the ability for distortions to appear in the statistics over time and also protects the integrity of the data base.



### 3.2 Reports for the Year 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009

The total for reports of all incidents was far above twice the previous average. Many of the reports were of threats and abuse, primarily by email, rather than physical attacks on person or property, but the reports reveal that hundreds of Jewish individuals and organisations were targeted, some repeatedly, by persons seeking to intimidate or harass them.

Incidents of assault, arson attacks, face-to-face harassment and vandalism which are broadly defined as "attacks" were recorded at the third highest rate on record, just below the two previous 12 month periods. The total was more than double the previous average. Threats, conveyed through the telephone, mail, leaflets, posters or e-mail, were recorded at a rate just over three times the previous average and at the highest ever level.



It is not possible to give a comprehensive analysis of the motivation for most of these incidents. Nearly all of the attacks have been carried out anonymously with the perpetrators never identified and while Jews are clearly identified as targets, the reasons for this generally are not specified. While public matters with which the Australian Jewish community is identified in the public mind (e.g. advocacy of cultural diversity or events in the Middle East) appear as rationalisations in some of the hate mail or threatening telephone calls received by individual Jews and Jewish organisations, the number of reports of incidents in which the motivation is clearly expressed remained low.

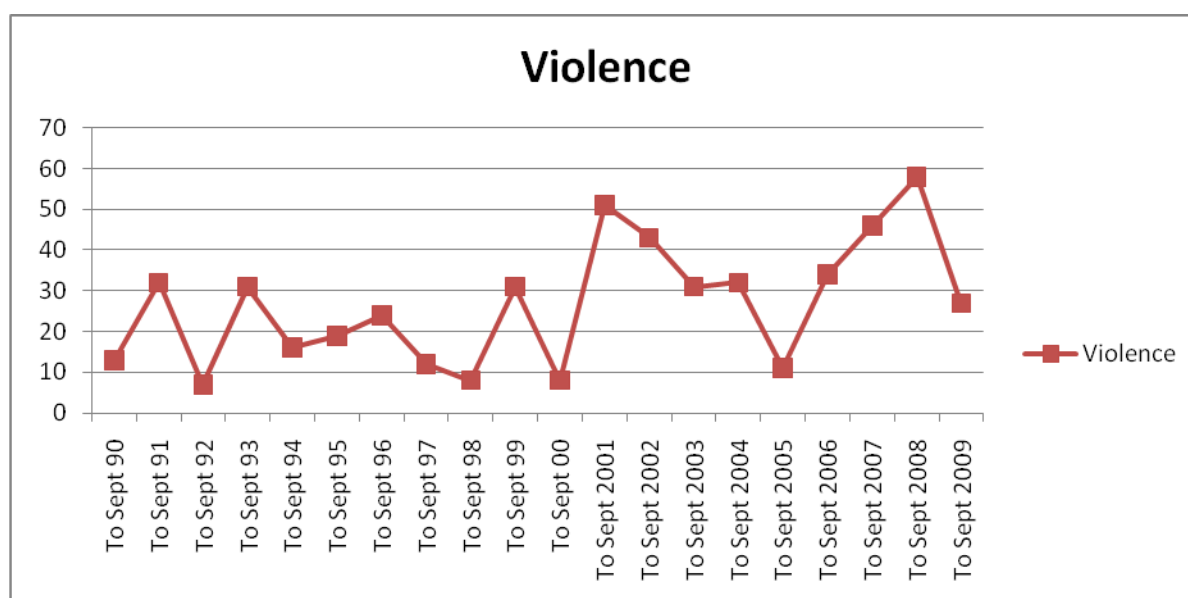
The effect of incidents of antisemitism on the quality of life of individual members of the Australian Jewish community should never be minimised. The psychological impact on members of communities affected directly by harassment and intimidation can be serious, particularly as many of the threats have been directed against individual Jewish Australians in their homes, including survivors of the Nazi Holocaust.

### 3.3 Serious/Violent Incidents

During the twelve months in review, the combined number of incidents involving physical assault, property damage and direct, face-to-face harassment was close to three times the previous average.

Amongst the most disturbing incidents of assault and property vandalism (not including graffiti) reported were:

\* A large number of reports of eggs thrown at congregants walking to or from synagogues, in a number of suburbs in both Melbourne and Sydney.



\* A number of incidents of occupants of passing vehicles spitting on personnel of synagogues in Sydney.

- \* A Jewish man in Sydney was assaulted by anti-Israel demonstrators.
- \* Glass panel at Jewish centre in Canberra smashed by vandals. (10/1).
- \* A Jewish customer in a shop in Sydney was assaulted by a male who was making anti-Israel comments.
- \* Jewish youths insulted, assaulted by passenger on tram in Melbourne.
- \* Windows of synagogue in Melbourne smashed by vandals.
- \* Projectiles daubed with antisemitic slogans thrown at home of Jewish family in Sydney's north shore and at synagogue in Sydney's north shore.
- \* Firework thrown at synagogue personnel in Sydney from passing vehicle.

The incidents of harassment which did not include assault were reported at a rate more than three times the previous average and at the second highest volume recorded.

Amongst these incidents were:

- \* A Jewish woman in a street in Sydney's eastern suburbs abused by a motorist saying "all the bloody Jews must be put in the gas chambers".



- \* The driver of a vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs yelled "fucking Jews" at synagogue personnel.
- \* Many examples of occupants of vehicles passing synagogues in Melbourne and Sydney abusing and/or harassing congregants and synagogue personnel.
- \* Stall holders selling Israeli products in Perth harassed by antisemite and accused of being Mossad operatives because "every Jew is expected to look after another Jew first".
- \* Marchers in central Sydney chanted "Bomb Bush and the Jews".
- \* Antisemitic posters displayed at pro-Hamas rallies in central Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Fremantle.
- \* Jewish man in suburban street abused by passing motorist "Go back to Israel, you filthy fucking Jew, Heil Hitler".
- \* A man yelled abuse accusing Jews of killing Jesus at congregants entering synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs.
- \* Women entering kosher venue in Sydney abused "Dirty fucking Jews" by passing pedestrian.
- \* Men walking past synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs yelled "Fucking Kikes" at rabbi.
- \* Driver of a car yelled "Heil Hitler" as passing synagogue in Perth.
- \* Visitors to Jewish organisations in Adelaide made antisemitic comments.
- \* Antisemitic harassment of rabbi outside synagogue in Gold Coast.

### **3.4 Telephone Intimidation and Hate Mail**

Reports of threats conveyed to the Jewish community through telephone calls or through the mail were received at a rate of just over eighty percent of the average over the previous nineteen years.

Telephone calls, which often contained extreme antisemitic abuse, were recorded at the second highest rate in seven years. Incidents of hate mail were recorded at the highest rate in six years, with abusive and threatening mail continued to be received at private homes and by Jewish institutions. There are some letter writers who have mailed the same or similar antisemitic letters to different recipients over a long period of time, whose activities are supplemented by a number of people who write letters often or on specific issues.

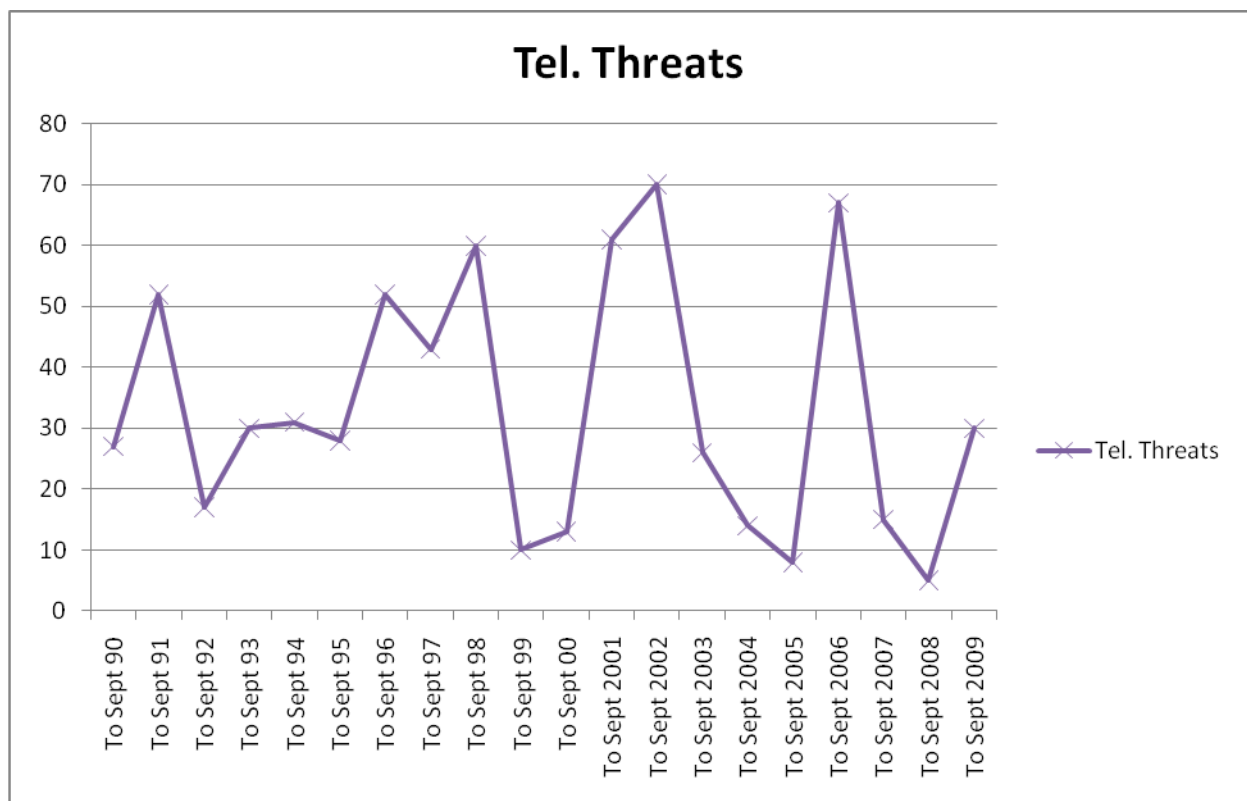
In the year in review, a number of the letters made some reference to events in the Middle East as the pretext for writing, but all letters included in the database made specific anti-Jewish comments.



Examples of incidents in these categories included:

- \* Jewish man in Melbourne had message left on home answering machine “fucking Jews. Hitler should have killed all of you”.

- \* Antisemitic message “Jewish Zionist pig” left on answering machine at private Jewish home in Melbourne.



- \* Threatening antisemitic telephone calls made to synagogue in NSW.

- \* Anonymous antisemitic telephone call “kill all Jews” received by elderly Holocaust survivor in Melbourne.

- \* Jewish organisation in Melbourne received telephone call “Jews are Nazis”.

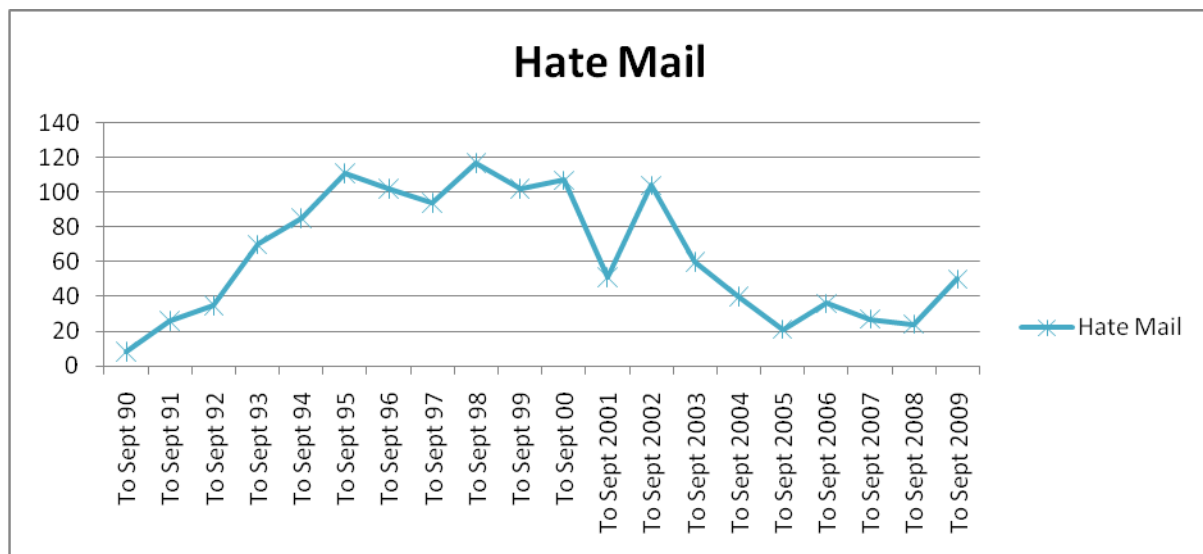
- \* Abusive, antisemitic mail received by wife of rabbi at home in suburban Melbourne.

- \* Letter sent to Federal Member of Parliament calling for resistance to “Zionist vengeance” which was contrary to Christian “mercy”, on issue of extradition of an alleged Nazi War Criminal.

- \* Letter using religious imagery to attack Israel sent in form of Xmas card to Jewish communal leader in Adelaide.

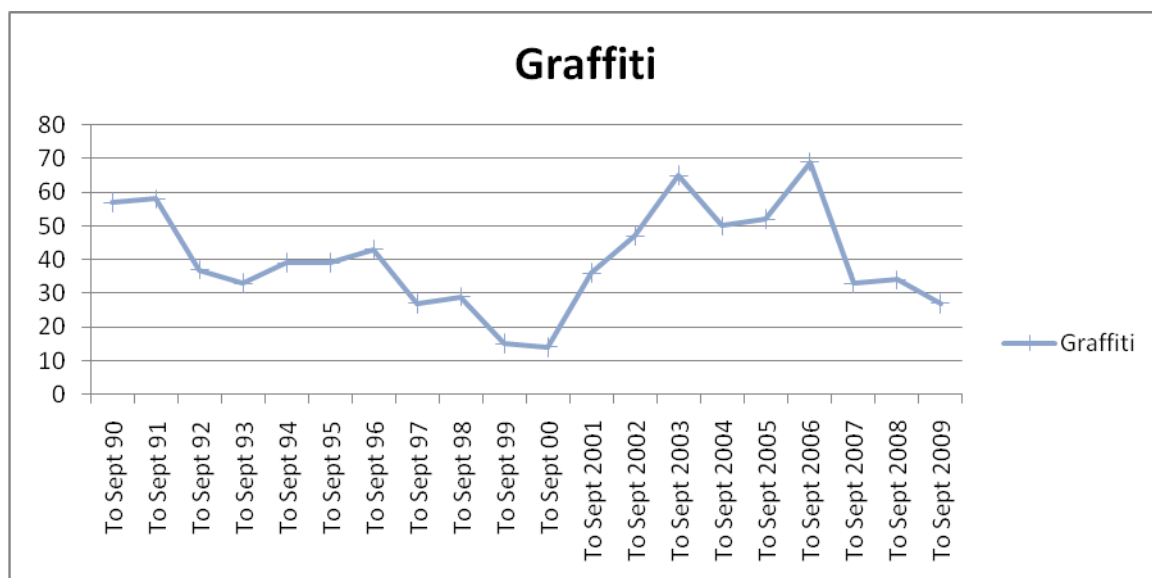
- \* Letter received by Jewish institution in Sydney which included “Jews are Evil – that is why Hitler gassed all you motherfuckers!”
- \* Letter alleging Jewish influence over governments worldwide, sent to media outlet in Melbourne.
- \* A long, abusive, anti-Jewish letter, claiming Australia was suffering terminally from “Corruptus Bastardus Jonesus Zionistus” after the trial of Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben, sent to recipients in NSW and Adelaide from Queensland.
- \* Anti-Jewish letter, blaming Jews for homophobia due to the film “Bruno”, received at Jewish organisation in Sydney.
- \* Letter received at Jewish organisation in Sydney criticising “Jews” because they allegedly “live in the wealthiest suburbs” and therefore should not be “whingeing”, signed B.N.E.
- \* A number of Jewish communal figures in Sydney received letters signed Maurice Horsburgh of Queensland, alleging “Jeremy Jones (Jackboot Gerry)” ran “The National Australian Zionist Institute [NAZI] “which controlled the Prime Minister and ran “the Holocaust Industry” to divert attention from Israel.
- \* A politician in Canberra and a number of federal court judges were sent a letter claiming “The Australian judiciary, like Kevin Rudd, his predecessor John Howard and the Australian media, has finally surrendered its autonomy to the likes of [Jeremy] Jones and his Zionist lynch mob . . .”; called Jews a “Fifth Column”; called HREOC “Friends of Zion” and said critics of Jews received “venomous treatment” by “the Police State” at the “Drop of a Yarmulke”.
- \* Antisemitic letter from Maurice Horsburgh of Queensland sent to trade union figure in Sydney, politician in Canberra and journalist in Perth containing Holocaust denial, claiming the Australian media is full of “pro Zio-Nazi clap trap”, accusing Israel of conducting a “Final Solution” which owed “thanks to the generosity of the Brotherhood of the Circumcised in Israeli occupied Melbourne” and that “Zionist banking mates” were causing mass unemployment in Australia.
- \* Ferrando Galassi sent a copy of some of his antisemitic writings, including “The Jew either barks, snaps, yaps to impose his will, or moans and wails to excite pity. The dog is either at your throat or at your feet as the Malaysian censor realised. These lasting calamities in history grant: “We were murdered simply because we are Jews”. That’s right because Jews are not human beings, but rather parasites, leeches, cankers, bacilli, etc., as Saint Adolf wisely diagnosed.” to a recipient in Sydney.
- \* Jewish individuals in Sydney sent letter enclosing article from far-right wing website “The Southeast Asian Times” referring to “Oberfehlshaber Jeremy Jones” who after having Fredrick Toben jailed sought “a Zionist Guantanamo Bay”. The article promoted Holocaust denial while also claiming Israel carried out Nazi practices

\* Antisemitic letter attacking the Jewish Board of Deputies, claiming Hitler was Jewish and financed by Jews, denying the Holocaust, claiming Jews run America, and calling for Kyle Sandilands to be reinstated, signed BNE, sent to Jewish family's home in Sydney's eastern suburbs.



### 3.5 Graffiti

There is a particular concern when graffiti is daubed on synagogues and other Jewish communal institutions, as this not only has the potential to offend and intimidate a large number of people but also as it could represent desecration of religious sites. During the period in review incidents of graffiti were reported at the lowest level in nine years and at a rate fifty two percent of the average for all years.



Amongst the graffiti incidents in the past year were:

\* Graffiti "Jew" spray painted on vehicle owned by Jewish family in Melbourne.

- \* Large swastika daubed on window of Jewish business premises in Melbourne.
- \* Antisemitic graffiti and swastikas daubed on Jewish day school in Melbourne.
- \* The car of the family of a rabbi had the word “Jew” painted on it while parked at their home in Perth.
- \* Graffiti in Canberra suburbs “Kill all the fucking Jews” and swastikas.
- \* A swastika and the words “Kill the F’cking Jews Go Hamas” daubed in Canberra shopping centre.
- \* Swastika drawn on door of synagogue in Sydney.
- \* Antisemitic graffiti “JEW\$” in large letters in red paint on highway in Queensland.
- \* Houses, cars and shops in Melbourne’s western suburbs were daubed with graffiti including “FUCK JEWS”.

### **3.6 Hate Email**

In 1995 the Jewish community received its first report of harassment of a member through the use of electronic mail.

The ability of a person to remain anonymous and to send messages cheaply has made email the favoured means of communicating hate messages by Australian antisemites. During the period in review over sixty percent of all incidents reported were emails. There is no discernible difference in the themes contained in email messages to those sent through the postal service or communicated by telephone.

The receipt of abusive, threatening and other antisemitic email sent to individuals and communal offices was reported at a rate of almost twice a day in the year in review. The total during this reporting period was almost six times the average and sixty percent greater than the previous worst year.

Examples of email harassment and abuse included:

- \* An abusive e-mail accusing “Jew” of “murder” sent to synagogue in Melbourne.
- \* Antisemitic e-mail, attacking Jews in the context of the US election sent to Jewish organisations in Sydney. The same e-mailer sent anti-Israel material to the same recipients.
- \* Abusive e-mail making direct Israel/Nazi analogy, sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney.
- \* An Australian “human rights activist” sent e-mail from Sydney to Jewish recipient saying “you Jews are real motherfucker bastards . . . you guys are simply assholes . . . I wonder why God himself hate the Jews”.

- \* E-mail claiming Israel attacked Hamas so as to have a “Happier Hanukkah” sent to Jewish recipients in Melbourne and Sydney
- \* E-mail claiming that Israel is worse than Nazi Germany, and that Jews all suffer a psychological disorder, sent to Jewish recipients in Sydney from prominent “human rights” activist.
- \* E-mail claiming that Jewish community lied about the antisemitism at the Durban WCAR, because Jews default behaviour is to lie and misrepresent, sent to Jewish organisation in Melbourne.
- \* Jewish organisation in Sydney sent long e-mail headed “Jews did 911 and all World Wars and Depressions. The Holocaust is a total scientifically provable lie. The Holocaust is an extortion racket”.
- \* E-mail addressed to “you baby killing swine” sent to Jewish organisations in Sydney and Melbourne
- \* E-mail making antisemitic references to “Chosen people”, “special privilege” and “genocide” to attack Jews, sent to Jewish institution in Sydney.
- \* E-mails comparing Jewish leader to Goebbels and making other Nazi-Zionist analogies e-mailed to Jewish organisation in Sydney.
- \* Antisemitic e-mail saying “The jewish people are despised by the rest of the world and rightly so . . . Please leave Australia and go back to Israel or even better the USA” received at Jewish organisation in Sydney.
- \* Antisemitic e-mail from “KillJews” sent to (non-Jewish) journalist in Sydney “You jewish scum, . . . You will die like the rest of the 6 million scumbags”.
- \* E-mail signed “Herman Yidstein” beginning “I am sick and tired of jews” and concluding “You are a pathetic, lying, divisive and arrogant race” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney.
- \* E-mail claiming “Hitler was right and the world would be better off if he had of murdered the lot of you” sent to Jewish community workers in Melbourne and Sydney
- \* Antisemitic e-mail, claiming Jews have a “perfidious, treacherous, vain, conceited, thieving and lying nature” sent to Jewish organisation in Melbourne.
- \* E-mail sent to Jewish academic in Sydney, referring to “filthy Jews”, “that Kike Lieberman”, including “The kikes have a long term view of a world in which they one day get to reside as slavers in the promised land – a land in which access and movement is to be restricted by jew exclusive racist apartheid laws – and sit on their arses while the Goy toil as slaves for the kikes’ upkeep, in slave provinces around the world where bogus governments are installed by the kikes from afar to serve their slavery interests, the way they installed the usurpers howard and bush and numerous other bogus ‘governments’ presently around the world.”
- \* E-mail accusing all Jews of being “healthy, virile haters” and defending anti-Jewish websites sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney by “Manfred Schoen”.

\* E-mail from Cailen Cambeul of the S.A. Church of the Creator sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney defending sale of White Power T-shirts in Alice Springs and saying “Jeremy Jones” was all the primary “causes of anti-Semitism (sic)”.

\* E-mail received by Jewish organisation in Sydney reading “In the land of the Goy the Khazar is king”.

\* E-mail commenting on news story “No more Jewish jokes – Adelaide Archbishop” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney signed “Deacon Brother Darren Ringe” and reading “I have only to say to Philip Wilson “WAKE UP YOU SILLY FOOL” and stop pandering to the wishes of the jews, those evil doers from the synagogue of Satan, the ones who put our beloved Master Jesus on the cross, who screamed Crucify! Crucify! And let the blood of Jesus be on us and our children, and so it is, Damn the jews they are killing this world and are a disgrace to GOD and every descent Human being Damn the jews and what they think they are the anti Christ in the flesh and should be treated as such, 8 times in total GOD tried to renew the Covenant, what a waste of energy that was, these people are obsolete in the eyes of GOD and the world should revolt against them...Philip Wilson you are a traitor to Christianity, shame on you.”

\* In response to an appeal for support for an internet campaign on behalf of a political prisoner in Iran, a trade union activist received an e-mail claiming that as one unionist supporting the campaign “is a fucking Zionist pig” the campaign should not be supported.

\* Antisemitic e-mail attacking “Rabbis in USA” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney.

### **3.7 Leaflets, Posters and Other Miscellaneous Harassment**

In addition to the modes of harassment and intimidation identified above, the Jewish community receives reports on a regular basis of the receipt of text messages, leaflets and other material placed in private letterboxes by hand, the sighting of posters with anti-Jewish themes, stickers on buildings and telegraph poles and other similar forms of dissemination of anti-Jewish propaganda.

Reports of material in these categories were received in the twelve months in review at a rate 13% percent above the average and at the highest rate in six years. Examples of reports in this category include:

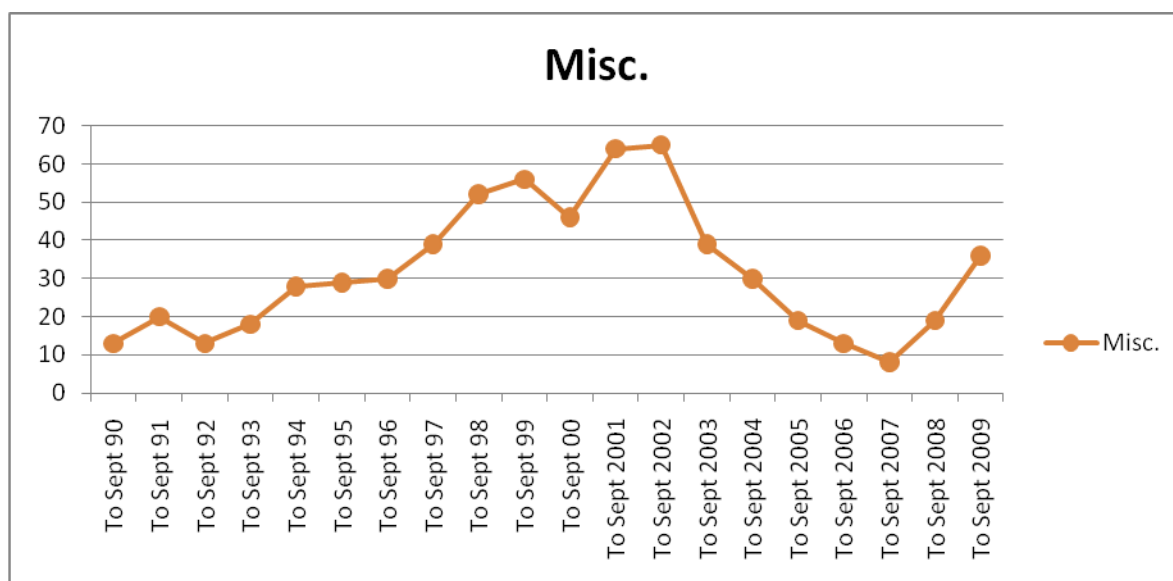
\* Faxes threatening terrorist attacks in response to execution of terrorists in Indonesia faxed to Jewish organisations in Sydney.

\* Antisemitic stickers placed on Melbourne synagogue and associated billboards.

\* Obscene antisemitic posters plastered on Jewish business premises in Melbourne.

\* An obscene antisemitic poster was displayed in a shop in suburban Melbourne.



\* Antisemitic faxes alleging Federal Police run by “Jewish mafia” sent to synagogues and other Jewish organisations in Sydney.



\* Stickers comparing Israel to Nazi Germany outside synagogue in Sydney.

\* Antisemitic stickers placed on Barmitzvah cards in Melbourne newsagent.

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<p><b>Spinosus</b> Forum Member</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Join Date: Nov 2008 Location: Tasmania Posts: 43</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Re: I have a hate for UNI Students by these guys I like haha</b></p> <hr/> <p>Whine whine whine, they never pass up on an excuse to whine. And predictably the jew in the article bought up the holyhoax. I'll bet it was the jews that are behind the whole thing, this is their style.</p>
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## **4.0     ANTISEMITISM IN THE MEDIA AND THE COMMUNITY**

### **4.1     Introduction**

The Australian Jewish community is very much part of mainstream Australia. The facts that two of Australia's Governors-General have been Jewish, that Jews have been able to participate in the political process from very early times and that military and public figures such as General Sir John Monash are important public icons, gives Australian Jewry a real sense of belonging and creates obstacles to those antisemitic organisations who would seek to present Jews as in some way un-Australian. This does not mean that anti-Jewish prejudice is absent and anecdotal evidence suggests that, within each stratum and sub-strata of society, a minority of Australians hold strong anti-Jewish views or regard Jews as outside acceptable society.

In the period in review, anecdotal evidence continued to emerge to the effect that anti-Jewish views and opinions being voiced in situations which suggest that there has been a weakening of social and cultural sanctions against overt racism. A study of the situation in a number of schools revealed a number of examples of anti-Jewish prejudice, with both far-right and religious sources, coming from teachers as well as students. A number of reports were received of anti-Jewish abuse on sporting fields. On internet forums linked to mainstream commercial enterprises, antisemitic stereotyping and insults are far too common.

On-line communities, Face book and You-Tube in particular, have been the venues of crude and intense anti-Jewish prejudice being expressed openly and unashamedly. While the sum total of reports of each and all such behaviour is not sufficient to suggest that it is rampant, it is nevertheless cause for genuine concern.

Coverage of issues relating to the Australian Jewish community by the mainstream media is extensive and out of all proportion to the community's size or of its percentage of the Australian population. On a range of issues, sections of the mainstream media seek the input and opinions of the Australian Jewish community and coverage on matters of direct concern to Jews is a regular feature in both foreign and domestic affairs coverage. The coverage is generally responsible and does not unduly play on the "Jewishness" of individuals or of the issues.

On some subjects, particularly relating to issues resulting from the Nazi Holocaust, the media has been generally sympathetic to the community, while there is less sympathy when it comes to coverage of Israel and the Middle East and where some commentators can be identified who use different criteria for judging Israel than they do for any other state due to Israel's Jewish population. There has been a disturbing lack of sensitivity, from sections of the artistic community who would generally have no truck with racism, , to nuanced antisemitism when this is misrepresented as criticism of Israel. Matters which have some complexity are sometimes simplified by use of stereotypes or racist imagery, giving genuine reason for concern at the way inappropriate analogies are used when discussing matters involving the Jewish community, Israel or individual Jewish people.

In an article in the Sydney Morning Herald about Liberal Party students on campus being vilified and harassed, Liberal student activist Sasha Uher claimed that the prevailing campus atmosphere included "strong anti-Israel bias, crossing into anti-Semitism." This accorded



with a number of other anecdotal accounts of campus life, with Jewish students and others reporting on anti-Jewish atmospherics, mainly sourced to far left-wing academics, students and visitors to academic institutions.

The Adelaide Club, in July 2008, granted membership to a prominent member of the Jewish community in South Australia, after having had a reputation over many years of refusing to admit Jews. This brought some public attention to the behaviour of exclusivist quasi-elitist institutions. Although the barring of Jews from such institutions was relatively commonplace until the mid-period of the Twentieth Century, it has generally not been an issue of particular concern or prominence in recent decades.

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## Diary

**Neil Brown**

Wednesday, 4th February 2009

... Back in Melbourne I find that Saturday's Age had caused a stir. It continued an extraordinary article by London journalist Michael Backman that was little more than old-fashioned Jew-baiting. Why, declared Mr Backman, Israelis were responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center, the London transport bombs and the deaths of 200 people, including 88 Australians, in the Bali bombing and, what's more, Israelis are loathed, because they are 'rude, arrogant, and argue over trifling amounts of money'. (They sound like my Presbyterian relatives). Even the old favourite was thrown in: that the persecution of the Jews was 'punishment for the death of Jesus'. The outrage from the Jewish community was understandable and no doubt encouraged the editor to come out with a sort of apology that the piece had been published 'in error'. Backman himself apologised for using words in an 'injudicious' way and for 'any' hurt and distress that Jews might feel. I am left with three thoughts. First, how can an article be published by 'in error'? (Was there some sort of button that was knocked accidentally?) Second, what does that weasel word 'any' mean? Does it mean there really should not have been any of this confected hurt and distress? Thirdly, as usual, the commentariat has overlooked the real issue: that the Age today would publish an article like Backman's, not 'in error', but because the staff who run the paper really believe it. Like most leftie intellectuals today, they combine 19th century anti-semitism with a modern scorn for Jews that they try to make respectable by saying 'Israel' when they mean 'Jew'. No wonder the word around the Age is that the editor should not have apologised. Even less wonder that although many of us still read the Age (the newspaper of choice for death notices and the Law List), we will not buy it.

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## **4.2 Political Parties**

Over the past decade, there has been strong, bipartisan opposition to antisemitism. There have been very few causes for concern from the mainstream political parties, although smaller left-wing groups, including sections of the Greens, and some of the fringe right wing groups which participate in electoral politics, have given cause for concern.

In a rare example of a figure identified with mainstream politics promoting anti-Jewish slurs, former W.A. ALP leader Peter Dowding wrote in the on-line magazine Crikey (9/6/09) "The few ALP Caucus members who dare to hold the view that peace in the Middle East requires reigning in the unlawful Israeli occupations and demands that Palestinians be treated with some dignity have been warned not to go public but to keep any discussions about the policy in-house. In the meantime, our foreign minister must be feeling very uncomfortable with the Obama play – it's such a pity, as Australia could have used its position as an honest broker. Instead it hung on to the extreme Jewish lobby coattails and the Bush madness for too long."

He was publicly chastised by serving ALP MP Michael Danby. Michael Danby, in federal parliament and in a widely circulated article, had earlier attacked "online antisemitism" in the allegedly non-partisan online magazines Crikey and New Matilda. He documented a series of extreme and ludicrous anti-Israel comments by contributors, supplemented by vicious antisemitism in the comments' sections. (See pp 73-4)

In an incident which involved mainstream political groups and antisemitism, after a report of a heated meeting of the Sydney University Liberal Club took place, in which Jewish students were supporting alternate tickets, a large number of antisemitic postings, under pseudonyms or by people purporting to be individuals involved in the context, were sent to the VEX news website. The Weekend Australian (22-23/8/09) reported that antisemitic text messages had been sent to a Young Liberal activist in the wake of the University Club election.

Greens' elected officials participated in anti-Israel activity where the Nazi/Zionist analogy was common currency and in some cases promoted and defended this slur. In comments to The Australian Jewish News, a Greens councillor on Marrickville council, whose father was Jewish said "What the Israeli government has been doing to the Palestinians feels to be what Hitler did to the Jews," and "I don't support Hamas throwing its rockets. However, I believe that the Jewish response is disproportionate." (6/3/09).

## **4.3 Mainstream Media**

The influence of the media should mean that there is a concomitant sense of responsibility. In most cases this responsibility is taken seriously. There are no overtly antisemitic radio stations, newspapers or television broadcasters with a mainstream audience, but there are a number of reasons for concern which have arisen during the reporting period.

In Australian society, a major factor in limiting the growth of racism in general can be unambiguous opposition to it from the mainstream media. It is therefore a matter of concern to all Australians who value a tolerant and democratic society when sections of the mass media disregard this fact. It should be emphasised that these cases were exceptions to the

rule, and that in the overwhelming majority of cases the media outlet involved was far more likely to report fairly, challenge racism and sub-edit offending pieces rather than give open slather to antisemitism.

Given the way in which Australian racists have behaved over a long period, there is considerable evidence to support the contention that when they believe their activities are tolerated or even rationalised and encouraged by sources of authority, which can include the mainstream media, they seem far more likely to act on any antisemitism they already harbour. This is particularly the case when antisemitic views are broadcast on the ABC, as in the minds of racists this signifies that bigotry has received government imprimatur. (in his “Corporate Engagement” Blog, Trevor Cook noted the freedom enjoyed by antisemites on ABC platforms, in a piece “Gaza invasion ‘unleashes’ ABC fruitcakes” (1/1/2009)

There has also been occasional comment within the mainstream media which has given cause for concern. This situation is compounded by the ability of some individuals and organisations to have letters published and talkback calls aired which foment prejudice. A third concern is lapses in journalistic standards which allow antisemitic comments to be published and broadcast, resulting more from a lack of sensitivity than anti-Jewish intent. Anti-Israel documentaries and news reports have been used by racist organisations and individuals to demonstrate to their followers and potential supporters that anti-Jewish activity had some level of public endorsement.

Examples of the types of comment in letters and articles in mainstream publications which were of concern were:

\* The Age (17/1/09) published a column by Michael Backman in which he made a series of offensive anti-Jewish comments, blamed terrorist attacks by Al-Qaida on Israel, made abusive comments about Israeli travellers in Asia and promoted a series of ideas defined by an editorial in The Australian (21/2/09) as “a rant”, “less eccentric than insane” and “less ridiculous than reprehensible”. In response, he lost his position as a columnist and The Age formally apologised for running the article.

\* Author and polemicist, Bob Ellis wrote in The Canberra Times that Israel behaved brutally because its population believed they are “the Chosen People” who regard others as sub-human”. (15/1/09). In response to Bob Ellis, in an earlier piece, on ABC Unleashed, attacking Judaism, comments included “In less than 3 months after trillions of dollars “disappeared” from the world markets, and seeing that the US banking system is run by jews, who never steal from each other, the question must be asked. Is Israel the recipient of the missing trillions???” (6/1/09). (In his book “And So it Went”, Ellis had made a gratuitous, offensive attack on Auschwitz survivor Primo Levi, compared Guantanamo Bay to a Nazi Death Camp and compared convicted terrorist and open antisemite David Hicks with Levi)

\* In an article on the Federal Court contempt conviction of Fredrick Toben, columnist Clementine Ford in The Sunday Mail (Adelaide) wrote “So why would the Executive Council of Australian Jewry – who brought the initial case against Toben – consider them as anything other than the bigoted ramblings of a foolish old man? The fact is, Jewish lobbies wield inordinate amounts of power in the Western world. We have wandered into dangerous territory whereby anything even remotely critical of Israel or its seemingly

unending thirst for domination over the Palestinian people is labelled anti-Semitic.” (17/5/09).

\* In an article in The Adelaide Advertiser with the topic “Is this Holocaust revisited?”, illustrated with a photograph of “blind-folded and handcuffed Palestinian men” watched over by “Armed Israeli soldiers”, visiting academic Sara Roy implied it was reasonable and accurate “to compare Israel’s actions or policies with those of the Nazis”. (11/10/08).

\* In a letter on The Australian’s letters’ blog, academic Evan Jones claimed “As everybody else knows, the US Israeli lobby already has Obama well in its pocket. Israel will continue to ethnically cleanse the Palestinian population, destabilise the region, and receive ongoing financial support from the US taxpayer for its crimes”. (3/11/08).

\* The Adelaide Advertiser published a letter from Gordon Drennan reading “The Howard government switched to a position in the United Nations of unconditional support for Israel, of not even suggesting the possibility of criticising it no matter what, and Australians weren’t told. Now when the Rudd Government retreats a little from that, it is reported as some sort of crime that the Government has to explain and justify. Just how obsequious and sycophantic to what is one of the world’s worst rogue states do we have to be to appease the powerful Jewish lobby and its supports in the media and politics?” (12/11/08). The same writer had a letter published which criticised the appointment of Hillary Clinton as US Secretary of State, concluding “Mr Obama has just made his first really big mistake. He’s just guaranteed U.S. foreign policy won’t change, especially in the Middle East. While that will please the powerful Jewish lobby and so will be applauded by politicians on the other side and in the media, it is more than anything else the cause of America’s problems in the world.” (3/12/08).

\* In response to a news story on the travails in the UK of Fredrick Toben in The Adelaide Advertiser, “CK” of Queensland wrote to the on-line letters’ blog “I have a question: where is the EVIDENCE that 6 million Jews were gassed. I ask this question because there is 100% historical and scientific evidence that proves otherwise and, that all this holocaust is a hoax as it was set up by the Zionist Jews. People should follow up and critically read all evidence and make their own conclusions. I have and that is the holocaust never happened, and that is based on my readings. Furthermore, please don’t call me an anti-semite when the evidence speaks for its self.” This led to dozens of letters in response, all of which criticised “CK”. (21/11/08).

\* After an article “Questions for Hamas” by Vic Alhadeff on ABC Unleashed, comments published included “This rant is trying to justify reasons for Israel to conduct wholesale genocide on the Palestinians. Jews self proclaim themselves to be “Gods ‘chosen people, God gave his land to me” (Israel). Israel is the tail that wags the US dogs. There are lots of alternative news sites on the web these days Vic, where we can see and read for ourselves the genocidal acts by the Israelis.” (3/12/08).

\* In the Adelaide Advertiser (31/12/08) Anisa Hamood wrote “Israel’s true motive in bombing Gaza is genocide against the Palestinian people and extermination of their right to statehood. The world is now witnessing the Israeli-American Holocaust of the Palestinians.” The same writer submitted in The Advertiser “Nothing will bring peace either to the Middle East or the world until the Israelis realise, respect and honour Palestinian rights. The Western world, most particularly America, should stop pandering to the Jewish

lobby.” (2/1/09). Norman Cleveland wrote in a letter in The Adelaide Advertiser (19/1/09) “The similarity in between the Warsaw ghetto and the Gaza Strip are amazing. The Nazis stopped food, medical supplies and power. They herded the Jews into a concentrated area and completely humiliated them until they rebelled, were killed or deported.”

\* In The Australian, Issam Eid of Strathfield made direct comparisons between Israel and Nazi Germany. (1/1/09).

\* A letter signed Elizabeth Attard of North Fitzroy in The Herald Sun (2/1/09) included “There is only one word for what is happening in Gaza and that is genocide. Israel is now the new Hitler.”

\* In response to an article by Danny Lamm on ABC’s “Unleashed”, published comments included “Not content with stealing other peoples land the jews demonise the pathetic resistance, wrapt in their fantasy of paying back the Arabs for the sins of the Nazis” and “Ironical. Israel now duplicates (in end result) the crime of the Holocaust. Not that I would try to defend Hamas et al either. Such brave men, that both sides find it reasonable and justifiable to attack innocent women and children... usually from a safe position. Cowards and idiots.” (8/1/09).

\* A letter comparing Israeli actions to those of the Nazis was published above the name W. Book in The Canberra Times. (10/1/09). Adrian Sever of Hawker wrote in The Canberra Times (13/1/09) “Warsaw 1943. Gaza 2009. Compare and contrast”. In the same paper (9/2/09) Peter Funnell wrote “Comparisons between the “Warsaw Ghetto” and the situation in Gaza today are apt. Everything in the Gaza is being progressively destroyed with a vengeance with little prospect of renewal. This callous indifference to the residents of Gaza simply drips of the ghastly slaughter in the Warsaw Ghetto.”

\* The Herald-Sun printed a letter signed Wayne Roberts which read “The vicious and bloodthirsty attitudes and actions of the Jewish state appears to know no bounds”. (12/1/09)

\* The ABC’s blog “Unleashed” published an article critical of Holocaust denial by Bishop Williamson, but in comments printed “The pope is not accountable to anyone, let alone the Zionist moloch, for his official or personal decisions or beliefs. It is a central tenet of christianity to show forgiveness, and I’m sure that is the rationale behind the Pope’s decision. Not everyone dwells in the past the way the Zionist priests of guilt do.” (6/2/09).

\* In The Byron Shire Echo, Gareth Smith alleged Israelis were engaged in “barbarity” worse than that for which “The Nazis were famous”. (24/3/09).

\* After publication of an item defending supporters of Israel from claims they stifle debate (on ABC’s Unleashed 25/3/09), comments included “When a group of people who think they are the Chosen Ones deny others their ancient right to live in the land of their fathers, refuse to let in the refugees they drove out, and still think they have the high moral ground to build houses in areas the UN has designated out of bounds, it is with relief to hear someone from that group stand up and be truthful.” and “I now understand that the Jewish mindset is different and Zionism is a manifestation of that, with the aim being to ethnically cleanse the land of the Indigenous Arabs using the excuse of the laughable idiotic claim that the Old

testament says god gave the Jews the land. Anyone who takes the old testament literally is someone we cannot even argue with as they don't use reason. But that is what we are dealing with and we need to accept it instead of trying to use reason to change it – it's akin to arguing with a dog."

\* In response to an article about Israeli politics in The Australian which was published on its website (9/4/09), a series of offensive comments was published, including Nazi-Israel analogies, claims Jews thought of themselves as "masters" and implications Israel is genocidal. (9/4/09).

\* On The Australian newspaper's letters blog, Faruque Ahmed wrote "Israeli democracy is similar to Nazi democracy. Zionism is older and worse than Nazism. Yet, someone who is fond of Zionism like Sheridan must be perverted at the least. The good people of Australia have rejected Greg Sheridan's spin "Boycott is a triumph of principle" as evidenced in this thread. His pro-Israeli stance is beyond belief." (6/5/09).

\* On the ABC Unleashed blog, "We Love Ha Ha" wrote "Palestine the largest Concentration Camp on Earth . . . American and Australian and other friends and Allies will provide Guns, Planes, Jeeps, Bullets and Bombs to keep Concentration Camp perimeter Secure and Sub Human Palestinians detained and without Hope. Nothing changing Anytime Soon.. Situation Normal. All going according to plan.." (28/5/09).

\* On The Australian letters blog, following an article by academic Merv Bendle on history teaching, "Gidgee of Brisbane" wrote "Mervyn Bendle is in the pocket of Judaism in this regurgitation of the frightful war in Europe which lasted from 1939 until Germany's defeat and occupation by the Allies in 1945. Bendle's attempt to align the suffering of the adherents of the Jewish religion in Europe at that time is no more than a well-orchestrated part of a concerted attempt, by Jewry, to take the heat off the recent barbarity and murderous conduct of the 1948-created state of Israel in its dealings with those Palestinians it, Jewry, has so ruthlessly ousted from their homeland and, shamefully, placed (the pitiful Palestinian natives) behind that abomination of a wall to confine them and thereby set the Gazans up as sitting ducks for Jewish armed killing incursions. To think that Bendle is entrusted with the important job of teaching our up-and-coming should be cause for very serious concern here in Australia. The much-hated Nazis did their awful thing over sixty years ago – they of that ilk have gone the way of all flesh but Israel, right now in time, with the engineered distractions aired by the likes of toadying Bendle, continues the maniacal latter-day style of Nazism snubbing its Jewish nose at what passes for civilisation. The cleverness of this Jewish agenda, thankfully, is waning but we still have cat's paws, like Bendle, doing their utmost to derail a proper and fair resolution to what's been going on in the Middle East ever since the '39 – '45 war ended; a human slaughtering and imprisoning madness which kicked off with the Jewish terrorist mob called The Stern Gang and still, ruthlessly, going on even as I write these lines." (1/6/09).

\* In a letter in The Canberra Times (29/6/09), Roy Darling of Florey wrote "According to Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the need for "natural growth" justifies more Israeli settlements in Palestine ("France calls for freeze in West Bank", June 26, p10). This thin argument sounds eerily like the specious Nazi claims for German "Lebensraum" that were then followed by military takeover of lands outside Germany."

*The Last Word: Analysing Australian Antisemitism (previous 12 month period 07/08) by Jeremy Jones*

*The raw data on anti-Jewish assaults, vandalism and harassment in Australia makes for sobering reading. In the 12 month period concluding on September 30, 2008, Jewish communal institutions in Australia received a total of 652 reports of incidents which unambiguously fall under the definition of "Racist Violence" provided by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.*

*Fifty-eight of these incidents were of assault of an individual or of damage to property. Overwhelmingly, the victims of these incidents were Jewish Australians assaulted by unknown perpetrators in shopping malls, main roads or other public places. Over the 19 year period I have been keeping records, this was the highest total in this category. The previous worst period, at the height of the "Second Intifada", was 51 reports. A disturbing percentage of victims were teenagers or families including young children.*

*One hundred and fourteen of the incidents involved Jewish individuals being subjected to face-to-face abuse and insult, without physical assault. Nearly all of this was experienced by Jewish families walking to or from synagogue or festive meals, generally by passing motorists. While this total was almost 20% below the previous 12 month period, it was the second highest figure on record.*

*The remaining 480 reports were of telephone threats and abuse (now rare, due to the adoption of e-mail as a common means of harassment); hate mail (at the third lowest rate in 19 years), faxes, stickers, leaflets, graffiti and e-mail. Hate mail more often than not referred to "greedy" Jews, graffiti-daubers found perverse pleasure in adorning synagogues and other Jewish sites with swastikas, while e-mailers bombarded individual Jewish Australians with a litany of accusations, complaints, and insults.*

*The physical incidents listed above took place in a social and political context which does not indicate Australia is a society which is in any form hostile to Jewish people. But it does demonstrate both the existence of antisemitism and a lack of consistent, widespread concern at its presence.*

*Australia is host to a plethora of racist organisations which include antisemitism in their armoury; to Muslims and Christians who disguise their hostility to Jews in religious garb; to bigots employed in the media who from time to time promote anti-Jewish stereotypes; to fanatics and extremists who adopt attacks on Jews as means to promote broader agendas; to smug academics who abuse their power to further personal prejudices; and to semi-educated conspiracy theorists who can't see a Jew without seeing an Elder of Zion.*

*In addition, the globalised nature of information, and misinformation, in the online era, provides easy resources to racists, confusion to students, and distress to those who chose to live in Australia due to our unique blend of tolerance, liberal values, and lack of assumed hostility to a person based on ethnicity, faith, or ancestry.*

*Mainstream Australian media outlets have republished offensive comments submitted from various points on the globe, supplementing the locally generated bile most often sited on the weblogs of ABC and SBS, and online feedback sections of newspapers. Meanwhile, the most offensive Islamic-based and Christian hostility towards Jews comes in easy-to-use form from sources outside Australia to be resold or parroted here. Perhaps it is no coincidence that many of the most vocal antisemites in Australia were either born outside this country or feel a spiritual affinity with less tolerant societies.*

*One notable feature of antisemitism in Australia is that its increases and decreases have little or no apparent relationship to behaviour of Jewish individuals, public positions of the community, or events in Israel or elsewhere.*

*What is observable is that the physical incidents show increases when mainstream media outlets allow themselves to serve as hosts of anti-Jewish bigotry and prejudice and/or on the rare occasions that public figures make anti-Jewish comments.*

*This indicates that Australia's antisemites are as cowardly as they are unsavoury, and also that strong, repeated, consistent condemnations of antisemitism are not only morally appropriate but provide a service to this country's social well-being.*

\* In a letter commenting on terrorism in Indonesia by a self-described Islamic group, Tony Kelly claimed that “Islamic destruction” had its roots in their religious inheritance from Judaism. (The Australian 21/7/09).

\* After an article was posted on the ABC Unleashed website critical of antisemitism, a number of antisemitic comments were posted and published, including “I’ve often been struck by the parallels between Nazi Germany and the state of Israel – a hyper-aggressive, racist state driven by a quest for Lebensraum. I would expect elements of the Israeli army to treat Palestinians as less than human and harvest their organs in the same way the Nazis conducted medical experiments on the Jews.” (29/8/09), “It is tragic that any Palestinian leader would be a supporter of Hitler but that in no way excuses the Israeli government and military from behaving like the Nazis.” (30/8/09), “For crying out loud, more bleating about the sacred copyrighted holocaust. I was raised & educated with a genuine feeling of concern & sorrow for the events of the 1930’s and 40’s. However, this railing about ‘bias’ & ‘propaganda’ in the face of Israel’s extremism dims my concern for the horrors of Jewish history. Events today overshadow it. Is that anti-Semitic? I certainly hope not. I see it more as disappointment. With a history of suffering such as they have endured, why would Jews in Israel wish the same on anyone else?” (29/8/09) and “And why is anyone who has anything against Israel and its foreign policy today labelled as an anti-semitic. I am puzzled where is this monolithic superiority comes from. Racism originates in the feeling of superiority anyone who is giving labels of antysemitic nature should think about this. Being positioned against the state of Israel and its policies does NOT imply anti-semitism (being against the whole race of semitic people which includes three religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam). Semites does not equals Jews. The primary notion of Jewish superiority lays in this fact.” (28/8/09).

\* After radio host Kyle Sandilands made fun of victims of concentration camps and Jewish Australians (and others) expressed disgust, the on-line comments section of a major news site published hundreds of comments condemning Sandilands but also some supporting him, such as “Why do these Jews complain about every thing? The comment was disgusting but PLEASE!! Every little chance to be in the news and they gas bag away...yes little Fritz and Josef was evil and Kyle’s a rancid motormouth bla bla bla . BUT...This was not about Jews! Go make some money! Yeeesh!...LOL”, “In many European countries you can deny that God exists. But you deny holocaust and you go to prison. Examples are Austria, Switzerland, Germany etc. Jews run this world. I can assure you that just because some jews raised concerns, Kyle will be banned. Where’s the freedom of speech, expression etc?”, and “Leave Kyle alone. He’s a comedian. THIS IS AUSTRALIA NOT A JEWISH COUNTRY OR AMERICA”. (9/9/09).

The comment which prompted the last listed incident was one of a number in which attempts at humour, or throwaway comments, gave rise to upset or offence. Other incidents of this type included a comedy skit on the Rove variety television programme, where a comedian played a definitely Jewish character as a stereotype of a dishonest person, an ABC radio sports journalist describing someone as “having a girth bigger than Hitler’s gas bill”. In these, and a number of similar instances, there was nothing to suggest any over-riding antisemitic agenda or prejudice.



#### 4.4 Middle East Politics

Israel receives extensive but generally superficial coverage in the Australian mass media. The propaganda ploy of presenting those responsible for the introduction of violence into a situation where peaceful negotiations were proceeding, as if they were the victims of some unprovoked brutality, was carried in a number of sections of the Australian media, sometimes with enthusiasm and often without reasoned analysis.

Those who have broad antisemitic agendas have found this situation a useful pretext for voicing their anti-Jewish prejudices and incitements. Others who may in different circumstances be opposed to racism sometimes added their voices and contributed opinions, which have included the attribution of racial characteristics to Jews.



Sydney CBD, January 2009

The volume of antisemitism in public discourse, particularly in the wake of the 2001 and 2002 terrorist bombings, Israel's battles with Hezbollah and Hamas in mid-2006 and Operation Cast Lead in December 2008/January 2009, have had few precedents in Australia. The most disturbing feature of the debate in Australia on the Middle East was the way in which overt anti-Jewish comments went uncriticised by those who proclaim that their criticism of Israel is in no way related to criticism of Jews. Paul Sheehan reported that at a Melbourne anti-Israel rally (4/1/09) signs included "Chosen dirty people of the earth", but that these were not treated as problematic by most participants.

Sections of the Islamic community, the Arab Australian community and the political left openly supported the overtly antisemitic Hamas, both in its attacks on Israel and in

internecine Palestinian struggles (where, for the left, the PLO represented the west-leaning establishment). Most of the rallies in December and January were openly pro-Hamas, as distinct from the civilian population of Gaza. In addition, the pro-Hamas demonstrators were complemented by supporters of Hezbollah.

There were a number of examples of the use of the historically ridiculous analogy of Israel with Nazi Germany, using Jewish suffering under the Nazis as a stick with which to beat Australian Jews who support Israel's right to protect the security of its citizens. A previously unprecedented volume of letters to editors and other commentary of this nature had come while Israel was fighting Hezbollah in Lebanon in mid-2006, but the situation reached new depths in January 2009.



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Typical was Ophelia Haragli of the Gaza Defence Committee's speech to an anti-Israel protest in Sydney, in which she claimed "I was recently in Melbourne for the university orientation weeks to show a DVD and to promote awareness and justice campaigns for Gaza on campuses. I was disgustingly and repeatedly told by Zionists there that they would continue to support the killing of babies as long as Israel was able to achieve its target. I was also verbally attacked by Zionists who told me that I could call it a genocide or a blood bath, but that drawing any parallels between Gaza and Germany had to stop immediately! In opposition to these Zionists, other Jews passionately told me that the visualisation of the atrocities in Gaza brought to life the heinous atrocities verbalised by their grandparents who had survived the holocaust. Today, Gillerman not only stands here to affirm his support for Israel's terror attacks on Palestinian civilians. This subhuman with no conscience has gone even further by praising and commending these Israeli Zionist war-mongers for this great crime against humanity + this 221st century holocaust. Doesn't the siege on Gaza + likened to an open-air concentration camp in one of the most densely populated places in the world – come under the banner of mass destruction and loss of life?" (2/3/09).

Attempts to delegitimise Israel and Zionism, conducted by public spokespersons for the Palestinians, included extreme allegations against Israel and Judaism. In addition, supporters of the tyranny in Iraq or the theological fascists in Iran used whatever opportunities were presented to them to level charges, in extreme language, against Israel, Zionism and, on occasion, Jewry. For example, after being quoted by a number of journalists as having said the antisemitic blood libel was a legitimate part of the Middle East debate, Roland Jabbour of the Australian Arabic Council claimed in August 2008 that "The false charge of anti-Semitism by some is used to silence and blackmail those to dare to criticize the Zionist' self-righteous and lawless child, the state of Israel. It is designed to frighten those who dare to engage in and encourage honest debate about these important matters – something we must do as a society in the interest of justice and peace. Israel continues its aggression while claiming self-defense: a right usually reserved for the victims of aggression – and the same right Israel denies its own victims."

Australians for Palestine hosted a public performance of the play "Seven Jewish children", widely criticised for promoting anti-Jewish tropes, in Melbourne in May. Its website published articles with comments such as "Just like the Poles and Jews who found ways through tunnels and barbed wire to circumvent the Nazi plan to starve 400,000 people walled up in the Warsaw Ghetto, these Palestinians too are finding ways to bring succour to their people." (30/6/09).

Although the many small groups which comprise the Australian far-left often make declarations critical of racism in all its forms, demonisation of Israel is a common thread and the extremes of language used to condemn Zionism and Israel can only promote a mythology on Jewish "internationalism", powerful and evil, almost indistinguishable from the far right. It should be noted that most of the groups in this sector are ambiguous, if not internally contradictory, on questions of Jews and of Middle East politics, but the fact that material was published promoting the concept of "Zionism" as an "international conspiracy" and of Jews as Nazis warrants criticism.

Self-described human rights activist Maqsood Alshams wrote to a person who asked him why he promoted extreme anti-Israel propaganda. (3/12/08) "Dear Richard, The simple answer is that you the Jews are real motherfucker bastards. In 1990 I myself entered in to the Jewish Consulate in Istanbul in Turkey as a law abiding citizen, met two Jewish Diplomats named Hayim Hosen and Eli Lev. I was stripped searched, sexually harassed, personally humiliated by Mohsad agents, you should keep your dirty mouth shut calling any Bangladeshi a brother, you guys are simply assholes. I don't want to make this an international issue being secured in Australia. But simply Jews like you are the dirty scums! Stop playing the bloody victim games. You scumms need to leave Palestine ASAP and give world a bit of peace! and kkeep your dirty mouth shut! I wonder why God himself hate the Jews"

The anonymous anti-Israel blogger Middle East Reality Check made a direct comparison of Israel's role in the Middle East to Nazi Germany's occupation of Europe. (13/4/09).

The shallowness and intellectual dishonesty in some of the debate on the Middle East in Australia was evident in the reception accorded a book written on Israel and Australia's Jewish Community by an individual with no particular expertise, experience or skills but who identified himself as a Jewish critic of Australian Jewry and of Zionism. While the

book was riddled with factual inaccuracies and sloppiness, it was speedily given iconic value by a range of critics of Israel, including overt antisemites. It was promoted and sold by extreme right wing political organisations, available at a bookstand which otherwise exclusively sold fundamentalist Islamic texts at a Muslim fair and the author was promoted by a variety of far-left groups existentially opposed to Israel. The author's personal moderated internet discussion forum published a series of items making offensive comments about individuals opposed to Holocaust denial and others accusing critics of the author of using "every weapon in the Jewish armoury of self-victimisation", while the author himself used offensive anti-Jewish language, but the utility to anti-Israel groups and individuals of having a self-identified Jewish person who was eager to criticise Israel and Australian Jewry seemingly over-rode any concern with factual accuracy or concern with racism.



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*. ... That kike lieberman (not the prick in America's congress, I'm talking about the zionist in Palestine), has been exposed as having been put in office by the jew filth in america. It begs the question why, of course, why would jews on the other side of the planet be interested in funding criminals interloping in Palestine. I repeat: Why would filthy jews in america fund an expansionist aggressor into office in Palestine, on the other side of the globe. But we all know why, don't we. This is further clear evidence of the kikes' global push to create the promised land, involving jews everywhere, not just the zionists who are the front-men whose function it is to take the rap. No one can any longer claim that this is unfounded conspiracy theory. Clear evidence more like it.*

*This kike lieberman is btw a people smuggler as a main occupation, trading in men and women - from Lithuania mainly - persons who are kidnapped and sold into sex slavery to serve the kike interlopers in Palestine. He was thrown out of Russia as the good Russians didn't want kike filth like him contaminating their parts. All the jews are at fault, like him. Don't let anyone tell you that I ought to be distinguishing between the kikes generally and the zionists, that somehow they are different from one another. What rubbish is that, and even if it were true the kikes are rather partial to using collective punishment themselves anyway, against the Palestinians, so it would hardly be a crime to be giving them a taste of their own medicine and rather rich of them if they are complaining. In any case as I have mentioned every kike on the planet supports either tacitly or expressly, the kikes' quest to create the promised land, create it by driving the by and large unarmed, lawful owners of that land, civilians, off it at gunpoint using mercenaries. And the kikes are not just interested in the area they're walling off, either. Every kike on the planet supports their quest to have their descendants "return" - as if they were ever there in the first place - return to a promised land that encompasses the entire tract of land between the Nile River in Egypt and the Euphrates River in Syria and Iraq. That's ultimately what they are after, and it includes half of Cairo. All that the area enclosed by the wall is to serve as is a beachhead for the kikes from which to conduct war in the region indefinitely until, piece by piece, over several centuries, they carve out their promised land between the Nile and the Euphrates (unless they are stopped of course, which they will be).*

*More disturbing than the quest for the promised land itself, however, is the fact that this quest is being pursued in tandem with the kikes' related objective, which latter is to reach a kike:Goy median asset ratio of 50:1, which ratio is the tipping point at which capitalism tips into corporal slavery, and which ratio the kikes believe they are on target to achieve before the end of this century. This quest for 50:1 asset ratio has been given a huge boost of course by the current asset bubble which the jews created and the world is now having to grapple with. The present asset bubble will prove in time to have fleeced the rightful Goy original owners and creators of these now pillaged assets, fleeced and pillaged by the jews. Their method is peddling Usury to create bubbles. The jews' comparative wealth increases as the bubble deflates, leaving them with relatively stronger purchasing power afterward. It was an asset bubble not dissimilar to the present one, that the jews used in the 1930's to take over America, America herself, not just the bulk of her assets. Today the jews have infiltrated every aspect of her politics, media, defence and policing, and Americans wonder why their standard of living is so crap for the median American family. The kikes have a long term view of a world in which they one day get to reside as slavers in the promised land - a land in which access and movement is to be restricted by jew exclusive racist apartheid laws - and sit on their arses while the Goy toil as slaves for the kikes' upkeep, in slave provinces around the world where bogus governments are installed by the kikes from afar to serve their slavery interests, the way they installed the usurpers howard and bush and numerous other bogus 'governments' presently around the world.*

*. . . Whilst no one likes the present violence which is occurring in Palestine this would nevertheless equate to relative tranquillity by comparison with the level of warmongering that would ensue throughout the region if ever the kikes were to establish this would-be beachhead of theirs. It is a paradox of the Middle East that by preventing the kikes from achieving peace in our time we are effectively preventing violence on a whole larger scale in the future. It is also preventing the corporal slavery of Americans and others to otherwise follow, as the jews are being denied a fortress. We owe this to our children. Have someone ask that criminal lieberman if the kikes would be satisfied if they got to live peacefully within their presently walled enclave. He should answer no, to be consistent with his party's policies. Truth is that no jew on the planet would be satisfied, they want more, much more you see, all of them, whether or not they are prepared to admit as much. If the illegal enclave the kikes like to call israel (whatever that shitty name is supposed to mean), were to achieve peace within its walls anytime soon, then there would be war outside of those walls continuously for the next five hundred years or more, and the first slave province would emerge this century: america.*

***(Email sent April to long list of recipients)***

## 4.5 Arabic-speaking and Islamic Communities

Australia's Arabic-speaking community is large and vibrant. Jews are not a major concern or pre-occupation for this community, but when Jewish matters are discussed it can give rise to concerns, particularly when discussion of the Middle East departs from vigorous political debate and enters the realm of religious and racial stereotyping. The Arabic speaking community is religiously, nationally and culturally diverse and has grown through a number of waves of immigration. The largest group consists of Australians of Lebanese descent, and this includes a substantial number of Christians, as do the Arabic-speakers from Egypt, Iraq and the areas of Mandatory Palestine.

The Arabic-language media is also diverse and in the past antisemitism has appeared in a number of publications and radio broadcasts, and in the year in review issues were identified with the support for the fascist antisemitic group HAMAS, defence of the terrorist Hezbollah and promotion of the Nazi-like Syrian Social Nationalist Party. For example, a radio programme on Melbourne 3ZZZ public radio station produced by the Syria Social Nationalist Party broadcast a series of antisemitic conspiracy theories to mark 60 years of the SNP's founding, talking about "the conspiracy" to allow "Jewish . . . slaughters and armed aggression" (8/7/09) and the claim "there is no enemy that fights our religion, right, and homeland, except for the Jews". (15/7/09).

There is even greater diversity amongst Australians who practise Islam. There are wide gulfs in belief, cultures, integration and attitudes towards Anglo-Australian culture. A variety of attitudes towards Jews is identifiable (see pp 135-144 ), with the purview of this section the antisemitism present in this segment of the Australian population.

A paper delivered by Benjamin Kunde at the Australian Association of Jewish Studies Conference (February 2008) claimed many "modern Muslim Australian youth" held strong antisemitic views, with the swastika seen as a reminder of "good things", belief in Jewish control of Australian government and echoing of Hezbollah anti-Jewish chants being typical.

Evidence of the dangers of antisemitic preaching came when a court in Sydney hearing a trial of alleged terrorist Shane Kent was played a video he made which asked for "relief from the Jews. . ." (19/8/09).

The Muslim personality in Australia who has the greatest notoriety for promoting and justifying anti-Jewish slanders is Sheikh Taj Eldinne El-Hilaly, an imam associated with the Lebanese Muslim Association, who for more than a decade had used the title "Mufti of Australia". In 1988, in a public function at the University of Sydney, Hilaly had, in the course of presenting Jews as the existential enemies of the rest of humanity, called Jews the cause of all wars and accused Jews of using sex and deviancy to control the world. Even prior to these comments, he had been criticised for insulting and derogatory comments concerning women and Christian Lebanese. The story of his Australian residence and the failure of otherwise responsible community figures to dissociate from him is long and complex, and can not be properly canvassed in this report, but it was a cause of considerable concern for a number of years.

A report in The Australian in July 2006 noted Hilaly had "dismissed the Holocaust as a "Zionist lie" in a series of fiery sermons" and that he later "attacked the Western press for

being afraid to admit that the Holocaust was "a ploy made by the Zionists". In 2006 he trivialised the number of Jews killed by the Nazis. "What's that six million all about? Is there six million?" and when questioned on this in 2007 said "I, like many researchers in the world, shy off the number of innocent victims". It should be noted that in recent years he has justified anti-Jewish terrorist murders.

Hilaly compared the January Israeli bombing of Gaza to the Holocaust, branding Israeli leaders as "butchers" whose "Zionist racism" was creating another Holocaust, saying in an interview in *The Australian* "When we remember the atrocities of the Holocaust – it seems that what we are seeing is another Holocaust". (His comments were widely condemned, but defended by Antony Loewenstein. See 5.? Below) (6/2/09). At a "Defence of Gaza" rally in Sydney (18/1/09) demonstrators displayed placards comparing Israel to Nazi Germany and of carrying out a "Holocaust" and "Death to the Jews" was chanted in Arabic, after speeches by John Pilger and Hilaly.

Another prominent personality, Sheikh Feiz Mohammed of the Global Islamic Youth Centre in Sydney, sold and posted lectures and videos on YouTube, such as one "In it the Sheik tells a parable about a Jewish man who deflowers and impregnates a Muslim virgin only to kill both her and the baby. The Jew then renounces his faith in a deal with Satan and is crucified by the girl's three Muslim brothers. He goes on to compare modern western society with a stinking toilet." (7/12/08). Another high-profile Islamic figure, Melbourne's Sheikh Omran, publishes a newsletter *Mecca News*, which includes defamatory attacks on Judaism, primarily through misrepresenting *The Talmud*.

Blatant antisemitism, including promotions of *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, appeared on *The Mission Islam* web-site. It not only links to the overtly antisemitic [www.jewwatch.com](http://www.jewwatch.com) site but contains a section "The Truth About the Talmud" which contained a list of fraudulent and out-of-context statements designed to portray Judaism as ridiculous and violently hostile to all non-Jews. Under the sub-heading, "Sick and Insane Teachings of the Talmud", the following appears: "Yebamoth 63a. States that Adam had sexual intercourse with all the animals in the Garden of Eden; Yebamoth 63a. Declares that agriculture is the lowest of occupations.; Sanhedrin 55b. A Jew may marry a three year old girl (specifically, three years "and a day" old); Sanhedrin 54b. A Jew may have sex with a child as long as the child is less than nine years old; Kethuboth 11b. "When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl it is nothing."; Yebamoth 59b. A woman who had intercourse with a beast is eligible to marry a Jewish priest. A woman who has sex with a demon is also eligible to marry a Jewish priest; Abodah Zarah 17a. States that there is not a whore in the world that the Talmudic sage Rabbi Eleazar has not had sex with."; Other sub-headings included "Genocide Advocated by the Talmud" and "Moses Maimonides: Advocate of Extermination".

One of the pages on *Mission Islam* linked directly to the home page, "New World Order", identified "Freemasons / Zionists" as the "Dajjal". It linked to a number of overtly antisemitic audio files such as "the lies of the Jews", "USA's Rulers: The Jews in the US Government. There's so many of them it's like a cockroach infestation. Add some to your hit-list", "The Truth About the Talmud" and "Who is the Evil Dajjal (the anti-Christ)".

Mission Islam promoted a number of antisemitic videos and books including “Bias and hate in the Media: How the Freemasons use the media to promote bias against the Arabs and Muslims. Read this as a supplement to the above audio file to understand a bit more about the Jewish-Freemason grip on Hollywood in North America”; “Illuminati Quotes” the name Illuminati was the predecessor to the name “freemasonry”, in order to act as a cover up. In this article selected quotes from key Illuminati leaders in the past and Freemason-Zionist leaders in the present show the deviousness of these accursed people.”; “Khazars: An excellent article which details and exposes the lies of the Jews and their claim to Palestine.”; “The 13th Tribe – Khazaria: This is a dangerous book, that totally refutes the false claim of the majority of the Jews being Semitic. This book is so dangerous because of the truth contained in it that it is now banned in North America. Even the US Congress Library, which is the largest library in the world, had one copy, which is now curiously enough, labeled as “missing” and cannot be found on the shelves. Make sure you have lots of coffee and lots of time before you read this one.”; “The Protocols: The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion. This is a secret document which was written by the Zionists at the end of the 19th century. It later fell into the wrong hands and was summarily exposed. The Zionists, in an attempt to cover up, labelled the document as a hoax and the poor Russian publisher as a liar. However, some interesting things to notice are: The Protocols and their aims correspond to what the Messenger (saw) prophesied about the coming of a group of people who would pave the way for Dajjal...These aims of the Protocols have begun to occur already in the world. Aims like excessive adultery, homosexuality, pursuing the desires of this world, ignorance, crime, etc. The Zionists mean to use these methods to control and corrupt society.” and “The Truth About the Talmud: The Talmud specifically defines all who are not Jews as non-human animals, and specifically dehumanises gentiles as not being descendants of Adam. We will now list some of the Talmud passages which relate to this topic.”. (18/6/09).

Mission Islam’s website has a section “Judaism and their Groups” which under “Contemporary faiths and sects” included the following: “Dunmeh Jews :- They are the ones who showed Islam and hid Judaism to get rid of Islam. It was established by a Spanish man called Sabathai Zevi (1626-1675 A. D.) who married a Polish woman called Sarah. They are living mostly in Turkey, and are controlling many vital political and economical positions. They have many crooked beliefs such as no prayers or fasting for God, sexual parties, and masonic ideas.”

Additionally, the publication Nida'ul Islam, which is no longer updated but is still available on the internet after an earlier incarnation as a glossy magazine, retains evidence of extreme views of members of the Islamic community in Australia and of a range of overseas commentators. The tone towards Jews is often hateful and inciteful. Typical of material which has been published in the magazine and remains on the website is an interview with Sheikh Waddy Gonium, who made a series of comments about "the Jews", who he identified as both political and religious enemies of "Islamic Revival". The magazine’s web-site includes many articles which make disparaging comments regarding "the Children of Israel", "Jewish rabbis", "Zionism" and even "Arafat's Jewish agents". Amongst features attributed to Jews are that they are "extremely arrogant" towards Allah, have "become tyrants", they "will not fail to do their best to corrupt", advocate "the disparagement of Islam" and have succeeded in their "infiltration into Hollywood, the Media and Congress". Much of the material which has been published in Nida'ul Islam avers to the existence of an anti-Islamic conspiracy, run by Jews but which allegedly also includes most rulers of Arab



and Islamic states. In addition to the printing of antisemitic incitement, Nida'ul Islam promotes overtly anti-Jewish groups such as Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Anti-Jewish books, games and DVDs available at book stores serving the Islamic community were an on-going area of concern. While books promoting terrorism in an overt manner were subject to official censorship, anti-Jewish material can only be dealt with under the various State and territory anti-racism legislation and these laws are generally not well-framed to deal with this type of situation. Despite public criticism, including some from prominent Islamic groups, some Muslim bookshops continue to stock material such as copies of The Protocols of Zion.

Even "Muslims Australia" magazine, published by the Australia Federation of Islamic Councils, carried a feature article "Holocaust Denied: The Lying Silence of those who Know", with a graphic of prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp, which was an attack on "Israel's bloody onslaught on the besieged people of Gaza". (March 09).

The discussions on Islamic and Arabic internet forums and the content of postings to newsgroups testify to a vigorous anti-Jewish sub-culture. The Adelaide Advertiser documented attacks on "Australian Jews" in an article about the Aussie Muslims website, headed "Website filled with message of hate". (7/8/09). Additionally:

\* Asem Judah on the "Islam Info" website attacked "The chosen people" who, in the guise of "Talmudic Zionists" proved they will soon "have full access to ... a nuclear arsenal" which they will "use". His evidence was that ABC radio journalist Anne Barber reported she had been spat on when turning on a recording instrument at a Haredi Shabbat rally. (15/7/09).

\* Faruque Ahmed published on a blog, "Muslimguilty" a series of posts rejected by Yahoo Groups, including "The Israeli Holocaust in Palestine was planned long before Hitler's one. These Israelis have been continuously developing a victim mentality while they are operating the longest running concentration camps in the occupied Palestine with a stamp of infinity. This slow motion Israeli holocaust in Palestine is much more painful than the old one. If you are unable to see this reality and consciously or subconsciously become a party to Israeli war crimes and genocide then I got no other choice but condemn your you Zio-Nazi behavior and policies." (7/2/09). and 'Can't you see the occupied Palestine is the longest running concentration camp known to mankind with a stamp of infinity and run by the most vicious regime? Don't you your behavior is like supporting the modern day Nazi regime and contrary to cherished values known to mankind? You may have surrendered your soul to Zio-Nazis and their power! But, I won't and I condemn your blatant support for disgusting Nazi Zionists of our time." (2/2/09).

\* The "Planet Irf" blog of Irfan Yusuf continued to host antisemitic postings, made years earlier, including one signed "Peter Jackson" which included "No matter how many jews have infiltrated the U.S. administration, and, perhaps as importantly . . . , ...The Liberal Party of Australia (W.A. Division, Vic. Division (Sheilds), S.A. Division, and N.S.W. Division (Sheezel), (HOW MANY half-caste mongrel jews can one jewess-slut-whore-bitch deliver, from THREE (3) different fathers, for that mongrel racist Zionist cause?) ... werd 2 tha wize – "Julian Sheezel", Vic Lib Infiltrator, and younger jew-bro "Richard Shields", NSW Lib Infiltrator, r 4 2, 4 tha 'jew-watch". <http://www.jewwatch.com/> The Iranians are just as human as the dalek filth from that jew-pretend-state, (soon to be

destroyed). Let them battle it out. Let them use Nuclear Force against each other. Let them EXTERMINATE each other. Only then, may the rest of the peaceful real white human inhabitants of our peaceful planet, Earth, worthy of racial continuance, without religious and racial zealouts, continue to populate our Planet, without the genetically psychiatric diseased extremist case racial jew and negro bigots.” (Posted 31/10/05, downloaded 30/3/09).

The internet site Islamic Sydney contained numerous examples of overt antisemitism, with some examples from it being:

- a discussion “To the Insincere Zio-Nazi Faking Interfaith, An Open Letter to those that claim to be interested in dialogue” (10/1/09), which claimed that the only “real” Jews were opposed to the “Zio-Nazi regime” of Israel.
- an article on the home-page by Gilad Atzmon, in which he wrote “Israeli leaders understand it all. Israel has already tried everything, unilateral withdrawal, starvation and now extermination. It thought to evade the demographic danger by shrinking into an intimate cosy Jewish ghetto. Nothing worked. It is Palestinian persistence in the shape of Hamas politics that defines the future of the region. All that is left to Israelis is to cling to their blindness and escapism to evade their devastating grave fate that has become immanent already. All along their way down, the Israelis will sing their familiar various victim anthems. Being imbued in a self-centred supremacist reality, they will be utterly involved in their own pain yet completely blind to the pain they inflict on others. Uniquely enough, the Israelis are operating as a unified collective when dropping bombs on others, yet, once being slightly hurt, they all manage to become monads of vulnerable innocence. It is this discrepancy between the self-image and the way they are seen by the rest of us which turns the Israeli into a monstrous exterminator. It is this discrepancy that stops Israelis from grasping their own history, it is that discrepancy that stops them from comprehending the repeated numerous attempts to destroy their State. It is that discrepancy that stops Israelis from understanding the meaning of the Shoah so can they prevent the next one. It is this discrepancy that stops Israelis from being part of humanity.” (7/1/09).
- “An Open Letter, Regarding Israel, Sent to Australia’s Politicians and People of Influence” (17/3/09) which included “Truth is, in maintaining this illegitimate and racial state, Israel has evolved into a genocidal monster which has brought unease to the world as a whole. Yet, they insist on detaching and decontextualising humanity’s frustration and resistance – which they conveniently tag anti-Semitism and terrorism – from their stained history of sixty years; additionally, they have come to accept the status-quo inherited from their fathers. For that, the good of humanity are at an endless and open struggle with them, and this state of engagement will not cease until the pseudo-state of Israel fails, and the land is returned to its rightful owners and the wrongs are righted.” and “There is no middle ground between the Zionist and the historically aware. And they, with all their vulgar propaganda, inflated sense of arrogance and alliances with the elite – at the expense of the honest intellectual and decent commoner – will be corrected; for truth and justice never die. Amongst the people of Australia we will find our allies in standing up to them and exposing them for who they are: people and institutions that undermine justice and promote the conduct of an illegal, illegitimate, terrorist and debased state established on the graves of the innocent and the lands of the exiled.”

- In the course of an other ways civil discussion of Jewish-Muslim relations on Islamic Sydney, "Ibn Tarek" wrote "no misunderstanding...we understand all too well. i was refuting your post. i am telling you why australians muslims, and decent australians, won't have anything to do with zionazi propagandists or apologists who creep into interfaith forums. Somehow representing the jewish community (even though most are half-practicing, cultural jews). (26/5/09).
- GreenOz" claimed that he/she heard an "Israeli spokesperson lying thru his dajjallic teeth" (11/1/09); "Ibn Tarek" added "LaRouche: Only 'Threat' Is Peace - On Dec. 30, 2008, Lyndon LaRouche issued a blunt assessment of the Israeli action, characterizing it as a strike against the "threat" of peace. LaRouche denounced the Israeli military action as an "act of supreme insanity" that could lead to the destruction of Israel altogether. "The idea that Israel can defeat the Palestinians by the kind of military brutality that we have seen over the past 72 hours is the height of insanity," LaRouche declared. "It is the same insanity that led Israel to attack Lebanon in July 2006, but this time, having seen the consequences of that Lebanon fiasco, it is far more insane." . . . That is the only context for fully understanding the events in Gaza that are playing out today. <http://www.larouchepub.com> (13/1/09)
- After 16 pages of material alleging Israel was involved "in organ harvesting" of Palestinians was published under the heading "Zionist Body-snatchers: Idf and 'organ harvesting' claims", "Astral" posted "In the 67 Turkish earthquake, the Israeli army et al were the first 'rescuers' to come to the scene. Their job, to snatch organs from the dead, and rescue any Israelis that might be stuck under the rubble." (2/9/09).

Muslim Village published a number of threads in December and Januray which included anti-Semitic comments. Some examples are:

- "Teach the Children – Sheik's Vile Lesson of Hate", in which "Al-CIA-da" wrote "Also - what he said about jews being extremely racial etc is, in a sense, true - at least - according to the torah and talmud. If you read the torah the jews ethnically cleansed all of palestine when they got back from babylon and theres plenty of unsavoury things in the torah and talmud regarding non-jews or "goyim". (10/12/08)
- "UN attacks Israeli Rights 'crimes'", in which Ibn Tarek wrote "yea... i was gonna say we should string the poor jew up and barade him with demands! " (11/12/08)
- "Anti Islamic Groups on Facebook", in which "Anas" wrote "And it was the Islamic state that gave refuge to those Jews who were so grateful at the time to the Islamic state for protecting them against the oppression of the Europeans. All this wasn't enough as the Muslims got a stab in the back by creating this cancerous tumor in the heart of the Muslim world after the collapse of the Islamic state. (21/12/08)
- "Jewish Avatar" in which "Sarib" wrote "The nazis with their swastika symbols exterminated millions of people includijng many innocent jews, now zionists with their so called religous symbols are getting rid of christian and muslim arabs. so no muslim or peaceloving humanbeing finds this offensive???" (21/12)
- "Arab-Israeli Conflict" in which "Ibn Tarek" wrote "and just to show you what zionists are capable of: <http://www.jewwatch.com/jew-atrocities-hebron.html> the zionists today

venerate the man and have shrines for him and his work. (i have never visited that site before but the articles are sound)” (22/12/08); “Othman wrote from the Islamic point of view being a Zionist doesn't really add much sin/evil to being a Jew, because shirk/kufr is a much graver crime in the eyes of Allah than oppression of people. (22/12/08);

- “Muslims Send Stern Message to Israel and Arab Rulers” in which “Sabrinee” wrote “The Jews number less than 10 million yet effectively control the world. Interesting how they are also considered one of the most intelligent populations in the world.” (30/12/08); “Sammerusa” added “Control the world is a bit of an exaggeration, but Jewish folk certainly wield a lot of influence in key sectors, there's no denying that. Politically they are very astute to the extent of having major influence here in Washington. They also have done very well for themselves in the financial sectors as well as media, both mainstream and entertainment. (4/1/09); “Mind “ wrote “Ground invasion has began....Just saw the army spokesperon saying civilians are a target because they stock pile weapons and they raise their children to be jihadists! May the Zionist Jews walk straight into body bags!” (4/1/09)
- “Is The 3rd Day of The Dajjal Almost Here” in which “SeekTheTruth” wrote “Soon after the Muslims will unite to make a final stand behind the Mahdi and the Dajjal (the jewish messiah) will be killed by Isa (jesus) a.s. (5/1/09); “Muslim Brother” wrote “But dont forget that it is the zionists who control the media and the financial sector. zThe media and the economy will play a big part in who it is that is the superpower. (6/1/09) and ““I love sheikh Imran Hosein cand his lectures. I listened one lecture where he said that tv stations like jazeera are tools used by the zionists to increase the "Rage" of Muslims around the world especially in arab counrries. Eventually there will be an overthrowing of arab goverments. the first he says that will fall is Jordan as the majority of palastinans live there and as sheikh hosein says " King Abdullah has his bags packed already". once an arab goverment falls and the muslims will take over. Israel will use the media that it controls to show the world that this new "Islamic state" posses a major threat to its survival and this is when it will launch it's major attack . (6/1/09) and later “Bottom Line: If the Jewish supremacists who run this War On Islam did not want you to know about al Jazeera, the Washington Post would not be running feature stories on it.” (7/1/09). “Rafeeq” added “Ok. I can agree if someone said Israel is currently not a superpower.But why would you rule out the possibility of Israel expanding her territory right into what we call the middle east and taking control of the oil? Wouldnt she have the rest of the world by their throat?Add to this the fact the financial world is largely owned and controlled by the Jews(And I dont mean to sound uncharitable)” (7/1/09)
- “Zionists Repeating The Nazism Tactics in the Occupied Palestine” in which “Daniel” wrote “The difference: the nazis didn't have power and unwavering support for 60 odd years. (20/1/09); “Anas” added “I think that the Zionist Jews have surpassed the Nazis in their holocaust in Palestine. The Nazis never lied about their hatred for Jews and never lied in their intention to massacre, expel and kill Jews. Whereas the Zionist Jews have lied about everything to the extent the it is now known that if you want to know what the israelis want, all you have to do is hear what they say and believe the opposite.Therefore the Jews have added another crimes next to their holocaust and that is: deceiving and lying.” (20/1/09); “Novella added “ “Every time I see Zionist people attending memorials for the holocaust victims I feel like vomiting”. (21/1/09)With “Hidden Treasure” submitting “I just love how zionists preach the YOU HATE rubbish.. REAL jews are against israel and walk with the exact same flags and flags of israel that have

red x's on them.. SO what do you call them anti jewish too??. Your spew does not bother me. As I Said and others know for a fact.. I have no probs with jewish people. The isralie flag represents nothing but terrorisim. The only reason it's around is because zionists have slaughtered the real peope of that land the PALESTINIANS!! But all is good! See Allah will deal with the zionists.. He sees knows all. You will not be able to escape from Allah on the day of judgment! Your avatar was not a symbol of religion but a symbol of hate towards the people who's land is being stolen by murder.. Who's babies are lying on the street with bullet wounds.. Typical zionists go for the you HATE straight away.. It's all about trying to gain sympathy.. Thats the only way zionists get what they want... Just u wait and see until the day where you will be walking with no shade and you will be burning hot while those beautiful palestinian children who your people have mass murdered look at all zionists and will have the last laugh INSH"ALLAH. So say what you want.. Really doesn't bother me.. The admins know my exact intention.. And most important of all.. Allah knows my intention. Your you have jews is so old..... And boring.so what do you think of them? “The blue star hence YOUR ZIONIST FLAG OF ISRAEL is a ZIONIST symbol.. Not a jewish one!... REAL JEWS CANNOT STAND THE FLAG OF ISRAEL! THEY PROTEST AGAINST IT..The holocaust happened to the REAL JEWS try not to use such an event to gain sympathy... Zionists really like to use whatever they can for sympathy.... It wont works with ALLAH! Zionists are using that event as an excuse to kill palestinians and steal their land.. Zionists are not real jews.... They are just people trying to use judaisim and what happened to jews to get ahead.Was it not rothschild who funded hitler and rothschild who own a large portion of israel today??.” (23/1/09); “Randwiggend” added “I would not compare the Israelis to the Nazis - I think the Israelis are much more cruel - maybe they should have learnt from the experience of some of their people - but the same thing that they cry about, they inflict.haha... you are very honest.. Most Jews try to pretend that goy means something normal - but you just associated it with dirt..” (24/1/09); “Ibn Tarek” then wrote “ideologically, zionists and nazis have parallels. both would be peaceful ideologies if only their kind lived in their space. because others inhabit those spaces (Nazi - Jews, homos, gypsies, communists, etc ; Zionists - non-Jews), then they become oppressive, racist and murderous. Some zionists do allow a minority to be present as long as they have no significant say in the running of the state or affairs, although in many cases they engage in ethnic cleansing, and the most staunch zionists would like to eradicate all others.” (24/1/09)

- “The Arrivals – The Dajjal Is Near” in which “Hidden Treasure” wrote “It really opens your eyes as to why those evil zionists are slaughtering our brothers and sisters in palestine.” (29/1/09) and “Bint Halal” wrote “Watch the videos and you will see (visually with your eyes) how the Freemasons/Zionists are preparing for the Dajjal to come out in power.” (30/1/09)

Over a number of years, there has been a cross-pollination of ideology and material between some sections of the Australian Muslim community and the extreme right wing political organisations. Racist groups such as the Australian League of Rights have hosted speakers such as Keysar Trad of the Islamic Friendship Association, due to the perception that Jews and/or Israel is a common, serious enemy. In 2007, The Sydney Forum, arguably the most significant annual gathering of the Australian far right, featured as a speaker anti-Israel, left-wing polemicist Rihab Charida, who spoke in the company of a number of anti-multicultural extreme right wingers, on the subject of Middle East politics, prior to becoming the Australian correspondent for Iran’s notorious Press TV

Another link between the far-right and Muslim Australians was evident when the website Gold Coast Muslims posted antisemitic material circulated by David Duke, which included the claim that “Talmudic prophecies” were behind the establishment of Israel, in the midst of general disinformation about Israel.

It must be emphasised that the Jewish and Islamic communities in Australia enjoy a generally positive relationship and there is little evidence that anti-Jewish sentiment is widespread. At the public, leadership level, Muslim and Jewish Australians regularly meet, and promote understanding and tolerance. Joint declarations supplement stand-alone condemnations of racism and discrimination. Even in times of high tension, such as in the wake of comments by a lecturer in Australia as a guest of Jewish organisations, that Muslim migration be selectively capped, the overall relationship remained positive.

The Muslim community includes individuals active in opposing antisemitism, in one or more of its manifestations. While some organisations, such as the followers of the Gulen movement, devote energy and resources to interfaith dialogue, others are involved in educating other Muslims about antisemitism. A good example in the period in review was the following “On the web-log Austrolabe, which hosts debates about public affairs matters, a posting “The Truth about the Truth about the Talmud”, in August, addressed one stream of antisemitism in discourse amongst Muslims. It began with the quotation “The Jews are called human beings, but the non-Jews are not humans. They are beasts.” and continued “Heard that before? According to numerous websites, including this Australian Islamic website, it’s from the Jewish holy book. It forms part of a collection of quotes, reportedly sourced from Jewish religious texts, that are supposed to show a Jewish contempt for non-Jewish life. Needless to say, these quotes have been given a good airing in recent weeks on mailing lists and other forums as some sought to explain the Israeli attack on Lebanon by referencing Jewish sacred texts and associated exegesis. The problem, of course, is that whilst the quote makes a compelling caption for some anti-Israeli posters, it doesn’t exist in the text to which it is referenced. As British blogger Kashif discovers: ‘I started off with this quote, according to the article, found in Baba Mezia 114b. “The Jews are called human beings, but the non-Jews are not humans. They are beasts.” Hmm... i thought, i can’t find that anywhere here. Nevermind, could be a simple mistake; onto the next one: “Sexual intercourse between Gentiles is like intercourse between animals” in Sanhedrin 74b. Again searching through the text, i found nothing that even remotely sounded like the above.’ Kashif points to an interesting quote-by-quote discussion of the document which is worth reading. It seems that all of these supposed quotes are fabricated, mistranslated or taken grossly out of context. The irony is that these are the very things that Muslims – quite rightly – complain about. Particularly in discussion of issues such as jihad, the marriage of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) to Aisha, the status of non-Muslims under Islamic law, or *al-wala’ wa’l bara’*, it is not uncommon for those with an axe to grind to take verses of the Qu’ran or hadith out of context or apply to them a meaning that does not exist in the classical texts. In discussing other religions, we should make sure that we apply the same standards that we would expect others to apply to our own faith. As Kashif reminds us: The embarrassment was compounded afterwards when i realised that you could find this article on Muslim sites. Where is the research from Muslims before sticking this stuff online? Verifying the authenticity of what we communicate to others is not only part of our religious heritage (the isnad/chain of narration) but it is also a command from Allah: “O you who believe! if an evil-doer comes to you with a report, look carefully into it, lest you harm a people in ignorance, then be sorry for what you have done.” al-Qur’an 49:6.”

## 4.6 The Left

During the period in review, in Australia and internationally, there has been considerable discussion on the presence and significance of antisemitism in the political left. For a number of years, extreme anti-Israel propaganda, including many pieces disputing Israel's right to exist and blaming "Zionists" for many world problems, have been produced by left-wing groups, who have sometimes aligned themselves with anti-progressive, racist groups to further anti-Israel agendas. A number of commentators have begun to note the reality of antisemitism in left-wing circles, a reality denied by many self-described left-wingers for many years.

The centrality of anti-American and anti-Israeli grand theories for a number of different left-wing groups has resulted in an unseemly tolerance of anti-Jewish activity. This manifests itself in a number of ways, including promotion of discriminatory academic and cultural boycotts, promoting material by antisemites who adopt anti-Zionist language, singling out Jews for harassment, justifying anti-Jewish terrorism, actively collaborating with individuals and groups which have demonstrated themselves to be antisemitic and failing to seriously address manifestations of anti-Jewish prejudice.

It has become commonplace for some in the political left to claim that charges of antisemitism are used to restrict debate on Israel. In most cases, the complained of charge had not been levelled, as supporters of Israel are perfectly capable of arguing on the basis of facts. On the rare occasions when the charge is levelled, it is done so cautiously and only when it appears the only or a significant contributing cause and/or result of the behaviour in question.

It is also significant that playwrights, authors and other cultural personalities who would be censured by the left for racism in most circumstances are very often excused from racism when Israelis and/or Jews are the subject of the offence.

Phillip Mendes, a Melbourne academic, has written a number of papers on the Left and Antisemitism in recent years. Mendes noted the following in his presentation to the conference "Antisemitism in the Contemporary world", held at Monash University in Melbourne in February 2005:

"Many Left critics of Israel [have...] their own fallacy: that Israeli actions are directly creating anti-Semitism. This analysis has two fundamental flaws: it makes no distinctions between particular Israeli government actions and the Israeli people, and hence appears to legitimize the ethnic stereotyping of all Israelis or all Jews whatever their political perspectives; and it has the potential to blame the Jewish victims of racism, rather than targeting the perpetrators. In contrast, I would argue that Jewish solidarity with Israel as a nation state does not make Jews everywhere responsible for all Israeli actions anymore than all Americans should be held responsible for the Iraq War, or all Australians should be held responsible for John Howard's policies towards asylum seekers. And we need to remember that only anti-Semites are responsible for anti-Semitism."

In addition, Mendes has identified a phenomenon which he calls "anti-Zionist fundamentalism" and which some other writers have labelled a form of "eliminationist anti-Semitism", arguing that in this ideology "anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism undoubtedly converge". He argues

“This perspective, held mainly but no longer exclusively by the far Left sects, regards Israel as a racist and colonialist state which has no right to exist. Adherents hold to a viewpoint opposing Israel’s existence specifically and Jewish national rights more broadly which is beyond rational debate, and unconnected to contemporary or historical reality.

Israelis and their Jewish supporters are depicted as inherently evil oppressors by the simple process of denying the historical link between the Jewish experience of oppression in both Europe and the Middle East and the creation of Israel. Conversely, Palestinians are depicted as intrinsically innocent victims. In place of the fundamental and objective centrality of the State of Israel to contemporary Jewish identity, anti-Zionist fundamentalists portray Israel as a mere political construct, and utilize ethnic stereotyping of all Israelis and all Jewish supporters of Israel in order to justify their claims.

The purpose of negating the reality of Israel’s existence is to overcome the ideological barrier posed by the Left’s historical opposition to racism. Any objective analysis of the Middle East would have to accept that Israel could only be destroyed by a war of partial or total genocide which would inevitably produce millions of Israeli Jewish refugees, and have a catastrophically traumatic effect on almost all Jews outside Israel. But advocacy of genocide means endorsing the most virulent form of racism imaginable. So instead anti-Zionist fundamentalists construct a subjective fantasy world in which Israel is detached from its specifically Jewish roots, and then miraculously destroyed by remote control free of any violence or bloodshed under the banner of anti-racism. And of course the perpetrators cannot reasonably be accused of anti-Semitism because they deny holding any prejudices towards Jews. Problem solved.”

Mendes argues that “Anti-Zionist fundamentalism typically incorporates a number of manifestations including:

- A pathological and obsessive hatred and demonisation of Israel unrelated to the actual actions and reality of that State. For example, claims that Israel is the world’s worst human rights abuser, or that Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians. Conversely, examples of Palestinian extremism such as suicide bombings and calls for the military elimination of Israel are either denied, or alternatively approved as a rational response to Israeli policies; Proposals for academic and other boycotts of Israel based on the ethnic stereotyping of all Israelis. The aim of such caricatures is to impose pariah status on the whole Israeli nation. These campaigns have resulted in a number of examples of discrimination against Israeli scholars and researchers in British academic institutions;

- The extension of the denunciation of all Jewish Israelis to all Jews – Zionist or otherwise – who are supportive of Israel’s existence, whatever their actual ideological and political position on solutions to the conflict. For example, John Docker, one of the key Australian proponents of an academic boycott of Israel, has attacked all Jews who support Israel. According to Docker, “The Australian Jewish community lies in moral ruins”. Australian Jewish leaders and intellectuals have “disgraced” themselves, have engaged in “written and verbal abuse, misrepresentation, insult and slander”, and have lost their “honor and dignity” due to their “implicit support...for the past and continuing genocidal assault on the indigenous peoples of Palestine”. Elsewhere, Docker has accused Diaspora Jews of condoning war crimes and mass murder, whilst his son Ned Curthoys argues that left-wing Jews who defend Israel’s right to exist should effectively be excluded from progressive



political discourse. A Canadian academic Michael Neumann is even harsher, accusing Jews of “complicity in Israeli crimes against humanity” no different to the complicity of Germans in Nazi war crimes.

- Stereotypical descriptions of Jewish behaviour, and attacks on alleged Jewish wealth and influence. Conspiracy theorists accuse Jews of controlling western governments, banks and the media, and of responsibility for the US-led war in Iraq. For example, Labor backbencher Julia Irwin accused Jewish lobbyists of using their financial clout to impose pro-Israel policies on the ALP. According to Irwin, “Political influence requires the currency of ideas, not cash. Labor cannot be bought”. Similarly during the Hanan Ashrawi Affair, a number of commentators accused the Jewish community of exerting undue financial and political influence.

- Deliberate attempts are made to diminish and trivialize the extent of Jewish suffering in the Holocaust by comparing Jews with Nazis. For example, numerous critics have equated the Star of David with the swastika, Prime Minister Sharon with Hitler, claimed that the Israeli army is the equivalent of the Nazi SS, and argued that the assault on the Jenin refugee camp was reminiscent of the Nazi assault on the Warsaw Ghetto. Some Left commentators go even further and allege that Zionist Jews collaborated with the Nazis to perpetrate the Holocaust in an attempt to shift the blame or responsibility for the Holocaust from the Nazi perpetrators to the Jewish victims, or in some cases endorse overt Holocaust denial. “

Within what is broadly defined as the left, a number of small political groups which describe themselves as communist, socialist or anarchist have been part of the Australian political landscape for many years. Although the groups often appear indistinguishable to outsiders, their differences and rivalries are often circulated with passion. Amongst a number of the groups, evidence of ideological purity is very important, with accusations of pragmatism levelled at opponents as a means of denigrating their activities.

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#### **14 . John Brumby: Jewish lobby puppet**

*Greg Barns writes:*

*Would Victorian Premier John Brumby refuse to meet a senior Chinese government official if the Tibet lobby asked him not to? Of course not. So how come when members of the Jewish lobby once again play bully boy and demand that Mr Brumby not meet with the only Iranian leader to defend Jews, Sayed Khatami, does Mr Brumby meekly accede to their request?*

*Mr Brumby looks a fool -- a puppet of a powerful lobby group and someone not capable of standing up to their incessant demands that only those people they approve of be allowed to meet with political leaders.*

*Mind you, if Mr Brumby thinks he's making some sort of international statement by his refusal to meet former President Khatami he's deluded. "John who?" and "where's Victoria?" would be the response in Tehran and Washington, one imagines.*

*Mr Brumby is made to look even more foolish when one considers that Khatami will be the guest speaker at a lunch next Friday organized by the Australian Institute of International Affairs, an old venerable and mainstream organisation not given to hosting people whose views are beyond the bounds of civilised dialogue. Khatami will also be going to Canberra for a day to meet with political figures, although one can imagine that Foreign Minister Stephen Smith and his Shadow Julie Bishop will be subjected to relentless arm twisting by the Jewish lobby not to meet with Khatami.*

*Perhaps Mr Brumby is not aware that the world changed after George W Bush left office. Talking to Iranian political figures, particularly figures like Khatami who battled against hardliners during his eight years as President from 1997 to 2005, is now okay. A quick scan through back copies of The Economist, one of the most reliable reporters on Iran over many years, gives one a sense of just how brave Khatami was in taking on the mullahs who blocked his every move. It should also be remembered that Khatami was instrumental in back channel discussions with Israel and in a celebrated remark, reported by the BBC on 14 June 1999, Khatami spoke of Jews being safe in Iran.*

*The Jewish lobby in Australia has every right to campaign for its issues. But it is guilty of curtailing freedom of speech on this and many other occasions -- behaving in exactly the same way that the apartheid era regimes of South Africa did when it came to demonising and blackening the name of persons with views that challenged their own narrow view of the world.*

*Why does the organised Jewish lobby in Australia have such a disproportionate influence on politicians like John Brumby? The cause for which it fights -- Israel -- is a controversial one, given that nation's serial abuse of the human rights of its Palestinian neighbours. Yet no other ethnic or nationalist based movement in Australia comes near the Jewish establishment when it comes to being able to seduce political leaders. It is time to question whether this is a healthy state of affairs in a democracy like ours. (Crikey 19/3/09)*

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The groups in this part of the political spectrum share with the far-right a vigorous opposition to the "establishment" and what they perceive to be those with power. Anti-Americanism and contempt for liberal democracies is marked by conspiracy theories and by simplistic divisions of political forces into friends and enemies.

Although there are some differences in the approach to Israel taken by these groups, the general attitude is that Israel is clearly in the camp of their enemies and is therefore a fair target for abuse, delegitimation and defamation.

Some far-left groups have made common cause with extreme anti-Israel Islamist groups, which promote social and economic agendas which would logically be repugnant to social progressives. Even more common is the drawing of precise analogies between Israel and Nazi Germany. Many of the small far-left groups publish newspapers or magazines, which generally follow limited political agendas and include extreme, maximalist anti-Israel material. For example:

\* World Socialist Web Site (31/12/08) carried a report of an anti-Israel rally in Melbourne, with a summary of comments by protesters, including "Imad, a real estate agent, explained why he was attending the protest. "We all came to express our feeling for the Palestinian people in Gaza," he said. "No human on earth should just sit and watch the TV now... The people in Gaza have not been allowed to move in or out for more than two years. They have been blocked in like the Berlin Wall or like what Hitler did to the Jewish people in the concentration camps. Israel now calls this self-defence! What kind of self-defence is this, to massacre innocent people? The role of the media has been miserable. The media is lying about this claim of self-defence – self-defence against people who cannot even find enough bread to eat! Just like they lied about Iraq when they said that there were weapons of mass destruction there."

## **A willing ally to Hamas's hatred**

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25715206-7583,00.html>

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THE Green Left Weekly is probably Australia's best-known radical-left newspaper. While nominally independent, it is affiliated with the Socialist Alliance party and its youth movement Resistance! Like most radical socialist groups, it invariably aligns with the anti-Israel movement.

For some time it has been apparent that an unholy alliance is growing between extreme left-wing groups and Arab and Islamic extremists, despite completely different visions for society. This alliance has been on show in much of the anti-war movement in Britain and other places.

For instance, Britain's "Respect" party is basically an alliance of radical Muslims and old hard-line Marxists such as former Labour MP George Galloway. Galloway was pro-Saddam Hussein before the 2003 Iraq war. Today, he works for the Iranian government mouthpiece television station, Press TV.

But what isn't widely known is that the Green Left Weekly is openly promoting extremism among Arabic speakers in Australia through a monthly Arabic-language insert called the Flame. This support is not limited to Green Left Weekly's own far-left agenda. It supports terrorist groups and promotes violence as the solution to the existence of the "Zionist state."

You would think GLW's declared pursuit of the advancement of "anti-racist, feminist, student, trade union, environment, gay and lesbian, civil liberties" would rule out the promotion of radical Islamist groups such as Hamas, which are deeply hostile to all the above.

Yet alongside content promoting the PFLP, a tiny left-wing and currently marginal Palestinian terror group, Hamas is also promoted by GLW as a positive model of "resistance"; that is to say, terrorism. Those killed as a result of the violence Hamas sparks are "martyrs", terminology Flame shares with Hamas. Further, the terminology of the Flame is openly hostile to the more moderate governments of the region and repeatedly demands all-out war on the "Zionist entity".

The January edition of the Flame was devoted to the conflict in Gaza. The cover page is a compilation of statements from various communist parties in the Arab world. Predictably, the communiqués incited its Arabic readers with imagery of "slaughter," and a "waterfall of Palestinian blood washing the streets". More surprisingly, there are implicit calls for other Arab states to expand the Gaza war.

In "Hunt of a people", the paper refers to the 1982 Lebanon war, indignant "Arab capitals stood watching, exactly as is happening now."

The paper targets American-allied Arab governments for their moderation in the war, which it terms "collusion". The front-page article from the Iraqi Communist Party rebukes the Saudi government, Egypt, and the Palestinian Authority, which it disparagingly dubs the "Oslo Authority". The Mubarak government is condemned for being "a loyal accomplice to Israel and the Oslo Authority in their attempt to shut Hamas out". It also accuses the Saudi monarchy of having covert dealings with "the Zionists" stretching back decades. Any non-violent interaction with Israel, whether actual or imagined, is scorned.

In the March edition the Flame was aghast at Egypt for co-operating with the US against Hamas. Its expose was titled "Egypt uses American soldiers to prevent weapons smuggling to the resistance!" In the Arabic, "the resistance" is euphemism for terrorist violence and for Hamas itself.

Another article, "A return to principles is necessary after the Israeli aggression", is more virulent. An illustration shows a Palestinian imprisoned behind barbed wire shaped as a partial Jewish star. The article condemns those calling the Gaza war a victory for the "resistance", given the large proportion of "martyrs" from the Palestinian people in comparison to the "slim" number killed among "soldiers of the Israeli occupation army". The rest of the article is critical of the Palestinian factions for their internecine fight.

It criticises Hamas for abandoning its traditional position as the "resistance" against "the enemy" to fight the PA and calls for a "united Palestinian resistance" which will "return the benefit to the

Palestinian people". It is clear that this unity will not negotiate peace with Israel, with the paper stating "this unity in battle must not fall into the trap of dialogue that the decrepit Arab regimes of the region are producing." The Flame defines Israel as "the enemy" and demands violent "resistance" while pouring scorn on negotiations or dialogue, It praises the assassination of a "Zionist minister" as "courageous."

The radical anti-Israel stance of Green Left Weekly is no secret. However, the message it pitches to the Arabic-speaking community of Australia is far more inflammatory. Unbeknown to its English readers, it supports terrorist groups such as Hamas whose goal is to create a state where there would be no place for the gays, lesbians, feminists and trade unionists who read the English-language edition of the paper.

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\* Green Left Weekly published a feature "Israel – an apartheid state" by Tony Iltis, which claimed Israel was founded on "ethnic cleansing", "The largest ghetto was created in 2005 when Israel withdrew its settlers and soldiers from the Gaza Strip, while retaining total control of airspace, coastal waters and the entry or exit of goods and people."; "Western politicians and media routinely accuse Hamas of denying the Nazi Holocaust took place. This lie actually obscures the lessons Hamas have drawn from that tragedy. In an April 17 Washington Post article, Mahmoud al-Zaher, Hamas negotiator and health minister, said: "Resistance remains our only option. Sixty-five years ago, the courageous Jews of the Warsaw ghetto rose in defense of their people. We Gazans, living in the world's largest open-air prison, can do no less." This is hardly Holocaust denial. Zaher's argument was partly directed at collaborationist Palestinian leaders. While the Warsaw Ghetto fighters – who had to deal with Jewish collaborators as well as the Nazis – suffered appalling casualties, their survival rate was higher than those who did not resist. It is a doomed strategy to seek to collaborate with those who see you as "sub-human exterminable filth", to use the Nazis' term." and concluding "The global solidarity movement needs to demand an end to apartheid and support the creation of a democratic, secular, multicultural state that belongs to all its people – where no one religion subjugates all others." (6/1/09).

\* Green Left Weekly published an article by John Pilger "Holocaust denied" which portrayed the entire span of Israel's modern history as equivalent to the build-up to the Nazi genocide, and quoting approvingly a woman speaking about "the Holocaust we are all witnessing and responsible for in Gaza today". (21/1/09).

\* In an article on Sri Lanka, Tony Iltis wrote that events there were "a grim reminder that the Israeli assault on the Gaza ghetto is not the only holocaust at the start of the new year." (Green Left Weekly 21/1/09).

\* The Australasian Spartacist (January 2009) headed their feature article "Zionist Means Murder".

\* Green Left Weekly featured a cartoon by Latuff depicting Israelis as butchers deliberately murdering Palestinians. (28/1/09).

\* The Democratic Socialist Perspective, which describes itself as "a Marxist Tendency in the Socialist Alliance", published a call for Australia to end "economic, diplomatic, military and cultural ties with the Israeli apartheid state" and circulated posters "Stop the Holocaust in Gaza!". (8/1/09).

By far the most prominent disseminator of claims Jews have disproportionate power and act inimicably to the interests of societies in which they live has been self-declared “Independent Jew” Anthony Loewenstein. Loewenstein:

- \* posted on his blog an item “The modern descendants of Hitler”, where he alleged “settler Nazis continue to cause chaos”, with the “Nazi” behaviour being the daubing of graffiti on vehicles. (29/11/08).

- \* titled an article on Gaza “The Holocaust victims learn nothing”. (28/12/08).

- \* published a blog entry titled “The secret hand enters once again” led to a series of extreme anti-Israel postings, many which claimed that antisemitism was a cry used by Jews to deflect criticism of Israel. “ej” wrote “I find the Leibler piece in today’s Age the work of a depraved individual, a pathological liar and an inveterate defender of ethnic cleansing. Do I get an immediate personal entrée to the Age editor to vent my outrage and have the offending Leibler shit (the same parroted shit that emanates permanently from Israel’s most prominent mouthpiece in Australia and is given carte blanche access to all Australian ‘respectable’ media) removed from all outlets of the Age? Don’t mention the Occupation.” (21/1/09) and “Syd Walker” wrote “In the Backman case, for instance, the Zionists’ goal, at least in part, is probably to damage his reputation, business and/or career so he shuts up – and others take note of what they too might risk. A reasonable response is to counter-promote him! Give free ads on our websites for his gallery and books. Show that two can play the money game – and that attempts to isolate and persecute someone’s career can backfire! Incidentally, the best essay I’ve seen on Zionist harrassment is ‘Carter and the Swarm’ by Israel Shamir – see <http://www.israelshamir.net/English/Eng9.htm>”. (22/1/09).

- \* published an article in his blog which claimed “destruction is a Jewish trait” (9/4/09). He then published a comment signed “ej”: “and people are surprised when the Star of Israel is equated with the swastika”. (9/4/09).

- \* In an attack on a Jewish anti-racist activist for being allegedly only concerned with antisemitism, on his blog called Israel “the Holy State” which engaged in “ethnic cleansing”. (23/4/09).

- \* asserted the Toben prosecution was the result of “the Jewish victim complex” . (18/5/09) Writing on the sentence given to Fredrick Toben for Contempt of Court, Antony Loewenstein headed his article “Hating Palestinians is just fine”, while quoting “Independent Australian Jewish Voices”’s blogger Michael Brull who compared Toben’s “morally outrageous” racism to the writings of Socrates (4/6/09). Brull had earlier defended and applauded critics of Israel who used the term “Judeo-Nazis” to criticise Israel, on the Crikey website. (17/4/09).

- \* On his blog, published an item from “Marilyn” which said “I don’t have the foggiest notion why Australian politicians allow Israel and Australian jews to colour our view of the world. Israel is not a state, never has been and never will be. Palestine is the country that was stolen with the blessing of racist fools in the UN who knew nothing about the place and supposedly given to the jews escaping nazi Germany. Except in 1948 the European jews were perfectly safe and in the care of the UN, US, Uk and other allied nations while between

9 and 13.7 million Germans were being murdered and ethnically cleansed from Europe to Berlin where they lived in the most abject level of starvation and terror.” (18/5/09).

\* In an effort to belittle the writings of Australian philosopher Raymond Gaita, he wrote an article on his blog “Australian thinker mentions Holocaust again”, wrongly claiming Gaita was “Jewish” and “like so many of them, he expresses profound ignorance, bigotry and intolerance . . .” and “Trust is forgotten when it comes to backing the Jewish state”. (23/7/09). In the highly moderated comments section. Loewenstein published a submission from “Marilyn” including “Perhaps Gaita doesn’t understand that the whole Jewish claim to Palestine is a myth, that Solomon and David were not real, the passover did not happen and the exile by the Romans is a fairy tale. I want to know how Australia would have reacted to the viciousness of the jewish squatters if Herzl had managed to set up this bogus jewish homeland in WA as he wanted to? Or in Brazil?”



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A number of other individuals identified with the political left made intellectually and racially/religiously offensive comments on matters of concern to the Jewish community. These included:

Guy Rundle, writing in Crikey, supported the use of Nazi analogies in criticising Israel (15/4/09) and later claimed Israel's "settlements" were a reason to label Israel as Genocidal. (21/4/09).

Liam Byrne, an officer of the National Union of Students, resigned from the broad coalition of anti-racist Students Against Racism and Hatred (SARAH) due to the involvement in it of Jewish students sympathetic to Israel. (GLW 1/3/09).

Self-described "revolutionary" John Passant published a blog post "The Warsaw Ghetto uprising – it is right to fight back", making an analogy between the fascist Hamas movement and Ghetto-fighters, and Israel with Nazi Germany. (4/1/09).

In an article published on the 'Mondo Weiss' blog, Glenn Condell of Australia claimed "So our public space, populated by people of Mr Hartcher's calibre and patrolled by people of Ms Weisser and Mr Ticher's obviously biased mindset (their predecessors Peter Switzer and Miranda Harman also appear to be of Jewish descent, as if this were a prerequisite for any opinion editor in Australia's two major broadsheets), is a generally antiseptic, truth-free zone so far as Israel is concerned. One of my netmates here who used to work as a journo at the Herald (Phil is acquainted with him) tells me he's been told by former colleagues that the board is under intense Lobby pressure to rein in the 'pro-Palestinian' newsroom. Melbourne is even worse. The Age (a Fairfax stablemate of the Herald) has just had another bout of Zio-pressure which has left the staff there reeling:". When asked why it was relevant, he wrote "From my standpoint, it is worrying that the op-editors and letters svengalis in the key posts here appear to be Jewish, as were their predecessors. I really do feel this fact is not entirely unrelated to the sort of bullying I describe. All I want is what we call here a 'fair go' and it's absence doesn't just upset me, it genuinely worries me." (26/1/09).

New Matilda (30/3/09) carried a post from regular contributor to anti-Israel blogs Marilyn Shepherd which included "I get tired of jewish this and jewish that. All of it. Let's get some facts on the table."; "It is pretty fair to say that historians have shown that 6 million jews did not die in the "holocaust", maybe 1 or 2 million among 70 million other people."; and "In the 21st century how about jews stop claiming to be jews against this and against that and just be humans against injustice because no-one give a fucking rats arse if you are jews". Marilyn Shepherd posted on the New Matilda website "it is pretty fair to say that historians have shown that 6 million Jews did not die in the 'holocaust', maybe 1 or 2 million among 70 million other people" (reported by J.F. Beck, on RWDB blog, 8/4/09). \* Marilyn Shepherd was published on Antony Loewenstein's moderated blog writing "Finkelsteins book "The Holocaust Industry" and Giles MacDonogh's "After the Reich" make it clear that nowhere near 6 million jews were killed and in fact MacDonogh points out time and time again that most of the victims were common criminals or Polish catholics. He also points out that 65% of jews escaped before the death camps ever got started. Over it. The world is over it." (9/2/09).

\* Writing in Crikey, Greg Barnes attacked "the Jewish lobby" because the Premier of Victoria did not meet a former President of Iran, in an article "John Brumby: Jewish Puppet". (19/3/09). In comments, "Greg Angelo" wrote "The sensitivity of the Zionist lobby seems to be confined to the excesses of others and the genocidal policies of the Zionists in the pursuit of their own lebensraum seems to escape criticism." (19/3/09).



\* Posting on an internet discussion forum (RWDB – J.F. Beck” in response to criticism of anti-Zionist Antony Loewenstein, Damian Lataan claimed “the Zionazis have turned [Gaza] into a ghetto akin to the Warsaw Ghetto of WW2” (9/8) in a number of postings which used that term. On RWDB site, Damian Lataan attacked “Zionazis” he claimed were intent on “genocide”. (2/9/09).

An individual of concern who maintains a blog, contributes to other blogs and has been published in the fringe left-wing press is Gideon Polya. In his “MWC News” Polya claimed “These sacred injunctions from the WW2 holocausts of “zero tolerance for racism”, “never again to anyone” and “bear witness” are grossly violated by the anti-Arab anti-Semitic Zionist fanatics running Apartheid Israel and their genocidal, anti-Arab, anti-Semitic, war-mongering, Bush-ite, neo-Bush-ite and neo-con supporters (excess deaths in the 1990-2009 Bush Wars now total 9-11 million, mostly women and children; see “9-11 Excuse for US Global Genocide. The real 9-11 atrocity: Millions (9-11 million) Dead in Bush Wars”).” (12/11/08). In a letter in New Matilda, Gideon Polya wrote “We are ALL Palestinian (see “We are all Palestinian. Apartheid Israel’s Gaza Concentration Camp & Palestinian Genocide” <http://mwcnews.net/content/view/19915/42>) and ALL decent people must adhere to the sacred messages from the Jewish Holocaust of “Zero tolerance for racism”, “never again anyone” and “bear witness”. Yet in Australia we live under Zionist-promoted anti-Terrorism laws that potentially proscribe up to life imprisonment for a Muslim (or indeed anyone) who gives a donation to a direly deprived Gaza hospital – because the Lib-Labs view the overwhelmingly democratically-elected Hamas who control such hospitals in the Gaza Concentration Camp as “terrorists” (see “Australian Anti-Terrorism Act 2005”: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wik/Australian Anti-Terrorism Act 2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wik/Australian_Anti-Terrorism_Act_2005)).” (27/11/08). On MWC News, Gideon Polya wrote “Should the Israeli air force make rocket strikes on Tel Aviv apartments or suburbs in which Israeli-effected homicides occur? Yet such dispassionate analysis is resolutely IGNORED by the racist, anti-Arab anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, holocaust-ignoring Mainstream media of the Western Murdochracies who, at best, put the overwhelmingly democratically-elected Hamas administration of the Gaza Concentration Camp on the same moral footing as Apartheid Israel that polices its Gaza Concentration Camp using air force bombing employing state-of-the-art US aircraft and US bombs. Even the German Nazis in Nazi-occupied Europe (1939-1945; 30 million Slav, Jewish and Roma Dead) or the British during the Kenyan Holocaust (1952-1960; over 1 million Kenyan deaths) declined to police their concentration camps using tanks and aircraft. Even Apartheid South Africa (except for the police shootings in the Sharpeville Massacre) stopped short of this Israeli level of barbarity in administering its Bantustan Concentration Camps. Another way of seeing racist, genocidal Apartheid Israeli perfidy is by assessing population changes in Palestine since the racist, Zionist colonial invasion, occupation and genocide proposal got going in the late 19th century. Thus, according to a demographic analysis “Population of Ottoman and Mandate Palestine”, there were only about 25,000 Jews as compared to 450,000 Arabs in Palestine in 1880 and even by 1946 the Jews represented only 1/3 of the Mandate Palestine population”. (29/12/08). On Countercurrents.org, a colleague, Ghali Hassan wrote “The ongoing massacre of innocent Palestinian civilians is not the first Jewish-perpetuated massacre and certainly won’t be the last. Israel follows a Nazi-like racist policy based on physical extermination and ethnic cleansing of the native Palestinian population. Like Nazi Germany, Jewish Israel should be condemned, forced to renounce terrorism and end the occupation of Palestinian lands. The deliberate murder of innocent Palestinians is a classic act of Jewish State terrorism. There is no terrorism like the State of Israel terrorism. It remains to be seen if the world community needs a third world war to stop Jewish State



terrorism.” (31/12/08). Gideon Polya posted an article on “Counter Currents.org” in which an attack on Winston Churchill became the pretext for attacking Zionism, including “The fundamental messages from the Nazi German Jewish Holocaust ) (5-6 million dead, 1 in 6 dying from deprivation) and the contemporaneous but “forgotten” (and when mentioned mostly “excused”) British Bengali Holocaust (6—7 million dead) are “zero tolerance for racism”, never again to anyone” and “bear witness”. Yet in the last few weeks, as of Day 23 the racist Zionists (RZs) running Apartheid Israel have killed 1,310 Gazan inmates of the Israeli Gaza Concentration Camp as reprisals for zero (0) Israelis killed by rockets from brutally and murderously blockaded Gaza in the previous year – a reprisals “death ratio” of  $1,310/0 = \text{infinity}$ . Occupied Palestinian violent and non-violent excess deaths since September 2000 total about 6,100 and 35,400, respectively, as compared to 1,185 Israeli deaths (see “Palestinian-Israeli death ratios. Nazi-style Israeli Gaza war-crimes” on MWC News). UK, US, White Australian and Israeli state terrorism against the non-European and Muslim world will simply continue as long as the deadly consequences of these present and past imperialist excesses are simply ignored by Mainstream media, academics and politicians in the Western Murdochcracies. The REALITY behind this Zionist-Bush-ite “terror hysteria” big lie is astounding: 7,000 Westerners killed by Muslim-origin non-state terrorists in 40 years (including Israelis and assuming, against substantial evidence to the contrary, no US or Israeli involvement in the 9/11 atrocity) versus 9-11 million violent and non-violent avoidable deaths associated so far with the Bush Wars, 1990-2009.” (23/1/09). Gideon Polya on “Countercurrents.org” wrote “The Gaza Strip is a self-governing Apartheid Israeli Concentration Camp ruled by the Hamas Government which won 76 out of 132 seats in the Occupied Palestinian Parliamentary elections held under Israeli guns in 2006. The Israelis responded by killing or arresting as many Hamas MPs as they could find , the remainder fleeing to Gaza. In 2006, and then again in 2008-2009, the Apartheid Israelis devastated what the Catholic Church describes as the Gaza Concentration Camp. In the 2008-2009 Gaza Massacre Apartheid Israel killed 1,400 Gazans (40% of them children) and severely wounded 5,450 (60% of them children) in reprisals for zero (0) Israeli deaths from Gaza missiles in the preceding year.” in an article based on “Now a team of pro-war, pro-coal, pro-Zionist, right-wing Apartheid Australian politicians from both major political parties and led by Australian Deputy PM Julia Gillard, is visiting Apartheid Israel with attendant expressions of “mutual admiration” between Apartheid Australia and Apartheid Israel . .” (29/6/09). Using fabricated statistics, Gideon Polya claimed that Australia is “complicit” in “genocides” worse than Nazism, including “Palestinian Genocide”. (Green Left Weekly 29/8/09).

#### 4.7 Churches

The history of the relationship of Judaism and Christianity over 2,000 years should be a compelling reason for representatives of Churches to exercise care in pronouncements concerning Jews, Judaism and Israel.

In some areas, there is residual supercessionism which leads to derogatory references to the Jewish religion. Anti-Jewish imagery in the Christian Testament is invoked, not always maliciously, as part of the language of some Churches. Religious visions for the Land which was the setting for the development of both Judaism and early Christianity can lead to confusion between legitimate or unambiguously political commentary and negative and irrational depictions of the role of Jews and Judaism.

In November, Pastor Kevin Harris of the Illawarra Community Baptist Church was reported to have made comments to the effect that Jews “are a cancer” because they had not embraced Jesus, and would subsequently suffer a fate “worse than the Holocaust”, in a meeting with a Jewish community leader. The Baptist Union issued a statement noting that the pastor was not part of the B.U. and Pastor Harris issued a clarification to the effect that he had not meant to imply Jews were a cancer, but that they “have a cancer because they do not accept Jesus” and their fate was the same as that “of all sinners”.

The way in which Church representatives discuss Israel and Middle East issues from time to time is a cause of considerable concern. The rhetoric emanating from Sabeel in Jerusalem, which has included supercessionist language and tendentious discussions of what is happening in Israel and between Israel and its neighbours, has echoes in Australian Church debate. Other Church leaders adopt broadly Leftist political agendas which can result in seepage of anti-Semitic language and material in to religious discourse.

In January, in response to an inquiry as to the Anglican Church’s failure to condemn Hamas rocket attacks on Israel and Hamas’ use of civilians as “human shields”, as well as the Church’s attitude to the Islamisation of Bethlehem, Archdeacon Philip Newman in Melbourne ignored the inquiry and claimed he supported Palestinians and that “Hamas offered an option, another way out of dealing with the oppressor”, in the course of apologies for Hamas and Palestinian terrorism. (5/1/09).

It is important to emphasise that the attitude towards antisemitism from the mainstream Australian churches is overwhelmingly hostile and that the most vocal condemnations of anti-Jewish prejudice in Australia often come from Church leaders or public figures connected to mainstream churches.

In December 2008 the Catholic Church launched and promoted a book on “A God Merciful and Gracious: Justice and Mercy in the Old Testament”, which critiqued and debunked some of the antisemitic misinterpretations of Judaism common in some Church teaching.

Further, in April, the Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide, Philip Wilson, issued a pastoral letter telling Catholics that they should not tell antisemitic jokes, and that they should be respectful and sensitive towards the Jewish people.

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### **YouTube 'race-hate' video charge**

*Article from: PerthNow*

<http://www.news.com.au/perthnow/story/0,21598,25475819-948,00.html>

*Paul Lampathakis*

*May 13, 2009 07:00pm*

***A PERTH man has been charged under racial vilification laws for allegedly posting anti-Semitic videos on the internet site YouTube.***

*Maylands man Brendon O'Connell, 38, is seen on film in front of Perth's Bell Tower and at a South Perth supermarket while allegedly making anti-Semitic comments.*

*Mr O'Connell was charged by the police State Security Investigation Group this afternoon with conduct with intent to incite racial animosity or racist harassment.*

*The maximum penalty for the offence is 14 years' jail, or fines of up to \$24,000.*

*Opposition Multicultural Interests spokesman John Hyde - who alerted police, Jewish community leaders and the Ethnic Communities Council of WA about the videos - praised WA Police for using the anti-vilification laws to lay the charges.*

*"Members of the multicultural community can take comfort in the knowledge that this alleged race hate crime will now go before the courts," Mr Hyde said.*

*It is believed to be the second time a person has been charged under the racial vilification laws, which were introduced by the previous Labor government and were designed to outlaw the publication, distribution or display in oral, written or pictorial form of material that was threatening or abusive and intended to cause hatred or contempt or ridicule.*

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## 5. On-Line Media

### 5.1 General Issues

In an environment where virtually every interest group has on-line media available to it, there are regular reports of antisemitism being made public when, in previous years and without the availability of the internet, the comments may have remained as part of private conversations.

Computer communications technology, which has become increasingly part of the lives of Australians, is relevant to any discussion of antisemitism in Australia today. In addition to allowing neo-Nazis and antisemites in Australia to receive information and produce professional-quality, up-to-date propaganda, on-line services are of concern for a number of reasons.

The writer of this paper is all too aware of the international and global nature of the internet. Jewish Australians are affected by the way antisemitic groups and individuals have used social networking media and also suffer the consequences of distorted and false material located via search engines. On a regular basis, members of the Jewish community report concerns regarding these, as well as websites and newsgroups located outside Australia. While the global context must be recognised, material emanating outside Australia is not within the ambit of this report.

Antisemitic and threatening e-mail has now become the most common means of antisemitic harassment in Australia. As more members of the Jewish community, including Holocaust survivors, establish e-mail accounts, the greater the prospects of hate, abuse and intimidation being sent to them this way.

In addition to material transmitted by electronic mail, many un-moderated newsgroups dealing with Australian issues have allowed for individual bigots and anti-Jewish propagandists to promote material to a new and potentially larger audience.

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*The Australian-based news Web site newmatilda.com has been charged by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC) with featuring anti-Israel and anti-Semitic content, particularly during the first three months of 2009, despite claims from the Web site's editor that it is providing fair coverage.*

*The ADC issued a report highlighting newmatilda's Israel coverage, taking issue with the website's balance of Israeli and Palestinian narratives and the proportion of stories covering the conflict in the region during these months, particularly concerning Gaza.*

*Contrary to the editor's claims of providing fair coverage, the report states that 17 out of the 18 articles concerning Operation Cast Lead featured the Palestinian narrative. None of the articles could be characterized as balanced, and one article acknowledged the existence of competing narrative, but argued for the validity of the Palestinian narrative.*

*Many of the ADC's concerns regarding newmatilda are rooted in the fact that as a new media source,*

*newmatilda does not need to adhere to journalistic standards of reporting and opinion writing. As the writers are not necessarily trained journalists and their work does not fall under the jurisdiction of a news editor, such standards are not always upheld.*

*Despite the fact that Australia has laws against racial vilification, the report maintains that it is both more difficult to prosecute violations of these laws in new media sources and that incriminating articles are easier to remove. The report also claims that due to the fact that this information is made available to the general public, holding newmatilda to lower standards of journalistic integrity would be inappropriate.*

*During the period in which the ADC studied newmatilda, the site provided a disproportionate amount of coverage on Israel. More than one article per week was published on the subject during the first three months of 2009, while only one article addressed the situation in Burma and no articles covered Darfur, North Korea, Zimbabwe, and Tibet, other countries possessing humanitarian-related news.*

*Newmatilda features Al-Jazeera as its sole newsfeed. In its Frequently Asked Questions section, the site states that as Al-Jazeera has a non-Western focus, it brings balance to the Australian media, as it carries stories that Australians otherwise might not pursue. The ADC maintains that while Al-Jazeera is a legitimate news source, newmatilda offers no alternative sources which would present the other side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

*The issue which the ADC finds most disconcerting is the fact that the Web site maintains very lax control over its comments section, which features responses of a highly anti-Semitic and anti-Israel nature. The comments make a variety of claims, such as denying the Holocaust or claiming that it was exaggerated or "used" by the Jewish people; claiming that Jews have no right or historical attachment to Israel; that anti-Semitism does not exist; that Jews control the media; that Jews are a threat to the world and would infect the world with the plague; and that Israel is supported by "blood money." While it is likely that some of these comments breach the racial vilification provisions of both the Australian states and Commonwealth, newmatilda rarely deletes them and when it does, it does not do so immediately - granting the comments an extensive readership.*

*In April, the ADC wrote to newmatilda, expressing concern over the site's comments page. In response, Marni Cordell, editor of newmatilda, thanked the ADC for providing feedback and wrote "We believe we provide a fair coverage of this important nexus of issues - but we are very committed to publishing informed /opinion/ pieces, and our content reflects that. The possibility that your organization doesn't share the outlook of the bulk of our contributors - who also differ among themselves - does not make us unfair."*

*"If you read opinions on our site that are not commonly found in the major dailies or in publications like the Australian Jewish News, then that is one sign that we are doing our jobs," Cordell's response continued.*

*The ADC states that its primary concern regarding newmatilda is the effect that prejudicial coverage has on the attitude of Australians towards the Jewish people, both in Israel and in the Diaspora.*

*As there is a documented connection between events in Israel and incidents of local anti-Semitism, the report posits that by hosting comments slandering Israel and Jews on unjust terms, newmatilda's lax policies undermine the freedom and security of Australian Jews, regardless of whether or not this is the site's intent.*  
<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1246443716603&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>

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Internet newsletters, sent to individuals with an interest in a specific subject, also can serve as vehicles for hate propagandists, as do websites maintained by extremist groups.

In December, students at Scots College and Kambala Girls School Sydney established a Facebook group "jew parking appreciation society" which, after it was brought to public attention was taken down by Facebook and resulted in a public outcry against the students responsible for it.

In January, an Australian racist created a facebook group "Attack on Gaza is an act as a war crime and a crime against humanity" (sic), which included comments such as "look what the Israelis learnt from the Nazis! Charming isn't it?" (5/1/09); "HITLER SHUD HAVE

FINISHED U OFF” (5/1/09); “the abused become the abusers, the victims of genocide become grow up to become the perpetrators of the same crime. “and the Germans kill the jews and the jews kill the arabs and the arabs kill the hostages and that is the news” Roger waters.” (4/1/09) and “bugger the Israeli govt.! Zionist dogs!!! just b/c the Nazis gave some of them a hard time last century they think they can do what they like!” (3/1/09).

After the imprisonment of Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben a series of antisemitic postings on aus.politics news group were placed. (17/8, 18/8, 24/8, 28/8/09).

The internet has also been used as a means for racists to promote and purchase material such as neo-Nazi computer games.

## 5.2 Websites Based in Australia

It is relatively easy and requires little effort for individuals and organisations to develop websites which become part of the internet. Because there is so much material on the internet, the more sophisticated group will try to establish links with mainstream or less overtly racist sites as well as promoting their material through newsgroups and lists.

The web-sites can be separated into a number of categories. Some have the primary purpose of promoting an ideology or philosophy which is fundamentally antisemitic. Others promote a range of conspiracy theories, including some which are antisemitic. A third type promote racist organisations, which include antisemitism in their world view while they do not necessarily include antisemitism in their public utterances. A further group provide direct links to antisemitic material. In the last category are internet "newspapers" which combine features of all the above.

In addition, some individual Australian internet users have republished or provide links to material such as The National Socialism Primer and The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.

One website published by Peter Hartung in Adelaide, AustraliaFreePress.org, included a wide-range of conspiracy material, including Holocaust denial, a number of anti-Israel articles and attacks on individual Jewish personalities as frauds, paedophiles and anti-Christian. A sub-directory, “Holocaust under attack”, contained articles such as “*Holocaust is Nothing But a HoloHoax*”, “*The ‘Holocaust’ is a Typical Zionist Myth*”, “*The Jewish War on Freedom of Speech*” and “*Holocaustianity: The state religion of the United States of America*”. The home page included comments such as “*6 million FILTHY LIES*”, “*Jewish Hate*”, “*the Holy Book of Adolf Hitler [which shows] the German religion will rise again to liberate the world from the bonds, spiritual and material, of Jewish Mammon*”; “*The Psychology of Holocaustianity*” as well as direct quotes from Mein Kampf and promotions of The Protocols of Zion. AustraliaFreePress declared its “aim” in the following form: “***Door to Freedom:*** The principal aim of this site is to free the World from Mammonism and its Culture of Death, for this is the origin of the contemporary afflictions of Mankind. Hence, we will: 1. Illustrate the everyday ugliness and brutality of World Zionist Plutocratic rule as it emanates from Washington and offends the whole human race with its insolence. **THESIS:** The Zionists rose to power through money-lending and their power can be broken by national monopolization of the lending of money at interest. Otherwise, though, we support properly regulated capitalist economy as the basis of human fulfillment and State security. 2. Expose the origin of Mammonism in the shameful and inhuman commands of Jahwe, the god of the Hebrews. **THESIS:** The war

*against Mammon is only winnable if we disenchant Jahwe—its projection in heaven, as it were. We must, therefore, get JAHWE THE TERRIBLE to talk. Here you shall hear his murderous, man-despising words. It will be this spiritual hell's racket which will make it Judaism's primary necessity to be ashamed of its god. In this shame the Jews will experience finally also their liberation. In this we wish them well. 3. Constantly work to elevate the Germanic spirit in the war for its Freedom, helping it overcome the historically false shame that has been instilled in it using the Auschwitz cudgel and the Holocaust Lie. THESIS: This artificial shame permeates modern European public lie, culture, and education at the insistence of the insatiable Hebrew soul-murderers. By suppressing the chief nation of Europe, Zionist multiculturalist ideology and behind-the-scenes political power oppresses the World. When Germany is free, however, Zionist Plutocracy will hear its death knell and Mankind will rejoice. Help the peoples in their quest for Beauty, Truth, and Goodness! Your path has brought you here to the DOOR OF FREEDOM."*

AustraliaFreePress.org included a number of promotions of Fredrick Toben. The website, which includes a wide-range of conspiracy material, including Holocaust denial, a number of anti-Israel articles and attacks on individual Jewish personalities as frauds, paedophiles and anti-Christian. A sub-directory, "Holocaust under attack", contained articles such as "Holocaust is Nothing But a HoloHoax", "The 'Holocaust' is a Typical Zionist Myth", "The Jewish War on Freedom of Speech" and "Holocaustianity: The state religion of the United States of America". At various times, the Home Page read "Zionist Stooze Pope Worships LIES at Auschwitz" and the site contained links to dozens of Holocaust denial sites and openly antisemitic material. Hartung included items claiming Jews were rightfully expelled from England in 1290 as "the Jews fleeced his subjects"; "the Jews . . . always get what they want" in the U.S.A.; "YAHWEH = SATAN: this is the basic cause of all of the problems of the world today"; a German judge was a "Jewish stooge"; "vile Holocaust lies"; and "the Diary of Anne Frank is only a simple literary fraud"; and linked to a number of antisemitic web-sites in Australia and internationally.

Other items on Australia Free Press referred to Pope Benedict as "*a Traitor Agent of Talmudic Deception*", "*A sleight of Hand by the Jews*", "*The 'Holocaust' lie: Made in America*" and "*Jews decide to ruin the lie of Jews*", "*Talmudic Deception in Poland*", "*8 million idiots pay homage to the Satanic Holocaust Cult's holy shrine*", "*What the VILE Talmud Really Says About Jesus*" and "*Standing ovation as war-criminal Howard receives yet another prize from the children of the Devil.*"

Two other web-sites which published a very large volume of overt antisemitic material during the period in review were the Freedom Liberation Movement and Ziopedia. Both of these web-sites have numerous sub-sections, are regularly updated and are overtly antisemitic. The Freedom Liberation Movement issued a new version of its "Database on Israeli/Jewish Issues", which included in its contents "Jewish manipulation of the World Wars", "Jewish supremacism in general", "Jewish terrorism and aggression", "Jews were behind communism and bolshevism", "Jews and their bloodlust", "Jews run Germany", "Jews attacking Christianity", "Jewish war against historians", "Jewish ritual murder/child sacrifice" and "Jewish sex perverts". "Ziopedia" featured an article "*Filthy Jewish Lies about Iran*" by Patrick McNally, which referred to the "*joosmedia*" and claimed "*Elite Jewry has had millennia of experience lying and deceiving . . .*". Ziopedia Forum's Andrew Winkler established discussion groups on topics such as "Are Jews responsible for 9/11?" (3/12/08), "Were the accusations of ritual child sacrifices by Jews no libel after all?" (3/12/08), "Are Jews behind globalisation?" (1/12/08), "Is the Holocaust a hoax?" (1/12/08), "Is Jewishness a religion, a race or something else?" (1/12/08), "In Ziopedia's "All there is to know about Zionism", postings included "Who is Bernard Madoff? Another Elder of Zion Steals \$50 Billion: Zionist treasurer faces \$10 million fine and jail – but where did all the money go?" (14/12/08), "The Talmudic Roots off Jewish

Intolerance Towards All Criticism” (13/12/08) and “Temple of Solomon / Satan to be Gold Reserve for World-Wide Jewish Fractional Reserve Bank / Currency.” (12/12/08). The Ziopedia website, which announced it had merged with Rebel News and the Rebel Forum, promoted the classic Blood Libel in an article “Bloody Passovers” as well as dozens of Holocaust denying and other antisemitic articles. (24/6/09).

A small site, “Zionisation of Australia”, posted an update on the activities of what it calls the “National Australian Zionist Institute”, which attacked “Yarmulke-wearing Christian Zionist, Mr Kevin 07 Rudd”, “Jones (Jackboot Gerry) and politicians it claimed were part of the “occupation of Australia”. (12/6/09). “Zionisation of Australia” carried an item “In Memoriam” which claimed that “Jeremy Jones” of the “National Australia Zionist Institute” has “finally succeeded in putting the ‘Jew in Judiciary’” with the contempt conviction of Fredrick Toben. Another item on the website was titled “Zionism – The Economy Within”. (20/7/09). The “Zionisation of Australia” website included articles “At 10:15 am on May 13, 2009, free speech in Australia was put to death by judge Bruce Lander in The Federal Court of Australia, Adelaide. At long last Jeremy Joes of the National Australian Zionist Institute has finally succeeded in putting the “Jew in Jewdiciary.” The tragedy is, the local media are so obsessed with the sexual exploits of the “Footy fraternity this item will go largely unreported.” and a series of other items, many of which were on the theme of “The Australian public must wake up to the fact that as long as the Zionist Puppets in Parliament House, Canberra, show blind obedience to Israel and the Israel Lobby/Neocons in Israeli occupied Washington and their massive financial and military backing of Israel’s war crimes and ethnic cleansing of Palestine, they are all in the terrorist’s sights.” (Downloaded 1/9/09).

Another antisemitic resource, Love for Life/The South East Asia News featured an article “United States of Israeli Australia”, featuring a photograph of PM Rudd holding a Menoraha and wearing a skull-cap. Content included “the reed of Zionist puppetry has now got its steely claws well and truly on the sheep’s (or the kangaroo’s) back”. (2/5/09). The article claimed Australia was one of the “Zionist Occupied Governments” and that all recent Prime Ministers “took orders” from a powerful group. It alleged modern-day “Jews” are “Khazars” and promoted Holocaust denial. Love for Life” website published a submission “Six Talmudic Jewish Zionist Families Own 96% of the World Media”. (21/6/09).

Material published on the Internet can be relatively simply adapted to form the base of hate mail and abuse and there have been reports received during the past year of members of the Australian Jewish community being e-mailed (always anonymously) slabs of anti-Jewish material downloaded from anti-Jewish websites.

### 5.3 Sydney Indymedia

An internet site which has hosted numerous antisemitic postings in the guise of political commentary is the Sydney affiliate of the international “Indymedia” network. Some examples of material published in the period in review include:

- an item “Some Australian newspapers are run by Zionists” which read “How many times do people have to put up with the Sydney Morning Herald claiming that some Muslims are whatever? What about some Australians? Where do they live? In Iraq? Afghanistan? Barney Zwartz say’s this morning Some Muslims condone crimes but isn’t that xenophobia? Don’t they want people to hate a certain of people? Why is that? +++ This is their headline this morning Some Muslim leaders condone rape BARNEY ZWARTZ Report finds rape within marriage, domestic violence and polygamy condoned. +++ There is no link to the article here but the Herald Scum like the Daily Terror and the Un-



Australian are truly run by ZIONISTS. All to willingto create hate and fear in our community. What for? To build up the rhetoric for the resource wars? Because they hatepeople of a certain race? My advice to these losers is to andlive in Israel and create your hate there. THERE SHOULD BE A LAW FOR ANY CORPORATE MEDIA THAT WITH RECKLEESS INDIFFERENCE HAS CREATED HATE AND FEAR IN OUR COMMUNITY BY USING THE POWER OF MEDIA. IF NOT WHY NOT!!! HAVE YOUR SAY ...". (21/11/08).

- a comment headed "Half the world believes Muslims were responsible for 9/11. The other halfbelieves Israeli Zionists were responsible. Who's right?" which continued "Well when one also considers that the corporate media project to90% of the population, and they're the one's telling us that Muslims did it with little or no evidence to prove it. And lots of discrepancies about people, times, places, scientific impossibilities etc...", inferring the "Israeli Zionists" were guilty. (23/11/08).
- a long item "Zionists: They are a power group in Australia" which began "And they all have an office in every corporate news media in Australia including (allegedly) your ABC." and then listed 19 examples of "Zionist Tactics and Manipulation in Australian Media...", including "10) They provoke wars", "11) They Divide and Conquer the general public", "15) Internet filtering and censorship the Australian Government's current Internet filtering and censorship proposals" and "16) Mandatory Testing and Vaccinations for all health workers. Whateveryone feels about the rights and wrongs of vaccination this compulsoryvaccination program is a violation of our rights to work in the health care system. We should not have to submit to tests and vaccinations to keep our jobs. We have to work. Perhaps this mandatory Testing and Vaccinations is good for big Pharma? They Mandatory Vaccinated USmilitary and they ended up with gulf war syndrome. A congressionallymandated report released Monday concluded that "Gulf War Syndrome" is a legitimate condition suffered by more than 175,000 US war veterans who were exposed to chemical toxins in the 1991 Gulf War. Nothing should be mandatory." (26/11/08).
- "Brandtner" wrote "The recent siege against Gaza has been going on sice Hamas won the election. The Jews didn't like the outcome of the vote so they oppressed the people by completing the wall around them, cutting off food, employment, essential services, foreign aid and have been trying to either starve the Palestinians to death or into submission [the Jews learnt welll from the Nazis it seems]... yet when the Palestinians have retaliated in a bid to end the daily siege on Gaza and say enough is enough all of a sudden the Jews are the victims. Here we have the ultimate in Victim Mentality... when the Jews themselves are conducting the genocide of the Palestinian people the Jews still claim to be victims despite their inhumane aggression and are milking the press and their financial ties in Western markets ro subdue old allies into agreeing with them by imploring the straggles of the past." (30/12/08).
- A posting (5/1/09) arguing "The past holocaust justifications are wearing thin in a world witnessing other types of near genocidal acts, even holocaust era resembling behaviours in Gaza with a million and a half –half starved people jailed in the walled in Gaza" reservation" for the colonised , in a situation increasingly resembling the racial oppression of Jews in the walled Warsaw Ghetto by a fascist colonising power in Poland. This Zionist attempt at managed "discussion" has sometimes resembled the typical Propaganda wars of the Nazis where Jews and believers in the Judaic religion

were portrayed a backward race “as sub humans”, made incapable by their Talmud or Torah based religion of normal human sentiments and feelings ,unlike of course the superior Christian Euro- Aryan Race.” and “It’s election season in I\$rael, so it was time for the ruling Kadima party to kill 400 Palestinians this past week (1) to prove to I\$raelis the proper bloodlust qualifications to rule. Polls show the political maneuver is working wonders with the I\$raeli public—as is typical in settler-dominated countries. 81% of I\$raelis support the sickening massacres in Gaza.(2)”.

#### **5.4 Electronic Mail, Newsgroups, Lists and Clubs**

Individuals and Jewish organisations reported that they had been in receipt of (anonymous) antisemitic electronic mail and email newsletters sent, unsolicited, by antisemitic groups, at a rate of more than four times per week during the period in review. This means of harassment is closest in effect to anonymous telephone calls than hate mail, given the physical processes involved in its receipt.

Antisemitic individuals, groups and organisations continue to maintain high visibility on Australian-based newsgroups during period in review. Whenever the possibility arose, one or more individuals made interventions on public affairs issues with an anti-Jewish slant.

Amongst the postings which went to newsgroups which have as their charter consideration of issues of concern to Australians, were a number which were not only clearly antisemitic but also well outside the charter of those newsgroups. Given the nature of newsgroups, individuals with time on their hands are able to reach a variety of audiences quickly and inexpensively. Also, due to the way in which discussions are grouped in "threads", it is possible for individuals to dominate discussion on particular "subjects". As with internet sites, there is no process by which individuals who are attempting to provide information can be simply separated from those who are motivated by malevolence or mischief to place false and distorted material before readers of the newsgroups.

Some discussion forums cater specifically to the agendas of racist, but the lack of any reasonable form of control over postings in many other groups made them particularly useful to individuals and groups who represented extreme and eccentric viewpoints or who engage in racism and anti-Jewish defamation.

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#### **online antisemitism Crikey et al**

*By Michael Danby*

*The impact of the internet is perhaps the most far-reaching of any communications technology developed in my lifetime. We are now irrevocably in the Information Age, a fact recognised by the Federal Government in its drive to deliver a national broadband network at speeds 100 times faster than those now available to most of us, certainly the largest nation-building infrastructure project in Australia’s history.*

*The internet is also a powerful agent of social change that has created a fresh marketplace of ideas. It is no exaggeration to say that today we all have a soapbox to publicly express our opinion about anything. And as a member of a political party with a long social democratic tradition, there is surely something thrilling about a collaborative tool for democratic expression that cannot be easily subverted by entrenched interests.*

*At its core the internet is an ideal. I can arrange an online chat with a political scientist in South Korea, create an email focus group amongst my constituents, even discuss Islamic revolutionary theory with a student in Iran. But as with any movement or agent of change, an ideal can be undermined by the ideology of its users. For me, a clear example is the partisan coverage of the Israeli Palestinian conflict by some online magazines. This years output of two of these online publications, Crikey.com and New Matilda.com, is profoundly disturbing.*

*Both have pretensions to non-partisan coverage. Crikey is run by a staff who claim journalistic credentials in its mission statement to be fair and open. New Matilda similarly claims to provide non-partisan information and takes contributions, as it describes, from “journalists, current and former politicians, lawyers, critical and creative thinkers, bloggers, policy-wonks and satirists”. Which is just about everyone in this room - and a good percentage of those outside of it.*

*Whatever their stated aims, a careful analysis of their output over the first three months of this year shows that when it comes to the coverage of the Israeli Palestinian conflict, Crikey and New Matilda are in fact manifestly partisan. Both consistently adopt the Palestinian narrative, characterise Israel as an oppressor, and ignore Israeli’s legitimate security concerns. It is their right to criticize the only free society in the Middle East but it is nonsense to claim they are not strongly biased.*

*Following the last Israeli elections, Crikey contributor Jeff Sparrow stated as fact that Israeli society had moved sharply to the right, at the same time that that the centre-left Kadima party secured the largest block vote and Likud’s Netanyahu sought to broaden his coalition into a ruling government whose final makeup included longtime advocates of peace with the Palestinians. In another article the same contributor looked at the decision of the Israel’s Central Elections Committee to ban the participation of two nationalist Arab political parties in the elections, drawing odious parallels with South Africa’s apartheid regime - whilst ignoring the democratic Israeli institutions, not found elsewhere in the Middle East, that a few days later saw the Supreme Court reverse that bureaucratic decision. Similarly, New Matilda correspondent Ben White accuses Israel of apartheid control over the Palestinians. He condemns outright the erection of a security fence without reference whatsoever to it or the fact that it has lead to a 95% drop in homicide attacks on civilians in Israel or the fact that it acts as a defensive measure against repeated terrorist attacks, or that the fence’s route has always been subject to negotiation and moderation by the Israeli Supreme Court as part of the peace process.*

*Another Crikey contributor, Guy Rundle, downplays the genocidal policies of Iran’s President Ahmedinajab to little more than populism, dismissing outright Israel’s authentic fears of a nuclear-armed Iran, not to mention the apprehension of moderate Arab regimes at the prospect of an Iranian regional hegemony.*

*New Matilda is even more strident in its partisanship. Of the 18 articles run by newmatilda.com in the first three months of this year concerning the Israeli Palestinian conflict, 17 presented a hardline Palestinian narrative.*

*Some themes emerge. Polemicist Antony Lowewentein is but one of the correspondents to claim as fact that Israel refuses to consider a two-State solution, despite the evidence of numerous peace overtures, the consistent views of mainstream Israelis in favour of a consensus solution, and the unprecedented territorial concessions offered by Israel at the 2000 Camp David Summit and later at Taba, and indeed reoffered by Netanyahu’s predecessor Ehud Olmert. Unmentioned is Hamas’s refusal to recognise Israeli existence, as is the barrier presented to any unified proposal by the ongoing blood feud between the Fatah rulers of the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza.*

*Time and again these articles refer to Jews, or the Jewish State, but rarely Israel as a sovereign entity . Paradoxically New Matilda contributor Michael Brull then complains that most Australian Jewish*

groups do not identify themselves as pro -Israel but as simply Jewish. Clearly he has not read the pro-Israel platforms of the Executive Council for Australian Jewry or the Australian Union of Jewish students, two of the organisations he mentions, he appears unfamiliar with the view of Australian Jewry, which is similarly pro-Israel.

In May this year in Crikey, Lowenestein attacked the Executive Council for Australian Jewry , this time because it fails to condemn other forms of racism as readily as antisemitism. But it is this gem that highlights the author's real intent: "Anti-Muslim sentiment has often been proudly displayed since September 11 by the Zionist establishment. In their world view, only what they find offensive should be censored". Here we have it, a shadowy unnamed Zionist elite that has the impudence to speak out against antisemitism, as though a Jewish group is not entitled to focus on racial attacks against its own ethnicity! This is a rigged rhetorical game. It doesn't matter whether Jews defend themselves or not, or whether the focus of critics is on Israel as a Jewish State or Jewish groups in Australia, the charge is relentlessly the same.

Journalism can be a democratic bulwark, but in doing so we assume certain principles of journalistic professionalism, including the training and commitment to place opinion in a factual context. Yet the rise of the blogosphere is often characterised by its proponents as a triumph against the elitism or corporatisation of the established media. It is all well and good to allege that the Australian newspaper's foreign affairs commentator Greg Sheridan is an Israeli propagandist, as one New Matilda correspondent suggests, but Sheridan has thirty years experience as a senior journalist and is the author of five widely-published books on foreign issues. The New Matilda correspondent may not like his views, but Sheridan works in an environment where facts are checked and factual errors are corrected. As former New York Times standards editor, Al Siegal has said, the most overt concern with accuracy at a newspaper can be seen in the volume of corrections. This hardly seems to concern the editors of Crikey and New Matilda in their coverage of Israel.

An exchange of letters between the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission Chair Tony Levy and New Matilda editor Marni Cordell highlights this problem. In April Levy sent to Cordell a sober, detailed and careful analysis of the magazine's content in the first three months of this year, explaining the ADC's concerns over partisan opinion and the broad slabs of hate-speak that appear regularly in the comments sections attached to each article. In her brief reply, Cordell failed to address the evidence of partisanship, instead championing her publication's contribution to 'diversity of opinion' i.e Brull, Lowenstein et al all whom have broadly similar views. This thinking is explained by her charge that the one sided 'diversity of opinion' is to balance what she asserts is a biased media environment – of course, without corroborating this charge. She does not address at all the allegation of antisemitic comment, nor does she respond to the ADC's concern that the magazine chooses not to censor these comments, even though it expressly reserves the right to do so if the commentary is abusive or promotes hate.

Nevertheless, is this antisemitism, or just sloppy journalism? Former Soviet dissident and human rights activist Natan Schrasansky distinguished the two by his "3D Principles" – he warns to look for demonisation, delegitimation, and double standards.

Looking at the coverage in Crikey and New Matilda, we see Israel as a manipulator of world events, an apartheid State engaged in ethnic cleansing, and an initiator of wars that have no strategic or defensive foundation. That is demonisation.

Israel as deserving of the rocket attacks on its citizens, or not entitled to defend its sovereignty? That is delegitimation. Israelis portrayed as arch war criminals, while scant attention is given in the same publications to human rights abuses in Burma, or Darfur, or Zimbabwe, or Tibet, or North Korea, or Chechnya, or the Congo? That is a double standard. Cordell's pathetic excuse for the obsession with denigrating the Israeli's and ignoring other conflicts where far more people's lives are at stake is 'As I'm sure I don't need to remind you, the Israel/Palestine question is not a conflict on the same level as

*other regional problems that you mentioned. Problems in the Middle East, within which Israel/Palestine is a major issue, are something that play out in innumerable ways across the globe'*

*Perhaps most disturbing is the unmediated comments sections that flow from every article and contain repeated examples of vicious antisemitism. As the ADC has charged, given that New Matilda editors reserve the right to censor comments that are abusive or promote hate, we must assume the following have passed muster:*

- *"61% of "jews" don't live in Israel and they are perfectly safe as they would be if the stupid place ceased to exist tomorrow." -25/03/2009 -David Hollier Obama Can Convince Israel- New Matilda*
- *"The racist Zionist(s) are not simply un-Australian in their lying, bigotry, psychotic injustice and racism – they are also anti-Australian and pose a huge threat to not only Australia but the whole World." 3/3/2009-Who's Calling Who a Racist- Antoun Issa*
- *"It is pretty fair to say that historians have shown that 6 million jews did not die in theholocaust", maybe 1 or 2 million". 2/2/2009 –Roland Boer The Myth of the Holy Land New Matilda*
- *"Nazi German and Israeli policy will herd people into concentration camps, ghettos and other forms of imprisonment whilst simultaneously embarking on a policy of genocide, infanticide, theft of lebensraum, eradication and ethnic cleansing".*
- *"another attempted Genocide, perpetrated by another group of Nazis, the Zionist and Zionist sympathizers, the Jews occupying Palestine!'-11/02/2009-Israel's Fascist Shift- Michael Brull- New Matilda*
- *"Only fascist states like Israel today, Hitler's Germany, Stalin's Russia, and countless non-democratic, tyrannical, thug states like Israel do this in this day and age."*
- *"most Israelis and their suupporters range from delusional and dysfunctional through to psychotically and murderously insane." 8/1/2009-The world gives Israel the Green Light- Mustafa Qadri*
- *"Zionism and Naiism are fundamentally of the same genus: an attempt to glorify a largely imagined nation-race by somehow resurrecting its semi-mythological past in the form of a modern and expansionist nation-state, which in both cases only led to mass murder." - 2/02/2009*
- *"Society will have to become aware of the structures used by our zionists to effect this dark control over our cultures and to intervene on behalf of both Jew and gentile to free Jews from that inner darkness and Palestinians from racist murdering zionist genocidalism."*
- *"Zionism and the zionists which it breeds is a sickness. Zionism is a debilitating fatal disease which has infected this planet for too long and it is incumbent upon mankind to rid ourselves of this disease before it reaches a terminal stage and consumes us all."*
- *"Personally I think there is a deranged, certainly dysfunctional mindset at work in most Israelis, certainly the government, and their Jewish backers which makes them incapable of rational decisions. 8/1/2009- The world gives Israel the Green Light-Mustafa Qadri - New Matilda*

*Let us be clear. Crikey and New Matilda do not represent the traditions of journalism, and as someone who speaks with constituents and the public every day, I know they do not represent mainstream Australian thinking about Israel and the contribution of Jews to our country. Dr. Andre Oboler, an expert commentator on this subject, has cautioned that if left unchecked, online antisemitism contributes to a social acceptability that can undo decades of work to counter racism. I invite you all to take a look for yourselves at the biased coverage in these online magazines. I promise it will be for you, as it is for me, both a sobering experience and a wake-up call.*

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## **6.0 ANTISEMITIC ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Introduction**

Australia continues to be host to a plethora of organisations which promote antisemitism, including some who have this as their primary purpose. The groups vary greatly in their membership, their activities and their target audiences.

Some of the individuals who lead far right-wing and antisemitic organisations have been involved in extremist political activity for decades. The organisations which they have led are supplemented by a changing group of individuals and minute groupings of individuals, including some who have established their presence primarily through their activities on the internet (which permits the small organisations to maintain an existence and gives potential recruits a point of contact).

The existence of Labor state governments Federally and in most Australian States fed the paranoia of "socialist" control which is so important to the extreme right wing organisations.

It should be noted that not all antisemitic organisations can be accurately classified as "far right". There are conspiracy theorists who are identified with quasi New Age, Libyan-inspired "Third Way" and political Islamist philosophies which also have promoted antisemitism. These groups continue to feed a steady stream of anti-Jewish propaganda to their followers.

The Australian far-right fringe is internally dynamic and in a constant state of flux. Individuals who promote, for example, a return to policies which actively disadvantage Indigenous Australians, have shown a mobility between overtly antisemitic groups, populist movements and pseudo-militia groups. The extremist element of the anti-immigration movement divide their time and attention between these groups and neo-Nazi or quasi-nationalist movements.

For those who have antisemitism as their prime concern there are alternatives such as the various Identity Churches, conspiracy propagandists with no firm affiliations, as well as groups who have social division high on their political agendas.

Amongst the small group of individuals who, figuratively and literally, wave the flag for US-based neo-Nazi groups including the Ku Klux Klan, the Church of the Creator and White Aryan Resistance, transference of allegiance takes place at a pace which seems to be determined by the intent of gaining optimal media interest.

The core group of activists from Australians Against Further Immigration aligned themselves with either One Nation or Australia First, prior to the merge of these two groups for the November 2001 Federal election and again with the demise of One Nation. Personalities associated with groups such as the Immigration Control Association, the Progressive Liberal Party, National Alliance or other now defunct far right-wing groups have re-appeared in the late 1990s as activists of contemporary manifestations of older conservative or neo-fascist advocacy groups.

In addition to organisations, although not necessarily totally separate from them, are a number of individuals who are involved actively in distributing antisemitic material on the

Internet, through leaflets, sending hate mail or seeking to make interventions in the mainstream media. In many cases these individuals act in the name of an organisation in which they are either the only member or the only active member.

Between them, the various antisemitic organisations have:

- A growing number of Internet sites which are permanently available to users of online services
- Facebook Groups, Newsgroups and online clubs which regularly post their views
- Newspapers and newsletters, in a number of languages, which are published as often as weekly
- Weekly newsletters mailed to subscribers and available at selected outlets
- A number of monthly and bi-monthly magazines some of which are available at news stands
- The ability to e-mail large numbers of recipients, in addition to mass mailings, leafleting and faxing of material to both selected recipients and to members of the general public
- Meetings which pay varying degrees of attention to the antisemitic elements of the respective agendas.

The annual Sydney Forums have provided a meeting place for far-right wing activists in Australia. Individuals associated with National Action, the rump of One Nation, the Adelaide Institute and small pseudo-nationalist groups gather for mutual reinforcement to swap conspiracy and racist theories.

A group of neo-Nazis, led by long-time far-right activists Jason Rafty and David Palmer, met at approximately monthly intervals at the Humanist Society Hall in Sydney's inner west. Due to complaints and protest activity by local residents, the "Klub Naziya" group, estimated to have been between ten and forty, no longer meet at that venue.

In recent years there has been an articulation of antisemitism from organisations and individuals who represent a New Age or other fringe, alternative lifestyle element. The rhetoric of these groups is heavily laden with conspiracy theories, as they seek to portray their views as rational alternatives to lifestyles imposed by forces acting to suppress or control "natural" behaviour. There is a large overlap between fringe far right-wing organisations and those more directly concerned with promoting stories of visitations from other planets, non conventional medical alternatives and an opting out of the organised economy. This group comes together with some more traditional extreme right wing Australians at the annual Inverell Forums.

The paranoia and political extremist views concerning what each believe to be the political and economic establishment has drawn together far-right, far-left and some anarchist groups, in opposition to "globalisation", various government policy proposals which they perceive as empowering a State which they view as a political enemy and to Israel. In each case, there

has been evidence of almost interchangeable antisemitic rhetoric coming from groups which would regard themselves as being diametrically opposed, politically and ideologically.

The elements of the Islamic and Arabic-speaking communities which promote intense dislike of, and hostility towards, Jews find themselves in the position of drawing on some of the same material as White Supremacists, "Identity" groups and other overt racists, purely because of their common hatred of Jews.

One reason for so much cross-pollination and fraternal support by groups and individuals who assert their differences and are often critical of alternative views is their fundamental acceptance of antisemitic conspiracy theories. Another is that very little antisemitism is indigenous to Australia, and overseas, generally US, sources are drawn upon to provide ideas and "evidence" to sustain the various groups' followers.

## **6.2 One Nation**

The small political party, One Nation, has been a cause of on-going concern. With its continued electoral failure, which coincided with the antisemitism advocated publicly by some members and party organs, it is now surveyed in this report in the section on antisemitic organisations.

After the Federal Court heard a complaint relating to an antisemitic article which appeared in the Party's newspaper in late 2004, the Court's 2006 declaration read:

"the Respondent has engaged in conduct rendered unlawful by Part IIA Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act by having published or allowing to be published in 'The Nation – The Official Newspaper of One Nation' Volume 4, Edition 10: a cartoon on page 3, and an article accompanying the said cartoon headed 'Kiddie porn to be used as net censorship ploy', being material which is offensive, insulting, humiliating and intimidating to Jewish people.

The judge ordered that:

"the Respondent be restrained from publishing or republishing to the public by itself or by any agent or employee: that the Respondent be restrained from publishing or republishing to the public by itself or by any agent or employee: Any material with a substantially similar content to the Material." and "the Respondent forthwith deliver to the Applicant, Jeremy Jones, a written statement of apology, signed by the Respondent, in the following terms: 'Mr Rodney Andrew Evans hereby unreservedly and unconditionally apologises to you and to the Australian Jewish community for having published material in contravention of the Racial Discrimination Act. I undertake that I will not publish any such material in the future and that all such material which is presently published by The Nation, in any print or electronic media (including the Internet) will forthwith be withdrawn from publication.'

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While this result was welcome, One Nation members and party organs other than The Nation published antisemitic material in the period in review. For example, the Update Beenleigh Branch Regional & State News Letter of One Nation, included "What is the CFR, 'The Council of Foreign Relations' also known as the 'Establishment', 'The Money Men' 'The Invisible World government'" briefly it is group of wealthy families who control the worlds banking finances & oil (Rothschild's & Rockefellers). Known as the Ashkenazim Jews, origins are Khazar Empire & upon its destruction migrated to Russia & became the driving force behind Communism, Zionism & the United Nations, orchestrated & financed wars & profited from them, objective is Anti-Gentilism the overthrow of Christianity, doctrine. Ref: 'Protocols of Zion.' History 'The Thirteenth Tribe,' by Arthur Koestler, 'Tragedy & Hope' by Dr.Carroll Quigley, 'Descent into Slavery' by Des Griffen. 'The Shadows of Power by James Perloff."

Further, One Nation Network News (January 2009) reprinted LaRouche material, One Nation "Network News May 2009" published a defence of a person who documented their own antisemitic harassment and intimidation of students in Perth , (with a statement from the Australia First Party including "It seems that, despite some strident religious commentary on Judaism which might 'upset' Jews, Mr. O'Connell hit upon the real truth about the neo-con line on the Middle East – namely that much of the underlying cause of Islamic militancy lies in the State-crime of Israel. Now he faces gaol for his dissent.)

One Nation Update (Vol 2 Issue 19 August 2009) also included an article "The Fraudsters" which argued "The greedy K-Rudd government is of course involved as they see it as an opportunity to raise taxes to pay for all their extravagant schemes and subsequent debt.K-Rudd flew to Europe in July to promote the carbon tax fraud and another Zionist Hoax "The Holocaust-the systematic extermination of 6 million Jews in German Nazi concentration camps during the second World War.. While it cannot be denied that there were massacres of Jews by German Nazis and their allies during WW2 (often in revenge for the ghastly activities of Jewish-led Communist secret police-then known as the N.K.V.D. or the 'Checkists') the total of such Jewish deaths can be computed in the hundreds of thousands, not millions as claimed in the 'Holocaust' legend. The late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia who was assassinated, revealed the truth about Communism when he described Zionism as "the mother of Communism" They set up the U.N. and control the worlds banking and financial system, promoting globalism and world government." One Nation "Update" (Vol 2 Issue 20, September 2009) included a long article "Immigration & Multiculturalism Conspiracies to Destroy the Nation", which included "Britain has been selected by the Bankers to be their first victim nation in context of the Common Market & other developing World Government structures. To ensure that the planned destruction of our nation is total & permanent the Bankers have determined that our unique Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people must be obliterated as a distinct ethnic group by means of forced race mixing with hordes of Blacks, Brown & Yellows who are being deliberately bought into our country for this purpose. Eustace Mullins, in his book 'History of the Jews' quoted a speech by Rabbi Rabinovitch in Budapest forty years ago, which shows clearly what the intentions of the CFR Bankers are: "Mixing the dark with the white means an end of the Whiteman...thus the White Race will disappear & our most dangerous enemy will become only a memory"."; "He clearly identified the real driving force behind the plan to destroy Britain when he wrote : "The Banking System which was foisted on this country in 1694 & during succeeding years over most of the world has been the main means by which the Zionists have brought misery & impoverishment everywhere. By their manipulation of finance they have been able to obtain control of governments & of the means of publicity (Press, Radio, TV, Films, Publishing

Houses, News Services, etc) & so have been able to suppress the truth & propagate the lie.”; and “This is now all very close to fulfilment. The near complete success of International Zionist plan has been made possible by: 1. Their control of Money. 2. Their control of the Media. 3. Their ruthless exercise of the powers, which go with Money & Media control to stampede the masses & manipulate key individuals.”

It is significant to note that the open antisemitism coincided with One Nation’s dramatic electoral demise.

### **6.3 The Australian League of Rights**

The Australian League of Rights, at one time described by the Federal Government's Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as "undoubtedly the most influential and effective, as well as the best organised and most substantially financed, racist organisation in Australia", continued to hold meetings, conduct action campaigns and seek publicity for its antisemitic analysis of domestic and international affairs.

The League publishes weekly newsletters (On Target and On Target Bulletin), monthly magazines (Intelligence Service, New Times and Social Creditor), and a quarterly journal (Heritage) and a website. Most of the overt antisemitism is found in On Target and On Target Bulletin. The League established a website, on which it posts many of the articles which have appeared in its journals.

The League recognised the usefulness of its antisemitic propaganda armoury of the activities of self-described “Independent Jews” who promoted anti-Jewish mythology. In the period in review, the League promoted Antony Loewenstein as “an Australian Jewish intellectual”, promoting and advertising his book to readers.

Other examples of Australian League of Rights’ propaganda campaigns in the period in review included:

\* On Target Bulletin (3/10/08) published a copy of a letter sent to Justice Minister the Hon Bob Debus on the subject of Nazi War Criminals, which concluded “I hope and pray our Government will not allow our nation to forsake those [Christian] principles and bow to Zionist vengeance.”

\* On Target Bulletin (7/11/08) included a copy of a letter to the editor of The Daily Telegraph by “Michele, Lady Renouf”, which argued “Dear Editor, I have never described David Irving or anyone as a “Holocaust-denier”. No revisionist/”Holocaust-denier” denies a Jewish pogrom occurred during WW2. Revisionists debate/”deny” the scale and means, intent and execution, which have been set in stone as immutable historical ikons. As I am not an historian or scientist, I do not describe myself as a revisionist. Revisionism is not a set of conclusions or an ideology; it is a source-critical method of forensic and archival research and analysis. I champion the restoration of their normal right to exercise and express that scientific method.”

\* On Target (12/12/08) used Neturei Karta as their source to condemn Israel’s alleged “State terrorism”.

\* The League of Rights “On Target” (16/1/09) featured a long article by Jewish antisemite Gilad Atsmon, followed by an “anti-Zionist” dissertation, quoting historic antisemites, by Betty Luks. The theme was “the teaching of hatred, as part of a religion, still comes only from the literal Torah-Talmudists . . .” In separate articles supporting Fredrick Toben and Ernest Zundel, Holocaust denial is presented as the last bastion of freedom at a time when un-named people are involved in “the theft of their rights to freedom of speech”.

\* Betty Luks in On Target (30/1/09) wrote “Eric Butler referred to the fact that the Balfour Declaration was a violation of previous promises made to the Arabs, but the promises were broken in exchange for promised American and International Financial support at a critical time when the First World War looked like having to end in a stalemate. Successive British Governments were faced with the impossible task of attempting to maintain law and order in Palestine as the Palestinians revolted against the growing Zionist invasion. Zionist terror activities, including the murder of Britain’s Ambassador to the Middle East, Lord Moyne, even provoked pro-Zionist Winston Churchill to raise his voice in protest. With the collapse of Czarist Russia at the time, Imperial Germany was free to concentrate its total forces on the Western front, resulting in a desperate military situation for the British. The situation was exploited by International Zionism with its strong backing by the Rothschilds and other German-Jewish international bankers.” and “Money Lenders from Amsterdam: The Money Lenders agreed to extend ‘credit’ to the government of the day, for their day-to-day expenditures, on condition the ‘credit’ was repaid, with interest, by the taxes of the people. The essence of the activities of this incredible organisation was summarized by William Patterson, one of the principal Front men connected with its foundation: “The Bank has benefit to the interest on all monies which it creates out of nothing . . .” Two hundred years later, the outcome of WWI with Germany depended just as much on the American and International Bankers as it did on Britain’s resources, productive capacity and the fighting capabilities and resolve of its army.”

\* On Target featured “Appeal to World Leaders from Rabbi of Neturei Karta” which included “May Almighty God protect us from the influence of Zionism in general, their evil warmongering bloodthirsty leaders, and from their wicked servants who call themselves Rabbis.” (6/2/09).

\* Nigel Jackson wrote a letter to The Australian (unpublished) on the Bishop Williamson issue, which argued “To the Editor of The Australian, 6th February, 2009: It will be interesting to see if Bishop Richard Williamson has the integrity and fortitude to refuse to recant his revisionist view of the Holocaust and to accept loss of his episcopal functions. If so, he will show himself to be rather more of a man than Frank Devine (The Australian, 6/2/2009), whose attack on the Bishop is excessive. Denying that Jews did not die in gas chambers under the Nazis and that the death toll overall of Jews at that time was far fewer than the currently accepted figure is not necessarily ‘trivialisation’ of the Holocaust. What if it is true? The revisionist have accumulated a large range of data which suggests that it is.” (In On Target 20/2/09).

\* The League of Rights “New Times Survey” (February 2009) published a long article by Gilad Atsmon, including “Your murderous genocidal actions attained nothing but exposing what the National Jewish project is all about and what the Israeli is capable of. Your imaginary power of deterrence is melting down as I write these words and Hamas rockets keep pounding Southern Israel. Yet, the Jewish state has secured itself a prominent position

as the embodiment of evil. If there is a 'change beyond recognition' to be detected it is the fact that after Gaza we all know who you are and what you stand for."

\* On Target (13/3/09) printed a letter from Nigel Jackson to "The Age" stating "Some of his alleged statements may be excessive and old-fashioned, but it is a fact that important groups within the Jewish people bear a grave responsibility for the over-promotion of the currently received view of the Holocaust. The resultant persecution of Holocaust revisionists, which has now reached dimensions worthy of Gilbertian farce, is truly a crime against humanity."

\* On Target Bulletin (27/3/09) published a letter from Nigel Jackson to The Australian, which read in part "Can he explain the extraordinary phenomenon of the worldwide campaign of suppression of dissent on the history of the Nazi period and the 'Holocaust'? Or the ongoing, repulsive programme, supported by obsequious governments, of seeking the extradition of geriatrics alleged to be 'Nazi war criminals' to face kangaroo courts in Germany or Hungary or wherever? And why is it that our major newspapers refuse to publish opinion articles or even letters defending Bishop Williamson and other victims of Jewish propaganda? Why does even the Pope kowtow to this power? There are scores of important books analysing the excessive power held today by certain Jewish circles, 'Jewish supremacism' as David Duke calls it in his book of that name (a work covertly kept out of mainstream bookshops). Has Dyrenfurth even read any?"

\* The New Times Survey (April 2009) included a feature by Gilad Atzmon "War on Terror Within: The End of Jewish History", which attacked Judaism and Jews, arguing "Historically Jews have shunned many Gods, they dropped Jehovah, the dumped Marx, some have never followed Zionism. But in the light of the Holocaust religion, while bearing in mind the scenes from Gaza, Jenin and Lebanon, the Jew may have to continue in the tradition and drop "the Jew". He will have to accept that his newly formed father-figure was formed in his own shape. More concerning is the devastating fact that the new father is proved to be a call to kill. Seemingly, the new father is the ultimate evil God of them all."

\* On Target (29/5/09) printed an article "What if Dick Pratt was an Anglo-Australian" by Betty Luks, which included "Australian Jewish businessman/billionaire Dick Pratt is no longer with us. Pratt's long-term mistress was granted one hour to say goodbye to him before he 'checked out of the great hotel of his life' (The Advertiser, 30/4/09, p.7). What, only one mistress? For a billionaire, one would have not been surprised to find a dozen! And then there was the funeral, attended by a glum looking Bob Hawke and John Howard. Howard looked the part in his Jewish skullcap. Yes, John Howard supported the move to have the billionaire renominated to Australia's highest honour – The Order of Australia. Howard said: 'There was never a good reason for him to have lost it in the first place'. (The Advertiser, 1/5/09, p.1)".

\* New Times Survey (May 2009) printed an article by Israel Shamir in which he wrote "Religious hatred laws are peculiar beasts. While Jews murder Christians and Muslims, or destroy churches and mosques, these laws remain dormant. But if you notice the murders, the laws wake up from their slumber."

\* On Target Bulletin (3/7/09) opened with an attack on historian Merv Bendle, with Betty Luks writing "What then makes the Holocaust a 'singularity'? Is it because it involves Jewish suffering and, from a Talmudic perspective, as the Jews are unique, this event is also unique? That is one arguable theological position, but it is quite out of fashion with modern

cosmopolitanism and equalitarianism. Another argument is that the Holocaust is unique because of the 'numbers'. To take this line means that there needs to be rational examination of the 'numbers' and that as we know is a very sore legal point across the West. So is any scientific proof of the 'singularity' of the Holocaust possible? Bendle does not address this question. Please explain." The publication offered for sale David Irving's DVD "Search for Truth in History".

\* On Target Bulletin (31/7/09) advertised antisemitic DVDs including Eric Butler's "The Planned Surrender of Australia" and David Irving's "Search for Truth in History".

\* The New Times Survey (July 2009) published a feature by Israel Shamir which recycled a number of anti-Israel myths during the course of applauding Iran's election results.

\* In On Target (14/8/09) Betty Luks wrote in an article "Even Rabbis Feel the Sting of Graft", "The rabbis were the chief rabbi of the Syrian Jewish Community in the U.S., and the chief rabbis of synagogues in Brooklyn, New York and Deal, New Jersey. It is alleged by the FBI that the rabbis were players in an international money-laundering operation linking Israel, Switzerland and the U.S. The arrests were made possible by the co-operation of an orthodox Jewish real estate developer who was charged in 2006 with defrauding the PNC Bank of \$US 25 million – he was used by the FBI to hook the defendants by offering them bribes (while he was free on a \$US 10 million bond). And then we have our trafficker in human body parts, "the kidney salesman", who preyed on people in Israel to get them to sell their kidneys for as little as US\$10,000 while he sold the kidneys to transplant patients in the U.S. for US\$160,000. He had been in this line of business for a decade! Don't hold your breath waiting for Hollywood to make a movie out of all this! Back in Australia, the N.S.W. Supreme Court of Appeal has struck off disgraces former judge Marcus Einfeld, finding him not a fit and proper person to practice law. (The Australian, 24/7/09 p.3) This is an interesting ending for a champion of political correctness."

\* On Target Bulletin (21/8/09) published an antisemitic article on "the rise of Jewish crime" by well-known antisemite "Israel Shamir".

The distribution of books, cassettes and videos, often of League of Rights' functions' speakers, or antisemitic works such as The Protocols of Zion, is an important League of Rights core activity. Journalists interviewing leaders of the Australian League of Rights report "a small room off the main office where their literature is displayed" which is referred to as "the Jew room". "A visitor showing interest is told the Talmud . . . endorses intercourse with children who are non-believers and permits bestiality. The three men minding the bookstore laugh about being not politically correct".

#### **6.4 Neo-Nazis and other far-right wing splinter groups**

In most cities, small groups of neo-Nazis, sometimes including violent skinheads, have come to attention during the past year. Racist skinheads not necessarily aligned to any formal organisation are known to be present in small numbers in cities and towns spread around Australia and have allegedly been involved in racist violence against Asian students and harassment of members of left-wing groups. Attempts to exploit these groups or direct their violence towards Jews and other minorities are common.

Even more than in the other sub-groups within the broad far-right, the neo-Nazis seem to be involved in endless and undetermined battles for supremacy, with Jewish organisations regularly receiving information concerning the members and activities of these groups from rivals and ex-members. Sometimes the internecine warfare reaches violent proportions, but more often it is restricted to claiming responsibility for vandalism and harassment, forming allegiances with neo-Nazis interstate and overseas, and asserting purity of racial make-up and ideology. “Southern Cross Soldiers” was exposed as promoting racism in an article in Melbourne’s Sunday Herald Sun in November.

These groups, which are little more than gangs, are notable for their acceptance and promotion of ideology to rationalise and justify their anti-social behaviour. One such group, “Southern Cross Soldiers”, gained some further media attention when a member of its Youth Network, Tyler Cassidy, was shot dead by police after threatening members of the public, and the police, with a knife, in a Melbourne shopping centre.



Far right wing groups Blood and Honour and Hammerskins were involved in an open fight with a revived neo-Nazi group “Volksfront Australia”, which they accused of being too pro-Asian (discussion on Stormfront Downunder, January 2009). Nicole Hanley, an employee of a company which had Defence Department contracts, was suspended by her employer after the Wikileaks website revealed her enthusiasm for neo-Nazism, particular Blood and Honour Australia (reported in The Sydney Morning Herald 6/4/09).

Australian National Action have in the past engaged in a number of public activities, including staging rallies in Melbourne and Adelaide, and publishing a newsletter which maligns their enemies, including Jews. Their agenda was antisemitic, anti-immigration and white-supremacist, with harassment of political opponents and direct confrontations regular occurrences.

The internet site of National Action includes a series of articles critical of the Westminster democratic system and multiculturalism. One lengthy paper, "Anti-Racial Vilification Legislation: An authoritarian response to criticism of Immigration/Multicultural Policy", by Jim Saleam, has a special section on "the Zionist Intervention", which claimed that "the Zionists" were "the main ethnic protagonists" of the legislation". A list of links to the page includes fascist and neo-Nazi groups, mainly in Europe.

A candidate for Melbourne's Monash Council announced his intention to form a "White Australia Party" as a splinter group from One Nation. Neil Smith, previously expelled from Pauline Hanson's One Nation party, flew the flag of race-hate in the council elections. He admitted to being a "racist" who will "aggressively reject" council monies going to immigrants. Notably, even One Nation drew the line, pledging that his brand of racism isn't welcome in their party, which expresses concern about Asian and Muslim immigration" (Source: [VEXNEWS](#) · November 28, 2008)

The website of the White Pride Coalition of Australia promoted the Australian NSDAP, the Australian Nationalists Movement, ASGARD and the Invisible Australian Empire. However, there is no real evidence of this "Coalition" beyond the web-page and a "newsletter", The Nationalist, which has irregularly been sent to Jewish groups in an apparent attempt to intimidate Jewish Australians. "White Pride Coalition of Australia" and Ku Klux Klan leaflets have occasionally been distributed in regional centres, but this could easily have been the handiwork of one or two individuals.

Far-rightwinger, David Innes ("Baron von Hund") had a section "Jewwatch" on his [White Nationalist Resources](#) website. It included a promotion of David Duke's [Jewish Supremacism](#), [Jewwatch.com](#), and a series of links to site containing antisemitism based on misrepresentations of, or forged quotes allegedly from, [The Talmud](#).

The "People's Socialist News Service" of the National Bolsheviks of Australia editorialised "The international capitalist-intelligentsia dictatorship has sent Mr. Fredrick Toben to prison for three months for criticizing the official line taken by the dictatorship on the holocaust and for not doing as he has been told to by the international dictatorship of the capitalists and intellectuals. Comrade Fredrick Toben said that he was willing to go to gaol for what he believes in.", claiming "The courts charged Toben for contempt of court because he wouldn't remove "racially vilifying" material. What was so "racist" and "vilifying" about saying that Jews who thought the holocaust was real were of "limited intelligence"? That isn't racist because it is true. One would have to be thick to avoid debating history or trying to deny history." (14/5/09). The People's Socialist News Service included an item "The lawyers for the Jews have asked the Federal Court to launch another contempt of court charge against Mr Fredrick Toben. One might think that this is blatant persecution of a man for what he believes in. One would've thought that the Jews would know how it feels to be persecuted by the state. But yet the Jews are persecuting a intellectual for putting forward an alternative



theory that is opposed to the line taken by the regime.” (29/5/09). The People’s Socialist News Service attacked “anarchist Jews” and “multiracialists”, after an anti-immigration activist lost her job as a broadcaster in multicultural radio. (5/7/09).

The Stormfront Forums, particularly Stormfront Downunder, the allow overt antisemites and far right activists a platform to espouse bigotry and fanaticism. During the period in review On Stormfront, discussing a Sydney school’s decision to investigate an ntisemitic Facebook group “Jew parking”, “Spinusus” wrote “Whine whine whine, they never pass up an excuse o whine. And predictably the jew in the article brought up the holyhoax. I’ll bet it was the jews that are behind the whole thing, this is their style.” (10/12/08). “Firestone” added “Gee, Aussies are being deliberately targetted by minorities for bashings, theft or rape – and these Chutzpah bastarrds whine and moan about a couple of jokes on the internet! The audacity of these people never fails to astound me. Give ‘em some more reparations, that ought to keep them quiet for a week or 2 (tops).” (15/12/08). On Stormfront Downunder, “Celtic Welsh Warrior” wrote “What the Jews are trying to make this look like is a moral judgement. That’s what they wanted. We on the other hand need to band together to form media companies to broadcast the truth to the world about the Jews and how they manufacture Threat-Guilt Myths in order to control the local populations. So all races can survive. The “Holocaust” never happened. There is no evidence for it. It’s the Holy religion of our time, a new religion for the atheists this time around in which Heretics, like Toben, O’Connel, Sheppard, Whittle are arrested and imprisoned.” (15/5/09). On Stormfront Downunder (20/5/09) “Ponytail” claimed “The reality is the Jewish council admitted there was not 6 million killed, approx 1 million. The jewish council has two ways of silencing – through the courts / prisons and mental health. They will be reading these posts, hacking into our system, trying to jail each person”. In Stormfront Downunder, “Roadtrain” wrote “Nothing would change if the Holocaust was definitively disproved, it’d go down the memory hole, be written out of history and some other Anti Semitic atrocity would “occur”, the Jews have been “persecuted” for thousands of years remember. The idea of Six Million victims pre dates WW2 and the 21st century proponents of that idea, realising that time is against them with regard to eyewitness testimony have turned to elaborate fictional re imaginings and “Infotainment” to reinforce their point. I feel that Frederick Toben and his kind have simply been left behind, historical facts, no matter how diligently gathered and responsibly presented are no match for fiction and popular culture in this day and age. What 18 year old is going to sit through a revisionist film when they can go to the local multiplex and see (as has been reported in Haaretz) Britney Spears starring in a poignant love story involving time travel to a Concentration Camp?” and “Jewish Supremacists in Canada have jailed at least 10 white men for the crime of offending Jews. Join our campaign to Stop the Hate!!!”. (26/6/09). “Ponytail” wrote “Most of WW2 history when being reviewed is loaded with disclaimers about not being antisemite or trying to temper the review. Never will you find such disclaimers an any other part of history, as the ruthlessness of ADL will hurt a person’s existence. Truth is something to never be afraid of. Truth will always surface, eventually as chaos – like we all have seen in the imposed world recession” and “6 million Jews did not die in the holocaust and now the official figure is 1 million – things change when evidence is seen as fact. The jews have benefited by disenfranchising Palestine and were given their own State as a result. They have benefited and got themselves out of trouble many times based on this part of history – thus they have been given lenancy, whereas other nations would be held accountable for current war crimes that have occurred. And that is a truth – found in the news, found currently by talking to others. I can see that the Jews would be afraid that if anything alters then they would lose



their control and perhaps be hunted. Well one way of fixing that is to do well by others, don't do to others what you don't want done to yourself. So Dr Fredrick Toben will come out of jail, he might be quieter but do you think that the jailing has changed his mind? I would think if I were jailed or mental health silenced I would still keep my opinions and remain a watcher. I remember seeing a u-tube where David Icke was called antisemite for his beliefs about Reptillians and he was viewed by I think the ADL. This slow, talking, half-hypnotised woman suggested his mental might not be good. So there you have it either control by Jailing, banning from country entrance, or Mental Health Silencing will occur and that is why so very little is known about WW2. Those some powers that were pulling the strings are still pulling the strings and are surviving based on the clouded history. Who are they? Who knows?". (27/6/09). In Stormfront Downunder "G.I.Jane" wrote "A cry of 'holocaust' is their ultimate 'get out of jail free' card, and when that fails, the cry of 'anti-semitism' is used. While fools continue to play their game and bow down to it, it will keep happening. Can you blame a stray dog for stealing scraps if you leave them unguarded. Get out of THEIR system (as theirs it definitely is now). I have no faith in the rule of law anymore, no faith that the basic tenets of our legal system are still being enforced...where is habeus corpus, where is equality before the law, where, oh, \* where, is EQUITY? Why does someone like Howard Hughes to extremely well in this system?" (16/7). "RobRoyMac" added "Where is habeas corpus? He's on a plane to a warm, sunny tropical Island counting his money. Injustice is bought, or in this case issued under the duress of ZOG". (16/7).

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*Multicultural radio presenter linked to anti-immigration Facebook groups*

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*Terrie-Anne Verney.*

*A presenter for a NSW community radio station that specialises in multicultural programming has been reprimanded after she was revealed to be an administrator of several racist, anti-immigration groups on Facebook.*

*Terrie-Anne Verney, a presenter and sales representative for Griffith FM radio station 2MIA, was the administrator of the group "F--- Off, We're Full" and had also joined several Facebook groups including "Stop the Islamisation of Australia while we still can", "Australian Conservative United Party", the "Australian Protectionist Party" and "Australians against Multiculturalism".*

*In posts on the site she ridiculed foreigners who did not have a good grasp of English, claimed the Islamic faith was destroying the Australian way of life and said that attacked Indian students should go back home to study.*

She also wrote that groups of immigrants tended to develop a "mob mentality", claimed KKK members she knew were "intelligent" and that she did not want immigrants who did not speak English or assimilate into "the Australian life" to be allowed into the country.

"If we allow the Islamic faith to continue to grow, sooner or later the Australian way of life will be destroyed," Ms Verney wrote in one post.

"I can't even imagine where we start to fix the problems caused by the introduction of this \*cough cough\* religion and its invasion of our society, but something needs to be done. Before its (sic) too late."

Of bashed Indian students, she said they were "playing the victim card" and "the shit around their head must do something to their brain".

"Maybe a gun to their head might help them get the hint that they are not wanted here!!," she wrote.

Edna Wakley, president of the Griffith Community FM Association and station manager at 2MIA, said in a statement that she was "horrified" by Ms Verney's affiliations, and that she was unaware of until yesterday.

She said the station did "not condone in any way sites such as these" and would "take appropriate disciplinary action where necessary".

2MIA prides itself on "multicultural programming" and has several presenters from diverse backgrounds. Ms Verney works there as a sales representative and also presents a music show on Saturday afternoons.

"It is disappointing that this staff member's actions could place a cloud over the integrity of this Association and all that it has achieved in Ethnic Broadcasting, multiculturalism and the community at large," the statement said.

When Ms Verney was approached for comment over her Facebook posts, she said it was "unfortunate" patriotism was now regarded as racism.

"As a proud Aussie, I welcome new Australians in the hope and belief that they too, become proud Aussies," she said.

"This country is beautiful the way it is, and like most average citizens, [I] do not want our society to change to suit others' needs."

But after this website approached 2MIA for a comment yesterday, Ms Verney began removing some of her Facebook group affiliations and posts.

In April, a contractor for one of Australia's largest Defence Department-linked companies was suspended after she was alleged to have been **involved as an administrator of the neo-Nazi web forum Blood & Honour**.

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The reversals in fortunes suffered by the Australian imitators of the US "militia" groups, which began in 1996, continued during the period in review. The militia sub-culture suffered due to the new, more restrictive gun ownership legislation introduced in the wake of the 1996 Port Arthur mass murder; the change in government from their hated "Fabians"

to a conservative coalition; and the rise of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party, which offered their constituency a seemingly more viable means of "rescuing" Australia.

The AUSI Freedom Scouts had received glowing praise in a feature article in the US antisemitic newspaper Spotlight in February 1995. In the article, "Patriotic Australians Fighting Move Toward New World Order", AUSI Freedom Scouts were described as "patriots" who warned "the planned New World Order of central domination of the people" by the "ruling elite" is "just around the corner". AUSI Freedom Scouts material refers to the need for "the armed citizen" to "prepare physically for the imminent world crisis". The group reportedly had strong links with extreme US right wing groups which belong to the network of Patriot groups and is also a major part of the interconnected system of far right-wing, mainly rural, Australian "loyalist" groups. Claiming it has 3,000 members, the AUSI Freedom Scouts declared their determination to find ways of defeating the aims of the new gun laws. In a somewhat understated assessment, an Australian Federal Police spokesman told the Queensland newspaper The Sunday Mail "there's no indication they have the ability or desire to organise themselves and take active measures."

The energy that had been devoted to their past efforts was channelled into One Nation's political campaigns, a source of embarrassment to One Nation's ruling clique. A former Northern Territory parliamentarian and AUSI Freedom Scout leader, Denis Collins, hosted both Australia First and One Nation for meetings in his new, southern NSW, location, before standing for federal parliament as an independent. Collins now lives in Tasmania where he was a vocal supporter of Olga Scully's anti-Jewish propaganda campaigns.

In the 1995 Annual Report of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Loyal Regiment of Australian Guardians was described as a "clandestine Christian extremist paramilitary group". The report noted the group "had ready access to weapons and talked about using violence in support of its anti-government, anti-Asia political agenda". AUSI Freedom Scouts material has been circulated with manifestos from the Loyal Regiment of Australian Guardians. The Loyal Regiment's rhetoric is almost identical to that of the US Patriot Movements, with a spokesman appearing on national television announcing that he was "prepared to take up arms" to defend himself when Australia becomes "a dictatorship".

Christians Speaking Out has been promoted by the League of Rights and in Lock, Stock & Barrel and The Strategy as a group of people who "understand" the "danger" of parliamentary rule. Based in the small Queensland town of Chinchilla, the group "charged" former Prime Minister Keating and the Queensland Premier with "treason". A prominent member, who gave a toast at the 1993 League of Rights dinner and actively promotes Holocaust Denial, wrote some years ago to a national newspaper asking "is there no end to Jewish hate?". Other organisations which belong to the same broad network include the Australian Community Movement; the Confederate Action Party (a fore-runner of One Nation); the Christian Patriots Association (which claimed that it had attacked banks in three states in the same week, by shooting at the plate glass windows) and has issued a threat to "leaders at all levels" (signed by the Christian Patriots Society Military Wing); the Australian Integrity Movement (which attacked "Jews" and "Jewish leaders" of communism, who it claimed probably "neutralised" safeguards against a take-over by anti-Australian forces); the Citizens Safety Council and Economic Reform Australia.

The newspaper The Strategy, published in Victoria, prints items drawn from a variety of sources. No argument appears too extreme to merit publication in this newspaper, which

draws inspiration from the US-based racists of the Patriot Movement. Extracts from LaRouche news services, the antisemitic US-magazine Spotlight and appreciations of the activities of Graeme Campbell, Pauline Hanson and Australians Against Further Immigration are typical, while a cross-section of extremist groups places advertisements in its pages. In the period in review The Strategy advertised the Covenant Vision and the Christian Identity Ministries, published a number of antisemitic cartoons, ran economic analyses from the Citizens Electoral Councils, promoted a range of conspiracy theories and even the bizarre New Zealand antisemitic magazine "Uncensored". The Strategy (October 2008) featured an opinion article "Zionist hierarchy selects Turnbull", referring to Malcolm Turnbull as a "Zionist merchant banker" who "steamrolled" a "decent man" as part of a plan for a "takeover" of Australia; published advocacy of the CECs; and printed advertisements for the Christian Identity Ministries.; The Strategy (November 2008) published advertisements for the Christian Identity Ministries' audio and video outlets; and included a cartoon of a "puppeteer" with Stars of David on his hat controlling organs of finance, business, government etc., in a profile of cartoonist Lucien de Bruin; The Strategy (February 2009) included an article by Craig Isherwood of the CEC attacking Kevin Rudd's belief in human responsibility for climate change; an advertisement by the Christian Identity Ministries for conspiracy theory texts; an antisemitic cartoon depicting George Bush, Tony Blair and John Howard as monkeys, wearing skull caps, under a flag of USA where the stars were all six-pointed; a letter signed Peter Keogh making a Nazi-Israel analogy and three separate antisemitic letters from Jim Shanks, which included comments such as "Countless Christians know today that they were "brain-washed" by the Christian clergy on the subject "Jesus was a Jew". It is now time for the Christian clergy to tell Christians what they should have told them long ago. Of all religious groups in the world, Christians appear to be the least informed on any of this subject. Have their spiritual leaders been reckless with the truth? ('Facts are Facts' – Benjamin Freedman). Twenty first century Jewishness is not a racial concept, it is the Pharisaical Judaistic antithesis of the Christian ethic. In this light, the 'chosen people' (moneylenders) concept is a misnomer.", "To offset this international economic banking trap, should we not apply the June 15, 1215, Runnymede solution, against the International Zionist Banking fraternity, the world conquerors, whose wars and economic undermining, are the moneylenders harvests?" and "The 'Continual Sacrifice' was replaced in the sixties by a New Order man-centred spiritual void, sponsored by an iniquitous Second Vatican Council, 'top heavy' with infiltrated occultic Judaeo-Freemasonic "Prelates" (Illuminati and the Catholic Church, Fr.Arthur W.Terminello)." The Strategy (April 09) included advertisements from the Christian Identity Ministries and a long article by the paper's cartoonist, Lucien De Bruin, in which he wrote "Make no mistake IsraElite! The people who CONcocted the CONstitution (no matter which country, though mainly Western Civilisations have this CON) were playing a very dangerous game of ONE-UP-MANSHIP. They actually believed that they could do ONE BETTER than the POTTER, the LEGISLATOR HIMSELF! What RAND ABSURDITY!!"; "We have been soaked by this witches brew, this myth, for so long that we are utterly impregnated by it. This creeping cancerous witches brew keeps alive, the "dictator rules over savage" myth of CONstitution, Democracy and monarchy folly, peppered and salted by the Fabian-Socialist One World Khazar money manipulators and their bureaucRAT patronising lackeys" and "IsraELite, you are reading a warning against human rule, no matter what form it takes! If you are shocked, I hope that I am shocking you into action for the KING and the KINGDOM!! Some of our fellow IsraElites and self proclaimed "messiahs" are once again demanding a human king, or queen, or President or Prime Minister, and they are trying to save this HOAX called CONstitution. Democracy and Monarchy. They are telling us that we cannot live without this human folly, and that, if we save it all, it will somehow get better with a new lot of

“founding fathers”<sup>1</sup>: US, the “founding fathers” of ONE-WORLDISM because we didn’t get rid of the ‘OTHER GODS’,(Ex.20:3). Let me tell you something IsraElite! Australians from all walks of life have a gutful of Polly-ticks, elections, voting, referndums, political parties, bureaucRATS, powerusurpers, traitors, liars, promises, foreign treaties, CONstitutions, media barons, manipulators, Fabians, Socialists, Communists, apostate monarchies etc., etc., et nausea. WHY? Because ‘WE THE PEOPLE’ are waking up! And we need to, because we the people are allowing this Babylonian Slavedom to be perpetuated, because we are NOT seeking HIS FACE in earnest! Stop petitioning your Polly Tick! He doesn’t even live here, he hides here like a TICK, a LEACH, a PARASITE.” ; The Strategy (May 09) published a cartoon depicting an anti-Jewish doctor caricature sitting in front of a medical certificate emblazoned with a Star of David poisoning a victim via “vaccination” to make “Billion\$ Profit”. It also printed an advertisement for Christian Identity Ministries. The Strategy (July – Aug 09) advertised the Christian Identity Ministries and a conference in Brisbane co-sponsored with Hard Evidence which included a range of far-right conspiracy theorists.

The Queensland regional newspaper “Hinterland Voice” also developed notoriety during the period in review as it published eclectic conspiracy theories and anti-Jewish material. The Hinterland Voice No. 156 (February 2009) included a column by far right polemicist Jeremy Lee on “Debt Driven Globalism”; an advertisement by “People’s Class Action Trust” for a number of antisemitic DVDs and Audio CDs, including the works of Eustace Mullins and “The Other Israel: An expose of the Talmud and the Cabala”; an article “Media Rules” which claimed any journalists who did not support Israel were branded “highly dangerous anti-Semitic terrorists” and the editorial signed Fiona B. Sullivan included a paragraph condemning “the Jewish people in new (sic) York” for being “happy” during the Festival of Chanuka. Hinterland Voice No. 157 (March 2009) published a letter from far-right wing activist Olga Scully. The Hinterland Voice (No. 162 August 09) published a front-page antisemitic article “Anna Bligh is a Rothschild puppet”, a page two extract from the Australian League of Rights “On Target” magazine, an article “Who are the real terrorists?” which claimed “Usury, plus a God-less, corrupt, debt-based monetary and banking system, plus corrupt land and share speculation, together with an out of control, corrupt derivatives industry with all of its corollaries, exacerbated by ignorant and corrupt politicians and public servants, motivated by greed, bad laws, and secretly steered by judeo-masonic political and economic policies, foisted on an indoctrinated, hypnotised, mesmerised, unsuspecting Goy public, have succeeded in smashing from within, what was once the most powerful country in the world – now a bankrupt corpse, waiting to be buried. If we don’t wake up in Australia, and real soon, we will go the same way.”, advertised antisemitic videos from “Hinterland Voice Trust” and a long antisemitic article “The Jews’ God”.

Self-described “Australia’s Only Fair Dinkum Newspaper”, Xenox-News, posted “In the interests of free speech – and at the risk of being hounded by the relentless Israel lobby as an “anti-Semite” – I am posting this poorly written but entirely valid article by Michael Backman that was hastily pulled by The Age newspaper in Melbourne this week. It even disappeared from Backman’s own website. The blatant retro-censorship and the fact that both The Age and Backman issued cringeworthy “apologies” to the usual Greek (Jewish?) Chorus of Zionist propagandists is of more concern in a democratic society than any purported offense caused by the article to some readers of a particular political or religious ideology.” (24/1/09).

The far-right engage in seemingly endless power struggles, some ideological and tactical but more often personal. The fighting became particularly intense after One Nation enjoyed a brief period of electoral success and individuals, some of whom had decades of involvement in a variety of anti-immigration and/or neo-Nazi groups jockeyed for positions close to the levers of power. This was particularly evident in the machinations of the various Australia First movements, factions and individuals, during the period in review.

The Australia First Party, deregistered for failing to meet its obligations as a political party since 2004, distributed racist leaflets in Adelaide in June, attacking foreign students enrolled in Australian education institutions. Australia First endorsed as a candidate in the 2009 Queensland state election Perry Jewell (a founder of the defunct Confederate Action Party). When the Party announced it had become re-registered federally and would contest the 2011 Federal election, the ALP in NSW immediately announced it would be placed last on voting tickets.

In February, the Australian Nationalism Information Database, re-labelled Ironbake Resources, came into the sphere of the Australian Protectionist Party, a rival of Australia First. The Australian Protectionist Party, led by Darrin Hodges, invited Nick Griffin, of the BNP, to visit Australia to speak on “the demographic genocide ... caused by large scale immigration of people from the Third World”. In December, the BNP announced the visit was “postponed”.

In November, the political-gossip blog Vex News obtained, and published, a complete list (16 people) of Australian residents who were members of the BNP.

Extreme right wing activist Paul Innes invited other racists to join him in the “Pioneer Little Europe” project, to establish a Whites-only enclave in the Perth Hills (The West Australian 7/2/09). Innes, the moderator of Stormfront Downunder, also actively promoted Blood and Honour and Southern Cross Hammerskins.

After two major Australian corporations requested their logos be removed from the website “Global Web Builders”, it was revealed that the site, maintained by former One Nation webmaster Scott Balson, kept archived the Australian National News of the Day (1995-99) which included a number of antisemitic items. (April 2009).

## **6.5 Adelaide Institute**

The Adelaide Institute, a loose conglomeration of individuals around self-styled "Holocaust Revisionist" Fredrick Toben which has its primary activity the publishing of material on the internet, has in recent year disseminated arguably the most vicious and malicious anti-Jewish propaganda of any Australian group. Even David Irving, in his Action Report, wrote that Fredrick Toben’s “(blatantly) ‘anti-Semitic Website’ was a liability to Holocaust revisionists.

In 1996 the Executive Council of Australian Jewry lodged a complaint with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission concerning the content of the Adelaide Institute's internet site. In November 1998 the matter went to a public hearing. Frederick Toben appeared at the hearing, then walked out, which meant he did not face cross-examination.

In February 1999, Frederick Toben commenced an overseas trip, which he described to a regional newspaper's journalist as a mission during which he would challenge the German laws on denial of the Holocaust. While travelling, Toben continued to distribute antisemitic material through his web-site and also to write a number of letters to public officials which contained his advocacy of Holocaust Denial.

In Germany, Toben was arrested and jailed under the laws which he had announced he was planning on challenging. Although he received verbal support from his closest allies at the Adelaide Institute and from the English writer David Irving, his arrest did not receive a great deal of media attention and most of the reporting on the case included the perspective that he had announced before leaving that he knew of the German law.

While in jail and on his release he was active in promoting Holocaust Denial through his web-site. He and/or his supporters also mailed his material to a number of recipients, including Holocaust survivors. During the period of his incarceration, Geoff Muirden, David Brockschmidt and Jack Selzer used the Adelaide Institute name to promote Holocaust Denial and other elements of antisemitism.

The Hearing Commissioner released her findings in October 2000. The Hearing Commissioner found, amongst other facts, that:

"The material contained on the Internet site is material which consistently presents Jews as a group of people who are engaged in a manipulation of the truth or an attempt to conceal or pervert the truth in order to obtain political, economic and other power. It consistently presents Jewish people as at the heart of "Stalinist crimes", and "Bolshevism". It suggests that sensitivity about matters relating to what is known as the Holocaust is an attempt to impose guilt on non-Jews, in particular Christians. It presents the circumstances known as the Holocaust as allegations or assertions, made and held by persons acting maliciously, dishonestly and manipulatively. Those persons so acting are unmistakably identified on the website as Jews, and further they are represented as so acting because they are Jews. The material has at its heart the proposition that the events of "the Holocaust" have been constructed, distorted and manipulated to create a myth for the promotion of the social, political and economic interests of the Jewish people, and suggests there is no evidence to support the existence of this interpretation of events";

"Material on the website also contains insulting and offensive expressions in relation to Jewish people and "the Holocaust" which are intended to be offensive and intimidating, and indeed have caused offense and anxiety:"

"There are many aspects of that material which are quite explicit in their denigration of Jewish people, and many other aspects of the material which make this clear by imputation. The central theme of the website is the assertion that the Holocaust is, in the terms in which it is generally understood, "a myth"."

and that:

"None of the material contained on Dr Toben's Adelaide Institute website is of an historical intellectual or scientific standard which is persuasive on these issues, and is largely expressed in highly tendentious and often offensive and insulting language about Jewish people which makes it difficult to give serious consideration to the propositions contained in

it. It is this language which characterises the website and its material, and leads me to be satisfied that the material contained on the website has a consistent theme of the vilification of Jewish people.

The Commission found that Fredrick Toben engaged in unlawful conduct and ordered that he "remove the contents of the Adelaide Institute website from the World Wide Web and not re-publish the content of that website in public elsewhere" and that he should also make a public apology to the Complainant, which he would publish on the World Wide Web, and undertake not to "publish any such material in the future".

In 2001, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry applied to the Federal Court of Australia for enforcement of the orders against Fredrick Toben and the Federal Court subsequently brought down a determination which effectively upheld the findings of the HREOC commissioners.

The Human Rights & Equal Opportunities Commission, on 17 September 2002, issued a media release headed "Landmark Decision on Race Hate and the Internet", which read:

"In the first Australian court decision on race hate and the Internet, the Federal Court today found that a website that denied the Holocaust and vilified Jewish people was unlawful under Australia's Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Federal Court Justice Branson ordered Adelaide Institute director Fredrick Toben to remove offensive material from the World Wide Web, saying she was 'satisfied that it is more probable than not that the material would engender in Jewish Australians a sense of being treated contemptuously, disrespectfully and offensively'.

She ordered Dr Toben to remove the document 'About the Adelaide Institute' and similar documents; and other material that cast doubt on the Holocaust, suggested homicidal gas chambers at Auschwitz were unlikely, that Jewish people offended by and who challenge Holocaust denial are of limited intelligence and that some Jewish people, for improper purposes, including financial gain, exaggerated the number of Jews killed during World War II and the circumstances in which they were killed.

Fredrick Toben challenged the judgement, and his Appeal was heard by the Full Bench of the Federal Court in May 2003. On 27 June 2003 the Federal Court unanimously rejected Toben's Appeal.

The judges were damning of his material, of his motives and his "sophistry". For example, Justice Carr wrote "In my view ... he was attempting what might be described as a very sick inversion and an exercise in sophistry..." and "the appellant was conscious that the reader might see its contents as being antisemitic or racist...".

Fredrick Toben was ordered to remove offending material and to pay costs.

Toben subsequently continued to participate in international gatherings of Holocaust deniers in the USA, in which many of the keynote speakers made overtly antisemitic comments, and also spoke at an anti-Jewish conference in Iran. Fredrick Toben and his colleague Richard Kregge, participated in the Holocaust denial conference in Iran, The Australian reporting "In his opening remarks, Dr Toben thanked the Iranian people for "having brought forth a



leadership that is fearless of Jewish pressure, a leadership that courageously sets out to clarify the fundamental human values lost in most of the Western 'democratic and free world.'" He then called evidence of the Nazi gas chambers "the products of a feverish pathological mind filled with pure hatred, most directed against Germans and anything German ... the product of an appalling state of ignorance of natural and chemical processes." Toben posted his speech on his website.

The website went through a series of modifications and alterations, but due to the retention of links to earlier items found to be unlawful and the publication of new anti-Jewish material, contempt proceedings were launched, resulting in Fredrick Toben being found to be in contempt of court and sentenced to three months in prison which, after he exhausted Appeal options, commenced in August 2009.

During the period from the hearing of the Contempt complaint and the judgement and sentencing, Fredrick Toben was arrested in London due to a European Union arrest warrant issued by German authorities, but after periods in detention and then at liberty with restrictions, the German government did not proceed with extradition and Toben returned to Australia.

Both prior and subsequent to the finding of Contempt, there were items of concern published on the Adelaide Institute website, initially by Fredrick Toben and later under the alleged auspices of Peter Hartung. Some examples of Adelaide Institute material in the reviewed period included:

- “ Dr Fredrick Töben's disclaimer: "I am operating under a Federal Court of Australia Gag Order that prohibits me from questioning/denying the three pillars on which the >Holocaust-Shoah< story/legend/myth rests: 1. During World War II, Germany had an extermination policy against European Jewry; 2. of which they killed six million; 3. using as a murder weapon homicidal gas chambers. It is impossible to discuss the >Holocaust< with such an imposed constraint. I therefore am merely reporting on matters that I am not permitted to state. For example, if I state the >Holocaust< is: 1. a lie; 2. six million Jews never died, or 3. the gas chambers did not exist, then I would claim that I am merely reporting on what expert Revisionists such as Professors Butz/Faurisson, et al, are stating in public. Anyone who refuses to believe in these three pillars of orthodoxy will face a world-wide group of enforcers who will use any means to destroy dissenting voices. The problem is that these pillars are not set in concrete, though attempts at setting them in legal concrete have been under way for decades - without success. The latest victims imprisoned for refusing to BELIEVE in the >Holocaust-Shoah< narrative are Germar Rudolf, Ernst Zündel & Sylvia Stolz in Germany; Siegfried Verbeke in Belgium, and Wolfgang Fröhlich & Gerd Honsik in Austria. If you wish to begin to doubt the >Holocaust-Shoah< narrative, you must be prepared for personal sacrifice, must be prepared for marriage and family break-up, loss of career, and go to prison. This is because Revisionists are, among other things, dismantling a massive multi-billion dollar industry that the >Holocaust-Shoah< enforcers are defending, as well as the survival of Zionist-racist Israel. So, do not cry when the knock on the door takes you away from family and friends. Such experiences can be character-building. Revisionists are not foolish or naive but realistic as befitting someone who still cherishes such life-affirming ideals as Love, Truth, Honour, Justice, Beauty! Some definitions: a. An antisemite is

someone who condemns Jews because they are Jews, something I reject in my maxim: -Don't blame the Jews, blame those that bend to their pressure-. b. The term –antisemitic- is itself a problem because it refers to language-type and refers to the Arabic-speaking peoples, not just the Hebrew-speaking peoples; both peoples use a Semitic language. c. An antisemite is someone the Jews hated. Antisemitism is a disease. You catch it from Jewish behaviour. If you seek to create Beauty-Love, Honour-Justice and Truth, then feel free to enter Adelaide Institute's website. (<http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/> downloaded 13 Oct 2008)

- “Fredrick Töben comments: Of course there is no mention that anyone who levels the Holocaust story at Germans is defaming Germans by claiming they systematically exterminated European Jewry in homicidal gas chambers. This is a horrific allegation - and I take it as my moral and intellectual duty to investigate such an allegation. To date I have concluded that Germans never exterminated anyone, and that in fact the Holocaust-Shoah story is full of war-time propaganda and outright lies, something that must be investigated. Hence the need to continue my work! (9/12/08 November 2008 No 418)
- “. . . I had previously visited Klein in April 1997 because Adelaide Institute’s Tasmanian associate, Mrs Olga Scully, and I were pioneering legal procedures before the newly established Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission – HREOC. This body set up by then Federal Court Justice and ardent Zionist Marcus Einfeld who used his influence deliberately to set up a body resembling a military tribunal before which truth is no defence. Specifically, before HREOC matters Holocaust-Shoah would gain legal protection by withdrawing any public discussion about this historical event and moving it into the realm of dogma, much as the Talmudic-Marxist Bolsheviks protected their dogmas by using the concepts ‘antisemite’ and ‘revisionist’ with which to kill and to send any dissenters to the GuLag. . . it was Prof Alan Dershowitz who realized that anyone who claimed the countless Holocaust-Shoah horror stories to be true stories would be proved a liar in a rigorous court situation. From then on tactics were changed and the various Human Rights Commissions sprang up specifically designed to utilize the racial concept in order to extend legal group protection to Jews only. British Common Law does not quite achieve such group protection. The legacy of Magna Carta and Habeas Corpus can still, if a judge is courageous enough to make use of such legal principles, protect individuals from legal excesses. 5. The following two books highlight what Revisionists have pointed out for many decades – the demise of the Zionist entity called Israel within Palestine: Avram Burg: The Holocaust is Over: We Must Rise from its Ashes. Shlomo Sand: When and How Was the Jewish People Invented? 6. Someone stated to me that I should now sue the UK government for false imprisonment. My response is that I don’t sue because I’m not a Jew! Apparently local Adelaide Jew Norman Schueler was offended by this remark when Channel 7 broadcast it as part of its coverage of my arrival back at Adelaide on 3 December 2008.” (<http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/n419.htm> November 2008 No 419 9/12/08)
- “Here is how Mohammed Hegazi on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 read the whole affair: **TÖBEN DEALS A BLOW TO GERMAN SHYLOCKS** Fredrick Töben is a rock of determination upon which German Shylockian power has been smashed by a cautious decision by Westminster Magistrates Court. Early in the piece, Fred warned

colleagues, who might contemplate taking up research that would expose the Holocaust lie. He said, "If you wish to begin to doubt the Holocaust narrative, you must be prepared for personal sacrifice, must be prepared for marriage and family break-up, loss of career, and go to prison. This is because Revisionists are, among other things, dismantling a massive multi-billion dollar industry that the Holocaust enforcers are defending". Fred was right, but he was the one to face most of the open hostility of fanatic Jews, both in Germany and here at home in Australia, where a character of the name Jeremy Jones has been trying to drag him through a legal system littered with the obnoxious vermin. . . . (13/12/08, <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/n427.htm> January 2009 No 427)

- By Maurice Horsburgh – “. . . As a citizen of both the United Kingdom and Australia, I find it absolutely appalling that 50 million died in WW II fighting for democracy and freedom of speech, yet in 2008 the jackbooted Zionazi Thought-Police who control five European countries can order British police to arrest and detain a man which may result in a five year jail sentence simply for exercising his right to free speech.. . . No wonder British citizens are leaving the UK in droves! Yours in absolute disgust, Maurice Horsburgh” and “. . . The Federal German Government has, for the last sixty years, been a shining light in our western democratic system. Is it now descending into a Zionazi jackbooted controlled regime more in line with the former Deutsche Demokratische Republik? You may have any form of 'democracy' you wish as long as it conforms to the ideology of your faceless 'masters'. . . .the question must be asked, "What does the Holocaust Industry have to hide?" Compare the statements made by Dr Töben with the activities of those who are emerging as the 'String Pullers' in the Great Zionist Puppet Show. The persecution of the so-called Holocaust deniers helps to deflect from the Zionist State of Israel's ethnic cleansing of Palestine. This is being carried out on orders of persons, some of whom claim to be Holocaust 'survivors'. . . . When, not if, the world economy and monetary system collapses due to the nefarious manipulation of the Zionist bankers and the millions of unemployed marching in the streets discover the real culprits, Mr Andreas Grossman and his ilk will become the most successful recruiting agents for the rising neo Nazi movement. Yours respectfully, Maurice Horsburgh”; and “. . . More than half of the Zionist controlled European Parliaments have passed legislation which enables a person to be jailed for questioning the Holocaust. Is this the aim of Jeremy Jones? If so, the spelling of Judiciary must be altered to Jewdiciary". It is worth noting that the only event in the whole World War II which one cannot question is the Holocaust. It is therefore pertinent to ask: is there something to hide? Has the Australian judicial system become party to a "cover up" a "conspiracy" or whatever you like to call it? . . . As for Zionist influence over Australian politicians it is a well documented fact, but generally not reported in the Murdoch press, that former Prime Minister John Winston Howard was committed to the Zionist cause and had a plethora of awards and medals for services to Zionism and Israel. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is quickly following in his predecessor's footsteps. Soon after being elected to office he moved a motion on 12 March in the Australian Parliament honouring Israel's 60 years of independence. The motion was seconded by the Opposition Leader Dr Brendan Nelson. This event was nothing less than a celebration of the 60 years of ethnic cleansing of Palestine carried out by the Israelis many of whom claim to be Holocaust survivors. . . . Yours faithfully, Maurice Horsborough” (29/12/08 <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/n428.htm> January 2009 No 428)

- The Holocaust is Now Catholic Dogma By Joanna Francis – [joannafrancis2005@yahoo.com](mailto:joannafrancis2005@yahoo.com) The last time a Pope of the Catholic Church defined an infallible dogma was in the year 1950. Pope Pius XII used this power reserved for the Vicar of Christ when speaking ex cathedra to define the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary. It was an extraordinary event because a pope using the power of infallibly to define a dogma is done so rarely, and most popes have never used this power. Before Pius XII, the last pope to invoke papal infallibility to define a dogma was Pius IX in 1854, when he defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. . . . Fast forward to 2009 and Pope Benedict XVI has just defined a new dogma regarding a secular event that has nothing to do with the Faith. Moreover, this ‘dogmatic event’ only occurred in the middle of the 20th Century- and no one is allowed to investigate to see if it contains any errors! A dogma is an infallible teaching of the Catholic Church that must be believed by every Catholic or they’re not in communion with the Church. In the past, a dogma referred only to a matter of Christian faith, and Catholics could believe whatever they wanted about historical events. But today’s remarks from the Vatican make it clear that the Jewish version of the [Holocaust](#), in which 6 million Jews were killed in gas chambers, must be believed by every Catholic or they’re not in communion with the Church. That makes the Holocaust an official dogma of the Catholic Faith. . . . The Shoah is the Hebrew term for the *Holocaust*. Jewish groups welcomed the Vatican statement, saying it satisfied their key demand. “This was the sign the Jewish world has been waiting for,” said *Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress*. Yes, this is the sign the Jewish world has been waiting for, but what exactly does this “sign” really mean? It means that in the post-Vatican II Church, the “Shoah” has replaced the Crucifixion as the central event in history. And do you notice the subtle switcheroo here? Now, instead of the central tenet of the Christian faith pertaining to the murder of the Christ by Jews, the new central tenet refers to the murder of Jews by Christians! This should come as no surprise to those who understand what really lies at the heart of the problem. At its core, this is a spiritual battle that’s being waged above our heads. It’s Christ vs. anti-Christ, and each of us must choose a side. Lucifer wanted to be equal to God and out of pride refused to accept being a servant. When he uttered his famous “non servium” he took a third of the angels with him and set about waging war against God. When God sent His Son to redeem the world, Lucifer tried to prevent it. He took Jesus to the mountain top and tempted Him, saying “if you just bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things.” Jesus told the devil to buzz off. The Jews who rejected Jesus as the Messiah did so out of racial pride and ambition. They wanted an earthly kingdom where they would always be the ‘Chosen Ones’ and did not want to share a kingdom with the gentiles. But Jesus emphatically said that His kingdom was not of this world and to share the good news with the gentiles. The Jews who accepted the Messiah became the first Christians, and those who rejected Him fell into spiritual blindness. Satan takes advantage of Jewish hatred of Jesus and uses them to battle against the Church of Christ. The Jews continue to wait for a worldly Messiah, but the Messiah they await is known to us as the anti-Christ. Therefore, all Christians must love and pray for the Jewish people to accept Christ as the Messiah, thereby snatching them from the jaws of Satan, whom they don’t realize they are serving. This battle between Christ and anti-Christ is 2,000 years old and all popes throughout history have waged it (at least until 1958). . . . If the Jews are (wittingly or unwittingly) working to bring about the reign of the anti-Christ, then part of their strategy has to be to neutralize the Church. In their effort to overturn the crucifixion and replace it with

the “Shoah,” they’re trying to utilize the Church to bring this about. . . . The Pope and SSPX bishops need all our prayers and support right now, because they are going through a trial by fire. And, at least in this early stage, it appears Bishop Fellay is starting to get cold feet. Every day for the past several days he has issued a denunciation of his colleague, Bishop Williamson, each one more hysterical than the last. He even went so far as to refer to the Jews as our “elder brothers in the faith,” as though the Talmud has anything to do with our Faith. <http://truthisbeauty.wordpress.com/2009/02/04/the-holocaust-is-now-catholic-dogma/>” (<http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/n433.htm> February 2009 No 433 6/2/09)

- Leading up to the judgement in the contempt matter, Fredrick Toben posted on his website <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/> “Legally unrepresented throughout these long drawn-out procedures I was defamed as not co-operating with HREOC and the FCA; Judges ridiculed my continuous cry for legal help – I am not a lawyer - and interpreted this as proving I was uncooperative and, at worst, I was in contempt of court! My expecting the worst: Willingly bending to Jewish pressure, the legal steamroller presses on regardless to synchronise with legal global patterns attempting to enshrine the Holocaust-Shoah as the unifying principle of a New World Order. My hoping for the best: The wild card, Palestine, emerges as a winner where legal impulses then meet the wisdom expressed in the ancient Persian Empire now utilised anew by the religious-political establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Any help from the country of my birth, Germany, in breaking this ugly Holocaust-Shoah ideological tyranny can be shelved because there state prosecutors and judges are gleefully focusing on the decision, and Justice Lander knows this – he knows the world is watching him! What a burden but what an opportunity for Australia to emerge as a defender of free expression where thoughts and opinions are not criminalized! And now a thank you – we know that the Holocaust-Shoah believers are ruthless in pursuing those individuals who have, in particular, helped financially. I thus thank Justice Lander for refusing to make an order that would have obliged my handing over to the court a list of donations received. However, the Holocaust-Shoah believers’ reach into the private affairs of individuals is extensive and eliciting personal information is not impossible. But then we know, if such emerges, it has been obtained illegally! To date government agencies, which know more about me than I can remember, have not misused such information to the benefit of Holocaust-Shoah believers. Thank you, and until – later? Fredrick Töben, Adelaide, 14 April 2009.” On the day he faced sentencing after being found guilty of contempt, the frontpage of Fredrick Toben’s site read “BATTLE OF THE WILLS THINKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE- he’ll be there on 28 April at Federal Court of Australia, Angas Street, Adelaide. and clarify your oral/intellectual values. RICHARD PRATT RECEIVED A JUDGE’S INDULGENCE. WILL TÖBEN RECEIVE THE SAME? WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT AUSTRALIA’S JUSTICE SYSTEM?” . . . “Do I tell the truth or do I obey the Law? Zionists/Talmudists: Obey the Law, obey the Law, obey the Law! Hegelians: Tell the Truth AND obey the Law! Notice the difference in tone and sensibility? In which attitude of mind does the civilising influence lie? . . . Note: Court Orders must be obeyed without exception, even if they are unreasonable and absurd. They last for eternity, until they are formally challenged. Tell that to the countless Germans summarily executed or hanged at Nuremberg post WWII who claimed they were just following orders - a defence rejected outright. Prisoners of conscience refuse to follow orders because to do so

would compromise their moral and intellectual integrity. Has Fredrick Töben compromised his integrity by, again, deleting material from AI's website more than that demanded by the court order, as he did in 2000 and 2002? Will his action be honoured by those charged with enforcing the court orders? Stay tuned and find out on 28 April 2009. Anyone who propagates the Holocaust-Shoah is levelling allegations against Germans and against anyone who has a German background and thereby does not accept that the freedom of speech citizens of this country enjoy does not include the freedom to publish material calculated to offend, insult or humiliate or intimidate people because of their race, color or national or ethnic origin. (28/4/09 <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/>)

After Fredrick Toben was sentenced (but prior to his final Appeal and imprisonment, the following was posted on his web-site: Please be advised that effective as at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, I, Peter Hartung wish to advise you that I am now the Director of Adelaide Institute and its website. Dr Töben is preparing for his impending imprisonment of three months. Any personal emails will be of course forwarded to him. (19/5/09 <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/>)

The following covers the period during which Toben was appealing his contempt conviction:

- On the Adelaide Institute website on May 28 2009: In a prominent position, it displayed the statement that a claim that there may be “gassing” of prisoners at South Australia’s Yatala detention facility was “No more scandalous than the WW2 Auschwitz gassing claim”. On the same page, displayed prominently, the following was published: “One of the most dangerous Jewish qualities is the brutal, direct barbaric intolerance. A worse tyranny cannot be practiced than that which the Jewish clique practices. If you try to move against this Jewish clique, they will, without hesitating, use brutal methods to overcome you. Mainly the Jew tries to destroy his enemy in the mental area, by which he takes his material gain away, and undermines his civil existence. The vilest of all forms of retaliation, the boycott, is characteristically Jewish”, with the source alleged to be “Dr Conrad Alberti-Sithenfeld, a Jew, wrote in 1899 in No. 12 of the magazine Gesellschaft”. Below this was a photo labelled “Yatala Gulag – will this be Dr. Toben’s home for the next three months??? Is this the FINAL SOLUTION for Dr. Toben? Will he be fit for work – or will he be gassed immediately upon arrival?”. Other items on the page included a link to a tribute to “martyr” executed Nazi war criminal Julius Streicher, which the link described as “the most famous writer and authority on the Jewish problem in history”; the statement by a writer in Quadrant magazine “if the Holocaust can be shown to be a Zionist myth, the strongest of all weapons in Israel’s propaganda armoury collapses”, removed from the context in which the statement described part of the thought processes behind Holocaust Holocaust deniers who disregard historical evidence; a link to an article from a German “Holocaust doubter” which glorified Holocaust denial; a link to an article promoting Holocaust denial as a religious duty of Christians; a link to the Weblog of Mohamed A Hegazi which contained items such as “Zionist Jews are Sub-Human Vermin” (a 10-part series), “More about the Jewish Holohoax”, a cartoon the “Jew World Order”, “Jewish lobby dictating Church Policy”, “Pope lectured on Holohoaxianity” and “Holohoax Goes Legal in Australia” which was on the Toben case and made references to “Talmudic Zio-bloodhounds” and “the Zionist owned and controlled ‘Jewdiciary’ of Australia and Jeremy Jones allegedly “smirking to his Talmudic brethren and telling them how Australia is now

firmly in the grasp of the infamous Noahide ‘Laws’ of the Talmudic Lubavichers once and for all” a link to an article “Free Speech versus Jewish Propaganda in Australia” which lauded Frederick Toben in his alleged effort for “truth” opposed to “Jewish propaganda”; and a cartoon which portrayed “Holocaust” as a block of ice melted by the “sunlight” of “Revisionist Scholarship”.

- On the Adelaide Institute website on 1 June 2009: The Home page requested viewers to “PLEASE READ” a comment beginning “It is the contention of this site, that the Holocaust does not exist in reality. It does exist in the minds of those who believe in it. The ‘gas chambers of Auschwitz’ and the ‘extermination of the Jews’ began as wartime propaganda, for the reasons of ‘proving’ to the world how evil the German National Socialist system of government was, and to deflect from the real war crimes of WW2, including the mass fire bombing of German cities . . .”, and referring to “the dogma of the 6 million”. It contained links to overt Holocaust denial. Much of the material viewed on 28 May remained, together with new items such as “Latest in Dr. Toben’s persecution” and “a prominent False Witness” Elie Wiesel”.
- On the Adelaide Institute website on 2 June 2009: All of the offensive material listed above remained, together with a series of additional links to items relating to the Holocaust and an item claiming a newly published book “is part of a new tactic by the Holocaust industry to keep the six million number in the news and maybe even beef it up some . . .”
- On the Adelaide Institute website on 3 June 2009: updates included new reports of the 2 June 2006 court hearing. It linked to a new weblog entry by Mohammed Hegazi titled “The Holohoax and 911”, which referred to “fanatic Jews” who keep on trying to sell Holohoax fiction as reality” and “the Jewdiciary”, claimed “the reality is that the Jewish Holohoax is a filthy lie that has no real historical evidence, except the ravings of some demented individuals . . .”. Material sighted on earlier days remained on the site, together with additional links to news items.
- On the site on 6 June 2009., 9 June 2009 and 10 June 2009: New items had been added on each occasion, with a news report from the Australian newspaper of 2 June 2009 in which Peter Hartung, described as “the successor of Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben as director of the controversial Adelaide Institute” reported as having “defied the Federal court by publishing the revisionist material that has earned his mentor a three-month jail stint” sighted on 10 June.
- On the site on 11 June 2009:.. It had been updated to include a number of items reporting on and rationalising the murderous attack on the National Holocaust Museum in Washington by James van Brunn. The previous links to offensive items and published offensive comments remained, together with new items including a link to a “new site devoted to “debunking” the Holocaust.
- On the site on 14 June 2009:.. New material included an offensive racist statement attributed to former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, which simple research reveals is a fabrication. It appeared designed to create hostility towards Jews. Additional links to Holocaust denial material were also added. One new item, “Persecution or Prosecution? Jewish Tyranny and Anti-Semitism Through the Ages” regurgitated a compendium of defamations of Jews and Judaism. An addition to the

section on the murderer at the Holocaust Museum was a link to a 404 page book by James von Brunn, which promoted a series of anti-Jewish defamations and concluded that it was the duty of "Aryans" to be at war with Jews. The same material was on the site on 15 June

- On the site on 10 July: Amongst new items was a reference to "Shoa Business" and a description of a newspaper report of a journalists visit Poland as "some garbage designed to discredit Dr. Toben" and another item referring to "Holocaust Lies". On the site on 16 July 2009 A number of links to Holocaust denial material had been added, in prominent positions. A link to a compendium of "News/Articles May, June 2009" had been added.
- On the site on 28 July 2009: In addition to all the material itemised above, Fredrick Toben's 16 July media release and reports of the 17 July court hearing before Justice Besanko, with a photograph of supporters of Fredrick Toben holding placard such as "Contempt of Truth? This Australia – not Talmudistan" and a sub-section "More on Dr. Toben's kangaroo court case".

His eventual imprisonment commenced on August 13, after he lost an Appeal:

[http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,25926616-2702,00.html?from=public\\_rss](http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,25926616-2702,00.html?from=public_rss)

**Denier in jail after losing his appeal**

*Pia Akerman | August 14, 2009*

***The Australian***

***HOLocaust denier Fredrick Toben spent last night behind bars in Adelaide, after the Federal Court dismissed his appeal against 24 findings of criminal contempt.***

*The warrant for Toben's arrest was immediately activated by judge Jeffrey Spender, with Australian Federal Police officers waiting outside the court to take Toben into custody.*

*Toben, 65, had previously been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for disobeying court orders not to publish offensive material on his website, but was on bail pending the appeal against the finding and his punishment.*

*His lawyer David Perkins yesterday argued the sentence was too harsh, saying home detention was appropriate and that Toben's contribution to revisionist material available on the internet was "a drop in the bucket".*

*"The vice is small," Mr Perkins said, describing the offence as a "technical" contempt.*

*"A regime in which a person is prevented from saying what he or she thinks about matters of importance is a totalitarian regime.*

*"He is unable to express views which he, for better or worse, has about events which are of some importance."*

*But Justice Spender said Toben had no civil right to breach the Racial Discrimination Act, and asked whether the court had the ability to actually increase the sentence in this situation.*

*He said the sentencing judge had treated Toben "mercifully" given his wilful and serial disobedience of previous court orders.*

*"This is not a case concerning opinions about or views concerning the Holocaust, or about gas chambers, or about Jews," Justice Spender said.*



*"In our opinion the sentence of three months ... cannot on any stretch of imagination be said to be excessive or unwarranted."*

*Jeremy Jones, former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, brought the case against Toben on the grounds he had persistently breached the Racial Discrimination Act following a 2002 court decision against him.*

*Toben committed contempt of court on 24 occasions, wilfully disobeying court orders by keeping anti-Semitic material on his Adelaide Institute website.*

*He was held in Britain for nearly two months last year while German prosecutors tried unsuccessfully to extradite him on charges of publishing internet material "of an anti-Semitic and/or revisionist nature".*

*Toben also spent seven months in Mannheim prison in 1999 for inciting racism.*

*After Justice Spender read the court's decision, Toben stood and asked if he could say something, to which the judge said no.*

*Toben then loudly said "following blind orders", as the judges left the court.*

The author of this report wrote the following , published in the Australian Jewish News:

The End of the Beginning  
Jeremy Jones

After a long, complex, considered debate, the Commonwealth Parliament amended the Racial Discrimination Act in 1995 to cover racially offensive or abusive behaviour. The primary motivation for the new law was the lack of recourse available to Australians who were having their quality of life diminished by the actions of racist groups and individuals.

The legislation has now been in place for more than 13 years and, with the prison sentence being served by Fredrick Toben, we can see that there can be real consequences for a person who refuses to respect this law.

Fredrick Toben had been disseminating offensive material denying the reality of the Shoah and haranguing victims of Nazism prior to the introduction of the Racial Hatred Act. Once the law came in to force, the publication of material in his newsletters and promotion of these and other materials on his internet site prompted a huge volume of communication to me by members of the public whom he upset, offended and intimidated – and who wanted the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) to consider action against him.

The Adelaide Institute's anti-Jewish content was not the only matter of concern at the time, and the ECAJ gave careful consideration as to what, if any, complaints should be pursued under the new law.

In a relatively short period of time, three complaints were taken to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC). In reflecting on the imprisonment of Fredrick Toben, it is valuable to recall what happened in these cases.

El Telegraph, an Arabic-language newspaper published in Sydney, participated in a conciliation process and eventually published an apology for an antisemitic article and also ran an article promoting Jewish-Arab joint efforts to fight racism in Australia.

Olga Scully, a Tasmanian associate of Fredrick Toben, was found by the HREOC to have acted contrary to the law, and subsequently elected to fight her case in the Federal Court. When that Court found her to be in breach of the law, she obeyed court orders and stopped her distribution of anti-Jewish material.

Fredrick Toben continued to act contrary to the law despite findings against him by the HREOC, the Federal Court, the Full Bench of the Federal Court (discussing an Appeal) and through subsequent legal proceedings concerning his contempt of court.

Each of these, and other cases with which I have been involved, has helped develop an understanding of what is covered by the law, building precedents to assist subsequent cases. To achieve these precedents, an immense amount of work has been undertaken and completed by a number of people who have contributed enormous time, energy and skill.

The El Telegraph matter established that debate over international politics can be intensely argued, but to insert overt racist stereotypes is not acceptable. It also provided a useful template for settling a dispute where the parties accepted a single instance of offence had taken place which neither side wanted to see repeated.

The Scully case clarified the way to address a series of relatively small acts resulting in a single campaign which had invoked many diverse anti-Jewish slurs. Subsequent cases have considered the boundaries of religious or quasi-religious debate and the responsibilities of political parties and journals to distinguish between advocacy and gratuitous racism.

The Toben case determined the way material on the internet is covered under domestic Australian law. Additionally, it recognised Holocaust denial as a fallacy constructed on overtly antisemitic foundations. Both these determinations have already served as precedents in other cases.

Since the day on which Toben exhausted all legal avenues, having been found in breach of the law and subsequently to be in contempt of the rulings of the court and given a prison term, I have been asked many times how I personally feel.

Put simply, working on constructive interfaith endeavours, education initiatives and human rights advocacy can be very rewarding and leave one with a great sense of achievement, but the jailing of an apparently unrepentant anti-Jewish propagandist provides no sense of elation or personal vindication, although I am, however, encouraged to see that there have been real and meaningful consequences for breaching and flaunting Australia's anti-racism laws.

The sad reality is that the multifaceted struggle against antisemitism and other forms of racism, in this country and globally, will have been aided by the application of Australian law in this instance, but is far from being over. The Toben saga, for now, is over, but it is only the end of the beginning of the Racial Hatred Act's early life.

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While Fredrick Toben was in jail, offensive material continued to appear on the site.

## **6.6 The Australian Civil Liberties Union**

The Australian Civil Liberties' Union (ACLU), which undoubtedly benefits from having a name which would sit comfortably on a respectable "free speech" group such as the mainstream Australian Council for Civil Liberties, predated other Holocaust denial groups in

Australia. Although John Bennett, who is the Union's motivating force, sits on the editorial advisory committee of the Journal of Historical Review published by the Institute for Historical Review in California, there is little real activity from this group, which maintains a content-thin website and produces annual editions of Your Rights.

## **6.7 The LaRouche Cult**

The Citizens' Electoral Councils (CECs), based in a well-staffed office in suburban Melbourne, engage in mass mailings of literature reflecting the views of their guru, Lyndon LaRouche, containing bizarre and offensive antisemitic conspiracy theories. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith Australia, Australia/Israel Publications and anti-racist groups in general have been amongst the CEC's favourite targets. The LaRouche organisation spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on electoral campaigns, with tens of thousands raised in Australia from donations of more than \$1500 each.

The CECs established a new political party, the Curtin Labor Alliance, in an attempt to attract votes from the Labor Party's constituency. The move was condemned by leading Labor Party figures, who were able to take advantage of the announcement of moves to register the party to highlight the true nature of the LaRouche cult.

The Australian Electoral Commission's report on party finances for 1999-2000 revealed that the LaRouchite CECs, who received 0.089% of the vote in the 1998 Federal election, raised nearly \$1.5m in donations (compared to less than \$1m raised by the Australian Democrats who have 8 senators) and that it owed almost \$1m to the LaRouche organisation in the USA.

On the web-site maintained by Lyndon LaRouche's supporters, a list of Australians who had given "endorsements" to the campaign of "Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr, Democrat for President" appeared. The list included Dr M.A. Morsey, Vice President and General Secretary, the Australian Arab Association, and eight trade union officials, mainly based in Western Australia.

The LaRouche cult has been plagued by internal disputes, during which information came to light regarding the obsession of their officials with an international conspiracy which, in Australia, gave certain tasks to Jewish community figures. More disturbing than its paranoia are continuing revelations that the organisation had worked with elected officials to further anti-Jewish propaganda campaigns.

Although the CECs have participated in a number of elections, their total vote has generally been so small as to be an embarrassment, even when compared to that of other far right-wing fringe groups. When Pauline Hanson was in her political prime, some CEC followers took advantage of the audiences provided by One Nation to spread their bizarre conspiracy theories, receiving a passive reception. This did not sit well with the CEC's Melbourne leadership, who believed One Nation were anti-Republican and therefore most likely part of the "international conspiracy" headed by the Queen of England and Henry Kissinger. The visible success of One Nation also impacted on the CEC's ability to raise funds. With Pauline Hanson seemingly fulfilling a Messianic vision for socially alienated Australia, there were reports that the CECs were unable to successfully fund raise for their vision of Lyndon LaRouche as this millennium's "saviour".

The LaRouche cult received some media coverage due to serious allegations that its members were infiltrating, with some success, the conservative National Civic Council's national network, using similar tactics to those which saw it subsume Citizens' Electoral Councils some years ago.

In recent years, members of the Jewish community in Victoria, ACT, Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales complained about activities of LaRouchite propagandists distributing conspiracy theorist propaganda. It was particularly active on campuses and outside venues hosting Jewish community functions. The CEC's behaviour resulted in an attack on them in the Australian Senate, by National Party Senator Ron Boswell, who said in a speech in the Senate on 10 August 2004:

"There is a CEC candidate running in North Queensland in the seat of Dawson who is already heavily advertising in the local media. I have had a look at the Australian Electoral Commission returns for 2002-03 and they show the total returns to the CEC as \$1,462,703, while their media group, CEC services, had \$271,592. They are well financed and able to mount these campaigns.

Some of their more bizarre claims are that the world is controlled by an oligopoly led by the Queen and Prince Philip, who also control the drug trade, and that the Ku Klux Klan is controlled by the FBI. Mr Acting Deputy President, you would think that no-one would be able to support claims like that. Yet there are some people that are gullible and they do fall for it.

I want to say this too. The CEC is totally anti-Semitic--possibly even more so than the League of Rights. Many people may have heard—I certainly have in rural Australia--that Martin Bryant was set up as a patsy at Port Arthur to bring more restrictive gun laws into Australia. Those are things that go round and should be absolutely debunked in this parliament. The CEC publication regularly features ludicrous and defamatory attacks on Jewish organisations and leaders such as Mark and Isi Leibler. They claim that the Australian defamation commission and the Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council are protecting the world's financial oligopoly. In the past, the Leiblers have falsely been accused of being part of illegal and immoral activity, including having links to the drug trade and pornography. Again, that is a ludicrous claim. The CEC try to peddle their anti-Jewish propaganda in areas with large Jewish populations. They distributed pamphlets outside Jewish community centres when the Premier of Victoria was addressing the Jewish community. The subject was 'A recent trip of Steve Bracks to Israel'.

The CEC get a very minor vote--around 0.05, 0.06 or 0.07 per cent. But it is a vote they do not deserve. When you talk about Lyndon LaRouche and the CEC, it is where truth becomes stranger than fiction. (Extension of time granted) I made reference to the CEC being well financed and being able to support a political campaign.

Already they are running television ads, and the election has not even started. But we ought to explore some of their fundraising techniques. They are taught by operatives from the LaRouche organisation in the USA and they raise most of their money through the use of younger members. They start by cold calling very vulnerable people, such as the elderly and the naive, with a prepared sales pitch and then they really work on them.

I know that we have a democracy and anyone is entitled to a stand in Australia. I support that. It is a free country and we have a democracy that allows everyone to stand up and present themselves to the people. But I do say that, when organisations like this present themselves, they should be exposed. They should be exposed for the fraud that they are.

I do not know how people actually fall for this stuff. I believe the group is more of a cult than an actual political party. We have seen the CEC exposed on television on numerous occasions, but still it gets out there. The people who actually stand for seats are brainwashed. They stand outside and solicit names on petitions. Let me say this: it deserves absolutely no support from anyone in the Australian electorate".

In the period in review, it is notable that groups such as One Nation branches, The Strategy newspaper and the quasi-Christian "Bible Believers" republished and/or promoted LaRouche cult material.

## 6.8 Bible Believers

One of the most visible of the plethora of eccentric pseudo-Christian groups in Australia is the "Bible Believers". For a number of years Anthony Grigor-Scott of Sydney's western suburbs maintained a bulletin board on which he published long antisemitic tracts. He has also been a long-term participant in discussions on unmoderated newsgroups. He has an internet site which includes a huge volume of antisemitism, including *The International Jew: The World's Foremost Problem*, A.H. Ramsay's *The Nameless Jew* and *Zimmunism*, which quotes extensively from League of Rights texts in an attempt to prove that "the Jewish race operates" by "hypnotism which has been exercised over the whole world". A complete copy of *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* available on his home-page. Grigor-Scott has also operated a weekly radio program, on a low frequency local station, in which he delivered antisemitic sermons. Samples of his material in the period in review included:

- In Newsletter 547 3/10/08: Anthony Grigor-Scott claimed "Pharisaism *is* Judaism, which so distorted God's unchanging Word it became of no effect to the people, causing them to reject and crucify their Messiah on the hour, day, month and year foretold by Moses and Daniel. These people introduced the "Big Lie" of Babylonian trinitarian religion into Christendom when they organized the Universal Roman state religion we know as Catholicism. As Christ in Hosea called Israel and Judah whores because of their false worship, Christ in John called Roman Catholicism "*the great whore*" for its false worship (Hosea 1:2; I Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 17:1 – 18:20)."; "With respect to the US presidential elections and the coming one world government you should read Protocol 10. "; In an item: "**Neturei Karta: Ahmadinejad wants Peace**" he commented: Israel wanted to bomb Iran this year theaustralian.news.com.au. The once Christian Western nations with their Hegelian sham democracies and Zionist bankster-controlled equivocating politicians would do well to have honest God-fearing men such as Iranian(sic) president Ahmadinejad in their place rather than our self-called hypocrites."
- Newsletter 548 10/10/08 included a Feature article by Gilad Atzmon, which asserted "in crumbling America, a super power that was toppled by policies set by Wolfowitzes and Greenspans, the Elders of Zion is a devastating reality. You really do not want to go there, you really do not want to be the one who brings it up. . . However, the Elders of Zion is just one Zionist weapon. Once it is brushed aside the

last Zionist weapon of mind destruction is there to be launched, the Shoah and its denial: Listen to me carefully president Shimon, we better admit it, the Zionist Holocaust narrative is falling apart and you have only yourself to blame. For the last 60 years, you and your people have been killing Palestinians in the name of Jewish suffering. Consequently, Israelis are regarded by many as the 'Nazis of our time'. In other words, your present sinister ugliness is far more concerning for all of us than the Nazi crimes that happened 65 years ago. Differently than any other historical event, the Holocaust is a closed book for research, with its crimes that we are not even allowed to scrutinize properly, due to strict laws about what can and cannot be researched or even uttered. However, in order to maintain the Holocaust Zionist narrative untouched, a strong dollar maintained by 'friendly' bankers is needed. Unfortunately, as you may realize, the dollar is not doing very well at the moment and your 'friendly' bankers are about to be subject to a federal investigation. If I were you Shimon, I would ask my Hasbara guys to come up with something slightly better than the old Holocaust to distract everyone from reality.” Another item in the newsletter argued: “About four years ago, much of the world was shocked when three controversial historians were seized and imprisoned by "anti-hate" thought police. Holocaust reductionists Ernst Zundel, Germar Rudolph and David Irving all served jail time for the "speech crime" of suggesting the total number of Jewish dead in World War II might not be six million or necessarily caused by gas chambers. On October 1, well-known historian Dr. Fredrick Toben, an Australian, was seized for the same "crime" at London's Heathrow airport. He is now being held and will probably be deported to Germany. There, he faces almost certain conviction and imprisonment. How will we respond to this latest assault on the free speech liberties of us all? There is not much time to answer that question. Toben's bail hearing is October 10. His final hearing is October 17. If he is delivered to German authorities, there is virtually no hope for his freedom. Every American, especially Christians, should protest this outrageous attack on freedom of speech. . . his arrest is just a taste of what will come. . . Dr. Toben was seized for exercising free speech and free thought because of a dark agenda. After the Third Reich collapsed in 1945, Jewish activists saddled post-WWII Germany with thought crime laws so stringent that anyone who doubted the 6-million figure—even an overheard Australian tourist—could be arrested and jailed. . . Israel's Knesset continues to ponder legislation that would empower Israel to demand deportation to Israel for trial of anyone who publicly doubts the 6-million figure. The ultimate objective of ADL-inspired hate and thought crime laws is to make "anti-Semitism" an internationally indictable offense. (See, [Hate Laws: Making Criminals of Christians](#)). Their goal is to internationally enforce the definition of "anti-Semitism" now held by the US State Dept's Office of Global Anti-Semitism. According to this definition, the New Testament claim that Jewish leaders killed Christ is anti-Semitic! Unthinkably, this puts a hate crime noose around tens of millions of Bible-believing Christians. (Watch, [US Gov't Condemns 'Unintentional' Anti-Semitism](#)). . . **Full story:** [truthtellers.org](#). **Comment:** In this article you will recognize the seeds of the 'squeeze' and persecution soon to come upon Christ's Bride, and the martyrdom of the "saved" non-elect and the 144,000 elect Israelites during the tribulation by Rome and her denominational daughters who are a mere puppets for the wicked Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and other 'fronts' of Rothschild's Illuminati, orchestrated to build the kingdom of Satan on earth. It should be clear from Brother Pike's article that Rothschilds control Rome, the EU and the United States of America whose citizens are each individually bound in their debt trap. So although it is yet unrecognized, the revived Roman Empire is a reality.”

- In newsletter 549 23/10/08 Grigor-Scott wrote “ The Wall Street thugs who financed the Judaeo-Communist takeover of Russia in 1917 have openly communised America.”; “The world's dual citizen banksters have privatised public assets or hijacked control of essential non-profit utilities into for-profit public-private partnerships and commodified everything from rain to DNA, plants, and by taxing atmospheric CO2, even the air we breathe, in their desperation to create money that will pay interest to maintain their Babylonian fractional reserve banking that must one day collapse under the weight of exponential debt”; “The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is the front organization and debt collector for Rothschild's heirs and kinsmen whom Brother Branham called "Wall Street crooks." The colonial troops of the United States will be their enforcers in the first half of Daniel's Seventieth Week other wise known as the New World Order. In his account of the questioning of Christian G. Rakovsky, one of the Jewish founders of Soviet Judaeo-Communism, by Soviet foreign agent Gavriil Gavrillovitch (the French Jew Rene Duval), Dr. J. Landowsky records: "The understanding of how the financial International has gradually, right up to our epoch, become the master of money, this magical talisman, which has become for people that which God and the nation had been formerly, is something which exceeds in scientific interest even the art of revolutionary strategy, since this is also an art and also a revolution. . . So it came about that the supreme Royal power was taken over by persons, whose moral, intellectual and cosmopolitan qualities did allow them to use it. It is clear that these were people who had never been Christians, but cosmopolitans."; “The question that has evaded the author is the identity of the people behind the scenes. Who paid Professor Baron Karl von Ritter to draft National Socialism and simultaneously paid Karl Marx to modernise Rothschild's plans for International Socialism with the objective of bringing them together in controlled conflict in World War II? Who was behind Moses Hess and Theodor Herzl's promotion of political Zionism with the objective of bring it into controlled conflict with Islam in World War III? This 'hidden hand' is behind capitalism, whose materialist objective—absolute control by a wealthy elite is identical with the goal of Communism, and the genocide of Russians, Germans, Chinese, Armenians, Assyrians, and doubtless behind the French who admit to the Rwandan Massacre, and also, according to the late Joe Vialls, the USSA. Anyone with an ounce of the Spirit can see this entity is at "*enmity*" with the first and last Adam and their offspring (Genesis 3:15). Like its father Cain, it always work under another name and in a different occupation (Genesis 4:14). This anti-Islamic entity is provoking innocent Islam into World War III which it planned in the nineteenth century along with World Wars I and II. It rules Britain, the USSA, Australia and their political leaders trusted to solve the present credit and economic scam; men and women who have in fact sold their nations under serfdom to the Illuminati banksters. The Bible says that very soon its fanatical lust for power will resurrect Roman Catholicism which with her (once) Protestant churches will kill all who will not accept their doctrine or do Rome service (Revelation 13:15-18).”;
- Newsletter 552 13/11/08 included: **Robert Edmondson "Testified Against the Jews"November 2, 2008** – A measure of Zionist subversion is when a nation's defenders are defamed and forgotten, while its traitors are rewarded and honored. Other 1930's patriots tarred as "anti-Semites" include Charles Lindbergh. Henry Ford, Charles Coughlin, Elizabeth Drilling, William Pelley, Louis McFadden and Hue Long. . . Edmondson also quotes a May 11, 1933 address at the Hebrew University by

the famous Jewish poet N. H. Bali which confirms a Jewish agenda few Jews are aware of. He says Jews have undermined Christianity by "deliberate Jewish conniving. . . it has been effected in great measure by crypto Jews (Secret Jews) who have permeated Christianity and spoken through the mouth of Christianity" (Robert Edmondson, I Testify Against the Jews, p. 51) He says these crypto Jews are also the creators of "the Renaissance, of Liberalism, of Democracy, of Socialism, and of Communism" (ibid p. 151). Remember he was speaking in 1933: "The Gentiles have at last realized this secret—that Judaism has gradually penetrated and permeated them like a drug. The Gentile nature is in revolt, and is trying to organize the final battle. . . They would 'smoke us out' of all the cracks and crannies where we have hidden. They would exterminate us like bacilli and be rid of us" (ibid p. 152). This is proof that millions of innocent Jews, including my grandparents, died partly because of the demented megalomania of the Jewish leadership. Ironically the Nazis were financed by the Jewish bankers as a way of forcing Jews to support Zionism. . . Judaism is a conspiracy against Christian Western civilization which has succeeded to such an extent that it cannot even be mentioned. It has inspired the bankers to recast society so there will be no families, no marriages, no private property and no freedom. It has divorced society from God, who is synonymous with absolute truth and justice. It has inundated us with pornography and trivia and debased culture. It has poisoned the well of gender and degraded relations between men and women. We live in a decadent, superficial, hypocritical society where people sell their souls for money and sex, and where mass media and education are devoted to propaganda and indoctrination. Denied the truth, we are kept in a state of arrested development, befitting children or "cattle" (as the Babylonian Talmud, the holy book of Judaism regards non-Jews - Ed). The peoples of the world and even their governments are "only children under age" (Protocols of Zion, 15). We can be as politically correct as long as we want, but we can't escape the fact that mankind is in the thrall of a Satanic force bent on enslaving us. **Full story:** [henrymacow.com](http://henrymacow.com)"; "**Leading Australian Jew pleads Guilty to Perjury November 3, 2008** – A former Australian Federal Court judge and high-profile Jewish community member pleaded guilty to perjury. Marcus Einfeld, a former executive member of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, councilor of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and patron of the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants, faces a maximum jail term of 10 years for making a false statement under oath after pleading guilty on October 31. He also faces 14 years for intending to pervert the course of justice. . . . **Full story:** [jta.org](http://jta.org) **Comment:** Ach, mein g-d im Himmel, Kol Nidre!"; **Saddam stabbed Six Times after Execution** **Comment:** The telltale signature of "six" wounds is cabbala—a message to the world!"

- Newsletter 554 21/11/08 argued : "The Jews rejected Christ so they have no creative ability, only a destructive parasitical bent, that gives us their usurious banks, their morally degrading entertainment and their wars. . . . **Comment:** Bible prophecy is being fulfilled. Three incestuous Luciferian factions are vying for world hegemony: Chatham House, the City of London/Black Nobility Webster Tarpley labels "British;" the Judaeo-Roman Catholic church, and Judaeo-Communism, as expounded in our four-part study on **Revelation 17:12-13**. This is nothing but the continuation of Lucifer's ancient conspiracy in Amschel Mayer Rothschild's plans for the Illuminati devised in 1773 and brought to fruition in 1776 by Adam Weishaupt. They describe what God foretold His prophets Zechariah, Daniel and John, but Rothschild's interpretation is carnal as it was based on the Talmud, Zohar and Cabbala. As



successive leaders of the World Revolutionary Movement, **Rothschild**, Weishaupt, Moses Holbrook, **Pike**, Mazzini, Lemmi, Lenin, Manuilsky and Alister Crowley knew full well what God had foretold in His unchanging Word, but not having the Spirit, they misinterpreted the letter and turned the love of God into hate. The revolutionary activities of these men were financed by British, French, German and American International Banksters. Like Nimrod's usurers and the Money-Changers of Christ's day, today's International Bankers are tools or agents of the Illuminati. We see these G20 meetings, which will reconvene in March 2009, a herald of the division of the world into three blocs as planned by the Protocols and announced by George Orwell in his novel, "1984." The City of London's banksters and the Black Nobility will not "*cleave*" with "*the kings of the East*" as will be seen in a brief World War III following the sinking of Los Angeles, the cleaving of the mount of Olives cleaves. The kings of the East and the King of the North will attack Jerusalem, and invade the USA. Rome will bring the peace and in union with the Banksters and Black Nobility of 'the City' establish their IMF's NWO. After three and a half years, Rome will break her agreement with the banksters who will side with Judaeo\_Communist, destroying Vatican City State and North America thus ushering-in Armageddon."

- Newsletter 558 21/12/08 included: "Background on Zionist Plans to Break-up Pakistan December 12, 2008 – The Mumbai attacks were actually an anti-Pakistan false-flag psy-ops operation from the Nariman House Mossad hub. "It is essential that we strike and crush Pakistanis, enemies of Jews and Zionism, by all disguised and secret plans" (David Ben Gurion, first prime minister of the Zionist entity). "The World Zionist Movement should not be neglectful of the danger of Pakistan to it. And Pakistan should now be its first target, for this ideological state is a threat to our existence. And Pakistan, the whole of it hates the Jews and loves the Arabs. The love of the Arabs is more dangerous to us than the Arab themselves. For that matter it is most essential for the world Zionism that it should now take steps against Pakistan. . . Whereas the inhabitants of the Indian peninsula are Hindus . . . whose hearts have been full of hatred throughout history against the Muslims. Therefore India is the most important base for us to work there from against Pakistan. It is essential that we exploit this base and strike and crush Pakistanis, enemies of Jews and Zionism, by all disguised and secret plans" (Muhammad Hamid, 1978, The Unholy Alliance, Indo-Israel Collaboration Against the Muslim World, p. 168). "The Pakistan army carries great love for the Prophet Muhammad and this is what strengthens the bonds between Pakistan and the Arabs. And this is really the grave danger to the world Zionism and a stumbling block to the expansion of Israel. Therefore it is essential for the Jews that they should destroy the love for the Prophet Muhammad by all means" (Muhammad Hamid, 1978, *ibid*, p. 168). . . **Full story: [dailymuslims.com](http://dailymuslims.com) Comment:** If you read between the lines in this article by Arundhati Roy you will discern the meticulous long term planning and malice a-foresight of 'the City of London' when they partitioned India in 1947 for such a time in which we live when they are about to embark on their end-game for establishing Lucifer's totalitarian one world government [tomdispatch.com](http://tomdispatch.com). Those who live in the West will be conscious of the hatred for Islam and Muslims impressed on nominal Christian churches."
- Newsletter 562 18/1/09 opened with: "World War Three is to be fomented by using the differences the agentur of the Illuminati stir up between Political Zionists and the leaders of the Moslem world. The war is to be directed in such a manner that Islam (the Arab World including Mohammedanism) and Political Zionism (including the

State of Israel) will destroy themselves while at the same time the remaining nations, once more divided against each other on this issue, will be forced to fight themselves into a state of complete exhaustion physically, mentally, spiritually and economically. Can any unbiased and reasoning person deny that the intrigue now going on in the Near, Middle, and Far East is designed to accomplish this devilish purpose? . . . like the rest of the Judaeo-Capitalist and Judaeo-Communist world, the US is ruled by 'the City of London' and will not lift a finger against the aggression. The power of the City of London was exhibited in the kangaroo court where the guilty judged the innocent; they continue to do so, framing Jews as victims even as they act as the oppressors. "By Way of Deception Thou shalt make War". In the 1920s, Henry Ford stated, "The Jewish 'National State' of which we have heard so much deceptive talk elsewhere is already firmly established. *De jure* and *de facto* the United States of America can claim that title, though many American citizens may even yet be astonished and no doubt indignant to read the statement." J. William Fulbright, a major opponent of American military intervention and a critic of the Israel Lobby, said, "Israel controls the United States Senate. Around 80 percent are completely in support of Israel; anything Israel wants it gets. Jewish influence in the House of Representatives is even greater" (CBS, Face the Nation, April 15, 1973). The Muslims are caught in the Vatican mind-trap of Islam as Roman Catholics are pawns imprisoned in a Judaeo-Babylonian mind-trap, while Jews are pawns the Babylonian bankster's mind-trap of Zionism, and ultimately Judaeo-Communism. The agenda of 'the City,' Vatican and Black Nobility is to impersonate Scripture by establishing world dominion from Jerusalem under Rome's pope as a Messianic figure, unbeknownst to the conspirators, incarnate by Lucifer, with a New World Order in place of the renewed world promised in Scripture. Deluded, apostate professing Christians, Jews and Muslims will sacrifice the lives of their sons to accommodate the hoax. Brother Branham prophesied, "the world is going insane." Dr. James David Manning demonstrates how human engineering has hypnotised the world to inaction. In the Manning Report he remonstrates against treacherous Supreme Court Judges, Congressmen, Senators and dignitaries who will assemble like Pavlov's dogs for the inauguration of a president the nation knows is not a natural-born citizen of the United States, and almost certainly not a citizen at all. No wonder the Goyim are considered 'human cattle' by aliens within the gate. The rate of job creation and GDP growth during George II's tenure is the lowest of any president of the post-World War II period. . . . In AD740 Talmudic Jews from Babylon, where they have dwelt centuries longer than they lived in Palestine, converted the infinitely more populous Khazars overnight. Hence the so-called Jews are generally a non-Semitic people—"aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). And "for fear of the Jews" the blood descendants of the twelve Tribes continue to live in Muslim lands that once comprised the Assyrian empire).

- Newsletter 567 16/02/09 included : "**A Real Holocaust—One of Several: Dresden, February 13, 1945** There is physical and scientific proof and evidence for *this* holocaust. This one is not make believe and was witnessed by my own father from the outskirts of Dresden and close-up right after. Why do we not have a Dresden Holocaust Museum and Dresden Memorial Center in every major city in North America and the world—paid for by taxpayers? Dresden was *not a strategic target*. Why were the Jewish instigators Stalin, Churchill, Roosevelt and Morgenthau not

executed along with Jewish Professor Lindemann (later Lord Cherwell), Jewish General Eisenhower, among others? Why are there no apologies, endless compensation and "respect for the dead"? And why can one publicly deny this holocaust which did happen—and not end up in jail! Isn't civilization wonderful?

- Newsletter 572 23/3/09 began: "In conformity with the Babylonian Talmud (**Kethuboth 111a, note 52**), Baruch Levy wrote: "The Jewish people as a whole will be its own Messiah. It will attain world dominion by the dissolution of other races, by the abolition of frontiers, the annihilation of monarchy, and by the establishment of a world republic in which the Jews will everywhere exercise the privilege of citizenship. In this New World Order the children of Israel will furnish all the leaders without encountering opposition. The Governments of the different peoples forming the world republic will fall without difficulty into the hands of the Jews. It will then be possible for the Jewish rulers to abolish private property, and everywhere to make use of the resources of the state. Thus will the promise of the Talmud be fulfilled in which is said that when the Messianic time is come, the Jews will have all the property of the whole world in their hands" (Baruch Levy, Letter to Karl Marx, 'La Revue de Paris,' p. 574, June 1, 1928). Together with Brother Gilad we see this happening before our very eyes. Though they imagine themselves the phoenix god of the new holocaust religion, they are no gods and will bring destruction upon themselves and the consummation of life as foretold by the prophets of Israel."
- Newsletter 581 2/6/09 published: "**NWO: Front for Cabalist Jewish Tyranny?** **May 17, 2009** – In the expanded edition of "*Under the Sign of the Scorpion*" (2002) available online, Estonian writer Juri Lina unearths Cabalist (Masonic) Jewish authors who take credit for Communism, and by extension World Government. While long suspected, this has rarely been confirmed by Jewish sources. The Bolshevik Revolution "was brought about through the hands of the Jews," M. Kohan wrote April 12, 1919 in the newspaper *Kommunist (Kharkov)*. . . . During the Great Terror of 1934-38, NKVD Officers began wearing a new symbol on their sleeves, a sword and serpent. "This symbolized the struggle of the cabbalistic Jews against their enemies," Lina writes. "There is no devil according to the Talmud. Satan and God are united in Yahweh." (301) **Full story:** [henrymakow.com](http://henrymakow.com)
- Newsletter 598 13/9/09 published "**Covenant Relationship – Part I** . . . While the Pharisees recognize the Laws of Moses, they also claim there is a great body of oral tradition which is of at least equal authority with the written Law. By their tradition, they undertook to explain and elaborate upon the Law. This was the "*Tradition of the Elders*," to which the name of Talmud was later given. It is the foundation of Pharisaism now known as Judaism. This Judaism is very different from the religion of the ancient Israelites. The late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who was the Chief Rabbi of the United States, expressed this conclusively when he said: "The return from Babylon, and the adoption of the *Babylonian Talmud*, marks the end of Hebrewism, and the beginning of Judaism." The *Jewish Encyclopedia* tells us that the *Talmud* is actually "the product of the Palestinian and Babylonian schools" and is generally referred to as the *Babylonian Talmud*. In Sanhedrin 90 the *Talmud* says those Jews who read anti-rabbinic books will suffer eternal punishment. In modern terms, this would apply to "Jews" who read an anti-rabbinic website, which, according to *Talmud* tractate Sabbath 116a, should be destroyed. "Those who devote themselves to reading

the *Bible* exercise a certain virtue, but not very much; those who study the *Mishnah* exercise virtue for which they will receive a reward; those however who take upon themselves to study the *Gemara* exercise the highest virtue" (Bava Metzia 33a). . . . at least 90% of today's so-called Jews are no more related to Abraham, Isaac and Israel than the Chinese. They are no more 'Semitic' than an Eskimo. The *Encyclopaedia Judaica* and the 1993 *Encyclopedia Britannica* also declare them to be Gentiles. Largely of Turkish extraction, the Khazars were never "*strangers*" in Egypt or in Palestine, but built an **empire in the Caucasus**. Their adoption of Judaism (which is Rabbinic Talmudism and not the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) in AD740 was, like Constantine's 'conversion,' conceived as a cunning political maneuver, designed to maintain their independence from the Islamic Caliph in the East, and the Holy Roman Empire in the West. Ashkenazi historian, the late Arthur Koestler agrees that the large majority of Jews are of Khazar and not Semitic origin. "That their ancestors came not from the Jordan but from the Volga, not from Canaan, but from the Caucasus; . . . and that genetically they are more closely related to the Hun, Uigur and Magyar tribes than to the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (**The Thirteenth Tribe**, p. 17). Just as Germany maintained meticulous records that demonstrate the so-called **holocaust** of World War II is as fraudulent as the so-called holocausts claimed for World War I and in the Jewish-controlled USSR between the wars—since excised from history by the "Department of Truth," the Israelites kept meticulous genealogical records under the Old Covenant, "*for to Abraham and his seed were the promises made*," thus racial purity was paramount. These records were carefully archived in the Temple at Jerusalem.

A Complaint under the Federal Racial Hatred Act lodged in 2005 resulted in a judgement on February 2 2007 ordering that the Bible Believers' Church remove material from the website denying the Holocaust took place. In the judgment, Justice Richard Conti ordered Anthony Grigor-Scott to remove claims Jewish people deliberately exaggerated the number of Jews killed during World War II for improper purposes, including financial gain. He also ordered the removal of material denying the existence of gas chambers in the German concentration camp in Auschwitz. Justice Conti further ruled that Mr Grigor-Scott should be restrained from publishing similar material in the future, particularly his claim that there was serious doubt that the Holocaust occurred. Grigor-Scott successfully appealed the judgement, on a procedural technicality - not on whether his material was in breach of the law.

## 6.9 Extremist "Churches"

In addition to Bible Believers, a number of small organisations which claim to be "Christian" but emphasise race more than religion, continue to serve a small constituency. In Australia they conduct services and ceremonies, publish newsletters and leaflets, sell books and videos and use the internet to reach much larger audiences in Australia and internationally. Some of these are "Identity" Churches which are overtly antisemitic while a much smaller number adopted some of the teachings of "Identity" Churches, such as the racial link between Jews of the Bible and White Anglo-Saxons, while rejecting the program elements of these organisations.

The "Identity" Christians believe that they are the only "true" Christians and that Jews are fundamentally, genetically evil. Their influence in "White Supremacist" circles

internationally and in Australia is out of all proportion to the number of their core believers and both influence and numbers appear to be growing.

The British Israelites, maintain that the British people are the "lost ten tribes" of Israel and that they constitute the "Chosen People". Interpreting Christianity as a racially rather than religiously based community, Jews and non-Europeans appear as non-humans, or at best agents of Satan, in their cosmology. In addition to running religious services for its membership, it has bookshops and a mail-order service for literature and cassettes. The British-Israel World Federation bookshop in Sydney has increased stocks of Holocaust denial material and antisemitic literature and become more overtly concerned about "the Jews". The BIWF sells a large range of antisemitic material, from overtly "Identity" sources as well as from neo-Nazi and pro-Nazi groups who did not necessarily share their "religion". The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is amongst the titles sold in their book shop and by mail order.

The Covenant Vision Ministry, based in Sydney's outer western suburbs is led by Frank Dowsett, who also contributes to The Strategy newspaper. As well as conducting services and holding meetings, the Ministry publishes newsletters and reading lists and maintained a web-site for some of the period in review. In printed form and on the internet the Covenant Vision Ministry publishes Australian and international antisemitic material, to supplement the views of Frank Dowsett. In the newsletter, Covenant Vision, Dowsett warned Christians that "the driving force behind every anti-Christian activity known to mankind" are "Esau-Edom, now known as and acknowledged by themselves to be, modern day Jewry. Thus we conclude that 'the kingdom of Satan', or 'the Beast System', is identified as and manifest through, Esau-Edom-Idumean-Jewry-Zionism". Dowsett advised readers that Jews will be destroyed by "The Lord".

The Christian Identity Ministries of far north Queensland promote a particularly nasty and extensive catalogue of literature for sale by mail order. Material which they disseminate includes Holocaust denial, attacks on "Judeo-Christians", promotions of booklets and tapes by Sheldon Emry, advertisements for the Nation of Islam's The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews and promotions for Jack McLamb, US Militia personality. The CIM served as both a resource for, and propaganda arm of, a variety of far right- wing organisations. Its output includes reprints of US material from the most extreme of the antisemitic Identity Churches, Holocaust denial and "classic" anti-Jewish texts.

One of the organisations whose material is promoted and sold by Identity groups is the Revival Centres International. This group, which is much larger than any other of the "churches" in this section, has 38 Australian pastors. The Identity churches see the RCI as a kindred spirit, which is unsurprising given that the RCI declare, on their Australian internet site, their "Identity" belief, i.e "WE BELIEVE the Bible identifies the Anglo-Saxon people with the Old Testament nation of Israel . . . ". and publications such as Jacob versus Esau rehash all identity myths and paint Jews as the agents of Satan.

Discussing the significance of "anglo-racial superiority teachings", a former member of the Revival Centres wrote that "luckily" most Revival Centre members did not grasp the "Identity" message "or its logical racist end" but that serious Revival Centre members "definitely show these racist overtones". To illustrate his point he quoted from a Revival Centre book which explained that organisation's "two stage creation" theory. "The Bible deals only with the Adamic race, who were created in the likeness of God to have

dominion over all the earth, i.e. over all other 'primitive' (sic) races. Thus, the Old Testament gives us the best, and we may be sure the right, explanation of the existence and superiority of the Adamic or white race. The white race ... being in every way superior."

The Church of the Creator variety of anti-Semitic pseudo-Christian is most publicly represented in Australia by Creativity South Australia. Examples of the views of this group included Cailen Cambuel on The Church of Creativity S.A. site writing "Doctor Frederick Toben of the Adelaide Institute <http://adelaideinstitute.org> has been sentenced to three months prison for refusing to kowtow to Jewish supremacist "holocaust" dogma, in which six million Jews were supposedly murdered by various means including cyanide gas, by the Nazis during WWII. He has also won a fourteen day reprieve to file papers for an appeal.", adding "In Europe, Canada and Australia, Jewish supremacist groups have convinced lawmakers and judges that those who refuse to believe the myth that the German people deliberately caused the deaths of six million Jews during WWII, and express their lack of belief in public are automatically guilty of a crime in a similar vein to murder. Believe you me, this is not an overstatement. Jewish supremacist groups often speak of people who "deny the Holocaust" as horrific latter day monsters who intend to exterminate the Jewish race at the first opportunity." (13/5/09). Cailen Cambuel wrote a letter to the Adelaide Advertiser, which he published on the Church of Creativity S.A. website, in which he wrote "In this case, Dr Toben's conviction will only make matters worse for the Holocaust Believers, as those that are labeled Holocaust Deniers are persecuted and continue to grow in number of influence. Politically correct inquisitions notwithstanding, unverified historical events are faith based at best and anything based purely on faith will eventually fail. Therefore, the choice for the Holocaust Believers is to either allow an investigation which will result in the unadulterated truth being revealed, or deny the possibility of any investigation which can only result in an eventual reversal of condemnation where the believer will be ridiculed for his/her faith." (16/4/09).

The Australian chapter of the World Church of the Creator, which had no more than three identifiable supporters, has established a presence on the Internet as well as taking part in a minor way in public debate in online newsgroups and in the Queensland regional media. The World Church of the Creator Australia refers on its homepage to "the parasitic Jews". "Shaun Simmonds" of the WCOTC urged "creators" to take action in Australia in the battle to "re-take" Australia from Jews and "non-whites", in an internet discussion group.

The Christian Separatist Church Society announced its physical presence in advertisements in The Strategy and the New Australian Times (a journal targeting alienated conservative rural Christians). The Web-site of CSCS is militantly antisemitic, going so far as to ridicule overt anti-Jewish propagandists such as Frank Dowsett for being too moderate, and asserting "British-Israeli is most often only a surname for Masonic mongrel-lover". It carried articles by Mike Rose which claimed that the (Identity Church) Covenant Vision Ministry leader Frank Dowsett, was "simply one of millions whose frontal lobe has been infected with Jewish propaganda" and calling on him to desist from "Premillennial Jew vomit"; and an article by Dr Ken Cratchley which attacked "lying Judaized Identity preachers", "Talmudist Jews", "the bandit state of so-called Israel" and "Judeo-Christianity".



The content of much of the material distributed by this group is well summarised in the advertisement placed in The Strategy: "All Judeo Churches teach anti-Christ garbage which hinder the Adamic man from fulfilling his responsibilities to God in the perpetuation of His Government on earth". They include many Christian Identity figures in the category of "as damned as any atheist".

### **6.10 Miscellaneous Activists**

Antisemitic activity in Australia is often carried out by very small groups, or by individuals with loose connections to racist organisations but effectively operating on their own.

Olga Scully of Launceston spent decades distributing antisemitic leaflets, cassettes and videotapes. Her persistent campaign resulted in a finding by the Federal Court, delivered in September 2002, that a number of her leaflets and other material was unlawful under Australia's Racial Hatred Act. The Court declared that she had engaged in conduct rendered unlawful by Part IIA of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) by having distributed a number of antisemitic leaflets in letterboxes in Launceston, Tasmania and by selling or offering to sell such leaflets at a public market in Launceston and ruled that she be restrained from distributing, selling or offering to sell any leaflet or other publication which is to the same effect as any of the leaflets referred to and to pay the applicant's costs. Olga Scully was unsuccessful in an application to Appeal to a full bench of the Federal Court. She now sends emails which are always ridiculous and sometimes racist, to media, political and religious figures, but her leafleting activities have effectively ceased.

There are a number of other individuals also active in anti-Jewish campaigns, but none with the prominence of Olga Scully prior to the Federal Court judgement. These include the individuals below.

Brendon O'Connell of Perth publicised his own antisemitism on You Tube and the Web. He posted "These people will not stop until we stop them. They will continue to "flatter" and "infiltrate", tell you they love you and bow their heads to you like any manipulating sociopathic human being does. Once you understand the mind set of the sociopath...you understand the mind set produced from Jewish Culture, Tradition and the twin pillars of Jewish Religion – Rabbinic Pharisaic Judaism and Jewish Mysticism in Kabala." on the "Thoughttalk" website (14/12/08). He had earlier applauded a person who said he wouldn't buy from Israeli salespersons, by writing "Heartless of you! I bet that salesman lost relatives in the Holohoax TM and this is the way you treat the Chosen People?" (7/12/08). "News From The West" website, which has a large number of antisemitic links, wrote of Brendan O'Connell "Brendon O'Connell's actions are very straight – forward and effective. In the age of under \$200 high definition video cameras, the age of the people's journalist is here. TPTB are particularly afraid of this approach because it unmasks the Zionist J-w completely. There is no mistaking what you are seeing. If this caught on and people everywhere started confronted the lying Zionists, maybe we can save them from themselves, shame them into maybe waking up. At the least, it is a compelling warning to the "Goyim"." (14/5/09). Brendon O'Connell, facing criminal charges following his posting on You-Tube of an incident where he harassed and vilified Jews, posted to the "Israellycool" website "I want to 'debate' you on issues regarding the founding of the Israeli state. The financing of Adolph Hitler by jews. The financing of Lenin and trotsky by jews. The worst mass killers in the Soviet Union being jews. Marx Engles and Hess being jews. The founding of Communist China by jews including the involvement of Sidney Rittenberg on half of Roosevelts jewish

cabinet. Then we can move onto a whole host of issues including Michael Hoffmans new book "Judaism Discovered" and we can talk about the homicidal maniacs of orthodox Judaism and we can especially talk about "Chabad Lubavich". (13/8/09).

David Palmer of Sydney, has claimed to be the leader of many organisations and movements over the past twenty years. The groups he has claimed to represent include the Ku Klux Klan, White Pride Coalition, the National Socialist Defence of Australia Party, Asgard and the Australian Nazi Party. He has been responsible for leafleting campaigns, hate mail and many media stories on the groups he has claimed to lead. He is always willing to appear in the media as Australia's self-proclaimed Fuehrer. In the period in review, he was identified with Klub Naziya, a group of "white supremacists" which met in inner Sydney.

Whitelaw Towers, a blog maintained by Jim Perren, published overtly antisemitic material. In September, the site linked to chapters from Adolf Hitler's *Main Kampf*. CNN was referred to as "Chosenite News Network", anti-racists are referred to as either Zionists or Zionist-controlled, promoted "Radio Free Australia" and a section was devoted to "Marxist Jews" who allegedly wield political power in Australia. Earlier, "Whitelaw Towers" Jim Perren wrote "This group FDB who are always playing the victim are the willing left hand of the Modern day Zionist Enforcer. The tactics they use do differ from the past but in the end they are still breaking the law just like the old days. Some of the tactics they use: Blackmail; False witness; Computer hacking; Intimidation; Racial Stereotyping; Threats of violence; Staling; Actual violence (well not of late but they did try it); Illegally collecting information on Australian Citizens (Sayanim). Yet to this day they openly boast on the FDB forum and other Anarchist sites with zero repercussions. This is when the Jeremy Jones types come into play. These Jews have been given the nod from the highest levels of our Government and Legal systems. Supported by a bias and corrupt media. Sorta makes the playing field a little uneven don't you think? These Jews who masquerade as Anarchists and or Communists act and behave like they are untouchable. In a way they are. But how successful would they be if they were to out themselves and let the real Left Wing movement know their true identity? In short not very successful at all. A change is on the way and they know it. Even the modern day left are aware of the Zionist program around the world. With the advent of the internet and news sources from Non Jewish controlled media the truth is slowly getting out." (11/5/09).

Alexander McClelland of NSW's Central Coast has a website which in many ways mimics Fredrick Toben's Adelaide Institute site, as well as conducting mailing and leafleting campaigns in which he supports Holocaust denial and defames Judaism. Together with Fredrick Toben and Leon Gregor of the British Israel World Federation, he attended the Federal Court case *Jones v Scully*. Alexander McClelland maintained his website "Australian International Justice Fund" which promoted Holocaust denial, attacked Australian Jews who had achieved positions of responsibility after emigrating to the US and Israel, claimed Ashkenazi Jews are not really Jews but a "true anti-semitic people" and claimed he has exposed a "Jewish World Conspiracy". (11/8/09).

Mohammed Hegazi, a colleague of Fredrick Toben maintains the "Fact not Fiction" website. He posts articles such as "SHYLOCKS ARE LUSTING FOR TOBEN'S FLESH", which he introduced with "So Fred Toben was arrested in Germany and sentenced to 9 months in prison for defaming dead rats. How about those Shylockian Americans who are defaming the



living Palestinians by calling them “terrorists”, because they fight the Israeli squatters occupying their country? Why should the UK pay attention to a German extradition request? Germany is a country that persecutes scholars if their beliefs are differing from the generally accepted Holohoax dogma? What does this label “holocaust denier” exactly mean? It was been invented and propagated by the Skylockian mass media owned by Rupert Murdoch and his ilk. It is not a crime to refuse to believe in the “historical truth” of the Holohoax lie, neither in Australia nor in the US or the UK.” (2/10/08). He also posted an article on a donkey allegedly killed by Israelis in the Hebron Hills, introducing it with “The following article is by Danny Felsteiner, who is an activist living in occupied Palestine. It sheds some light on Zionist barbarity, which is part and parcel of an infamous book called the “Talmud”, upon which most Zionist practices are based:” (2/1/08). “Fact not Fiction” published a long antisemitic article by Arthur Topham which included “The Zionist owned and controlled “Jewdiciary” of Australia have “held” that Fredrick doesn’t accept the Zionist version of what the Talmudic Jews have mandated as “freedom of speech” and “history” so they have found him “guilty” of “28 counts of contempt”. Thus Jeremy Jones (a good kosher Jewish handle if ever I saw one), former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the Orwellian weasel who first launched the complaint against Mr. Toben back in 1996, is now smirking to his Talmudic brethren and telling them how Australia is now firmly in the grasp of the infamous Noahide “Laws” of the Talmudic Lubavichers once and for all.” (17/4/09). “Fact not Fiction” also featured an article “Holohoax Scam in Britain”. (14/7/09).

**FACT NOT FICTION BY MOHAMMED A. HEGAZI**  
 A COLLECTION OF ARTICLES AND MATERIAL RELATED  
 TO SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE ARAB  
 WORLD, ESPECIALLY EGYPT.

*Thursday, October 02, 2008*

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**By: M. A. Hegazi**

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Ferrando Galassi, has, over the past two decades, sent numerous letters accusing Jews of not being human beings "but rather parasites, leeches, cankers, bacilli, etc as Saint Adolf wisely diagnosed". Virginia Robison has written extreme anti-Jewish letters to Jewish Australians, generally including Holocaust denial, for many years. Adrian Rievers sends mass emailings of the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion and similar material to Jewish community organizations, politicians and media outlets. Jeffrey Dunlop of Melbourne send offensive anti-Jewish emails to Jewish individuals and organisations.

## **6.11 "New Age" Groups**

Exposure, a glossy magazine available by subscription and at news stands, advertised in the journals and publishes promotions of the material, of a number of far right-wing Australian groups. By the time, in early 2001, that editor David Summers sold the magazine, it included extracts from US antisemitic newspaper The Spotlight, advertised a video WACO - The Big Lie produced by US militia figure Linda Thompson, the extreme right wing political party "The Australians" and The Strategy. A key figure who had informed Exposure's world-view is UK eccentric David Icke. Issues of the magazine had included promotions of The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion and videos of speeches by League of Rights stalwart Jeremy Lee and a half-page advertisement for Nexus magazine.

The magazine is now called Hard Evidence, and past issues are advertised aggressively by the magazine's new owners. In the period in review Hard Evidence Vol 8 No. 6 (Nov-Dec 08) promoted a number of John Pilger and conspiracy theory DVDs; published a feature article "The Truth About the Leueher report" which rehashed Holocaust Denial; printed an article "Censorship and Press Freedom: At Home and Away", based on the premise that "Zionists" (including a prominent anti-Zionist Jew) are engaged full-time in "falsely accusing pro-Palestinian bloggers of anti-Semitism" as they seek to control the internet; and printed a three page Holocaust denial letter. Hard Evidence (March-April 2009) ran a conspiracy theory anti-Israel article "Are the US and Israel planning a Broader Middle East War?" written by Michael Chossudovsky, an article by Conn Hallinan which blamed Israel for "playing the Kurds against Syria and Iran", an article by "Jews for Justice in the Middle East" which misrepresented Talmudic teaching and then used this distortion to critique modern Israel and promoted a series of John Pilger and 9/11 conspiracy DVDs. Hard Evidence (Vol 9 #4 July-Aug 2009) reproduced anti-Israel material from Iran's Press TV, and advertise4d John Pilger and other conspiracy DVDs.

Also during the period in review Nexus Magazine (October-November 2008) printed a letter signed "Anon." which criticised the publication for the "glaring omission" of "a full exposure of the Talmud", with the writer submitting "Dear NEXUS: Why don't you ever talk about the Talmud? What the Talmud says is far more interesting than far-fetched theories about the Mayans and Christianity – especially what it says about racial supremacy, human sacrifice (a la 9/11?) and much more. It is the real secret religious text that is in plain sight yet is never ever talked about in public – lost in translation except to Hebrew speakers, who may not discuss it openly or honestly in public" and New Dawn Special Issue No. 6 (November 2008) published an article "The Fall of the Babylonian Money System", by Mehmet Sabeheddin which claimed the world was run by "elites", and "3) The work of the

elites is coordinated through various national intelligence services – the CIA, the British MI5, Israeli Mossad, etc. This is due to the general secrecy of these agencies. As well as their traditions of deception and manipulation.”

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**Age editor apologises for “error of judgement”**  
**ASHLEY BROWNE, *Australian Jewish News***

THE editorial team at The Age has offered an unreserved apology to the Jewish community for the controversial Michael Backman column that appeared in last Saturday’s newspaper.

A formal apology appeared on page two of Tuesday’s edition (January 20) of the newspaper, with The Age editor Paul Ramadge telling The AJN that the anti-Semitic views expressed by Backman “have no place at The Age. We completely reject his views. We fully accept that the article has caused hurt and distress to the Jewish community and we apologise without reservation,” he said.

Ramadge said the story was published while he and other senior editors were on leave. “We have a different crew editing the paper during the holiday period,” he said. Ramadge would not comment on whether any Age employees would lose their jobs over the publication of the story, but did admit that more than one Age staffer were guilty of “errors of judgement. We have taken steps to ensure that this sort of thing doesn’t happen again,” he said, adding that the staffer was being dealt with internally.

Ramadge, who replaced Andrew Jaspan as editor of The Age last year, met with community leaders Mark Leibler and Dr Colin Rubenstein on Monday and will meet Israeli Ambassador Yuval Rotem on Thursday to try and repair the damage caused by the article.

Backman’s article appeared less than two weeks after Jewish Community Council of Victoria representatives John Searle and Geoffrey Zygier met newspaper management to express concerns over the paper’s coverage of the war in Gaza. Ramadge told The AJN he did not believe The Age has a credibility issue with the Jewish community. “We’re starting to get feedback from Jewish leaders praising us for our balanced coverage,” he said. “Not everyone will agree with everything we publish on Israel. That comes with the territory. But we want to continue to tell great stories and The Age will continue to have a dialogue with Jewish leadership in that respect.”

Ramadge said he believes The Age is being proactive in dealing with disgruntled Jewish readers on this issue. He also plans to personally respond to every letter of complaint he has received since Backman’s article appeared on Saturday January 17.

## **7.0 RESPONSES TO ANTISEMITISM**

### **7.1 Introduction**

A range of responses are necessary if a society is serious about limiting, if not eliminating, antisemitism. Political and moral leadership is vital, especially when it is framed in a way to define antisemitism as an issue to be dealt with by the society as a whole, not just the antisemites' targets. The victims of attacks need to have legal recourse. Education to combat prejudice, informally and formally, provides a basis for a society equipped to respond to what antisemitism may be imported or develop.

It is possible to address antisemitism through a legal and social regime which confronts racism, without being specifically identified. In Australia this is the general rule, although through education and coalition building, antisemitism as a specific, archetypal form of racism is directly addressed.

During the period in review, with the increased volume of antisemitic incidents, the Jewish community paid a great deal of attention to the formal and informal means of responding to antisemitism.

### **7.2 Political Leadership**

Concern at racism has prompted a counter-reaction from a number of opinion leaders, including a number of serving politicians in state and federal parliaments. Most state and territory legislatures have passed motions condemning racism, calling for Reconciliation and affirming the values of tolerance and diversity, during the past six years. Racist political movements are publicly condemned and placed at the lowest position on mainstream parties' "How to vote" lists.

The Federal Government has instituted a National Harmony Day, on the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racism, which is marked by government and the community in many ways, but is generally used to honour individuals and organisations who have been active in promoting Australian multiculturalism.

Parliamentary resolutions at national and regional level are extremely valuable as means of identifying antisemitic behaviour as anti-social and unacceptable. Speeches by Parliamentarians, which can focus on specific instances of antisemitism, are also important. However, real political leadership is demonstrated through actions.

To this end, Australia's Federal Government has, in recent years, been prominent in international forums opposing antisemitism and promoting education against racism. Australia refused to take place in the 2009 United Nations' Durban Review Conference in Geneva, in part due to the antisemitism which was a feature of the Durban Conference in 2001. The Federal and State governments have supported, through funding and other support, a range of projects of Jewish communal organisations designed to reduce prejudice. Laws have been enacted which provide a degree of recourse to victims of racism. Politicians from the major political parties have repeatedly both condemned antisemitism and chastised their political opponents for not being sufficiently pro-active in combating antisemitism.

The Federal Government also recognised the reality of physical threats to Jewish Australians with the allocation, commencing in April 2009, of security assistance to Jewish day-schools, as part of a multi-million dollar package to bolster security to “schools with identified security issues”

### **7.3 Moral Leadership**

The good cooperation between different religious communities has been evident in recent years, with a number of joint statements condemning racism and intolerance, as well as supportive statements by one or another of the Australian religious denominations. AIJAC has facilitated “Conversations” for prominent religious figures, to discuss mutual action against prejudice. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the National Council of Churches in Australia and the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils have made a number of joint calls for tolerance. A number of Christian groups and the Baha'i faith have condemned antisemitic attacks and Jewish groups joined others in condemning racism against Australian Arabs and vilification of Muslims. This is in addition to the statements issued by groups from one or other religion/faith condemning racism and/or antisemitism.

Churches were also important proponents of diversity and tolerance, often in concert with the Jewish community. The Uniting Church in Australia is continuing the process of exploring ways of taking joint action with the Jewish community to combat prejudice. The Catholic Church promoted inter-religious and multi-faith understanding as a particular focus in the lead up to the Year 2000 and continues to promote tolerance and understanding in the lead up to Australia's hosting of World Youth Day in 2008. There have also been signs of movement in the direction of better relations between the Anglican Church and the Jewish community, with the establishment of the formal Anglican Jewish Australian Dialogue.

One of the important ways in which Church and service organisations assert moral leadership against antisemitism is by refusing to allow racist and anti-Jewish groups to hire their premises and having policies advising representatives to refuse to share platforms with known extremists. It is pleasing to report that extremist anti-Jewish groups are experiencing increasing difficulty in finding premises in which to meet and in convincing respectable Australians to participate in their activities.

In November, the vice-chancellor of the University of Sydney sent an e-mail to all students to condemn the “totally reprehensible” antisemitism which had been a feature of the student elections during September (14/11/08).

### **7.4 Education**

One of the most encouraging recent developments in responding to antisemitism and racism is a broad spectrum of educational initiatives, coming from government, community organisations, the business sector and individuals.

The Federal Government, through the Anti-Racism Education campaign and the on-going public awareness programmes conducted by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, has been pro-active in its efforts to place objective information before the

Australian community on matters which had been subjected to misrepresentation by racist organisations.

In January 2000 the Australian Government participated in the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust. Australia was one of the countries which endorsed the final Declaration which included commitments to strengthen “efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust” and to “promote education about the Holocaust in our schools and universities, in our communities and encourage it in other institutions” as part of the reaffirmation of “humanity’s common aspiration for mutual understanding and justice”. In the period in review, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry has energetically pursued curricula around Australia which would constructively contribute to inter-communal harmony.

Australia subsequently participated in The Stockholm Forums on Combating Intolerance (January 2001) on Truth, Justice and Reconciliation (April 2002) and on The Prevention of Genocide (January 2004).

Together with the Government of Indonesia, Australia initiated Asia/Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogues, with the inaugural Dialogue taking place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in December 2004. The Dialogues have proven to be excellent opportunities for the promotion of programmes designed to break down inter-religious stereotyping and to promote co-operation in the cause of communal harmony. The second Dialogue was convened in Cebu, The Philippines, in 2006, the third in Waitangi, New Zealand, in 2007 and the fourth in Cambodia in 2008. The dialogues now have New Zealand and the Philippines as additional co-hosts.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission hosted a significant national conference, *Beyond Tolerance*, in March 2002, at the Sydney Opera House as well as facilitating and conducting research on a broad spectrum of matters of public interest. HREOC has devoted considerable attention to changes in the language, tactics and mode of operation of those groups and individuals who seek to harm community relations. Now known as the Australian Human Rights Commission, it continues to vigorously promote values, ideas and programmes aimed at protecting and furthering human rights, including those of racial, ethnic and religious minorities.

The Community Relations Commission in NSW and equivalent bodies in other States have also taken strides in recent years to involve broad sections of the community and government in both planning and effecting strategies aimed at combating racism and building communal harmony.

Community organisations also increased activities particularly those directed at school-age Australians. These ranged from promoting visits to schools by articulate representatives of the broad spectrum of ethnic communities, visits to institutions such as the Sydney Jewish Museum and the production of teaching materials on tolerance and on the negative impact of racism.

The business sector has also promoted and published the results of research into public policy areas which had in past years often been the subject of confusion and misinformation, particularly immigration.

Individuals opposed to racism, operating alone or in very small groups, have found that the Internet allows them to make a significant contribution to efforts to restrict the ability of hate-mongers to take away from their victims' quality of life. On newsgroups, a number of individuals devote time and energy to exposing the lies spread by antisemites and other racists. A number of web-sites have been developed which provide useful resources for having informed discussions on topics which are regularly introduced into Internet discussions by racists. These sites make available material which is also greatly beneficial to those combating racism in the general community.

However, research in both the school and tertiary education sectors in the period in review has revealed a need for programmes to redress both anti-social anti-Jewish behaviour and lack of knowledge of the real and potential outcomes of racial hatred.

## **7.5 The Racial Hatred Act, 1995**

Late in 1995, the federal government introduced legislation to give recourse to victims of racism. The law, administered by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, seeks to conciliate complaints of racial harassment and vilification. If conciliation is not achieved, hearings take place and penalties can be ordered.

While details of complaints are not made public, at least seven formal complaints regarding antisemitism were lodged with the Commission during the first years of the new law, and the determinations are beginning to provide indications of how useful the law will prove to be in dealing with antisemitism.

A complaint lodged under the Act against an article appearing in an April 1996 issue of the Arabic language newspaper *El Telegraph* was successfully conciliated by the HREOC, with the outcome including the publication of articles which hopefully will contribute to the historiography of understanding of Australian racism and international antisemitism. *El Telegraph* had reprinted articles from a newspaper based in the Arab Middle East, which included extracts from the notorious antisemitic concoction *The Protocols of The Learned Elders of Zion*.

At least one other complaint, also against a media outlet, was settled without reference to a public hearing.

All four cases which were referred to public hearings, against the Adelaide Institute Website, anti-Jewish propagandist Olga Scully, *The Nation* newspaper and Bible Believers/Anthony Grigor-Scott, have demonstrated the complexities of the process of resolving complaints under the original process, taking more than four years between the complaint and the adjudication. The process for complaint resolution has since been considerably streamlined.

The most dramatic impact of the legislation came with the August 2009 prison sentence given to Fredrick Toben of the Adelaide Institute for contempt of court, due to his failure to obey court orders under the Racial Hatred Act.

In one additional case of interest, a Family Court judge issued orders preventing a neo-Nazi woman to expose her 6 year old child to extremist material and events.

## **7.6 State and Territory Anti-Racism Laws and Criminal Law**

All Australian States and the Australian Capital Territory had legislation supplementary to the Federal Act. Queensland also amended and greatly broadened and strengthened legislation in this field during the early part of 2001. The success and utility of these laws is a matter of on-going debate. Some shortcomings were brought in to focus in the attempts by a Melbourne victim of an antisemitic assault, in which the perpetrators were swiftly identified, to achieve recourse and have the victims appropriately penalised.

In past years there have been actions taken by local councils, public authorities and corporations to ensure that the laws have not been breached, as well as many successful conciliations of complaints lodged under NSW and ACT law.

In Victoria, a decision was taken in June 2009 to amend that State's Sentencing Act to allow judges to take into account whether a particular crime was motivated by hate, after discussions involving Jewish community organisations on antisemitism and other racist activity.

## **7.7 Media**

### **7.7.1 The Australian Press Council**

A voluntary regulatory body, the Australian Press Council was, until the passage of anti-racism laws in a number of states and now federally, the most significant body which considered complaints of antisemitism. Although it no longer plays the same key role, it remains another arena for disputes to be resolved over questions relating to racism and antisemitism. In November 2003, The Australian Press Council "upheld in part" a complaint against The Sydney Morning Herald for publishing, in August 2003, a cartoon that juxtaposed images of the Warsaw Ghetto and the wall being built by Israel on the West Bank. The judgement said "the council agrees that the cartoon was so offensive as to breach its principles ...".

The Australian Press Council in Annual Report No. 33, 30 June 2009, recorded an increase in complaints under the heading "racism; religious disparagement from 34 to 43 in the year in review, accounting for 8.5% of all complaints (as against an average of 5.9% over a 20 year period).

### **7.7.2 The Australian Broadcasting Authority**

The Australian Broadcasting Authority sets and enforces broad community standards. The complexities of applying the legalistic and bureaucratic procedures to the real-time world of electronic media, however, renders this body problematic as an agency to combat racism and antisemitism. It does speak with some moral authority however and should not be totally disregarded.



### **7.7.3 Federation of Australian Commercial Television Stations**

Commercial television has not given rise to serious concern in its depictions of Jews or Judaism. The Jewish community recognises that the guidelines on the depiction of a range of matters, including religion, ethnicity and nationality, contribute to developing a more tolerant culture with a sensitive media corps.

### **7.7.4 Right of Reply**

In most of the cases of antisemitism in the print media, the newspapers and magazines published views of readers offended by them in letters columns. However, this was not universal, and even when it occurred, the newspapers themselves rarely acknowledged any fault on their part by originally printing antisemitism.

## **7.8 Other Sanctions**

Individuals who are the victims of some of the more extreme acts of antisemitic intimidation do have recourse to laws other than those specified above. A variety of sporting bodies have introduced anti-racism codes of conduct during recent years. The focus in all cases was also on "offensive language". A Sydney junior football (soccer) player's father was banned for six weeks from any football-related activities, for yelling "You should have all been wiped out during the War!" at parents from a Jewish club. It is important to note that while there have been a number of significant developments in codes of conduct in recent years, there is still a great deal which needs to be done to affirm the unacceptability of racist behaviour.

Jeremy Jones  
13 November 2009

## **REPORT ON ANTISEMITISM IN AUSTRALIA IN 2008 + Operation Cast Lead**

**By Jeremy Jones AM\***

12 March 2009

### **Overview**

*In Australia in 2008, to accuse any person or organisation of antisemitism is to allege that their behaviour is antisocial and unacceptable. No one with aspirations to public credibility admits to holding antisemitic views or to associating with openly antisemitic organisations. While individuals and organisations associated with the political left who promote extreme anti-Israeli racism, which sometimes included offensive and gratuitous anti-Jewish imagery, are keen to assert that they are not antisemitic, even some far-right and neo-Nazi groups publicly profess to be "anti-Zionist" rather than anti-Jewish, although the material they distribute can give the lie to any such distinction. In the Australian media, during the year in review, commentators and contributors of letters (and in other forms of public commentary) occasionally, but rarely, crossed the line between political commentary and anti-Jewish slander in discussions of the alleged strength of "Jewish lobbies" in both the USA and Australia, as well as in some discussions of Israel. This is in the context of strong, if sometimes critical, support for Israel from political leaders of both Government and Opposition.*

*Despite efforts by anti-Jewish groups and individuals, matters of specific concern to Australian Jewry such as the extradition request by Hungary to Australia for alleged Nazi War Criminal Charles Zentai, the Federal Court contempt hearing process under the Racial Hatred Act concerning Fredrick Toben and the Australian Parliament's motion congratulating Israel on its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, were discussed publicly in a manner which was generally free of prejudice or rancour. It is unfortunately common for extremists and antisemites in Australia to use the experiences of Jews as victims of Genocide, murder and assault as a means to insult Jewish people and incite or justify hatred of them. The most extreme example is the historically and logically inappropriate designation of language and symbols associated with the Nazi genocide to Jewish people, such as accusing Jews of being "Nazi-like", committing "Holocausts" and/or Genocide, or supporting "concentration camps". In December 2008 and in to January 2009, while Israel's "Operation Cast Lead" was taking place, this phenomenon was part of most public anti-Israel manifestations.*

*The staging of a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, during the 2008 Papal visit to Sydney, raised issues of anti-Jewish stereotypes and prejudice, but there were successful efforts made by the Catholic Church and the Jewish community to minimise this potential harm, apparently successfully. Particular concern, in the period in review, has been expressed at the negative impact of material from a variety of overseas sources which has as its thesis an eternal enmity of Muslims towards Jews. In 2008, the database assembled and maintained by the author of this report since 1989 included 614 reports of anti-Jewish violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation, the third highest tally ever recorded but close to twice the average of the previous 18 years. Anti-Jewish propaganda in fringe publications and from extremist organisations remained an ongoing concern. Conspiracy theories abounded on the internet and these included a disturbing proportion which were overtly or implicitly antisemitic.*

### **Racism in Australia and Antisemitism**

*The Australian Jewish community has been an integral part of Australia's population since the first days of European settlement. While there have been incidents of anti-Jewish activity occurring throughout the different periods of the development of modern Australia, opposition to antisemitism has also been present and, perhaps more importantly, the question of the place of Jews within Australian society has generally not been an issue which has excited the Australian population. However, an unacceptably high number of Australian Jews can provide evidence of instances of discrimination, harassment and racial defamation.*

*Some individuals and organisations disseminating antisemitic propaganda seek to attribute particular characteristics, motives or agendas to Jewish Australians, portraying them as not only different but threatening to the well-being of Australian society. They identify behaviour which the intended audience will find abhorrent and attribute it to Jews, undermining the legitimacy of participation of Jews in Australian life. Propagation of anti-Jewish stereotypes, even when meant to be humorous, can sustain the agendas of malicious antisemites. The most common theme in contemporary Australian antisemitic rhetoric is that Jews in Australia and/or internationally, individually and/or collaboratively, exercise disproportionate power and influence against the interests of non-Jews. However, while Australian Jews have historically been blamed by extremist organisations and their followers for contentious Federal and State policies on social matters, financial programs and the weakening of establishment institutions there have been very few attempts in Australia, to this time, to blame Jews for the 2008-9 Global Financial Crisis.*

*The theme of an international Jewish conspiracy is central to the world view of each of the overtly antisemitic organisations. Extreme elements within some migrant communities also promote this mythology as a means of explaining circumstances in their countries of birth. One of the sources antisemitic organisations use to support this myth is The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion, which incredibly is taken seriously by most extremist groups and advertised in many antisemitic, extreme right-wing and New Age publications. A subset of the above is the promotion of the claim that there was neither a Nazi Genocide of Jews nor an attempt at one. The thesis presented, either explicitly or implicitly, is that Jews, sometimes with the help of sympathisers and sycophants, use popular belief in the Nazi Holocaust as a means of extorting sympathy, money and political gain.*

*In 1982, Conor Cruise O'Brien, searching for a term to describe the slur that Israel, representing the heirs of the victims of Nazism, was behaving in a "Nazi" manner, coined the term "anti-Jewism". This slur has been directed at Israel and Australian Jews with a disturbing frequency during the period in review, with a number of fringe far Left organisations promoting this analogy as policy. When Jews are called Nazis it not only renders the unique crimes of Hitler's regime common-place, but also uses Jews' past suffering as a means of abuse. During recent periods of high tension in the Middle East, the expression of this view was increasingly tolerated, and even promoted, by sections of the mainstream media.*

*The slur has currency particularly in far left circles, with some members of left-wing groups alleging that civilians who are the tragic victims of conflicts involving Israel are victims of a Nazi-like genocide and some right-wingers accusing Jews who support legal recourse for victims of racism with Nazis who murdered political opponents. It has also been used increasingly by Arab and Muslim critics of Israel in Australia. This slander is sometimes conscious antisemitism, sometimes thoughtless polemic and sometimes confused rhetoric, but regardless of its motivation it is generally recognised, after consideration, as antisemitism.*

*Sloppy, inappropriate invocation of terminology, including "Nazi" and "Holocaust", is not necessarily the result of antisemitic intent, but does denigrate the reality of Genocide, persecution and suffering. Political analysts in Australia have observed the way in which consistent, inaccurate analogies involving Holocaust terminology reduce the true historic event in a way which can be summarised as "if everything is a Holocaust, then the Holocaust has no special significance." This phenomenon is disturbing, and can have the result of furthering antisemitic agendas, even if Jews were not part of the thinking of those who are part of it.*

*While Australian Christianity is not, by and large, susceptible to the promotion or endorsement of antisemitic mythology, it is disturbing that men and women educated in Christian traditions are addressed by vilifiers of Judaism in terms tailored to their perceived understanding of Jews and Judaism. It is also disturbing that debate still rages in a number of mainstream churches as to the legitimacy of Judaism in the Christian era.*

### ***Incidents of violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation***

*During 2008, 614 reports were recorded of incidents defined by the Australian Human Rights Commission as "racist violence" against Jewish Australians. These incidents included physical assault, vandalism – including through arson attacks – threatening telephone calls, hate mail, graffiti, leaflets, posters and abusive and intimidatory electronic mail. This was the third highest total on record, well below the 2007 figure and just below the 2002 total.*

*Most of the reports were of threats, rather than physical attacks on person or property, but the reports reveal that hundreds of Jewish individuals and organisations were targeted, some repeatedly, by persons seeking to intimidate or harass them.*

*The ability of a person to remain anonymous and to send messages cheaply has made email the favoured means of communicating hate messages by Australian antisemites. During the period in review over two thirds of all incidents reported were emails. There is no discernible difference in the themes contained in email messages to those sent through the postal service or communicated by telephone.*

*Although a completely unprecedented 214 reports were received in the month of January 2009, over 180 of these were abusive and antisemitic e-mails. As in December 2008, this month witnessed a number of public demonstrations at which blatant antisemitic placards were carried and aggressive anti-Jewish slogans chanted, in English and Arabic.*

### ***Antisemitism in the media and the community***

*Over the past decade, representatives of the major Parties have vigorously exposed any electoral preferencing, relationship or contact between their opponents and political extremists, and there is now an accepted, if informal, protocol which has known extremists placed below other candidates in voter advisory literature. However, anecdotal evidence continued to emerge to the effect that anti-Jewish views and opinions being voiced in situations which suggest that there has been a weakening of social and cultural sanctions against overt racism. A study of the situation in a number of schools revealed instances of anti-Jewish prejudice, with both far-right and religious sources. A number of reports were received of anti-Jewish abuse on sporting fields. On internet forums linked to mainstream commercial enterprises, antisemitic stereotyping and insults are far too common. On-line communities, Facebook and You-Tube in particular, have been the venues of crude and intense anti-Jewish prejudice being expressed openly and unashamedly. While the sum total of reports of each and all such behaviour is not sufficient to suggest that it is rampant, it is nevertheless cause for genuine concern.*

*Given the way in which Australian racists have behaved over a long period, there is considerable evidence to support the contention that when they believe their activities are tolerated or even rationalised and encouraged by sources of authority, which can include the mainstream media, they seem far more likely to act on any antisemitism they already harbour. This is particularly the case when antisemitic views are broadcast on the ABC (Australian Broadcasting Commission), as in the minds of racists this signifies that bigotry has received government imprimatur.*

*Coverage of issues relating to the Australian Jewish community by the mainstream media is extensive and out of all proportion to the community's size or of its percentage of the Australian population. The coverage is generally responsible and does not unduly play on the "Jewishness" of individuals or of the issues. Israel receives extensive but generally superficial coverage in the Australian mass media. The propaganda ploy of presenting those responsible for the introduction of violence into a situation where peaceful negotiations were proceeding, as if they were the victims of some unprovoked brutality, was carried in a number of sections of the Australian media, sometimes with enthusiasm and often without reasoned analysis. Those who have broad antisemitic agendas have found this situation a useful pretext for voicing their anti-Jewish prejudices and incitements. Others who may in different circumstances be opposed to racism sometimes added their voices and contributed opinions, which have included the attribution of racial characteristics to Jews.*

*Attempts to delegitimise Israel and Zionism, conducted by public advocates of the Palestinians, included extreme allegations against Israel and Judaism. In addition, supporters of the tyranny in Iraq or the theological fascists in Iran used whatever opportunities were presented to them to level charges, in extreme language, against Israel, Zionism and, on occasion, Jewry. For example, after being quoted by a number of journalists as having said the antisemitic blood libel was a legitimate part of the Middle East debate, Roland Jabbour of the Australian Arabic Council claimed in August 2008 that "The false charge of anti-Semitism by some is used to silence and blackmail those to dare to criticize the Zionist' self-righteous and lawless child, the state of Israel. It is designed to frighten those who dare to engage in and encourage honest debate about these important matters – something we must do as a society in the interest of justice and peace. Israel continues its aggression while claiming self-defense: a right usually reserved for the victims of aggression – and the same right Israel denies its own victims." For a number of years, extreme anti-Israel propaganda, including many pieces disputing Israel's right to exist and blaming "Zionists" for many world problems, have been produced by left-wing groups, who have sometimes aligned themselves with anti-progressive, racist groups to further anti-Israel agendas. The groups in this part of the political spectrum share with the far-right a vigorous opposition to the "establishment" and what they perceive to be those with power. Anti-Americanism and contempt for liberal democracies is marked by conspiracy theories and by simplistic divisions of political forces into friends and enemies. Although there are some differences in the approach to Israel taken by these groups, the general attitude is that Israel is clearly in the camp of their enemies and is therefore a fair target for abuse, delegitimation and defamation.*

*During 2008, the Senate of Australia commenced an inquiry into Academic Freedom, as a result of which Jewish students began to tell of some negative and hostile experiences on campus. These included the introduction into classrooms of extraneous and tendentious material critical of the Jewish community of Australia and/or Israel, disparaging remarks regarding names of students thought to indicate they were Jewish, teaching on Israel which distorted Jewish history and beliefs, blogs maintained by academics which promoted and hosted extreme anti-Israel and often anti-Jewish material and a number of other issues. In most cases, the individuals responsible for creating the atmosphere in which Jewish students were made to feel uncomfortable and victims of discrimination were oriented towards the political left, with a minority from Muslim or Arab backgrounds. Despite anti-racist policies in place on most campuses, there have also been reports over the recent period of the perpetrators of overt antisemitic acts not facing any negative consequences for their activities.*

*Australia's Arabic-speaking community is large and vibrant. Jews are not a major concern or pre-occupation for this community, but when Jewish matters are discussed it can give rise to concerns, particularly when discussion of the Middle East departs from vigorous political debate and enters the realm of religious and racial stereotyping. Concerns are at the availability at Islamic bookstores of overt antisemitic and other extremist literature and videos, the propagation of anti-Jewish myths by a number of imams and religious teachers, the association between Australian Muslims and individuals and groups in other countries known to be actively anti-Jewish, as well as the circulation of anti-Jewish propaganda within the Muslim population in Australia. While books promoting terrorism in an overt manner were subject to official censorship, anti-Jewish material can only be dealt with under the various State and territory anti-racism legislation and these laws are generally not well-framed to deal with this type of situation. Despite public criticism, including some from prominent Islamic groups, some Muslim bookshops continue to stock material such as copies of *The Protocols of Zion*. A paper delivered at the Australian Association of Jewish Studies Conference (February 2008) claimed many "modern Muslim Australian youth" held strong antisemitic views, with the swastika seen as a reminder of "good things", belief in Jewish control of Australian government and echoing of Hezbollah anti-Jewish chants being typical. The discussions on Islamic and Arabic internet forums and the content of postings to newsgroups testify to a vigorous anti-Jewish sub-culture.*

*Over a number of years, there has been a cross-pollination of ideology and material between some sections of the Australian Muslim community and the extreme right wing political organisations. Racist*

groups such as the Australian League of Rights have hosted speakers such as Keysar Trad of the Islamic Friendship Association, due to the perception that Jews and/or Israel is a common, serious enemy. In 2007, The Sydney Forum, arguably the most significant annual gathering of the Australian far right, featured as a speaker anti-Israel, left-wing polemicist Rihab Charida, who spoke in the company of a number of anti-multicultural extreme right wingers, on the subject of Middle East politics, and is now a reporter for the Iranian government's Press TV.

The Jewish and Islamic communities in Australia enjoy a generally positive relationship and there is little evidence that anti-Jewish sentiment is widespread. At the public, leadership level, Muslim and Jewish Australians regularly meet, and promote understanding and tolerance. Joint declarations supplement stand-alone condemnations of racism and discrimination. However, in December 2008 / January 2009, a number of Muslim groups which have been involved in long-term relationships with the Jewish community distributed offensive and / or misleading material which precipitated a re-evaluation of the nature of the relationship.

The way in which Church representatives discuss Israel and Middle East issues from time to time is a cause of considerable concern. The rhetoric emanating from Sabeel in Jerusalem, which has included supercessionist language and tendentious discussions of what is happening in Israel and between Israel and its neighbours, has echoes in Australian Church debate. Other Church leaders adopt broadly Leftist political agendas which can result in seepage of antisemitic language and material in to religious discourse. It is important to emphasise that the attitude towards antisemitism from the mainstream Australian churches is overwhelmingly hostile and that the most vocal condemnations of anti-Jewish prejudice in Australia often come from Church leaders or public figures connected to mainstream churches.

### **Antisemitic organizations and publications**

Australia hosts to a plethora of, generally tiny, organisations which promote antisemitism, including some who have this as their primary purpose. There are conspiracy theorists who are identified with quasi New Age, Libyan-inspired "Third Way" and political Islamist philosophies which also have promoted antisemitism. These groups continue to feed a steady stream of anti-Jewish propaganda to their followers. The Australian far-right fringe is internally dynamic and in a constant state of flux. Individuals who promote, for example, a return to policies which actively disadvantage Indigenous Australians, have shown a mobility between overtly antisemitic groups, populist movements and pseudo-militia groups. The extremist element of the anti-immigration movement divide their time and attention between these groups and neo-Nazi or quasi-nationalist movements.

In addition to organisations, although not necessarily totally separate from them, are a number of individuals who are involved actively in distributing antisemitic material on the Internet, through leaflets, sending hate mail or seeking to make interventions in the mainstream media. In many cases these individuals act in the name of an organisation in which they are either the only member or the only active member.

Between them, the various antisemitic organisations have a growing number of internet sites which are permanently available to users of online services, newsgroups and online clubs which regularly post their views, newspapers and newsletters, which are published as often as weekly, a number of monthly and bi-monthly magazines some of which are available at news stands and meetings which pay varying degrees of attention to the antisemitic elements of the respective agendas.

### **Responses to antisemitism**

Concern at racism has prompted a counter-reaction from a number of opinion leaders, including a number of serving politicians in state and federal parliaments. Most state and territory legislatures have passed motions condemning racism, calling for Reconciliation and affirming the values of tolerance and diversity,

*during the past six years. The Federal Government has instituted a National Harmony Day, on the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racism, which is generally used to honour individuals and organisations who have been active in promoting Australian multiculturalism.*

*Late in 1995, the federal government introduced legislation to give recourse to victims of racism. The law, administered by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, seeks to conciliate complaints of racial harassment and vilification. If conciliation is not achieved, hearings take place and penalties can be ordered. While details of complaints are not made public, at least seven formal complaints regarding antisemitism were lodged with the Commission during the first years of the new law, and the determinations are beginning to provide indications of how useful the law will prove to be in dealing with antisemitism.*

*Australia's Federal Government has, in recent years, been active in international forums opposing antisemitism and promoting education against racism. The Federal and State governments have supported, through funding and other support, a range of projects of Jewish communal organisations designed to reduce prejudice. Laws have been enacted which provide a degree of recourse to victims of racism. Politicians from the major political parties have repeatedly both condemned antisemitism and chastised their political opponents for not being sufficiently pro-active in combating antisemitism.*

*In January 2000 the Australian Government participated in the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust. Australia was one of the countries which endorsed the final Declaration which included commitments to strengthen "efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust" and to "promote education about the Holocaust in our schools and universities, in our communities and encourage it in other institutions" as part of the reaffirmation of "humanity's common aspiration for mutual understanding and justice". Australia subsequently participated in The Stockholm Forums on Combating Intolerance (January 2001) on Truth, Justice and Reconciliation (April 2002) and on The Prevention of Genocide (January 2004).*

*Together with the Government of Indonesia, Australia initiated Asia/Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogues, with the inaugural Dialogue taking place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in December 2004. The Dialogues have proven to be excellent opportunities for the promotion of programmes designed to break down inter-religious stereotyping and to promote co-operation in the cause of communal harmony. The second Dialogue was convened in Cebu, The Philippines, in 2006, the third in Waitangi, New Zealand, in 2007 and the fourth in Cambodia in 2008. The dialogues now have New Zealand and the Philippines as additional co-hosts.*

*All Australian States and the Australian Capital Territory had legislation supplementary to the Federal Act. The success and utility of these laws is a matter of on-going debate. The Australian Broadcasting Authority sets and enforces broad community standards. The complexities of applying the legalistic and bureaucratic procedures to the real-time world of electronic media, however, renders this body problematic as an agency to combat racism and antisemitism. In most of the cases of antisemitism in the print media, the newspapers and magazines published views of readers offended by them in letters columns. However, this was not universal, and even when it occurred, the newspapers themselves rarely acknowledged any fault on their part by originally printing antisemitism. Individuals who are the victims of some of the more extreme acts of antisemitic intimidation do have recourse to laws other than those specified above. A variety of sporting bodies have introduced anti-racism codes of conduct during recent years. The focus in all cases was also on "offensive language".*

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## Muslim-Jewish Relations in Australia: Challenges and Threats

*Interview with Jeremy Jones*

- There are 350,000-400,000 Muslims in Australia, drawn from many countries with the largest sources of immigration being **Lebanon**, **Turkey**, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Pakistan, and Indonesia, while just over one-third are Australian-born. There are an estimated 120,000 Jews in Australia.
- The integration of Muslims and Jews into the wider Australian population has to be seen in the context of modern Australia's history as a country of immigration with an ethos of multiculturalism.
- There is a network of interfaith activity in Australia that includes dialogue and collaborative projects between Jewish and Muslim Australians. In some of these there is involvement by Christian groups and, in a smaller number, by Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, and Baha'i groups. In recent years, Australian governments have given support to projects that promote better understanding of Jews and Judaism among Muslims in Australia and the wider Asia/Pacific region.
- There are many documented examples of anti-Jewish propaganda circulated by and among members of various Muslim communities in Australia. There have also been a small number of antisemitic incidents of which the victims believed they were perpetrated by Muslims. There is little firm evidence of this being a widespread phenomenon. Considerable tensions between the communities arose as a result of Israel's Operation Cast Lead in December 2008 and January 2009.

### The Religious Mosaic

"There are 350,000-400,000 Muslims in Australia, with one-third of the number born in Australia while the largest sources of immigration are Lebanon, Turkey, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Pakistan, and Indonesia, supplemented in recent years by migrants from Africa and the Arab Middle East." [1]

Jeremy Jones, director of international and community affairs of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, is a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), the elected-representative organization of the Australian Jewish community. He is a founding, and continuing, co-chair of the Australia National Dialogue of Christians, Muslims & Jews and represents the ECAJ on the Australian Partnership of Religious Organizations.

He asserts that "understanding the Jewish-Muslim relationship in Australia requires appreciating some essential features of Australia's history as a country of immigration and the significance of the culturally diverse community that has developed.

"No single religious denomination is formally established in Australia. Although the major Christian denominations, Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, had a sometimes uneasy relationship for much of the first two centuries of European settlement, there was a cultural understanding that Australian identity was not related to a particular creed or communion. There has been a Jewish presence from the founding day of the Colony of New South Wales, the first European political entity in Australia. A number of other non-Christian faiths, including Islam and Buddhism, were present in the colonies that in 1901 joined to become the Commonwealth of Australia.

"The contemporary religious landscape includes Catholics and Anglicans as the largest denominations, followed by Orthodox Christians and the Uniting Church of Australia. A number of other Christian denominations, as well as communities of Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Sikhs,



and Baha'is, also are large enough to have developed a network of institutions to serve their religious needs.

"While there is no established religion, there also is not a strict church-state separation. However, there is a general principle that the state does not provide services to followers of one faith and then refuse to provide the same or similar services, if appropriate and practical, to adherents of other faiths. The impressive Jewish day school movement in Australia has benefited from a degree of government support, as have Muslim and Christian schools.

"Jews have remained at roughly one-half percent of the Australian population since the early days of European settlement in the late eighteenth century. Jews were the only significant non-Christian minority for most of Australia's first two centuries after colonization. The Jewish community developed institutions to serve its needs, in a far more conducive environment than in most other countries. The success of Jewish Australians in maintaining a distinct identity while being unambiguously Australian is often used as evidence that multiculturalism can be achieved successfully."[2]

Jones notes that "Muslims have also been in Australia for most of the modern period, but large-scale Muslim immigration only commenced in the last quarter of the twentieth century after the end of the White Australia Policy. Asian immigration has included Indonesian, Malaysian, and Indian subcontinental Muslims, Fijian Muslims, mass immigration from Lebanon and other Arab countries, and more recent immigration from African Muslim sources such as Somalia."[3]

## **Common Interests**

Jones enumerates some areas of Jewish-Muslim cooperation, beginning in the 1970s when various Australian state and territory governments began to consider introducing antidiscrimination legislation. The consultation processes brought Jewish and Muslim community representatives together at government-hosted discussions and as part of interest-group coalitions from civil society. Among the common concerns were the provision of equal access to government services, recourse for victims of discrimination, and protection from harassment.[4]

"Another area that brought Muslim and Jewish communities together was the labeling of food products, which assisted kosher, halal, and vegetarian consumers (as well as those with allergies). With the common advocacy in an area where there was little to divide the communities, some good personal relationships developed particularly between communal professionals.

"Australia's multireligious reality has led to social and formal acceptance that Australians have different practices and requirements. This has provided opportunities for Jews and Muslims to jointly advocate for services, including subsidies for education at denominational schools and understanding for ritual requirements such as male circumcision, as well as opportunities to contribute to public debate as legitimate Australian religious voices.

"In policy debates on Australia's immigration policy, in raising environmental awareness, and on a range of other issues, Jewish and Muslim leaders have been party to joint statements, generally with Christian leaders but in some cases with a broader range of religions represented.

"In the Australian context, another area where Jewish and Muslim community organizations were able to work together effectively was Aboriginal Reconciliation. The federal government's Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation established a working group of faith communities who were seen as 'stake holders' because of their moral influence. The initial meeting of the working group only included Christians and one Jewish representative, but in subsequent meetings there was also Muslim, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, and Sikh participation. The Jewish community representative who was elected to chair the group for most of its existence was nominated for the position by the representative of the Australian Federation of Islamic Communities (AFIC).

"Beginning in the early 1980s and continuing through the 1990s, Jewish and Muslim Australians met to discuss cooperation on issues such as responses to the wars in former Yugoslavia and the (short-term) rise in far-Right racist activity.[5]

"Indeed, it has been common during the past two decades for Jewish adult education programs to include presentations by Muslim speakers, on a variety of subjects. Jewish Free University in Sydney made a breakthrough in this area by hosting the editor of the *Australian Muslim Times* to address a large gathering at Sydney's Hakoah Club in 1991, while the Limmud Oz programs in Sydney and Melbourne have featured presentations by Muslim speakers and included Muslim leaders on multifaith panels."

## **Interfaith Dialogue**

Jones emphasizes that "there is a large range of, and great diversity among, Muslims and Muslim organizations in Australia. Mosques draw specific ethnonational congregations in many instances, but there are others that serve residents of geographic locations in Australia. There are general and Shia coordinating councils, youth groups, women's groups, welfare agencies, sports associations, and educational institutions, some of which mirror the organizations in earlier years of Jewish settlement while others are parallel to contemporary groups. There are ethnonational organizations of immigrants from particular Muslim-majority countries, radio programs on Islamic themes in a number of languages, and advocacy organizations that are based on a single group of immigrants but serve broad community interests.

"This situation creates challenges and opportunities for the Jewish community, which, while also diverse, has established umbrella organizations that deal with broad community issues, including interfaith and interethnic engagement. There are interactions between individual synagogues and segments of the Islamic population; relationships between the Jewish public affairs organizations and the leaderships of Muslim groups from countries such as Turkey, Albania, Bangladesh, and Somalia; and formal relations between the national and state bodies that have broad and near-complete coverage of communal situations, with Muslim umbrella groups having less complete representation.

"Australian Jews and Muslims are very active in interfaith activities, which take place on the national, regional, and local levels, supplemented by joint involvement in international interfaith activities."

## **ANDCMJ**

"The Australian National Dialogue of Christians, Muslims & Jews (ANDCMJ), which provides both a forum for regular, frank dialogue and leadership by example, was established jointly by the major umbrella organizations of the Jewish community (the Executive Council of Australian Jewry), the churches (the National Council of Churches in Australia), and Muslim organizations (AFIC).[6] It brings together representative delegations selected by and from national leadership bodies three to four times each year.

"The ANDCMJ has facilitated mutual understanding between the three communities, which has helped in resolving bilateral issues that have arisen from time to time. It has produced joint statements on matters of public policy, including the importance of not allowing tensions in the Middle East to be used as a justification or rationalization for violence in Australia. The ANDCMJ has made public interventions—for example, protesting the scheduling of public events on days that might disenfranchise a segment of the population and also calling on bookshops servicing the Muslim community to withdraw antisemitic and pro-terrorist literature.

"The ANDCMJ has also been involved in projects providing opportunities for Jewish representatives to participate in Muslim-organized and Muslim-focused functions and for Muslim representations to address Jewish community functions. It organized under its auspices the Journey of Promise, a

weeklong residential program for ten each of Jews, Christians, and Muslims aged ten to twenty-five, which has in turn been responsible for dialogue and interfaith activities at universities and schools.

"Using varied approaches, the ANDCMJ has dealt with matters such as 'The Stranger in Your Midst,' 'Just Wars,' 'Martyrdom,' and beliefs in what happens to believers and nonbelievers after death. It also included an intense and enlightening sequence that discussed 'Jihad, Zionism, and the Trinity.'"

## **Other Bodies**

"One other national body that includes Jews and Muslims in cooperation at the peak-organization level is the Australian Partnership of Religious Organizations (APRO—originally the Australian Partnership of Ethnic and Religious Organizations). It provides a forum for the ANDCMJ constituents but also for Baha'i, Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist groups to meet and engage the other communities in matters of specific concern to any of the constituent groups. In addition to serving as a regular and useful forum for discussion, APRO has now hosted two impressive annual seminars, in 2007 bringing senior religious figures together for the inaugural meeting of Australian Religious Leaders and in 2008 discussing 'Religion and the Media.'

"The World Conference of Religions for Peace has units in Melbourne and Sydney, but does not have the formal relationship with its member bodies that the ANDCMJ and AFIC enjoy. In Sydney, the Women's Interfaith Network plays an important role in building relationships and strengthening joint action of religious groups in the community. The Together for Humanity project involves Jewish, Muslim, and Christian educators conducting joint sessions at schools, designed to challenge stereotypes and promote tolerance among a younger demographic than covered by other groups. The Jewish-Christian-Muslim Association in Melbourne has hosted a series of residential experience programs since 2004, which have helped broaden and deepen the interfaith connections."

There is another aspect to the relationship, Jones notes. "Outside the umbrella of multifaith activities, there is also dynamic, direct Jewish-Muslim interaction. It is common for Jewish day schools to host events with Muslim schools. Jewish and Muslim university students are involved in joint initiatives to assist disadvantaged Australians.

"Adult education programs serving the Jewish and Muslim communities, respectively, feature Muslims and Jews able to give authentic representation of a range of community viewpoints.

"In addition, Muslim groups from within Australia and also from countries in the region where there is no substantial Jewish population regularly visit Jewish museums and synagogues, where they meet with Jewish educators as well as religious and lay leaders. In turn, Jewish groups have been invited to visit mosques and other Islamic institutions.

"The followers of the Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen, the Australian Intercultural Society (in Melbourne), and the Affinity Intercultural Society (Sydney) have hosted joint programs with Jewish organizations. These groups have coordinated annual 'Abrahamic Conferences' on topics of contemporary concern, hosted interfaith Iftar (fast-breaking during Ramadan) dinners, and invited adherents of other faiths to Eid celebrations."

## **Government Support**

Jones observes: "The Australian government has given moral and financial support to interfaith dialogue activities, with renewed intensity since September 11, 2001. A number of programs have been instituted and funded that arise from a concern about religious extremism among Muslims in Australia. Some focus specifically on Islamic engagement with police agencies; some deal with perceived unique needs in assisting integration; and some are research projects on discrimination and harassment of Muslims. In addition, a number of community initiatives that promote interfaith

dialogue and cooperation, including several referred to above, and others such as the Adelaide-based Children of Abraham Jewish-Muslim adult education program, have been funded or subsidized by federal or state governments.

"Senior parliamentarians have also attended and participated in interfaith activities. The minister for citizenship and multicultural affairs, for example, launched the ANDCMJ, and the attorney-general spoke at the inaugural Religious Leaders' Forum hosted by APRO.

"Promoting models of dialogue and harmony as a means of confronting and challenging religious extremism is also part of Australia's foreign policy. The Asia/Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogues (APRID), in which fifteen governments nominate and send delegations of religious representatives to discuss a broad range of policy matters that are conducive to the involvement of civil society representatives, originated in discussions between the Australian and Indonesian governments on their mutual concern over the development of Islamism in the region. There are now four government cohosts, Indonesia, Australia, the Philippines, and New Zealand, and dialogues have been convened in predominantly Muslim (Indonesia), Christian (the Philippines and New Zealand), and Buddhist (Cambodia) states.

"In late 2007, the Australian government, with the European Union, brought youth delegations from most of the APRID participant states and the EU to the inaugural Youth Interfaith Forum in Perth, Western Australia. An impressive network of interfaith activists developed at, and since, this forum."

### **Challenges and Threats<sup>[7]</sup>**

"The Muslim population in Australia is very diverse ethnically, socially, culturally, religiously, and politically. It is important to consider some general concerns regarding attitudes toward Jews, as well as a number of examples of specific concerns," Jones remarks.

"Muslims in Australia overwhelmingly originate in countries where there are negligible numbers of Jews. Much of what is known, or believed, about Jews comes from the cultures, which have varying degrees of connection to Islam per se, in the places of their origin and social development.

"Muslims from Somalia and Bangladesh, for example, relate stories of the cultural mythology of Jews as the cause of any and all social ills, with little or no reference to religious texts. Muslims from Turkey and the Arab Middle East will talk of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* as if it is unquestionably true, although this leads to a range of attitudes toward Jews from fear and contempt to respect. Muslims from the Arab Middle East and the more religiously educated Muslims from Asia have often been exposed to teaching that depicts Jews as historic and existential enemies of Muslims, who have distorted divine revelations and will be fighting Muslims at the End of Days.

"There is little to suggest that the broad Muslim community is particularly interested in Jews. The record of coexistence would suggest that the Australian ethos of multiculturalism, as well as a generally relaxed social and political environment, is a powerful preventative against widespread intolerance. This is not to understate the problems of active promotion of antisemitism by individuals and groups within the Australian Muslim community.

"It is difficult to find many examples of Muslim organizations or prominent individual Muslims in Australia who do not have views of Israel as either illegitimate or most often in the wrong in the Israeli-Palestinian or Israeli-Arab conflict. For the most part, though, such opinions do not form an important part of the policy platforms, let alone of programs. But there have been some notable, worrisome exceptions to this general rule, with antisemitism an important element when this occurs.

"It is worth noting that some extreme examples of antisemitism in Arabic newspapers published in Australia, including Holocaust denial and blood libel, have been in publications run by and predominantly serving Christian Arabic speakers.

"The most significant example of public antisemitism from an Australian Muslim was a speech given in Sydney in 1988 by Sheikh Taj el-Din al-Hilaly, at the time serving as the imam of Australia's largest mosque, which had a predominantly Lebanese congregation. In a talk on the nature of Jews, the sheikh, who was not an Australian citizen, invoked a number of vicious antisemitic slurs.

"Despite a public outcry and a later-overturned deportation order, al-Hilaly was subsequently appointed Grand Mufti of Australia. He has never recanted his 1988 speech and later added a litany of statements attacking not only Jews but other problems, as he saw them, of Western society. Al-Hilaly has since that time voiced theological support for terrorists, particularly those who used themselves as human bombs to murder Israeli children, stated that Israel was as bad or worse than Nazi Germany, and during a Sydney rally marched alongside a person blaming Jews for killing Jesus.

"Sheikh Hilaly's long-time personal assistant, Keysar Trad, once linked his website to that of the notorious Swedish antisemite Ahmed Rami. Another prominent Islamic figure, Melbourne's Sheikh Omran, publishes the newsletter *Mecca News*, which includes defamatory attacks on Judaism, primarily through misrepresenting the Talmud.

"Overtly antisemitic and other extremist literature and videos are available at bookshops serving Muslim communities, and anti-Jewish myths have been promoted by a number of imams and religious teachers. Among books sold are some that urged Muslims to 'strike back' against 'the barbaric onslaught from their enemies-the Jews, Christians, atheists, secularists and others' and instructed 'O you who believe! Do not take the Jews and Christians for friends. They are friends to each other. And the one among you that turns to them is one of them,' along with the *Protocols*. Significantly, the peak body of Muslims in Australia, the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, and a number of other prominent Muslim leaders and organizations have unambiguously and unreservedly condemned the sale and circulation of the offensive literature.

"A report titled "Antisemitism among Muslim Youth: A Sydney teacher's perspective,"[8] published by the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai Brith Australia in May 2008, documented a series of claims of harassment of Jewish teachers by Muslim students in classrooms, in subject areas where Jews, Judaism, or Israel are mentioned. Muslim students deny facts that reflect well on Jews or Israel and, in social life, antisemitism is a source of amusement. Muslim students interviewed for the study expressed beliefs in a variety of antisemitic conspiracy theories, and the author claimed that most students forget their national background when confronted with Israel and revert to a pan-Islamic identity in solidarity with the Palestinians.

"In 2005, a senior journalist noted a disturbing phenomenon: 'In Sydney and Melbourne, hundreds of young men are attending meetings to watch videos of atavistic hate speeches by rabid mullahs in the Middle East.'[9]

"A transcript of a sermon broadcast at a Muslim club in Sydney, given by prominent Palestinian sheikh Ibrahim Mudeiris, included comments such as:

the Jews are a virus resembling AIDS, from which the entire world suffers. . . . You will find that the Jews were behind all the evil strife in this world. The Jews are behind the suffering of the nations. . . . Ask Britain what it did to the Jews in the early sixth century [*sic*]. What did they do to the Jews? They expelled them, tortured them and prevented them from entering Britain for more than 300 years. All this was because of what the Jews did in Britain. Ask France what it did to the Jews.... Ask Portugal.... Ask Tsarist Russia.... But don't ask Germany what it did to the Jews.... Yes, perhaps some of them were killed and some burned, but they are inflating this in order to win over the media and gain the world's sympathy.

"From the late 1990s to 2005, a small group calling itself the Islamic Youth Movement published a glossy magazine called *Nida'ul Islam*. Some issues remain available on the internet. Typical of material that has been published in the magazine and remains online is a series of comments about 'the Jews,' identified as both political and religious enemies of 'Islamic Revival.' The website includes many articles that make disparaging comments on 'the Children of Israel,' 'Jewish rabbis,' 'Zionism,' and even 'Arafat's Jewish agents.' Among features attributed to Jews are that they are 'extremely

arrogant' toward Allah, have 'become tyrants,' they 'will not fail to do their best to corrupt,' advocate 'the disparagement of Islam,' and have succeeded in their 'infiltration into Hollywood, the Media and Congress.'

*Nida'ul Islam* editorials directly attacked Jews and also 'the Crusader-Zionist powers,' the Jewish religion, and any Jewish involvement in public affairs. A feature, 'Israel: Beginning of the End' asserts that

Jews are Jews, worshippers of the golden calf who desired a god like the gods of the pagans, breakers of the covenant of Allah at every opportunity...devourers of ill-got gain and usury...concealers of the truth...who were cursed on the lips of David and Jesus son of Mary, those who were transformed into apes and pigs...the impudent, hard-hearted persons....

The article asked: 'As for the Jews who reject everything but racism and deception, what are they looking for?'

"*Salam*, the magazine of the Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth, has included articles on the 'false delusions' of the Jews who allegedly used all 'efforts to obstruct the message of Islam,' as well as on 'the inevitability of the Islamic Solution.' The latter article concluded: 'the Quran said "never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you till you follow their religion."' Overt antisemitism has been published on the federation's email list, including David Duke's 'Open Letter to the President of the United States,' and antisemitic new-age conspiracy theorist William Cooper's interpretation of the 9/11 attacks, which compiled a number of the myths, including anti-Israeli propaganda, circulating at the time and presented them as fact. A president of the federation, Seyed Sherifdeen, was quoted as saying he was 'deeply saddened by the genocide and collective punishment that is taking place against humanity in Palestine.'"

## Online

"Online, there is a proliferation of anti-Jewish material emanating from Australian Muslims. The web-based Mission Islam, for example, promotes the *Protocols* and various Muslim-authored works hostile to Jews. It also includes a section, 'The Truth about the Talmud,' which contains a list of subheadings such as 'Sick and Insane Teachings of the Talmud,' 'Genocide Advocated by the Talmud,' and 'Moses Maimonides: Advocate of Extermination.'

"The forums of the website Islamic Sydney provide evidence of the proliferation of antisemitic myths within the Australian Muslim community. It has had relatively balanced discussions of matters of interest to the Jewish community but also included threads such as 'Why Are Jews Powerful' and 'It's the Jews Stupid.' It claims that 'those that deny the reach and omnipresence of Jewish influence in America today are either ignorant, delusional and/or complicit' and refers to Jews as 'devils.'

"Similarly, depictions of Judaism as existentially opposed to non-Jews in general, or to Islam in particular, continue to be published on the discussion forums of the AussieMuslims.com, the Islamic Association of Australia, Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaah's Islamic Information and Support Centre of Australia, MuslimMediaWatch, and Mecca News.

## Extremist Links

"Over a number of years, there has been a cross-pollination of ideology and material between some sections of the Australian Muslim community and the far-Right political organizations. Reflecting perceptions that Jews or Israel are a common, serious enemy, racist groups such as the Australian League of Rights have hosted speakers such as Keysar Trad of the Islamic Friendship Association.

"In 2007, the Sydney Forum, arguably the most significant annual gathering of the Australian far

Right, featured as a speaker the anti-Israeli, left-wing political activist Rihab Charida (now the representative of [Iran's Press TV](#) in Australia), who spoke on Middle East politics in the company of a number of anti-multicultural extreme rightists. Another link between the far Right and Australian Muslims was evident when the website Gold Coast Muslims posted antisemitic material circulated by David Duke, which included the claim that 'Talmudic prophecies' were behind the establishment of Israel, in the midst of general disinformation about Israel.

"Anti-Israeli rallies in Australia, particularly in recent years, featured antisemitic banners and chants together with printed placards comparing Israel to Nazi Germany produced by far-Left groups."

## **Israel, [Gaza](#), and Jewish-Muslim Relations**

"When Israel responded to months of rocket and mortar bombardment from [Hammas](#)-ruled Gaza, the mainstream Jewish community in Australia vigorously argued Israel's case in the media and public forums. Australian Muslim groups and leaders, with few exceptions, claimed Israel was acting out of base motives, callously targeting civilians, or even embarking on a genocidal program.

"Australia has a tradition of passionate public debate and it is not unusual for Jewish and Muslim dialogue partners to take opposing public positions on matters relating to Israel. In this instance, though, the debate included some particularly disturbing features.

"In public pro-Hamas and anti-Israeli rallies, there were reports of demonstrators chanting 'Bomb the Jews' in English and English-language banners asserting that Jews deserved the Shoah. Numerous placards, banners, and speeches at Muslim-run or Muslim-supported events also proclaimed that Israel was committing crimes comparable to, or even exceeding, those of Nazi Germany. Arabic-speakers recounted hearing these and similar extremist views in that language.

"While in some instances responsible Muslims cautioned against using antisemitic language and offensive imagery in the course of criticizing Israel, intemperate, inaccurate, and offensive material was included in statements produced by the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils. Obviously, the Jewish leadership cannot have a comfortable relationship with a group that, for example, emailed a series of photo images that implied Israel was completely analogous to Nazi Germany. At present, the Jewish community is awaiting a response to a call to AFIC to withdraw the offensive material.

"In Melbourne and Sydney, respectively, the Australian Intercultural Society and the Affinity Intercultural Society, two groups that promote the agenda of Fethullah Gulen, distributed letters falsely implying Jewish Australians had callous disregard for Palestinian suffering and asserting that other Jewish communities were universally condemnatory of Israel's policies. The misrepresentations, which led to a questioning of the goodwill of Jewish interlocutors, generated tension between groups that had successfully collaborated for a number of years. The strength of the relationship allowed for the distribution of a subsequent corrective email by the Affinity group."<sup>[10]</sup>

Jones observes: "The broader issue, of the acceptance by a diverse range of Muslim Australians of the Nazi-Israel analogy, poses a challenge to those committed to interreligious tolerance, let alone dialogue or understanding. However, from mid-February there were signs that the impetus for dialogue was more significant than that for division, with positive and constructive dialogue taking place at a major international Asia/Pacific interfaith conference, 'Many Faiths-One Humanity,' in Brisbane, a productive retreat for Jewish, Christian, and Muslim young adults outside Melbourne,<sup>[11]</sup> and the convening of a meeting of the ANDCMJ, including senior ECAJ and AFIC participants, taking place in April."

## **Conclusion**

"The visibly positive, sometimes warm, public relationship between Jewish and Muslim Australians both within Australia and on international delegations has helped counter negative stereotypes of both groups, and without doubt facilitated the growth of dialogue in the Asia/Pacific region. Furthermore, Muslims and other visitors hosted by the Australian government are routinely hosted by joint Jewish-Muslim-and at times Christian-groups, who talk affirmatively about the mutual benefits that have come from cooperation. International visitors hosted by Australian Muslim groups are also regularly exposed to Jewish life, in a positive way, while visiting Australian cities.

"However, Jewish-Muslim relations in Australia face challenges from Muslim groups and individuals that seek to influence the direction of all or parts of the Australian Muslim community. Sometimes this takes the form of financial support for initiatives, including mosques, schools, and university centers. It is difficult to ascertain the degree of expected compliance with the views of the benefactor. Speakers on the international circuit, such as Tariq Ramadan, also potentially affect the direction of the Australian Islamic community through visits. Antisemitic materials sold at bookshops serving the Muslim community are written and published overseas, and often stand in stark contrast to Australian-produced material.

"To a remarkable extent, the relationship between Australian Jews and Muslims has developed positively over the past decade. Maintaining the momentum will require leadership and determination, but there are good grounds for optimism given the network of relations and shared fruitful experiences in contemporary multicultural Australia."

Interview by Manfred Gerstenfeld

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### Notes

[1] The 2006 Australian census, in which religion is an optional question, recorded 340,000 Muslim respondents.

[2] See J. Jones, "The Jewish Community of Australia and Its Challenges," *Changing Jewish Communities*, 13 October 2006, [www.jcpa.org/cjc/cjc-jones-06.htm](http://www.jcpa.org/cjc/cjc-jones-06.htm).

[3] A good short history can be found in A. H. Johns and A. Saeed, "Muslims in Australia: The Building of a Community," in Y. Y. Haddad and J. I. Smith, eds., *Muslim Minorities in the West-Visible and Invisible* (Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2002).

[4] Susan Bures reflected on this and foresaw developments that came to pass a decade later in "A Test for Multiculturalism," *Without Prejudice*, 3 June 1991.

[5] Records of joint actions and statements can be found in the annual reports of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

[6] The ANDCMJ formally commenced activities in April 2002. See [www.ncca.org.au/archives/media\\_releases/2002?p=2313](http://www.ncca.org.au/archives/media_releases/2002?p=2313).

[7] As noted, the interviewee compiles annual reports on antisemitism in Australia, which include documentation of anti-Jewish material emanating from Muslim sources.

[8] P. Mendes, "Antisemitism among Muslim Youth: A Sydney Teacher's Perspective," ADC Special Report No. 37, May 2008, [www.antidef.org.au/secure/downloadfile.asp?fileid=1002000](http://www.antidef.org.au/secure/downloadfile.asp?fileid=1002000).



[9] P. Sheehan, "It's a War on Perverts, Not Terrorists," *Sydney Morning Herald*, 6 August 2005, [www.smh.com.au/news/opinion/its-a-war-on-perverts-not-terrorists/2005/08/05/1123125902963.html](http://www.smh.com.au/news/opinion/its-a-war-on-perverts-not-terrorists/2005/08/05/1123125902963.html).

[10] Melbourne's Australian Intercultural Society did not send a corrective letter to recipients of a 23 January 2009 letter condemning Jewish Australians for allegedly disregarding humanitarian concerns relating to Gaza, but did apologize for any misrepresentations to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria.

[11] The positive view was shared by participants in a Jewish-Muslim-Christian residential program that took place in Melbourne in February after the end of the Gaza fighting. "Future Proofing Interfaith," *Australian Jewish News*, 13 March 2009.

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