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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Year in Review

During recent years, there has been a great deal of discussion and debate internationally on a perceived rise in antisemitic prejudices and anti-Jewish activity. The end of the Cold War did not bring a new civility to inter civilisational dialogue, but has seen a flourishing of crude ethno-nationalisms, intensifying of racist rhetoric and, all too often, failure of political will to confront antisemitism. Serious historical and philosophical works have explored the tenuous place of Jews who identify as such in the New Europe, while distance in time and emotional estrangement from the Nazis' Genocide has allowed public discourse to be conducted in a manner almost unimaginable during the late 20th century. The constant stream of overt antisemitism from the Arab Middle East, as well as from other identifiably Moslem sources, has not been effectively countered. To some extent, it has been both tolerated and conscripted by sections of the political left who see themselves as engaged in struggles against some or all of the USA, capitalism, the legacy of colonialism or amorphous "establishments". Antisemitism from far-right wing sources continued to be propagated and some traditional anti-Jewish tropes emerged with slight variations so as to appeal to contemporary audiences.

While perceptions of the place of Israel in the international body politic plays some part in informing discussions relating to Jews and to antisemitism, it is a gross oversimplification to treat Israeli policies, Zionism or the relationship of Jews to Israel as the driving force or most compelling influence on this situation.

Having been a participant in a number of international meetings, including the notorious NGO Forum at the United Nations' 2001 World Conference Against Racism, Asia/Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogues, International Jewish-Muslim and Jewish-Christian dialogues and many formal discussions in Australia for more than twenty years, the author of this paper is well aware of the problems, dangers and challenges presented by individuals, organisations and some State actors who promote one or more antisemitic tropes to further local, national and even global political agendas,

This Report considers the presence of antisemitism in Australia in 2010, which should be understood as a local phenomenon and also in a broader, international context. It also covers a distinct 12 month period, which also can be constructively contrasted with preceding reporting.

In Australia, in 2010, to accuse any person or organisation of antisemitism is to allege that their behaviour is antisocial and unacceptable. Unlike in some contemporary societies, no one with aspirations to public credibility admits to holding antisemitic views or to associating with openly antisemitic organisations. 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 and 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. Promoters of often-crude anti-Jewish conspiracy theories, including Holocaust deniers 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 or topical subjects.

It is worthwhile, in any assessment of antisemitism in Australia today, to consider the observations of the Community Security Trust, the English experts on contemporary anti-Jewish activity and discourse. The Executive Summary of their “Antisemitic Discourse in Britain in 2009” included these comments “ Explicit antisemitism about Jews is rare in mainstream British discourse. It is, however, disturbingly common for older antisemitic conspiracy themes to be evoked by modern depictions of “Zionism” and “Zionist”. Antisemitism is a matter of concern for British Jews, and many other observers, but it does not prevent Jews from leading a full life as British citizens. Rhetoric against “Zionism”, “Zionists” or “pro-Israelis” is fostering hostility against British Jews and their representative bodies. In 2009, the Gaza conflict caused Israel to be compared to Nazi Germany and its supporters to be compared to Nazis. Previously a fringe phenomenon, the Nazi comparison is now widespread and also appears in mainstream media. This causes significant upset to Jews and is an antisemitic abuse of the memory of the Holocaust. The play “*Seven Jewish Children*” typified the emerging trend to depict Israel and Zionism as a mass Jewish psychological reaction to the trauma of the Holocaust. The ugliest medieval accusation, the Blood Libel, claiming that Jews steal children in order to use their blood, was strikingly revived in 2009. This feature of medieval village antisemitism now returned as a shocking example of antisemitic rumours in today’s global village. . . Two senior journalists at *The Independent* newspaper wrote separately about the supposed power of America’s “Jewish” lobby. It is quite common for *The Independent* and *Guardian* newspapers, in particular, to depict a dominant US “Zionist” lobby in America: which risks reflecting and encouraging antisemitic Jewish conspiracy allegations. The term “criticism of Israel” continued to be used as a catch-all defence against the raising of Jewish concerns about antisemitic manifestations, public speakers, groups, websites, agitprop and other phenomena.” Much of this is reflected in Australian society.

The period in review included the 2010 Federal Election, which passed without any notable change in the prevalence of antisemitic acts. Despite efforts by anti-Jewish groups and individuals, matters of specific concern to Australian Jewry, such as community security and funding support for Jewish education, were discussed publicly in a manner which was generally free of prejudice.

Antisemitic individuals and racist groups took part in the electoral process, with the voting public recording advance judgements of their candidates.

There were during the period in review, nonetheless, a number of discussions on legitimate matters of public concern which were marred by injections of antisemitism, generally by a small minority of those taking part in them. These included planning decisions regarding Jewish community structures, which had the unfortunate tendency to degenerate from discussions of environmental concerns to attacks on the alleged un-Australianness of Jews, false claims regarding alleged Jewish belief that they are superior to non-Jews or ignorant critiques of Judaism.

While this type of discussion is at least related to activities in which Jewish people had an interest or involvement, anti-Jewish comments were recorded in the public arena on matters such as the change of Prime Minister by Australian Labor Party parliamentarians, US foreign policy, immigration legislation, intercommunal conflict not involving Jews in any identifiable manner, and even internal Christian schisms.

While debates on Israel may cause distress due to the public assertion of arguments which are a-historical, counter-factual or completely divorced from reality, they were generally conducted in a manner which did not include any obvious antisemitism from Australians involved in them.

Some more partisan individuals in Australia involved in arguing against Israel's real or perceived actions and in extreme circumstances its existence, nevertheless employed double standards, demonisation and distortions to such a degree that it is not illegitimate to postulate that they were, to some extent, motivated by and/or fuelling antisemitism. That said, the overwhelming majority of public comments on Israel's actions did not cross the line from vigorous criticism to anti-Jewish racism.

Antisemitism emanating from Islamic sources in Australia has been a topic of public discussion for a number of years. Particular concern 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. A number of individuals in Australia in the period in review faced court on charges relating to involvement in planning or supporting terrorism. A theme identified across many of these cases was a belief that malevolent Jewish influences needed to be fought by all means available, to achieve religious goals.

Between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2010, the database assembled and maintained by the author of this report since 1989 included over 390 reports of anti-Jewish violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation, the lowest tally recorded for five years, but five percent above the average for the previous 20 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.

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 recent development in antisemitism in Australia 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.

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:

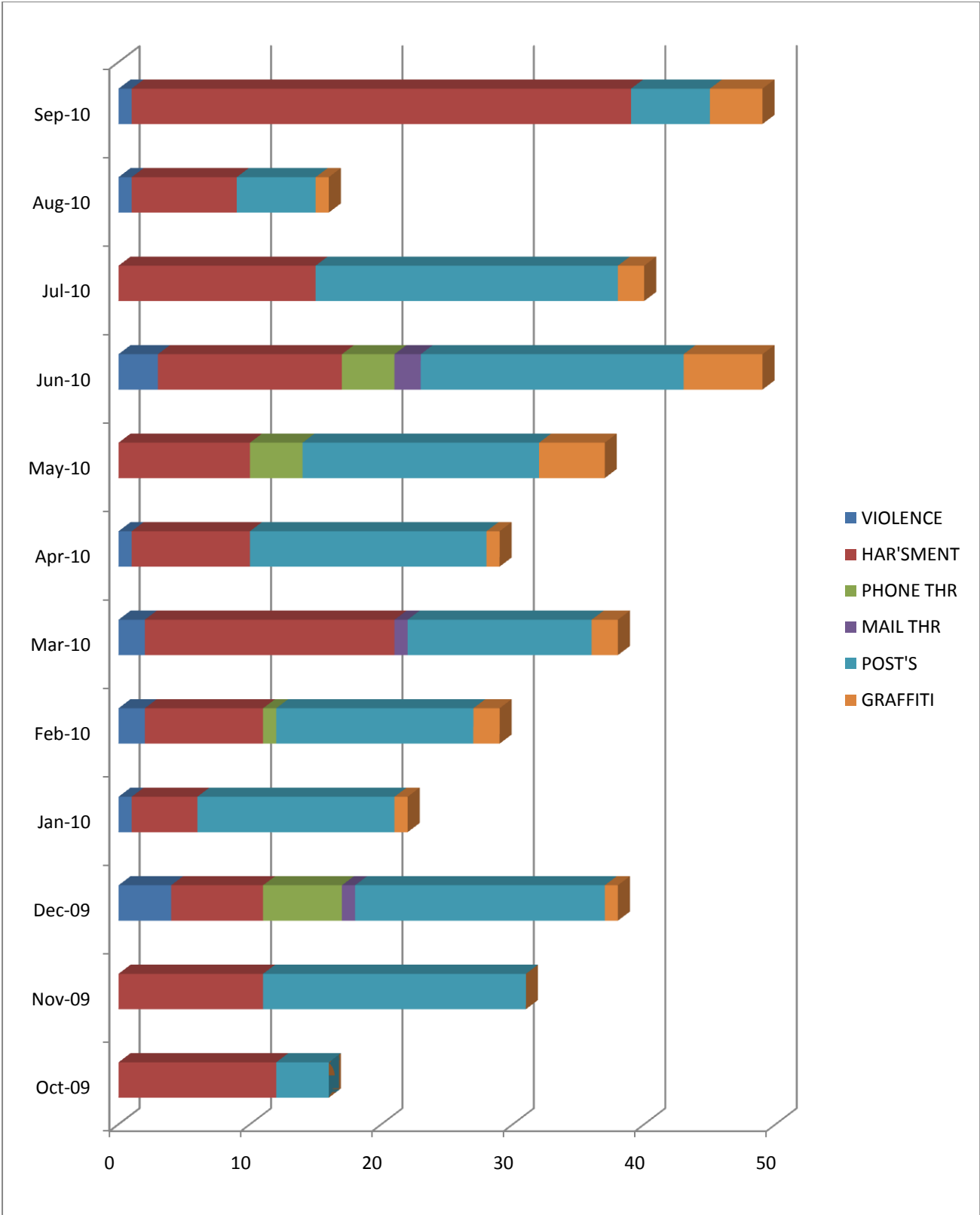
(i) Anti-Jewish comments made by public figures, the decision of editors and producers to publicly air antisemitism, and the failure of individuals who occupy positions of moral or political authority to respond to racist activity provide evidence there is a culture tolerant to antisemitism in Australia 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".

Let's keep the Nazis out of it

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There's a useful rule on the internet: the first person to use the words "Hitler" or "Nazi" in an unrelated discussion – say, for example, in a discussion about climate change – automatically loses the day.

Mike Godwin, the inventor of this rule, suggested that it offered a handy way of keeping things at least moderately civil. After all, calling someone a Nazi for deleting your Wikipedia article on "Elvis's favourite books" is hardly a friendly way to progress the accumulation of human knowledge.

Godwin's Law can also come in handy in other areas of life. All sorts of discussions can be improved with its temperance: undergraduate tutorials, planning sessions for your Battlestar Galactica re-enactments, and discussions about climate change.

Global climate change represents an enormous social, political and moral challenge. Without profound work to reduce our impact on the atmosphere throughout the coming century, millions – probably billions – will be exposed to greater risk of disease, hunger, extreme weather, and displacement due to rising sea levels.

These dangers will affect first and foremost the poorest of nations and people, those who have done the least to contribute to the problem. Outside the human sphere, uncurtailed climate change is likely to contribute to a mass extinction event paralleled only rarely in planetary history.

The profound nature of this challenge has led some to compare climate change with the great crimes of the 20th century, and to compare those who reject the idea of human-induced climate change with those who deny the holocaust. According to this telling, the sheer scale of impact presented by climate change – and our reluctance to take action in the face of it – implicates us in a tremendous moral crime.

Now, Godwin's Law suggests that this argument should be ruled somewhat of an own-goal; a cheap play only likely to enrage your opponents and unlikely to persuade anyone. In fact, moral comparisons like this make for very poor arguments, totalising a complex situation in ways that opponents and those sitting on the fence will instinctively – and intellectually – reject.

As the world prepares for the UN climate change conference in Copenhagen, it is worth asking how it is that the overwhelming consensus of climate change scientists – that "most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations"¹ – is still a matter for debate in the wider community. Why have people switched off from the science? Why do intelligent people reject the hard work of scientists? These questions will be debated in a forum today hosted by the ANU Climate Change Institute and the Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, looking at how climate change is communicated in Australia.

Instead of making assertions that play to our fears, instead of absolutist debates about scientific certainty and moral calamity, we need to shift the debate to ideas of probabilities, risk and insurance; to concepts of opportunities and benefits. Emotive and antagonistic comparisons aren't going to help us understand what's happening, or what to do about it.

■ Dr Will J. Grant is a lecturer at the ANU Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. The debate will be live-streamed at 12.30pm today from www.anu.edu.au

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.

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 commonplace, 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.

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.

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 period in review, this was articulated by sections of the political left in the course of attacks on Israel, framed to suggest Jewish people as a collective exploit sympathy for victims of Nazism to evade legitimate criticism today.

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".

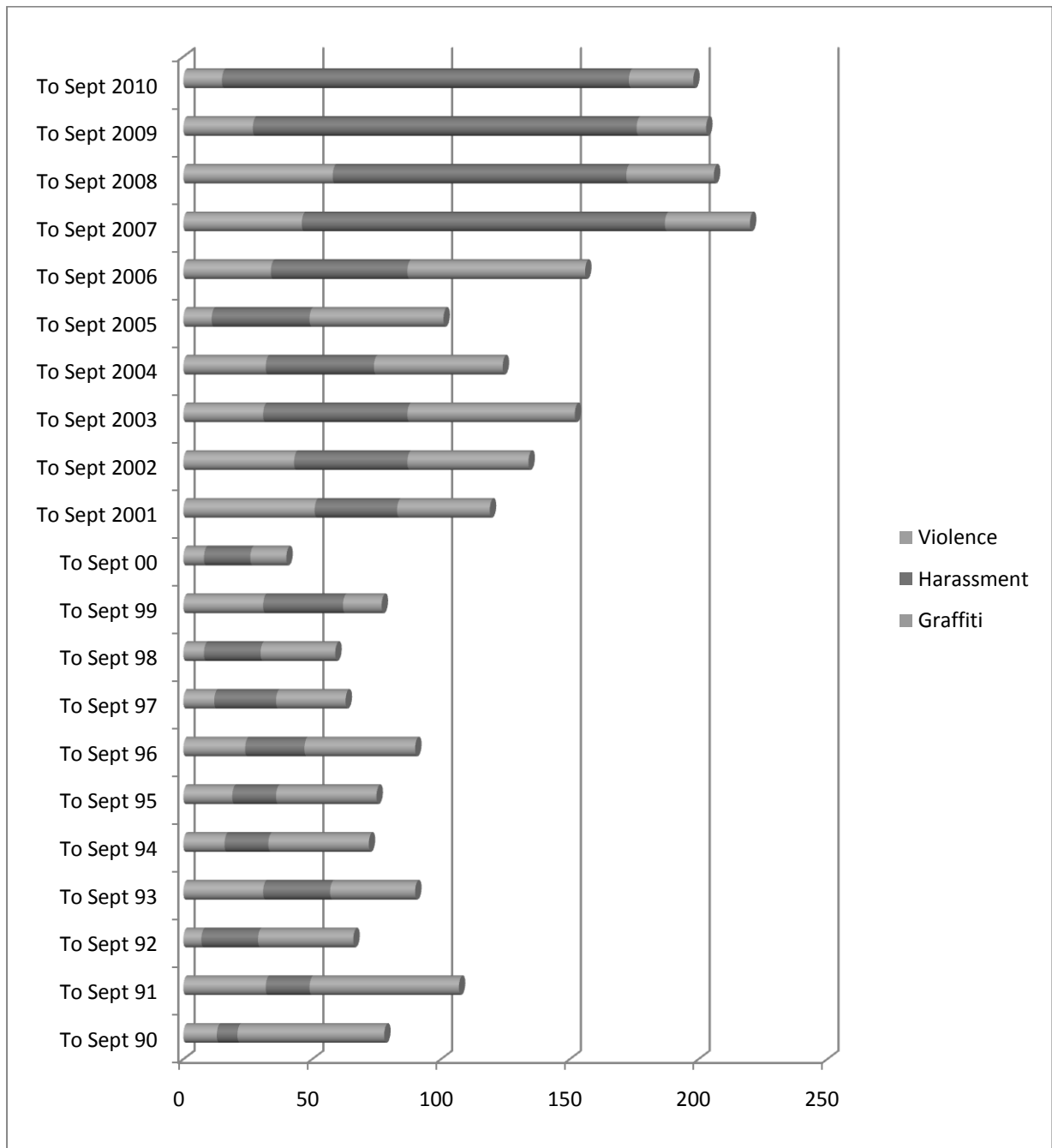
2.10 The Effect of Vilification

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.



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-one 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, 2010, 394 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 was a dramatic decrease from the highest tally (recorded in the previous twelve month period) but was five percent above the full 20 year average. It was the second lowest tally in the past ten years.

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.

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 2009 to 30 September 2010

The total for reports of all incidents was five percent above 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 fourth highest rate on record, just below the three previous 12 month periods. The total was 77% percent above the previous average. Threats, conveyed through the telephone, mail, leaflets, posters or e-mail, were however recorded at a rate over thirty six percent below the previous average and at the lowest level in fourteen years.

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 nearly two and a half times the previous average.

Amongst the most disturbing incidents of assault and property vandalism reported were (month/year):

- * **An Orthodox Jewish man was assaulted on train in Melbourne suburb.** (3/10).
- * A man in Sydney's eastern suburbs abused and assaulted synagogue personnel, and was subsequently arrested and charged. (3/10).
- * A driver alighted from his vehicle near synagogue on Sydney's north shore, pushing personnel and making anti-Jewish comments. (4/10).
- * A Jewish student was assaulted on campus at a university in Sydney, after being identified as Jewish due to wearing a kippa. (6/10). A non-Jewish student was also assaulted for supporting Jewish students. (6/10).
- * **Jewish men in a street in Sydney's eastern suburbs were subjected to antisemitic abuse and one of them was assaulted, by a larger group of people.** (6/10).
- * A rock was thrown through a window of a kosher product store in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (9/10).
- * A synagogue in Sydney's north shore was egged over Sabbath evening. (12/09).
- * A synagogue in Melbourne was vandalised by the removal of a mezuzah. (12/09).
- * A beer bottle was thrown at a synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (12/09).
- * Hebrew lettering on commercial premises in Sydney's eastern suburbs was vandalised. (12/09).

* A Jewish man walking to synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs was abused and had a projectile thrown at him by occupants of a passing vehicle. (1/10).

*** A Jewish man walking home from a synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs was abused by four men in a passing vehicle, who called out "fucking Jew" and then threw a water bottle at him, hitting him on his leg. (2/10).**

* A small object was thrown at synagogue personnel in Sydney's eastern suburbs from a passing vehicle. (2/10).

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

Amongst these incidents were:

*** A passing pedestrian shouted "fucking Jews, the Holocaust should have burnt you all" at men standing outside synagogue in Sydney. (10/09).**

* Occupants of taxi yelled abuse at synagogue congregants in Melbourne. (10/09).

* Racist epithets yelled at congregants leaving synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs, by a group of youths waiting near it. (10/09)

* "Heil Hitler" signs made at occupants of passing vehicle at synagogue in Melbourne. (10/09).

*** Jewish family walking home from synagogue in Sydney's north shore abused by passengers in car with megaphone, yelling "You fucking Jews". (11/09).**

* Occupant of passing vehicle yelled "you are all going to be shot" at congregants at synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (11/09).

* Abuse calling Jews Nazis yelled at congregants leaving synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs from man in parked vehicle. (11/09).

* Occupant of passing vehicle yelled "Jew" repeatedly at congregants at synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (12/09).

*** Metal objects thrown from passing vehicle at Jewish family walking to synagogue in Melbourne. (3/10).**

* Male yelled antisemitic and obscene remarks at congregants attending synagogue in central Sydney, then returned later to the same synagogue's rear entrance and made a similar tirade. (3/10).

*** Group of six males in park in central Sydney yelled antisemitic abuse at rabbi and congregants walking to synagogue. (3/10).**

- * Passing vehicle stopped outside Jewish school in Perth, passengers alighted and made abusive comments to “you fucking Jewish people”. (3/10).
- * Antisemitic abuse yelled at two Jewish teenagers walking to synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs, from young women in private property. (4/10).
- * **Passengers of passing vehicle yelled “Heil Hitler” and honked horn, repeatedly harassing Jewish people walking to synagogue in Perth.** (5/10).
- * A group of men in a car in Western Sydney harassed a Jewish man, calling out “Fucking Jew!” while driving past him twice. (5/10).
- * Jewish business owner in Sydney verbally abused by male outside workshop, threatened “You are a Zionist cunt. I will put a bullet through you”. (5/10).
- * Teenager in vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs yelled “fucking Jews” at congregants. (5/10).
- * **Jewish school students taking part in a careers day at university in Sydney abused for wearing “fucking skullcaps” to the point where some left the campus (out of fear).** (6/10).
- * Jewish man on train in Melbourne subjected to antisemitic abuse by two separate individuals. (6/10).
- * Abuse yelled at people outside synagogue in Perth by occupants of passing taxi. (6/10).
- * Teacher at school in regional NSW made a series of offensive comments relating to the Holocaust, alleged “Jewish victimology” and Israel, interrupting a presentation on the Holocaust being given to his class. (6/10).
- * Three youths in vehicle in Sydney’s eastern suburbs yelled out “bloody Jew” at pedestrian who was clearly an Orthodox Jewish man. (6/10).
- * **Jewish woman shopping in Sydney’s eastern suburbs harassed by another woman shopper who said she didn’t “believe the Holocaust”, “Hitler was right” and “Jews wanted to take over the world”.** (6/10).
- * Rugby union player abused a Jewish opponent “you fucking Jew” during match in Sydney. (7/10).
- * A man in passing vehicle yelled out phrase including “fucking Jewish” at people outside synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (8/10).
- * **Men in vehicle passing synagogue in Perth threw eggs at people outside synagogue and yelled abuse.** (9/10).
- * Occupant of vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs threw a plastic bottle at Jewish men while yelling “bomb” multiple times. (9/10).

- * Driver of vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs called out "Oh these fucking Jews". (9/10).
- * Driver of vehicle in Perth stopped near people walking home from synagogue and unprompted shouted "you can all get fucked". (9/10).
- * A passenger in vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney yelled out "fuck you fucking Jew" to female congregant. (9/10).
- * A driver of a vehicle passing synagogue yelled "Fuck You, this is Australia" at congregants. (9/10).
- * Occupants of vehicle yelled "bloody Jews" at three children walking to synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (9/10).
- * Man walking past synagogue in Melbourne made abusive gestures at synagogue personnel, while passing the synagogue five times in close proximity. (9/10).
- * **Occupants of vehicle passing synagogue in Melbourne shouted abuse and threw an egg at congregants.** (9/10).

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 twenty percent of the average over the previous twenty years. Hate mail was recorded at the lowest ever rate and telephone calls, which often contained extreme antisemitic abuse, were recorded at a rate of under fifty percent of the previous period.

Examples of incidents in these categories included:

- * Jewish man in Canberra received series of antisemitic abusive telephone calls. (12/09 x 2, 12/09). Jewish family in Sydney with same surname received similar calls. (12/09 x 3).
- * Series of telephone calls with antisemitic messages left on answering machine of Jewish organisation in Sydney. (2/10).
- * Antisemitic message left on answering machine of synagogue in Melbourne "You people are so evil". (5/10).
- * Two separate abusive calls made to Jewish communal organisation in Perth. (5/10).
- * Telephone call to Jewish organisation in Sydney from caller who said she hated Jews, that Australia hates Jews and that Jews are now the same as Nazis. (6/10).
- * **Bomb threat made to distinctly Jewish business in Gold Coast.** (6/10).
- * Abusive, offensive, illustrated antisemitic letter sent to Jewish community personality. (12/09).

* Antisemitic letter received by journalist who wrote an article sympathetic to Israel, at his Melbourne office, from Maurice Horsburgh. (3/10).

* **Letter “Kill All Bloody Jews” and other abuse received at Jewish organisation in Sydney sent from a Queensland post office.** (6/10).

* **Hate mail received at Jewish organisation in Sydney with comments such as “Bring back Hitler” and “Jews out of Australia”.** (6/10).

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 **sixty percent of the average** for all years and at the **lowest rate since 2000**.

Amongst the graffiti incidents in the past year were:

* Antisemitic graffiti painted on billboards in Melbourne suburb with large Jewish population. (12/09).

* Offensive graffiti daubed on outer wall of synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (1/10).

* **Swastika and words “we’ll be back” daubed on building near Jewish community offices in Sydney.** (2/10).

* Swastika drawn on entrance of Jewish day school in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (2/10).

* Antisemitic graffiti in Gold Coast suburb “No Jews” and swastikas. (3/10).

* Swastikas spray-painted on cars and homes in a Brisbane suburb. (4/10).

* **Large swastika daubed on outer wall of synagogue in Melbourne.** (5/10).

* Antisemitic graffiti on fence of Jewish school in Melbourne. (6/10).

* Antisemitic graffiti at railway station in Melbourne. (6/10).

* Jewish business in Melbourne daubed with offensive graffiti. (6/10).

* Antisemitic graffiti in Melbourne park in suburb with substantial Jewish population. (6/10).

* Graffiti including “Jews” daubed on synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (6/10).

* **Graffiti “Jew dog” on factory wall in Sydney’s southern suburbs.** (7/10).

* Neo-Nazi graffiti on building next to synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (7/10).

* Graffiti including “Jew” etched into metal plaque outside synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (9/10).

* **Graffiti “no Jews” scrawled on wall of park near synagogue on Sydney’s north shore.** (9/10).

* **Graffiti “Fuck Fuck The Jews” daubed on installation three meters from synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs.** (9/10).

3.6 Hate Email

Columnist Danny Katz wrote in the Age (13/5/10) “‘Bastard Jew! Zionist piece of \$\$\$@!Ya%\$\$Jew!!!!’ This was the opening line of a letter I got this week, just scrawled on the back of one of my newspaper columns, with no name or address or anything – ...”. 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 forty-two 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 over three times a week in the year in review. **The total during this reporting period was twenty four percent below the average.**

Examples of email harassment and abuse included:

* Abusive email **“We won’t be slaves to our Jewish masters for much longer”** sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (11/09).

* Email **“Jews are murderers and liars. They are also ugly as shit”** sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (11/09).

* Email attacking “Bloody Jews” and asking “why are Jews thieves?” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (11/09).

* Email from antjewlies@jew.org critical of memorialising the Shoah received by Jewish organisation in Sydney. (11/09).

* Email “You Jews are real shockers and that’s an understatement . . . You shameless rats” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (12/09).

* Email “Zionists are doing what the Nazis did to them 100% and now we have our ‘leaders’ bowing to Zionists” etc. sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (12/09).

* Email alleging Israel involved in systematic stealing of body organs from Palestinians sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (1/10).

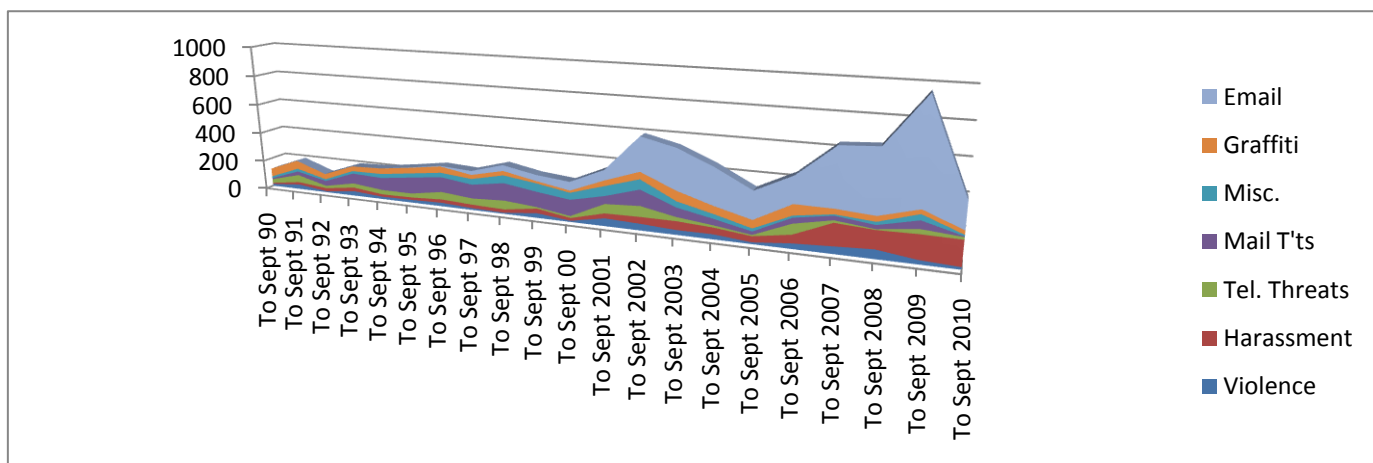
- * Email from antisemitic activist containing series of extreme anti-Israel comments sent to Jewish community leader in Sydney. (1/10).
- * Email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney beginning “**what are jews afraid of the truth the holocaust is all bullshit so jews can get money of (sic) the germans**” and including “**a good jew is a dead jew**” and “**jews are a cancer on the world**”. (2/10).
- * Email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney referring to Jews as “THESE FILTHY PEOPLE” and a “BUNCH OF LIERS (sic)”. (2/10).
- * Email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney beginning “**Jews are the scum of the earth and should be prevented from any say**” and including other slurs. (2/10).
- * Long antisemitic email blaming Jews for Haiti earthquake sent to Jewish organisations in Sydney. (2/10 x 3).
- * Antisemitic email beginning “Jews are evil” and saying **Jews start all wars, manipulate money markets, “stole palestain” (sic) and should be rounded up and sterilised**, send to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (3/10).
- * Email signed **uglyjew@arab.com** with text “Jews are ugly as shit” received by Jewish organisation in Sydney. (3/10).
- * Email claiming Jews involved in “economic terrorism” and had placed the USA in “Economic and Political Slavery”, received by Jewish organisations in Sydney. (3/10 x 3).
- * Long antisemitic email attacking alleged Jewish “paymaster of Australian foreign policy” sent to Jewish leaders in Sydney (x 2) and Melbourne (x 5) (5/10).
- * Two hate emails with antisemitic statements and comments such as “just die” received by Jewish organisation in Sydney. (5/10 x 2).
- * Email from “Colin Wellstead” signed “Just a Goyim” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney attacking Jews alleged negative racial traits. (6/10).
- * Email claiming “Hitler would be proud of you Jewish Shite” and other anti-Jewish comments sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (6/10).
- * Antisemitic email justifying people who “mistrust, fear and detest Jews” including “**Anti-Semitism is a disease that you catch from being around Jews**” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (7/10).

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 and vandalism**. Reports of material in these

categories were received in the twelve months in review **at a rate less than thirty percent of the average and at the second lowest rate ever.** Examples of reports in this category include:

- * Antisemitic leaflet letterboxed in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (12/09).
- * Web site of Jewish organisation in Sydney hacked with slogans such as “fuck U Jewish”. (12/09).
- * Leaflet by person claiming to have been “trodden on by the Jews” distributed on the Gold Coast. The leaflet alleged **“Not only have they [Jews] attempted to annihilate all the peoples of the Arab world in their attempt to control the entire region but they have also embarked on a world wide crusade (sic) of political and financial domination.”** **Included in a series of other allegations against Jews was that “they bombard us with their lies of antisemitism”.** (2/10, 2/10).
- * A man flew a Nazi flag in a regional NSW city “specifically to gauge a reaction”, before complaints by neighbours after which he removed it. (4/10).
- * A poster consisting of a Star of David made up by a series of smaller swastikas displayed on a building opposite a synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (5/10).
- * Antisemitic posters such as “Zionism is the path to anti-Christ” with historic anti-Jewish imagery at anti-Israel demonstration in Brisbane. (6/10).
- * Hand-drawn antisemitic poster displayed near synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs. (6/10).
- * A number of Sydney suburbs were plastered with stickers with the slogan “Zionism = (swastika)”. 10/09).



David Penberthy Column -
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Compulsive use of the Nazi tag

A THE risk of sounding like a language Nazi — to use the daft and offensive term which almost should be banned — it's time for a voluntary worldwide moratorium on using Nazism as an analogy for anything other than Nazism itself.

A couple of bizarre examples follow from the past week. In the Vatican, a senior member of the clergy has tastelessly likened the (valid) scrutiny of the Catholic Church over child sexual abuse to the persecution of the Jews.

Given the vexed history between Judaism and Catholicism — not to

mention the totally non-historical nature of the comparison — the Reverend Raniero Cantalamessa should really spend less time nosing through the Bible and more time glancing at the history books.

Then there's Naomi Wolf, the author who enjoyed global star status with her attacks on female objectification.

penning the bestseller *The Beauty Myth*. Ironically, as many critics have noted, Wolf is quite beautiful herself — although that doesn't diminish the power of her arguments.

A prominent leader of what is described as "third-wave feminism", Wolf has written that women should

have "the choice to do whatever we want with our faces and bodies without being punished by an ideology that is using attitudes, economic pressure, and even legal judgments regarding women's appearance to undermine us psychologically and politically".

A great many people would agree. Hers is a well-argued position.

But I'm not sure that the same people would agree with this, though — Wolf on President Barack Obama's policies towards terrorist suspects.

"Obama has done things like Hitler did," Wolf said last week. "Let me be very careful here. The National Socialists rounded people up and held them

is just plain nasty

without trial, signed legislation that gave torture impunity, and spied on their citizens, just as Obama has.

"It isn't a question of what has been done that Hitler did. It's what every dictator does, on the Left or the Right, that is being done here and now."

The proviso "let me be very careful here" is quite hilarious given Wolf goes on to confuse a bunch of murderous hate-filled fanatics who believed in the complete genocide of the Jewish race and a 1000-year Aryan world domination with a liberal-democrat operating in accordance with one of the world's most enlightened constitutions. In this age of overstatement and

historical indifference — which manifests itself, as one example, with critics of the Federal Government's net filter likening Australia to China — the Nazi analogy is really in a league of its own for pure offensiveness.

But it's now entered everyday use, where the Health Minister Nicola Roxon can be called a "ifood Nazi" for campaigning against junk food, or the people who put child-proof lids on Paracetamol labelled "safety Nazis".

It's both a devaluing and a distortion of what actually happened some 70 years ago for anyone to make such a biased analogy, even in jest, and it shows a total lack of interest both in history and taste.



Ugly comparisons: Author Naomi Wolf Picture: Andy Tyndal

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.

That said, 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 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, 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.

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.

There were additionally a number of matters which are relevant to a discussion of antisemitism in Australia which took place in the public arena during the period in review.

In one incident, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, speaking on the death of a Hamas leader in Dubai alleged to be at the hands of Mossad, said **“the Jewish state could no longer use the Holocaust as an excuse to justify state-sanctioned murder, and criticism of its policies should not be dismissed as anti-Semitism.** “That happened 65-66 years ago and it cannot be used any longer to prevent proper discussion of Israel’s policies when those policies are counter-productive to world peace,” he said. “To suggest that those who are critical are anti-Semitic – I reject that utterly.” (The Australian, 27/2/10). While the Jewish community strongly condemned the comments, former High Court judge Michael Kirby praised Malcolm Fraser for “a typically pointed” comment . (Canberra Times 5/3/10).

As reported in the Australian Jewish News (12/2/10) “A recently released book that looks at the ramifications of the 2005 Cronulla riots has been slated as “offensive” for concluding with a comparison between the racist rally and Zionism. *Lines in The Sand: The Cronulla Riots, Multiculturalism and National Belonging*, edited by Greg Noble, has an afterword written by anthropologist Professor Ghassan Hage. The Lebanese-born academic writes that “on the face of it”, drawing a similarity sounds “almost as ludicrous as the Zionist conspiracy thesis”. However, he adds: **“Perhaps what initially made the thought linger in my mind was the vague sense of an analogy at the level of my own subject imagination between the way I think of the Israeli state ‘encircling’ and ‘destroying’ Palestinians and the image of the Cronulla crowd encircling that lone Lebanese guy and going for him.”** Describing Zionism and the riot as “both manifestations of assertive monoculturalism”, he suggests that neither can come to terms with the multicultural reality. According to The University of Melbourne anthropologist, another reason for the validity of the comparison is that both pitch a “dominant national culture” against a Muslim enemy. The next reason he gives is that in the same way that John Howard’s government spread the impression that Australia’s majority population is being victimised by ethnic minorities – which Prof Hage said helped stoke the flames in Cronulla – so too has Israel spread that notion. “You [Israel] dominate, invade, penetrate, humiliate the Palestinian, third-world-looking other ... but at the end of the day, the problem is the Palestinian/Arab aggression and anti-Semitism”. **Prof Hage’s final comparison is that during the Cronulla riot and “other Zionist’ global phenomena around the world”, it has been noticed that the aim is not to demand political or ideological concessions, rather it is to “hurt the Other who is perceived to have hurt you”.**”

The totally gratuitous introduction of a misrepresentation of Zionism, in an anthology allegedly produced by anti-racists, was seen by many observers as an example of the insidious way in which demonisation and delegitimation of Zionism is propagated in Australian quasi-intellectual circles.

The period in review also saw the entering in to public debate of so-called “truthers”, advocates of a conspiracy theory which posits that the September 11 2001 terrorist attacks were myths and that governments and/or other evil agencies perpetrated a hoax for devious political ends. This trope has been current for some time in sections of the far-right and to an extent within Islamic circles, with both of these generally having Jews as central or significant conspirators.

In the period in review, Victorian trade union official Kevin Bracken, who had earlier given a speech at an anti-Israel rally (7/6/10) in which he told the crowd **“The Collective punishment being put on the people of Gaza is so reminiscent of what we heard the Nazis were doing in the Second World War.** On behalf of the Victorian Trade Union Movement we stand with you in solidarity, for justice for the Palestinians, and to brake the blockade on Gaza.”, emerged as an advocate of this conspiracy theory, while Bob Brown, a candidate for the Federal election for the Greens (not the Senator with the same name) caused embarrassment to his party when exposed as a promoter of the bizarre theory.

During the 2010 Federal election there were some minor incidents which deserve to be recorded here:

* The website of a Jewish candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives was hacked from Turkey by persons who claimed to be acting “For Islam”. (20/7/10).

* A media release from One Nation candidate for the Queensland seat of Wide Bay included an email forwarded from Lynn Stanfield and signed John Vermeulen, which concluded **“So Ms Gillard (of ambiguous sexual orientation) is a Fabian Socialist, Atheist, foreign born, unmarried woman living with a hairdresser (also of ambiguous sexual orientation) who works for an Israeli lobbyist. She is beholden to the Jewish Lobby, and Enviro Lobby, the Miners, the Greens and its homosexual leader. Her office is built like a Masonic temple in the Masonic city of Canberra.”** (17/8/10).

* In a commentary on the Australian federal election, columnist “Nick B. Possum” in Sydney’s “City Hub” newspaper wrote **“On the mainstream side it’s a ghastly choice between a gibbering obscurantist clown who’d introduce a theocracy if he got half a chance, and a smooth-talking, dog-whistling Labor-faker. Both are foreign policy reactionaries and slavish supporters of the US alliance and the Zionist project.”** The article was accompanied by an illustration which had a picture of Prime Minister Gillard accompanied by soldiers carrying Israeli, US and Australian flags and the slogan “Australians! We are partners in the New World Order”. (5/8/10).

One other matter which relates to antisemitism and the general community was that three of Australia’s biggest book retailers agreed to pull a number of virulently antisemitic titles from their websites, following an investigation by the Australianm Jewish News, which reported **“Among the poisonous works that could be purchased on the Borders and Angus & Robertson websites were *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which alleges that Jews are plotting to take over the world, and *The International Jew* by Henry Ford, which states: “Whichever way you turn to trace the harmful streams of influence that flow through society, you come upon a group of Jews.”** Visitors to the stores’ websites could also purchase Martin Luther’s *The Jews and their Lies*, in which the medieval theologian describes Jews as “base, whoring people ... full of the devil’s feces ... which they wallow in like swine.” *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, meanwhile, was also available online from Dymocks.” (Australian Jewish News 7/5).

In an example of responses to anti-Jewish material in the mainstream of society Cambridge University Press withdrew from sale a religious textbook used in NSW, on October 28, 2009. This followed complaints that the book’s 2009 edition, used in high schools, included statements such as “Much modern conflict in the world is related to the reactions of other groups to the Jewish people.”. The Sydney Morning Herald (27/10) noted “The book also

refers to the Passover festival as involving “slaughtering lambs, smearing the lintel on the front door with blood and eating unleavened breaks for seven days.” and “The book also polygamy is commonly practised in Israel.”

The dangers of the analogy

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Give me a hot political argument and I'll give you a Nazi analogy – that's a connection that's now all too familiar. The overuse of Nazi analogies in online chatter prompted someone called Mike Godwin to coin Godwin's Law in 1990: “As online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Nazis or Hitler approaches.”

Godwin's Law applies online and offline as we've all too painfully discovered in recent days. Tony Abbott's analogy employed an over-used sub-category of the law when he likened the Copenhagen talks to a latter-day environmental Munich agreement – a reference to the futile accord Britain, France and Italy signed with Hitler in 1938. The analogy is clear – the Rudd Government is selling out Australia's future in Copenhagen just as Neville Chamberlain sold out Europe to Hitler.

Closer to home, I have a cousin who moved to Queensland decades back to live under the premiership of Joh Bjelke-Petersen. My cousin calls Anna Bligh a “Nazi”. How nutty is that? But, equally, it does not make sense to do the more usual thing and insist that Joh was a Nazi. A Nutzi perhaps, but not a Nazi. Anyone who makes that comparison is as wrong as my cousin – and clearly knows very little about Nazism.

The thing about historical analogies is they can cut both ways. The name Hitler or the label Nazi can evoke a powerful knee-jerk response, as does Munich. “Oh God, another Munich!” “Selling out to the Barbarians.” “Nothing but years of ruin ahead of us.” People with little knowledge of history can be easily conned. Munich has seiffed into the popular consciousness under the heading, Big Mistake.

Abbott's use of Munich was simply exploiting that understanding. He was trying to tell us that the entire world has

succumbed – apparently he knows the Copenhagen outcome – to something akin to the most hideous and barbaric regime known to modern history. Abbott knows that politicians with no interest in history other than its political (and emotional) utility can all too easily exploit it.

A few simple questions can readily expose a silly analogy and its corollary, the abuse of history. Try these: Who, at Copenhagen, stands in for Hitler? Who are the weak nations that will cave in to this stand-in? There were four European players at Munich in 1938; there are 192 nations from all over the world at Copenhagen – could it be that Copenhagen is a little more complex? Finally, is an agreement to reduce carbon emissions – should there be one – a portent of worldwide destruction akin (in dimensions) to World War II?

There is as yet no agreement at Copenhagen, so any analogy now or yesterday is a bit hasty and the perils of Abbott's analogy were soon obvious. After Abbott confirmed that Godwin's Law is alive and well, he almost immediately backed away. On *Lateline* the same day, he conceded that Copenhagen is an important meeting and he called his Nazi analogy “a throwaway line in which you would be wrong to invest too much significance”. Weasel-words. Doublespeak for “I got it wrong but I'm not going to say so.”

As if on cue, Godwin's Law made an appearance at the Copenhagen Conference with a Sudanese delegate insinuating the “rich nations” are acting like Nazi appeasers. Don't even try to unravel that one.

History, if it is used with respect and care, can help us to better understand the present. It can give us alternatives or options to consider, it can help us to formulate questions we need to ask and it can warn us of what can go wrong.

Several US administrations got Vietnam very wrong in the 1960s, in part because they did not understand the complexity of South-East Asian nationalism, choosing instead to draw on their binary understanding of the Cold War world – as a battle between communists and freedom-loving peoples. The penny dropped too late. The former US Secretary of State, Robert McNamara, spent much of his life

attempting to understand how the most wealthy and knowledge-rich nation in the world could so misunderstand the political and cultural dynamics of Vietnam and the region.

Years later the Bush administration misjudged the situation in Iraq and brought on a tragedy that was entirely contrary to its own utopian dream of instant liberation (“Mission Accomplished”) for the people of that country. As Margaret MacMillan writes in *The Use and Abuse of History* (2009), the Bush administration was inspired in part by an appealing but misguided historical analogy – by the success of the postwar occupation of Germany and Japan.

Analogies are useful, that's the message. But know your history and don't latch onto the wrong one, that's the other message. MacMillan makes the point that Bush and Co would have done better to study T.E. Lawrence, who was critical of the British presence in Iraq in the 1920s, of the British “falling into a trap from which it will be hard to escape”. And he was right.

Politicians make use of the past to win arguments and to bolster established positions. Working in history is fundamentally at odds with the political vocation as it demands no wishful thinking and no searching for a preconceived answer. It assimilates unhelpful news and discards versions of the past that cannot pass elementary tests of evidence and logic.

Godwin's Law does not judge any one Nazi analogy to be either useful or abusive – it simply notes the high probability that eventually, in any political argument, such a comparison will be deployed. The law discourages inappropriate, hyperbolic comparisons.

Thanks to the popularisation of Godwin's Law it is now considered poor form, at least in some online forums, to use Nazi analogies at any time. Some forums stipulate that the first to deploy a Nazi analogy loses the argument. One can only hope this caution eventually enters debate in mainstream politics.

Dr Peter Cochrane's book, *Colonial Ambition: Foundations of Australian Democracy*, shared the inaugural Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

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4.2 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:

* Religion columnist Graham Downie wrote in The Canberra Times “But with the creation of Israel, one injustice was replaced by another. Indeed, **the Palestinian refugee camps now replicate the ghettos for which the Nazis are so rightly condemned.**” (22/11/09).

* A letter responding to a profile of former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser commented on his Jewish heritage and then concluded “some would say that, in Fraser’s case, that also explains a lot”, which led to the interpretation that Jewish people have particular inclinations, which in Fraser’s case were not universally positive or benign. (29/12/09).

* The Canberra Times (27/2/10) published a letter signed Mike Phoenix which read “**SHAME ON ISRAEL. How sad it is that Israel continues to exhibit the same reprehensible behaviour against the Palestinians that was shown by the Nazis who persecuted and executed their forefathers.** Will the current investigations of the assassination in Dubai

finally lead the world to treat Israel just like all other nations? To treat the use of canister and white phosphorus against civilians as wrong whoever is using it? Describing Palestinians as “untermensch” is to keep alive the awful mindset that led to the Holocaust.”

* Surfing magazine “Stab” received a posting on its website (February 2010) headed “Throw the Jew down the well” . The magazine removed the post from its website forum after receiving complaints about the offensive material. The post was a response to an article featuring Jewish board shaper Matt Biolos.

* A letter signed Albert M. White, published in The Canberra Times (24/3/10) read “THERE’S A FORGIVING GOD TOO. **Israeli governments, for whom the Holocaust seems justification for every horror they inflict, who cling desperately to their vengeful, wrathful, Old Testament, eye-for-eye God,** might profitably contemplate Numbers (14-19): The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.”

* The Sydney Morning Herald published an editorial which concluded “We believe that it is time for Jews of the diaspora to question Israel’s actions. For too long the spectrum of Jewish opinion outside Israel has been narrowed on Middle Eastern questions to a compulsory, unquestioning support for the Israeli government of the day, no matter what. A few brave individuals challenge this orthodoxy – to their cost. No similar constraints exist in Israel itself, where debate even now is robust about the rights and wrongs of intercepting the blockage-runners, and broader issues of Palestinian rights. Not the least reason for the domestic criticism is that Israel’s excessive response has now guaranteed the Gaza blockade protest will have imitators, all of them confidently expecting the Israelis to repeat their initial blunder.” (4/6/10). Responses included “Yesterday’s editorial is repugnant and offensive to me, an Australian Jew. The *Herald* is entitled to its views but so am I. So don’t tell me what my views should be, on Israel or any other topic. You have slandered me and the Jewish community with your slurs and innuendos. I demand an immediate apology.” (5/6/10).

* Commenting on what he called “Israeli piracy” with “the violent Israeli commandeering of a Gaza-bound relief ship”, Crispin Hull claimed “**the Jewish lobby in the US is too powerful for any president or member of congress to question or move to end the aid**” he said gave Israel “**the capacity for the violence**”. (Canberra Times 12/6/10).

* The Age published a letter from former Ambassador to Syria and later Israel Ross Burns implying Prime Minister Julia Gillard was “remarkably taciturn on the excesses of Israeli actions in the past two years” due to her partner’s employment in a company owned by a Jewish philanthropist who promoted Australia-Israeli understanding. (29/6/10).

* Mike Carlton, in his column in The Sydney Morning Herald, wrote “**It is a ferocious beat, the Jewish lobby. Write just one sentence even mildly critical of Israel and it lunges from its lair, fangs bared.**”; “It’s standard operating procedure for the lobby to hurl accusations of anti-Semitism with that peculiar Israeli blend of paranoia and belligerence. “That you are happy to indulge in ate-mongering makes you quite the sadist,” wrote a man from Melbourne. “Your article gives you away as an anti-Semite and as much as you may hide behind the guise of a pro-Palestinian humanitarian, your Holocaust revisionism in comparing the conflict of the modern era to the systematic extermination of the Jews shows your true colours.”; and “None of this is accidental. The Israel lobby, worldwide, is orchestrated in Jerusalem by a department in the Prime Minister’s office with the rather Orwellian name of the Ministry for Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs. Less than 24

hours after the attack on the Mavi Marmara, the ministry hit the internet with “important talking points” for Jews around the world, the first of which was – surprisingly – that “the Palestinian people are not under blockade.”” (12/6/10). A number of letters criticising him were published in subsequent days, along with others defending him. Evan Jones, for example, wrote “Jews who oppose this wretched stance, notably the courageous Antony Loewenstein, are excoriated and excommunicated. Tribalism has trounced moral principles. The Israel lobby is the Jewish lobby and its fellow travellers. **I deeply resent the hold this lobby has on Australia’s governments, which debases my integrity and threatens my personal security.**” (15/6/10).. In the following week’s column Carlton wrote “With bottomless irony, the Jewish lobby spent much of last week assuring anybody who would listen that there is no such thing as the Jewish lobby. The most powerful contribution came from one Mike Phillips of Wollstonecraft, who wrote to the *Herald* on Tuesday to explain that the Jewish people were put on this earth to teach the rest of us how to behave. That claptrap was briskly dealt with my readers’ letters the next day. **As I said when I opened this can of worms a few weeks ago, a common technique of the lobby cheerleaders is to label any criticism of Israel as anti-Semitism or, worse, Holocaust denial.** Sometimes in as many words, at other time more subtly.” and “Time for a cold shower all around. The American Jewish academic Norman Finkelstein has campaigned against what he **calls the Holocaust Industry**, which he describes as the offensive use of the death of 6 million Jews as a lever to obtain political or diplomatic advantage.” (19/6/10). The Australia Press Council, displaying little understanding of the issues at play, dismissed a complaint that the columns in the Sydney Morning Herald on June 12 and 19 were in breach of the Council’s principles. The judgement noted “In her complaint to the council, Ms Maynard firmly acknowledged that Mr. Carlton had the right to express his opinion and that, for example, it is not anti-Semitic to criticise Israel. But, she said, the two items contained “Anti-Semitic elements and bring opprobrium on Jews through the use of racist imagery [and] factually incorrect statements”. She referred in particular to what she called the “bestial” imagery and the implication that all critics of Mr Carlton must be, in her words, “tools in an orchestrated campaign” by the Israeli government. She complained about use of the term “Jewish lobby” as depicting advocates for that cause as being “sinister” before concluding “In relation to Ms Maynard’s complaints of anti-Semitism, the council considered that the columns did not breach its principle that material should avoid placing gratuitous emphasis on a particular ethnicity, religion or nationality. The council acknowledged that the columns were strongly critical, and that some readers would have been offended, but it emphasised that causing offense does not, in itself, justify a complaint being upheld. The council’s principles require that, although individual articles need not always be balanced, publications should seek to provide reasonable balance in their overall coverage of the issues in question. It was satisfied that the newspaper had done so in this general idea, including through its publication in this instance of letters critical of Mr Carlton. In relation to the question of accuracy, the council did not consider that Mr Carlton’s reference to co-ordination of a “Jewish lobby” or an “Israel lobby” had been an assertion of fact about all critics of his views, and it did not consider that his claims of co-ordination on a more limited scale, which he had made, had been shown to be incorrect.” (17/9/10).

* As Vexnews (29/6/10) commented, “The Melbourne Age newspaper has stunned and appalled the Jewish community today by confecting a scandal about the fact that the Prime Minister’s husband works for a Jewish business Albert Dadon. It inaccurately describes Albert as an Israel lobbyist” which suggests he is paid to promote Israel. That’s simply not correct and conveys a false impression. Dadon is an investor, in property and many other things and was the Chair of Melbourne’s international Jazz Festival and created the Australia

Israel Leadership Forum, which we assume is modelled on the Australian-American Leadership Dialogue formed by Phil Scanlon. We have never read Scanlon described as a pro-American lobbyist.”

* In the Sydney Morning Herald, Robert McLean of Annandale wrote “It is usually surprisingly easy to recognise racism. Just take Mike Phillips, who suggests Muslims are inferior to Jews as they have won fewer Nobel prizes. Using the history of the Western institution to judge an entire race beggars belief. Unfortunately, it is often this sort of ignorant racist rhetoric that the Jewish lobby has no choice but to rely on. Israel has shown about as much reluctance in straying from its “moral” position as a member of the Jewish lobby in penning a letter.” (16/6/10).

* In The Age (19/6/10), cartoonist Michael Leunig not only defended his drawing of a cartoon accusing Israelis of being Nazis, but claimed it was “prophetic” as “events since that time bear out the reasonableness of the cartoon.

* Bob Ellis on The Drum, in an article “Sustaining Fantasy” wrote “But more elections are cheated now than ever before – in Iraq, Iran, Zimbabwe, Fiji, China, Russia, Nigeria, Sudan, Egypt, Israel (where opposition politicians are assassinated and certain parties outlawed), ...” and **“Being told that Israel has a claim on certain square miles of desert because a man was told by God in a dream his descendants would rule it 3000 years ago, a man who nearly murdered his son because God in a dream told him to, a man who rented out his wife, is an absurd sustaining fantasy to build many killings on, many killings of subsequent children with phosphorus only a year ago, but some of us believe in it, thousands of my Jewish relatives among them even today. It’s not a sustaining fantasy really, more a toxic fantasy – or the fantasy of a serial killer that murder like this is somehow foredoomed and ordained.”** (17/5/10).

* Bob Ellis in “The Drum” (3/6) wrote **“Bibi calls Israel a democracy but it terrorises those who try to feed and heal its impoverished children. He calls it a democracy but it kills and jails the leaders of its political opposition.** He calls it a democracy but when Hamas won a fair election it put 40 of its elected parliamentarians in jail as ‘terrorist supporters’, the way you do. The way a democracy does. The way we goaled the entire Green cross-bench of our Senate only yesterday.” in the course of an attack on Israel which had earlier included “Bibi’s brother Jonathan died at Entebbe in the raid he commanded, and Bibi hates all Muslims now. When 300 children died of bombing and shooting and phosphorus flares in Gaza he thought it fair enough. When their parents tried to rebuild their bombed houses he thought it fair enough to deny them cement and bricks and let them sleep in tents in the rain, and fair enough to kill the bringers of supplies and send them back to Cyprus in body bags.” Comments in response included “Of course, you are about to be howled down by Israeli apologists who, as always, will spin everything you said and turn a blind eye to the truth. After all, Israel and her apologists know everything, and are right about everything, and everyone else in the world is wrong and can just go to hell. They will hide behind “Holocaust Guilt” and just do what they want, when and where they want, and no-one else will dare lift a finger to stop them lest they be accused of being anti-Semitic.” (3/6/10).

A report on J-Wire (2/6/10) noted “Following the recent forged Australian passports affair which resulted in the expulsion from Australia of an Israeli diplomat, a member of the Canberra community complained to ACMA [the Australian Communications and Media

Authority] about hateful and anti-Semitic comments posted on The Age's web site. Darren Goodsir, editor of the National Times, Fairfax's online news service, has told J-Wire: "The National Times takes seriously its responsibility to moderate all comments contributed to the site, prior to publishing, in keeping with the overall tone of the site and its goal to be a place for full and frank, robust commentary. However, from time to time, comments are published that we later feel should not have been published. Sometimes, we retract these published comments ourselves after having another view about the nature of the post or the discussion. At other times, we retract comments in response to reader reaction that we feel makes valid points. In this case, errors of judgement were clearly made. The offensive comments were subsequently edited to ensure the offensive portion of the post was deleted. A number of similar comments were also withdrawn from the site." Unfortunately, **the on-line sites maintained by mainstream media outlets were regularly hosts to offensive, gratuitous and vile anti-Jewish comments, despite the responsibility of media outlets to not serve as a platform for racist incitement.** Some examples in the period in review included:

* After an article appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald calling for **trials for Nazi War Criminals**, on-line comments included "**However, it is not really about justice. It is just that the Wiesenthal Centre & associates want their pound of flesh, their win. If they could they would probably dig up corpses and put them on trial – just to score more wins.** And of course it is merciless old testamentary biblical vengeance. We see it almost daily happening in Israel/Palestine in one shape or form – the latest (as of yesterday reporting) being the illegal settlement extensions in Jerusalem. Shame on all those who have no humanitarian bone in their bodies, not a nanogram of compassion." by "Marg" (20/11/09) and a number of other antisemitic postings.

* After the publication on ABC Unleashed of an article condemning Israel's security fence comments including Israel of "genocide" (by "Big Nose" 16/11/09), "This wall is not built to protect these god-blessed people" alleging Israel intentionally promotes terrorism ("atamov", 14/11/09), "**While the Jews think they are 'the chosen people' there will never be peace**" (spaghetti Goden (sic) 14/11) and many other anti-Jewish comments including conspiracy theories and charges Israel is practicing apartheid.

* After senior journalist Peter Hartcher wrote a report on a visit to Israel, which he noted was sponsored by an Australian Jewish organisation, some postings on The Sydney Morning Herald web-site attacked his judgement while a number also made direct Nazi-Israeli comparisons. (17/11/09).

* After an article on "Oliver Stone and Holocaust Denial" was published in the on-line National Times, commentators wrote "**Here we go again...always banging on about the Holocaust – I wish Jews and Israelis and Hollywood would give it a rest, it's starting to sound like a PR spin whenever Jews feel threatened they roll out the Holocaust...for the record nobody with their sanity intact denies it happened but we are all sick of hearing about it...there are plenty of bad things going on right now that need fixing and the way Israel treats the Palestinians is fast eroding any sympathy people may have for Jews and their friggin holocaust.** Don't mean to offend – it's just my opinion." ("Right Wing", Double Bay, 19/1); "I see nothing wrong with looking at both sides of an issue or historical event / moment. **Yes Jews were murdered during WW2, just as the most famous of all Jews was murdered by his own kind. Jesus.** But to judge or look at history, look at everything not just one aspect. I agree with the comment that Jews no longer have the strong

moral authority they once possessed in part due to Israel's treatment of the Palestinians." ("Mittaboi", NSW 19/1/10) and "I am so sick of jews ramming the holocaust down my throat. And if you dare question it, you are labelled an anti-semite or holocaust denier. This article has no credibility, being written by a pro-zionist jew. Unfortunately SMH is now filled with them. Sympathy for jews stopped a long time ago, when you decided to slaughter innocent people in Palestine and steal their land." ("dsr99", Sydney, 19/1/10).

* In response to an article critical of the activities of "Independent Australian Jewish Voices" was published in The Age On-line (7/1/10), "Rosey", Melbourne wrote "I totally agree. It takes enormous courage to stand up to the Zionist victimology and the relentless pressures of political and ideological conformity within the Jewish community. This IS a massacre, as any balanced evaluation of the situation surely supports. Yet vociferous attacks by the mainstream Jewish community on absolutely any criticism is helping to silence the rest of the world – and the violation of the human rights of innocents continues in the name of a self righteous oppressor. **How ironic and tragic that the Israelis have become their own worst nightmare – a pseudo Nazi regime of rapacious killers.**" (7/1/10).

* After an article was published in The Age Online on Nazi memorabilia sales, the following exchange took place: "it takes all people to make money out of the Shoah!" (Marg / Melbourne); "...and not just the Goyem!" (Colin / Sydney); "blah, blah, blah dvir, stop trying to milk the holocaust mate." (AQaH); "It should also be pointed out that the sale of communist paraphernalia is also very popular and is not banned anywhere, despite the many millions killed by the likes to Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot etc." (Conformer with a cause / UK); "**Can we talk about something where Jews aren't the victims?** It's just that it's all we hear from you, and judging by the lack of readers, it's really wearing thin. Perhaps Israeli political scandals for your next article?" (Erebus / QLD). (10/2/10, 11/2/10).

* In response to an article in The Australian on-line version, on Australia's bid for a UN Security Council seat, "Mulga Mumblebrain" wrote "If you lie down with dogs you get up with fleas. **The Rudd clique, like all other Australian Governments, are at the beck and call of the local Jewish Lobby and its great monetary generosity** and decency and respect for the opinion of the real "international community" are irrelevant. To expect the global majority to overlook our associations is pure arrogance." (2/2/10).

* In response to a general news article about education funding in The Sydney Morning Herald On-line (31/3/10) Gideon Polya claimed "the new History curriculum, that Labor wants to foist on all Australian children includes the egregious Zionist untruth that there was only one holocaust is WW2 . . ."

* In response to a blog posting on The National Times by Dvir Abramovich calling for the world to not ignore the victims of human rights abuses in a number of countries, most of the commentators accused him of trying to divert attention from Israel, with comments such as "**The cry of "never again" was empty hypocrisy from the moment it was uttered. More like "ever again". The author's action of continuing this façade of highly selective hand wringing where convenient for a particular vested interest is typical of why holocausts continue unabated**". (30/3/10).

* After academic Ben Saul published an anti-Israel polemic "Time to Stop handling Israel with kid gloves", a series of extreme anti-Israel comments such as "Israel does not need to be encouraged Israel would rather destroy the whole world than become peaceful. That is a trait

of a psychopath, a fanatical aberration of humanity. Unfortunately, the agenda of politics is lies, and the mechanism to hide the truth. Australia has become a tool . . . not my sunburnt country any more” were published, supplemented by comments such as “Sirs. Thank you Ben Saul for your comprehensive appraisal of the Palestine/Israel situation. As a WW2 veteran, I have been sad that so many lives were given to stamp out injustices and to stop one nation bullying another . . . apparently to no avail. **I see many parrallels between Nazi Germany and the behaviour of Israel, much of which is now being exposed by Israelis.** Israel has broken every rule in the book and should be treated the same as other like nations that stand in the way of peace and justice. It is time for the UN to step in and help the Palestinian people. If Netanyahu is not reined in, there is likely to be further attempts to expand Israeli borders. Looking back to 1946, I had many Arabs tell me that it would never be any good making agreements with the Zionists --- they would not keep them. Australia must end her bi-partisan approach to Israel, no matter what unpopular steps may be needed.” (ABC “Drum:”, 25/3/10).

* On The National Times website, in response to a blog posting by Dvir Abramovitch on Churches and Israel, “Dave” wrote “The millennialist/Zionist movement has obviously forgotten the old testament, with very dire consequences. Taking Revelation literally misses very key points about who Revelation was written for and by. The majority of Christian scholars reject the millennialist view of revelation. The OT is clear that promises given to abraham and moses extend far more than Israel but to the whole earth. When the messiah came he stated that all people can now be God’s people, not just Jews. This is why Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah. The nation state of Israel was once important in God’s plan but His kingdom is now the whole earth, not a patch of dirt in the middle east.. Support for the nation state of Israel in churches does not mean that Christians support the way Israel has acted towards it’s neighbours. Churches equally support the nationhood of palestine. **Here is another example of the jewish lobby infiltrating many organisations, including religious ones, for it’s own means.**” (4/3/10).

* In response to an article noting the persistence of antisemitism on The Age website, “Rolling7” wrote “We must teach them how important pluralism, diversity and tolerance are. **Jewish culture is one the most xenophobic and intolerant in the world.** Long before Nazism and up to this day, you use primitive rituals, myths and the notion of ‘bloodline’ to define you as ‘chosen people’ and exclude others.” (20/4/10), “Dr Justin Time” wrote “1. The unbelievable hypocrisy of Israel by it’s inhuman treatment, torture, and murder of millions of Palestinians. This alive-and-kicking evil hypocrisy is supported by jewish groups in almost all Western countries. 2. The constant repetition of “we were the worst treated ever” jargon. 12 million Germans died in WWII”. (20/4/10), and “Marilyn” wrote “**Under cover of the holocaust the Jews in this world have invaded and occupied Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Palestine over and over again slaughtering tens of thousands, destroying countries and not once paying any price for it. Today Israel is starving to death 1.5 million Palestinians because they won’t move off the land Jews want to steal.**” (20/4/10).

* Amongst many antisemitic comments on the Herald Sun website in response to a column by Andrew Bolt were “**Fuck you jewish bastard !!!!! oh how I wish tht Hitler should have blasted all of you !!!!!**,” “Go live in Isra-hell Bolt you dirty Zionist lackey. You wouldn’t have a job if you didn’t kowtow to these filthy Jews. Most of my mates reckon you’re an CIA operative anyway and Israel is probably where you belong.” and “Maybe Adolph was onto something afterall.” (2/6/10).

* After journalist Tory Maguire wrote a report on the offensive anti-Jewish comments made by White House correspondent Helen Thomas, comments on The Punch blog included “She’s been around long enough to see the real truth and what is spun by governments. No, it’s not her credibility and honesty under question just because she called it as she saw it. If we had Journalists who had the guts to do the same we the public might get true reporting not the slant their bosses want.”; “I agree, she might have called it a bit bullish, but the US media and entertainment industry have sunk a lot of dollars, resources and spin into putting Israel onto a high pedestal where almost any criticism is stomped on just or unjust.” and “The simple truth is, most people hate the simple truth.” (9/6/10).

* After an item on The Age blog posted by Dvir Abramovich on “Exploiting the Holocaust”, (1/7/10) the first published response was by “The Fonz” who implied that Anne Frank was an inspiration to “the children in the Gaza Strip”. (1/7/10).

* After the ABC promoted a discussion between three anti-Israel activists, (20/7/10) postings referred to Israel as “another incarnation of Nazism” and as promoting “inhumanity” for decades. (21/7/10).

* After an article by (non-Jewish) author Bren Carlill on Online Opinion.com, “David G” wrote “This article is like most of the articles written by Jews on OLO. It is entirely one-sided, horribly biased and blames the occupied Palestinians for everything. It confirms my thesis that religious fanaticism stifles rational thinking!” (29/7/10).

* After an article on the ABC’s “Drum Unleashed” by Antony Loewenstein, in which he wrote “One has to ask why the global Jewish Diaspora continues to back racial discrimination in a way they would never accept in their own countries. All Australian Zionist spokespeople want to do is improve the community’s PR and use Twitter instead of realising that apartheid in Palestine is causing incalculable damage to Brand Israel. Even Australia’s leading churches have initiated a boycott against products made in the occupied territories.” (9/9/10), “Rashid” wrote “It is futile to discuss the Legality of the existence of the Zionist State of Israel based on the mantra of “holocaust-ism”. It must be remembered that the tragic genocide of Jews took place in Germany which happens to be in Europe and NOT in Palestine where Arabs and Jews have lived for centuries and who had nothing to do with the tragedy and hence have no guilt associated with it. BTW Palestine happens to be in Middle East and not in Germany or USA. The ever increasing construction by the Zionist State of so called Settlements on the pretext of ‘natural growth’ therefore must logically mean for ever diminishing land for Palestinians, which is preciously little as it is, since it was usurped and occupied in the name of holocaust-ism and atonement of the West’s “guilt-ism” by giving illegitimate birth to Zionist Israel in UNO. The West did not only allegedly remain silent during that genocide but for over sixty years, did the same, turning a blind eye to Zionist State committing similar crimes, eg dispatching millions of Palestinians in refugee camps and making them homeless. A holocaust worse than death! With so many Basic INJUSTICES perpetuated on daily basis on the Palestinians; hollow and oft-repeated Peace talks for over six decades by almost all US President to date and other world leaders (eg Tony Blair acting as peace maker in M.E, LOL!); how in the name of sanity is the West expecting to achieve PEACE? These are a few of the realities of the situation. There is no PEACE without JUSTICE.”, Hayward wrote “I am still puzzled why the Palestinians had to give up their land, livelihood and way of life and continue to do so. Surely those that committed the crime, chiefly Germans and Austrians, but able assisted by Croats, Dutch collaborators, Estonians, Vichy French, Hungarians, Fascist Italy, Latvians, Lithuanians, Norwegian collaborators,

Romanians and Ukrainians should have provided the lebensraum for the Zionist faction. Possibly territory from Germany/Austria/Hungary/Romania/Ukraine? But why the poor Palestinians who played no part in the Holocaust, which also killed Sinti and Roma (some estimates are as high as 800,000), as well as Poles (6 million killed), of whom 3 million were Catholic/Christian, and the rest Jewish), Serbs (estimates vary between 300,000 and 700,000 killed, mostly by Croat Ustasha), Soviet military prisoners of war and civilians in occupied territories including Russians and other East Slavs, the mentally or physically disabled, homosexuals, Blacks, Jehovah's Witnesses, Communists and political dissidents, trade unionists, Freemasons, Eastern Christians and Catholic and Protestant clergy." (9/9/10) and JUCD wrote "Joe I,m sure by the time the lobby get on to it we will have lots of excuses about poor little Israel,and how hard done by it is. But unfortunately the rest of the world is slowly waking up to the Israeli Propaganda and lies,but until the US wakes up to the fact that it has been lied to for a long time not much will happen." (9/9/10).

* According to a report in The Australian Jewish News (9/7/10) "Channel Nine and its program *A Current Affair (ACA)* allowed anti-Semitic comments to be published on its website, violating racial vilification laws according to NSW Jewish Board of Deputies CEO Vic Alhadeff. ACA reported last Wednesday evening on plans for an eruv in the Sydney suburb of St Ives. After the show, it posted a video of the story on its website, which attracted hundreds of comments. The discussion, which was about whether or not Ku-ring-gai Council should approve an application to erect 27 poles that would allow the North Shore suburb, soon descended into an attack on Israel and the Jewish community. "**The bosh (Germans) didn't finish the job,**" said one post. Another went further: "**Quick, hide your babies, the Jews are going to drain their blood to bake bread!**" Alhadeff contacted Channel Nine to alert them to the possible breach of law and the network immediately removed all comments."

The electronic media also broadcast a small number of offensive items. In an interview with Richard Dawkins, George Negus claimed **Mossad consists of "people . . . of the Jewish religious faith who are secretly killing people in the name of God"**. (SBS Dateline 7/3/10) and an antisemitic "joke" implying Jews loved money above all else was made by television personality commenting on wedding of high profile Jewish Australian. (30/11/09). Further, the television show "Sixty Minutes" invited the notorious neo-Nazi The Skull to a television debate about the Australian flag. (25/4/10).

4.3 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.

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, 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.

During the period in review, there were far fewer examples of antisemitism featuring in these debates than in most of the past decade. This was despite the fact that there was a public, well-ventilated Australian connection to two incidents in which Israel was cast in a negative light by important sections of the mass media.

The attempts by Hamas to recruit human rights sympathisers to undermine Israel’s security checks on materials entering Gaza, and the resultant clashes, arrests and fatalities, was an issue which gained international media attention and many condemnations of Israel by political figures. An Australian journalist, Paul McGeough, and his photographer were on board one of the boats in the flotilla and he filed a number of reports of dubious reliability. In another issue, Dubai authorities identified Australian passports as being in the possession of individuals alleged to have been involved in killing a terrorist weapons-buyer.

The low volume of anti-Jewish commentary while these matters were the focus of media attention would be counter-intuitive if one accepts the view that antisemitism is a result of, or primarily due to, Israel’s actions. The reality is that these issues prompted little antisemitism beyond that emanating from those individuals and organisations who already were hostilely disposed towards Jews and whose jaundiced understanding of reality apparently led them to conclude that these were not episodes of particular note.

As noted above, 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 and the situation reached new depths in January 2009. In the period in review, this appeared on a number of occasions.

Some of the activities of concern, where anti-Israel activism went beyond civil debate to stereotyping, demonisation and antisemitism were:

* At a demonstration against Israel in Perth, AAP reported “Several marchers addressed the crowd during the protest. One of them, who gave her name only as Lina, said she was a year 10 student. “I was so full of anger when I heard about the killings,” she said. “But then I realised so many people in Western countries don’t even know this is happening (Israel’s blockade of Gaza).” **Lina said she sympathised with Jewish Holocaust survivors living in Israel but said their suffering was no excuse for the mistreatment of modern-day Palestinians. “Isn’t that exactly the same as what you’re doing to the Palestinians?”** she said to cheers from the crowd.” (6/6/10).

* The first “Israeli Apartheid Week” in Australia in March 2010. The launch event in Melbourne featured an address by Professor Ghassan Hage in which he “elaborated on the apartheid theme – as well as South Africa, he said **Nazi concentration camps and Gaza are**

examples of apartheid. The University of Melbourne professor also denigrated the AUJS protesters, calling them “very sad people.” (Australian Jewish News, 12/3/10).

* **Australians for Palestine** published a long article by Britain-based antisemite Gilad Atzmon which included comments such as “The truth of the matter is tragic. The British political system is paralysed by the Israeli Lobby. Like in the USA, British national interests are sacrificed for the sake of dirty Zionist cash. **If Britain wants to liberate itself from the Zionist grip and have any prospect of a future, it must move fast and clean the entire list of Zionist infiltrators from its political ranks,** Government offices and strategic positions. I am not talking here about Jews. By no means do I mention ethnicity or race. I am talking here about a political and ideological affiliation. **Considering Zionism is a murderous, racist, expansionist ideology, it is natural to stress that people who are affiliated with Israel and Zionism must be removed immediately from any political, government, military or strategic posts and so on.**” and “A few years back I was listening to a talk given by Dr. Mustafa Barghouti who pointed out that back in 1948 the world stood silent watching 750,000 Palestinian people being driven out of their land, their villages and their cities through an orchestrated ethnic cleansing coupled with many massacres. The world kept silent when Israel set its racist return laws to prevent the Palestinians from returning to their land. In 1967, the developed world wasn’t just silent, it actually praised the Israeli expansionist extravaganza. It applauded the IDF as it cleansed tens of thousands of Palestinians out of their historic land.” (20/2/10).

* **Friends of Palestine WA** performed “**Seven Jewish Children**” after a previous performance was cancelled with the hosts saw the text. (21/11/09).

* **Seven Jewish Children** was performed in a festival of short plays at Sydney’s NIDA Parade Playhouse. (23-27/2/10).

* Two Australians, Anthony Loewenstein and Ron Witten signed the “**End Israeli Apartheid Cairo Declaration – January 1, 2010**” attacking the “**illegal Apartheid Wall**” and calling for divestment, “**a systematic unified approach to the boycott of Israeli products**” and campaigns against the charitable status of JNF.

* **Asem Judeh**, describing himself as President of the Australian Muslim Palestine Committee, urged Muslims in Australia to vote against Jewish MP Mark Dreyfus, saying “The Muslim community can make a difference in that seat,” he says. “Imagine if it was the other way around. **Do you think that the organised pro-Israel lobby would allow a Muslim candidate to win a parliamentary seat if they had a large number of Jewish votes?** Yet Muslim voters do not vote in their own interests. It is time they did.” The release was covered by the Al Bawaba news agency (8/8/10). A report of the release on Al-Jazeera.info included “The Zionist influence is growing. There are two Zionist Jews Labor MPs, Michael Danby and Mark Dreyfus. **After this election another Australian Jew will become Liberal MP for safe Kooyong Liberal seat, Josh Frydenberg, replacing retired Liberal MP Petro Georgiou. Those MP’s are the organised lobby representatives. Their job is to silence any MP’s who dare to criticise Israel in the Parliament.**” (8/8/10).

The anonymous writer of **Middle East Reality Check** often used extreme and offensive rhetoric, for example, the claim that the behaviour of **modern Israel is genocidal and destructive, reflecting Jewish religious teaching in Exodus, Deuteronomy and Joshua.** (6/1/10)/ Other items included a comment “Anonymous said... Churchill owed his

stockbroker, Vickers da Costa 18,162 Pounds Sterling in 1938. This would be about \$2 MAUD today. Before he was forced to sell his property, Chartwell, Sir Henry Strakosch, a wealthy South African Zionist and gold mining magnate payed the debt. It would be called corruption and bribery today, see Gilbert, vi,919f. However in his article for the Illustrated Sunday Herald, "Zionism versus Bolshevism: A struggle for the Soul of the Jewish People" Feb.8.1920 Churchill complains that Jews were "the principle inspiration and driving power" behind Bolshevism. It looks like Churchill's "Jewish revolutionaries", of the nineteen twenties backed Zionism. In what national interest do Australian and other governments back todays Jewish revolutionaries? C'mon,Kev,Tony,Barrak et al,spit it out." (5/2/10).

* MERC dismissed a century of antisemitism as "the odd bit of racist graffiti" compared to "dispossession and apartheid and exile and occupation and pogroms and massacres and death squads . . ." suffered by Palestinians. (15/2/10). "We're not dealing with a rational actor here. **No reason is needed to knock off Palestinians – it's part of the Zionist DNA.** The fabrication/creation of an external enemy and a periodic lashing out, whether of the Gaza, Mossad hit, or bombing run on a neighbour variety, serves to concentrate the nation's mind on Zionism' historic mission of wiping Palestine off the map. Without it, Israelis would lose interest and just get on living like the rest of us." (6/3/10). After a post on MERC attacking Julia Gillard and Bob Hawke for supporting Israel, "Syd Walker" wrote "**The chutzpah of the Jewish / Israel Lobby in running its own self-congratulatory commentary – largely in plain sight – about its enormous political and economic influence, while disallowing critical non-Jewish participation in the discussion by alleging "anti-Semitism", has been a most effective trick. It's helped keep debate over 'the Lobby' quite and one-sided.**" (31/7/10). MERC (14/7/10) posted "The Bond Between Nazis & Zionism", which quoted Lenni Brenner's thesis that not only did Nazis work hand in glove with "Zionists" in the Holocaust, but that "the heritage of Zionist collusion with the Fascists and the Nazis, and the philosophies underlying it, comes through to contemporary Israel". **After the passing of intellectual and moral giant Prof. Sol Encel, the anonymous writer mocked him as a "moderate Zionist", commenting "What's a moderate Zionist? Is it someone who aims for Palestinian knees, rather than Palestinian heads? Is it someone who thinks it's enough to pull out of the occupied territories and ignore the plight of the refugees of 1948? Is it someone who fights for the poor and oppressed – provided they're not Palestinian?"** (21/8/10). His one commenter, "Brian" wrote "Fighter for the poor and oppressed ... many jews are like this ... except when Israel is concerned ...". (22/8/10). "Brian" wrote "'Australian Jews are very fortunate to live in a country where both major political parties are so favourably disposed to their key concerns." yes they are lucky to be able to afford the best politicians money can buy! of course, as in the US, those NOT so favourably disposed can expect their careers to be shortened. And political parties will find themselves in straitened circumstances." (1/9/10)

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 **Antony Loewenstein**, 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. In the period in review:

* Antony Loewenstein published a report from the “Gaza Freedom March” in which he claimed “apartheid Israel” is “an accurate description”, (6/1/10) then published a letter signed “Lesm, Balmain” which read “Antony is one of a growing band of courageous Jews who are confronting the genocidal intentions of successive Israeli Governments towards the Palestinian people. It takes considerable courage for a Jew to act in the way he has as there is an extremely well oiled Israeli Government propaganda machine around the world, largely funded by the US taxpayer that attacks such critics in some pretty despicable ways. Increasingly however Jews of conscience are standing up to the intimidation and opposing the Zionist bullies to expose their ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people. As Gerald Kaufman, an orthodox Jewish member of the British Parliament said not long ago in the House of Commons “My grandmother was ill in bed when the Nazis came to her home town of Staszow. A German soldier shot her dead in her bed. My grandmother did not die to provide cover for Israeli soldiers murdering Palestinian grandmothers in Gaza. **The current Israeli Government ruthlessly and cynically exploit the continuing guilt among gentiles over the slaughter of Jews in the holocaust as justification for their murder of Palestinians. The implication is that Jewish lives are precious, but the lives of Palestinians do not count. The policy of ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people from their lands is at the root of all the violence and horror of the Middle East. Until it stops there will be no end to that carnage.**” (6/1/10).

* On his weblog, Antony Loewenstein published a comment by “ej” accusing Israel of being “sadistic keepers” of a “community trapped as animals” in Gaza and that **it was Jews’ “tribalism and primitive ignorance” that led to the Shoah** (5/1) and one by “Kevin Charles Herbert” telling a defender of Israel “You’re facile reasoning re Gaza et al smacks of that old Zionist catch cry “never again”..which translated means “Israel will kill whomever, whenever it likes, and doesn’t have to explain”. Well old son, it’s now being increasingly asked to explain by an ever growing global audience.” (6/1/10).

* **A week after publishing an “interview” promoting Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel which promoted Holocaust denial and other antisemitic myths, Iranian write Kourosh Ziabari ran a similar promotion of Antony Loewenstein, in which the interviewee commented on “the Zionist mind” and “the Zionist lobby” in Foreign Policy Journal.** (3/5/10).

* Antony Loewenstein was a substitute speaker at a “Politics in the Pub” discussion “Palestine – Prospects, Priorities, Responsibilities”. In his talk, he claimed “No one can be Prime Minister of Australia without the support of the Israel lobby.” (2/7/10).

* **Antony Loewenstein approvingly posted a photograph of anti-Israel desecration of the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial site, on his blog.** (29/6/10).

* On Asian Correspondent, JF Beck observed “Antony Loewenstein today links to the story of a young Jew who bogusly claimed anti-semites were tormenting her by drawing swastikas

on her university dorm-room door. *How some Jews trivialise anti-Semitism and use it for political gain..* But Loewenstein apparently fails to see the irony in his own trivialisation of anti-semitism today writing: *I recently posted an image that was **inappropriate and ill-advised** and was not intended to cause offense by making **comparisons between Israel and Nazism**. However, it expressed the sort of **extreme views** that are widely shared and growing worldwide but on reflection I realise that they should be not given further oxygen and publicity.* Loewenstein does not link to the now gone post and image which he originally said “certainly speaks for itself. Yes, yes it does”. (12/7/10). The AJDS Larry Stillman added “**Antony Loewenstein recently posted an image of Julie Gillard as the leader of Judeo-Nazi Stormtroopers on his website. The poster had the words: “Australians stand firm against Islam and terrorism! ... With our Israeli Allies”.** He accompanied it with the words “a regular reader of this site sent this on, exact source unknown, but certainly speaks for itself”. Too ambiguous for words. The image doesn’t deserve to be repeated here, but it is professional looking and no amateur act. It’s certainly worse than what has been published by Oliphant, Zapiro and others using visual reminders of Nazism to criticize Israel actions because it directly implicates the Australian Prime Minister. He has now removed the image and put up a mild apology because a complaint has been put to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission from the Executive Council of Jewry, **Loewenstein giving such garbage circulation was an incredibly immature and highly provocative act which might have got sniggering approval from some elements who should think more and act less.**” (13/7/10).

* Antony Loewenstein on his blog had an item “Will non-racist Jews please stand up?” (9/8/10) which read in its entirety “What will it take for the leaders” of the American Zionist lobby to be called on their casual racism towards Arabs, Palestinians and Muslims? The ADLs Abe Foxman, who rejects the Islamic centre in the heart of New York, is the face of Zionist bigotry.”

* Antony Loewenstein’s blog included the post “**Jews love to accuse people of anti-Semitism (makes them feel good)**” (7/8/10) which read “Too many Jews are too quick to accuse people of anti-Semitism for simply discussing Israel, occupation or Jewish power. Oliver Stone was recently accused by the Zionist lobby of anti-Semitism for talking about the lobby and Israel s awful effect on US foreign policy. It wasn t anti-Semitism but the usual suspects started bleating. Crying wolf is their thing.”

* “**Shoah: The Palestinian Holocaust**” UK website published “**A. Loewenstein Online Newsletter**”, which was a digest of his blog posts which attacked Australian Jews and Israel. (29/8/10).

* On his own website, Antony Loewenstein argued that an Israeli Jewish man who voluntarily accepted a symbolic lashing in Israel faced a “similar” fate to a woman stoned to death by Muslims. (29/8/10).

5 MUSLIM AND ARAB 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.

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.

Antisemitic South African-born **Shaykh Abdullah Hakim Quick** came to Australia to give a series of lectures for the Islamic Information & Services Network of Australia; the Islamic Da’wah Centre of Australia (March 6-13/10). His extreme views including calling for death for homosexuals and referring to the “filth of the Yahood (Jew)”.

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 2009 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) (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.

On October 21, 2009, “**Sheikh Haron / Ayatollah Manteghi Boroujerdi**” of Sydney, was charged with seven counts of using a postal or similar service to menace, harass or cause offense. In The Australian (22/10/09) report of the charges, it noted “Three days after their son was killed by a Taliban rocket attack in Afghanistan, the Sher family received a phone call. The caller, a woman who identified herself as Sister Amirah, asked if she could send a letter offering condolences over the death of 30-year old Private Greg Sher, who had served with the Sydney-based 1st Commando Regiment. Numb with grief and fielding dozens of telephone calls a day, the family agreed, then thought no more of their caller. Until the letter arrived. “A Jewish man who kills innocent Muslim civilians is not a pig, he is a thousand times worse,” the letter said. “Some people don’t eat the meat of a pig, they are dirtier than pig. What’s the point if some people don’t eat pork while their behaviour is worse than dirty animals? Why should we call a pig a hero?””

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 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: “Dunmah 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 **servicing 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.



In Sydney Islamic book-store, September 2010

Hizb ut-Tahrir Australia issued a Media Release which included : “The apparent material strength of ‘Israel’ should not deceive the Jewish community of Australia. We remind them that Israel’s strength lies not in itself but in its Western benefactors, like the US, whose economic and political decline is clear for the world to see. As the US lives on borrowed time, so too does ‘Israel’. When supporting ‘Israel’ is no longer politically expedient, its Western allies will abandon it.” and “Jews in Australia should think about the future, which is not for America or Britain, but for Islam and the Caliphate. In thinking about the future they should reflect on the past. They should compare the way they were treated justly by the Muslims under the Caliphate with how they were oppressed in Europe. Compare their status in Muslim Spain with their subsequent treatment in 20th century Europe. The Muslims took heed of the warning of the Prophet (pbuh) that, “Whoever harms a non-Muslim citizen of the Caliphate [dhimmi] shall have me as their adversary on the Day of Resurrection,” whilst Europe has always flown with the winds of political expediency. The difference is vast and is a testimony for all those who wish to take it.” (4/8/10). A report in the Herald Sun (3/8/10) noted Hizb ut Tahrir held a meeting attended by 40 people, at Brunswick Town Hall, at which “armed conflict” was declared a legitimate means to defend the “caliphate”.

The newspaper **Crescent Times**, which has print and internet versions and includes a number of paid advertisements and also contributions from well-known Muslims in Australia carried extreme anti-Israel commentary and also items such as the article (issue 15 January 2010), in which Adam Parker quoted Matthais Chan and Neturei Karta, defended Holocaust denial and claimed **“all is not what it seems to be” regarding the Holocaust or “any other matter which favours the Zionist”**. The **Crescent Times** included an article by Jamal Daoud which argued “The repeated vicious attacks on multiculturalism from the major parties, combined with no meaningful challenge to them by any parliamentary parties, have been constant features in Australian politics. In the absence of equal representation of non-anglo-saxon and non Judeo-Christian communities, the attacks on ethnic and religious minorities will continue unabated.” (March 2010); a piece by Rashid Alshakshir which asserted **“The suffering the Jews experienced at the hands of Hitler doesn’t make it acceptable for them to recreate a Holocaust on others. The use of the same victim card has become boring, and frankly embarrassing for the Jews.** While they try to convince the world they were the victims in the past, people are realising they are currently the perpetrators. As Mordechai Vanunu, former technician at the Dimona nuclear plant in Israel said, “[Israel] used to remind the world ‘holocaust’ every hour, every day, but in fact Israel have a holocaust factory.” (March 2010); **a promotion of Samir Habeeb by Aisha Stacey** (April 2010) and “Elite Control Over Australian Foreign Policy” by Dauod Batchelor, which began “The key differences of an Islamic political system from a Western democracy are firstly, the necessity for governance not to transgress God’s Shari’a law, and secondly, that powerful elites should not be allowed undue influence to deviate the State away from ‘national’ interests, for their own nefarious objectives. Such deviation is apparent today in Western “democracies,” including Australia, which endanger their future independence. We see in the example of the United States today, the control of state power by powerful unelected forces – the “omnipotent” pro-Zionist Israeli lobby-bankers-neocon coalition, aided by other elites.”

The **Queensland Muslim Times** (Vol 6 No 2 April 2010) ran as a front-page article the piece by **Dr Dauod Batchelor** presenting an anti-Jewish conspiratorial theory of Australian and US government control and it was also published in the August 2010 edition of **Muslim Australia** (published by the Australian Federation of Islamic councils). As the article entitled “Flaws of ‘Democracy’ facilitates dangerous elite control over Australian Foreign Policy”. Batchelor promoted a conspiratorial theory that powerful elites exercise “undue influence to deviate the State away from national interests, to achieve their own nefarious objectives” and Australian Policy is controlled by **“the omnipotent and pro-Zionist-Israeli lobby-bankers-neoconservative coalition ... Murdoch and his Zionist backers and the Lowy Institute for International Policy”** appeared together with greetings to Australian Muslims from prominent Australians, this resulted in a series of condemnations from a number of prominent Australians including the Governor General and Archbishop George Pell condemned the action. For example, Cardinal Pell wrote “I am very sorry that Dr. Batchelor’s anti-Semitic article was published by the editors. It is particularly regrettable that such an article should be carried with goodwill messages for Ramadan from community leaders including ourselves. I had no awareness that this article would be published in the magazine when I agreed to provide a message.” (1/9/10).

The internet discussion site **Aussie Muslims** had many examples of anti-Jewish threads and contributions. These included:

* In “Israel admits Stealing Palestinian Organs”, “caller” wrote “**well we are all goyim remember, made from clay to serve the master race.**” (21/12/09).

* “**Kill Enemy Children: Jewish**” (December 09) and “Israel Summons envoys from all around the world, which was premised on the posting by “saif” **Looks like they’re planning something big – maybe another 9/11**” (26/12/09).

* A discussion of a news report on an allegedly anti-Islamic school textbook in the USA, on “Aussie Muslims” featured comments such as “**That’s a Jewish-sounding name if I ever heard one**”, “**don’t ya love how he plays all innocent and unaware that there could be anything wrong. An age old jewish reaction**” and “Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places and say” “We hear and we disobey”; and “Hear, without listening! and “Ra’ina”; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to faith. If only they had said: “We hear and we obey”; and “Do hear”; and “Do look at us”: it would have been better for them and more proper; but Allah hath cursed them for their unbelief; and but few of them will believe. **The Jews say: “Allah’s hand is tied up.**” Be their hands tied up and be they accursed for the (blasphemy) they utter. Nay both His hands are widely outstretched: He giveth and spendeth (of His bounty) as He pleaseth. But the revelation that cometh to thee from Allah increaseth in most of them their obstinate rebellion and blasphemy. Amongst them We have placed enmity and hatred till the Day of Judgment. Every time they kindle the fire of war Allah doth extinguish it; but they (ever) strive to do mischief on earth. And Allah loveth not those who do mischief.” (20/3/10).

* A thread was posted by UmmRashid headed “Fraser calls for the expulsion of Israeli diplomats” (30/3/10) The thread immediately descends into anti-Semitism. Member Omar Abdur Rahman starts talking about Sayanim (diapora Jews who help the Mossad). He then accuses David Miliband and Malcolm Fraser of being Sayanim who are helping Israeli diplomats escape. (30/3/10). Forum member Caller then mentions that “**henry ford knew it...**” and saif mentions The International Jew. Abdraheim posts an excerpt from the book and posts a number of links to it online. Caller then says “**i was going to say more but im sure the local jewish lobby will be up in arms over this thread anyway.**” (30/3/10). Forum regular Musa points out that “I’ve seen it for sale in bookstores here in Australia, once (ashamedly) in a bookstore in Sydney.” (30/3/10).

* In Aussie Muslims “Slave” wrote in a thread “Israeli soldiers Charged for using Child as a Human Shield “**nothing is going to happen to them according to their Talmud and teachings all non Jews are dogs and pigs and if they kill a non-Jew it does not matter ...**”. (13/3/10).

* In a discussion “Group decries textbooks on Islam as inflammatory”, Saif wrote “**What do you expect from the Jews? The truth?**”. (20/3/10).

* “Saif” promoted and injected a quotation from Henry Ford’s “The International Jew”, in a discussion on Aussie Muslims “Fraser Calls for Expulsion of Israeli Diplomats”. (30/3/10).

* “Slave” began a thread “**The Truth About the Talmud**” with extracts from revisionisthistory.org” presenting Judaism as hateful and immoral (23/3/10) “Abdraheim” attacked “Slave” for quoting neo-Nazis. (23/3/10).

* On Aussie Muslim Forums, a discussion took place on the subject “South Park creators fear for their lives”, which initially was on the legal basis for violence against anyone who depicted Mohammed, but the tone of the thread soon changes as saif brings up the important point that “Surprise, surprise; South Park Creator is Jewish”. Some quotes from the discussion that follows: “What does that have to do with anything? The Revolution Muslim guy is Jewish as well ...” (Nraf, recently appointed a moderator) (30/4/10), “...You will find the strongest people with hatred to those who believe are the Jews, and the polytheist...” (saif) (30/4/10), “**The Jews have always been fore front of the promotion of filth, RIBA and moral decay in every era. So it makes perfect sense that they would be behind the creation of southpark**” (Abdraheim) (30/4/10), “**They claim that the Protocols of Zion is a forgery, but if it is a forgery, whoever wrote did a good job because it seems to fit in with what is happening in the world. The forger must have been a genius.**” (saif) (30/4/10). “**Creator of the show actually, not just writer...The atheist part is not important because Jews disbelieve in Allah anyway. The important thing is that he considers himself to be a Jew, and his psychology is therefore affected by Jewish ideas.**” (saif) (30/4/10).

* In a discussion of the South Park cartoon series on Aussie Muslims (1/5/10) “Abdraheim” wrote “**jew (sic) will often make fun of everyone who isn’t jewish, of their beliefs/religion, their leaders and Prophets**”.

* In a discussion “Australia expels Israeli diplomat” on Aussie Muslims, “Submission” wrote “God forbid we upset any Jews” (25/5/10); “Khaled” wrote “**Maybe they were too cheap to pay for the passports, so they made their own**” (25/5) and “Sarah” told Jews to “**wipe those tears away with a \$100 bill soaked in innocent blood!**”. (25/5/10).

* “Falah” started a thread on Aussie Muslims.com “Tony Abbott’s War On Hardline Muslims” (14/8/10). Fatah wrote “**Abbott is clearly a servant of Zionist Jews. He must be stopped!**” After a long discussion, the view of those in the discussion was that Muslims should vote Greens.

* “Abdraheim” began a discussion on “**How the Jews Betrayed Mankind**” on Aussie Muslims (7/8/10). It contained fabricated “quotes” from Jewish sources with a graphic of a Star of David with a swastika in its centre. When poster “NRaf” pointed out the best was taken from the unpublished rants of a known Nazi sympathiser, Abdraheim wrote “**the only difference between Hitler and the allies was that he lost the war – therefore lost the chance to write history!**” (7/8/10). “Falah” added “Strange how when someone is pro-Nazi or anti-Jewish, he suddenly becomes worse than all the other people in the world.” (8/8/10).

* ISCIAE on Aussie Muslims (3/8/10) wrote “**may Allah reject the evil intentions of the dirty, lying, vicious, envious, deceptive jews.**”

Muslim Village published a number of threads which included antisemitic comments. Some examples are:

* In discussions on Muslim Village on “Cool, Calculated ‘Jewish terrorist’ shows no remorse in court”, “Hidden Treasure” wrote “**I find it so annoying that Zionists try to use what the germans did for sympathy... Guess what... It’s happening now... To the PALESTINIANS!!!! By the very people who’s families were killed by nazi germany but instead of being better people... They are now the murderers. THE IDF and Israelie govt have no fear of god... If they did... They wouldn’t be slaughtering innocent**

people.” (18/11/09). “Abu Rashid” wrote “Interesting... a Queensland travel agency is offering “IDF Tours for Gentiles”. **Come O ye Christian Soldiers and spend a few months murdering white flag waving kids in the holy land for the chosen race!**” (23/11/09). “Abu Rashid” wrote “Well, it’s not like Jews haven’t also given their decent share of oppression and violence to others. The Tanakh records some of the bloodiest and most horrifying stories of oppression and wholesale murder of innocents. I don’t think I need to provide the relevant verses, you probably already know them. There’s also other instances like **the Yemeni Jews who used to oppress and kill Christians, and of course today the modern state of Israel which oppresses and slaughters Muslims and Christians in imitation of their previous deeds against the Canaanites, Philistines, Moabites etc.**” (16/12/09).

* In discussion on Muslim Village “**Egypt accused of Building Gaza Wall**” “Abu Rashid” wrote “**Perhaps it might have something to do with the fact they’re assisting the Yahoud to starve the Muslims of Ghazzah to death???**” (16/12/09).

* Muslim Village had a thread “Muslim Village Listed in Australian Anti Semitism Report 2009”. “Peaceful” claimed “**When a Zionist is unable to respond to a discussion on the injustice and human rights violations committed by Israel against innocent civilians, they resort to an attack on your credibility with claims of anti-semitism**”. (21/3/10).

* “Ahmedk” on Muslim Village started a thread “Pro-Zionist-led Coup Ousts Australian PM Rudd Interesting perspective” (19/7) with an article by **Gideon Polya** from June. When challenged to defend any of Polya’s claims, Ahmedk posted an item from MERC (dated 16/7) attacking Paul Howes and JNF. (20/7/10).

* In Muslim Village Forums, “alinorthshore” began a thread “**Jews Trying To Turn Sydney Into Israel**”. (1/7/10). He reprinted a news story on a proposed Eruv then wrote “What rubbish is this so what happens to the christians, hindus, sikhs, muslims and oriental chinese that live in the area. I’m sure if the muslim community done the same in lakemba there will be public uproar. **Why is there one rule for jews and another for every one else, and when someone speaks out against jews there automaticly called anti-semitic or racist. This isn’t israel (OPT) its australia, the jewish community are just doing this because non-jews are buying up in the ku-ring-gai at record numbers.** Every australian from every background has a right to do well and buy up in nice areas. My family worked hard to buy a nice house in a nice area and now these people want to turn the upper north shore in to jerusalem , put up walls and check points everywhere.” Abdul Rahman responded “This is a beat up. Almost every comment I have read against this issue seems to be written by someone who has the information second hand and is using it as a cover for the real reason, they don’t like Jews. If we don’t support other people in practising their faith in ways that do not really impact upon anyone else, why should we expect consent for our projects?” (1/7/10). “alinorthshore” replied “Why should i support these plans by jews when they were the biggest opponents of the building and then expansion of the sikh gurdwara in turramurra, I have many sikh friends in the area that were very upset at the north shore jewish community being such racist agints them. Im tolerant with everyone besides rednecks and jews because they treat me like a second class citizen.” (1/7/10), and then “This means the jewish community is going to grorup up inside the lines on saturday, therefore their gonna be more of them in one area giving my family death stares and shouthing abuse when we walk by. Doesn’t matter anyways in 5-10yrs indians/pakistanis and oriental asians will over run the area anyways.every other house and business is being bought up by indians/pakistanis and oriental

asians. As a muslim come to my area on a saturday, walk around the shops, public parks and trust me you will change your mind about jews in this area. And understand why im so critical about the jewish community". (2/7/10). "Belqiz" wrote "**Sure its their rights to force tactics to achieve peace and security according to the Thamud its totally fine to attack Goys (non-Jews; which by the way Goy means cattle in Hebrew). But these same people attack Torah followers and abuse them all the same. I was reading the Quran last week and never did the first 5 suras ring true today. How Allah pleads with the chosen people, they have forsaken him again and again. I cried for both Jews and Arabs when I read this. So it doesn't surprise me some legitimise these acts uding the Thamud, it's all there. Allah knows best**". (7/7/10).

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

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.”

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Callous act offends all

AUSTRALIA is a broad church. We are tolerant of views from across a massive spectrum, on any number of issues. Moreover, we also generate an astonishingly wide diversity of views.

This is one of the delights of living in a free country. Few other places on earth are as embracing towards competing ideas, theories and values.

Yet there are some views so extreme that they unite Australians in opposition. Such is our response to the alleged malevolent letter-writing crusade of claimed Muslim “spiritual leader” Sheik Haron.

For two years, Haron — who isn't an actual sheik, as that title is generally understood — has allegedly sent letters to the families of Australian servicemen who have died overseas in the service of their country and freedom.

Haron's alleged letters gloat over these deaths. The letters seem calculated to cause distress and outrage.

On that score, mission accomplished. Among those deeply outraged by these letters are the overwhelming majority of Islamic Australians, who must be wondering what they've done to deserve this latest controversy.

They join essentially every other Australian in revulsion at those letters and their toxic contents. To that end, it could almost be said that they have served to bring Australians as a people closer together.

If only that unity hadn't come at such a tragic cost — the heartbreak and shock of those who received such poisonous mail.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Typical of the common threads in far left media was the general polemic against Rupert Murdoch, in which **John Pilger** alleged the activities of “Zionist groups” lead to “undisguised militarism” in Australia and “apologetic of murderous actions” on a grand scale. (Green Left Weekly, 31/3/10).

Other typical examples of material from far-left Australian sources included:

* **Green Left Weekly** (31/3/10) published a letter by Gideon Polya which concluded **“Nevertheless a ruthless, criminal, anti-Arab anti-Semitic and anti-Jewish and anti-Semitic racist Zionism has come to have a dominant and malignant influence in Australia.** A detailed and documented analysis of 50 areas of racist Zionist and Israeli state terrorism threats to Australians (and indeed the World) is being disseminated in the national interest to Australian law officers, MPs, citizens and media. *Dr. Gideon Polya – Macleod, Victoria.*”

* Green Left Weekly (24/3/10) published an article **“Making Palestinians pay for Hitler’s crimes”** in which (the self-declared Jewish) author wrote “For me, as a survivor of the holocaust, **the tragic situation in Gaza awakens memories of which I and my family experienced under Hitlerism – the ghetto walls, the killings, the systematic starvation and deprivation, the daily humiliation. The tragedy of Palestine is, of course, differing from the holocaust, Israel has no gas chambers, its government does not strive to kill all the Palestinians”** and **“Like the Nazis, the Israeli government enforces collective punishment. It aims to kill enough Palestinians, to punish them sufficiently, drive them out of their homeland, so they will disappear as a people. Israel seeks to remove Palestine from the world’s family of nations. That, too, is a form of genocide.** The crimes against the Palestinians inspire guilt in the Jewish settlers and breed fear that the Palestinians might carry out a supposed new “holocaust” against them. Once again, holocaust memories are being mobilised to justify maintaining Israel as an exclusively Jewish state.”

* In Green Left Weekly (19/5/10) Bernie Rosen wrote “The Zionists’ excuse for Operation Cast Lead is that the Gazans have fired rockets into “dear little Israel”. Any person who thinks would ask the question: why? **The holocaust committed by the Nazis was one of the worst crimes in human history but that does not justify the Zionists carrying out a policy of ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians who were not responsible for this catastrophe.**”

* John Passant on his “En Passant” blog wrote “The terrorist state of Israel assassinated 19 unarmed activists in the Gaza freedom flotilla. People around the world are rightly angry. We need to build on that anger as part of the global campaign to win real gains for the Palestinian people. **This massacre is standard fare for the Israelis. This is the type of treatment the people of Palestine endure on a regular basis.**”, while calling for **“the defeat of apartheid Israel through boycotts, divestment and sanctions”** (2/6/10). He published a letter arguing “Unfortunately, no matter, nothing will change, until the US government decides officially to change the status quo. **With the Jewish financial/political lobby world wide & particularly strong in the US this will never happen.**” (3/6/10) and responded “I don’t think it has anything to do with a so-called “Jewish financial/political lobby’. I think it has to do with the interests of the US being served by having an attack dog

in the Middle East for its imperial control through destabilisation. There is nothing Jewish about that. All the US supported dictatorships in the region and around the world (none of whom are Jewish) serve the same function. **My argument is with Zionism as a form of racism and the attack dog of US imperialism.**” (3/6/10).

* On **New Matilda, Vivienne Porszolt** wrote “This desperation has only become more shrill as the sombre realities of Israel are exposed. Recall the frenzied attacks on Richard Goldstone and his report last year. Whatever Israel does, it seems, no matter how shocking the atrocity, their actions are justified by the right to self-defence. Reality gets turned on its head: the occupiers and dispossessor are declared the victim; the occupied are framed as the aggressors. **What is it that makes these Israelis and the Jews around the world who support them so uncritically, tick?** Quite apart from the amorality of these actions, observers ask themselves “How can they think this contributes to their security and self-interest? Can’t they see how this isolates them?” and “But it not only the memory and experience of actual history that is so oppressive: it is the way it is constructed in memory and in day-to-day reality. **In the stories told in the community, Jewish identity is constructed as victim, regardless of time and place. “From Time Immemorial” and “the Longest Hatred” are some of the key phrases through which this victimhood is constituted. In this way, the Holocaust is presented as an almost inevitable outcome of never-ending hatred against Jews.**” (7/6/10).

* In **Direct Action** (22/5/10) **Kim Bullimore** said Israel was involved in “ethnic cleansing”. Two days later (24/5/10) the same author wrote a piece “Israel’s Gaza siege: a crime against humanity”.

* John Passant on his blog wrote “**The logic of Zionism is inexorable. It is the logic of genocide – to destroy all vestiges of the Palestinians as a people under the guise of peace and a home for all Jews. Zionism is not interested in peace with the Palestinians. It has only one goal – the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians from Palestine.** It wants nothing less than the destruction of the Palestinians as part of the ultimate goal of Zionism – an expansionist Jewish state across the region without Palestinians or their memory. The genocide of the Palestinians has been going on since the establishment of the racist state of Israel in 1948. Zionism drove off 750,000 Palestinians from their land to establish the beach head for further expansion into Palestine. Israel is an apartheid state. Zionism is an exclusivist and racist ideology in its vision and practice. In this world view Palestinians are lesser humans. They have no rights to their land.” (26/9/10).

* **Tony Iltis** in Green Left Weekly wrote “A “peace process” that offers Palestinians nothing more than **Israeli-controlled Palestinian ghettos** recognised by the international community as a “state” is not a step towards peace. It is a step towards further institutionalising **the apartheid system under which Palestinians live.**” (22/9/10).

An individual who is prolific in his intellectually offensive outpourings, maintaining a blog, contributing to other blogs and publishing in the fringe left-wing press is **Gideon Polya**. For example:

* Green Left Weekly published a letter from Gideon Polya which included “If those helping several thousand desperate refugees find haven in Australia are “scum”, how then do you describe the **genocidal racist Zionists, pro-Zionists, warmongers, war criminals and war-**

makers of the US alliance (including Australia) who created the estimated 18-20 million Muslim refugees in the first place?” (18/11/09).

* On **CounterCurrents**, Gideon Polya wrote “Unfortunately **the racist Zionists (RZs) (who were complicit in the Jewish Holocaust by collaboration with the Nazis**, opposing placement of Jewish refugees anywhere but Palestine and persuading Churchill to oppose the Joel Brand scheme to save 0.7 million Hungarian Jews) have **appropriated the term Holocaust to mean only the WW2 Jewish Holocaust to the exclusion of all other holocausts** (see the testimony of outstanding humanitarian Jews Joel Brand: <http://sites.google.com/site/jewsagainstraciszionism/brand-joel-exposing-zionist-complicity-in-nazi-mass-murder-of-hungarian-jews> and Lenny Brenner: <http://sites.google.com/site/jewsagainstraciszionism/brenner-lenni-exposing-zionist-collaboration-and-complicity-with-the-nazis>)” and “**The horrible reality in today’s world is an ongoing Muslim Holocaust and Muslim Genocide that is remorselessly ignored by academics, journalists, politicians and media in the lying, holocaust complicit, holocaust ignoring, genocide complicit, genocide ignoring, Zionist-beholden neocon-beholden, US imperialism-beholden Western Murdochtracies.** The parts of this ongoing Muslim Holocaust and Muslim Genocide are summarized below. Palestinian Holocaust, Palestinian Genocide (0.3 million post-invasion violent and non-violent excess deaths. 0.2 million post/invasion under-5 infant deaths, 7 million refugees): <http://sites.google.com/site/palestiniangenocide/>.” (6/3/10).

* In an article purportedly on the Armenian Genocide, Gideon Polya in MWC blamed “Zionists” for WWI, writing “One wonders whether a kind of racist hubris persuaded the British to launch an attack on the Ottoman Empire at its very core while knowing that the well-armed and well-trained Turks would fight ferociously to defend the Turkish Homeland. Pro-Zionist warmonger Churchill had a contempt for the non-European and Muslim Subjects of the British Empire and was the architect of the disastrous Gallipoli adventure that killed 131,000 (87,000 Ottoman and 44,000 Allied soldiers, including 8,700 Australians and 2,700 New Zealanders) and wounded 262,000 (including 165,000 Ottoman and 97,000 Allied soldiers, including 19,400 Australians and 4,800 New Zealanders). Explanations for the Allied war against Turkey in general lie in the Middle East oil resources (oil was discovered in Iran in 1909), and the seizure of the Middle East in a final carve-up of the world by Western European colonial powers. **The Allied seizure of Palestine was quickly followed by the 1917 Balfour Declaration of the racist Zionist dream of a Jewish Homeland that nevertheless provided that there should be no detriment to either Jews or indigenous Palestinians. In the event 5-6 million Jews perished in the racist Zionist-complicit Jewish Holocaust and indigenous Palestinians have been deprived of the land that was their Homeland for thousands of years** (see Shlomo Sand, “The Invention of the Jewish People”, Verso, London, 2009). In 2010 there are 7 million Palestinian refugees, most forbidden to even set foot in their Homeland; 4 million Occupied Palestinians are abusively imprisoned in their own Land, completely deprived of Human Rights and with 1.5 incarcerated in the Gaza Concentration Camp; and 1.5 “lucky” Arab Israelis live as second class citizens subject to numerous egregious violations of Human Rights by racist Zionist-run Apartheid Israel. However the core reason for the issuance of the Balfour Declaration according to pro-Zionist British historian Professor Sir Martin Gilbert (a pro-Zionist and pro-Iraq War member of the current Chilcot Inquiry into the Iraq War) was to get Russian Zionists to try to keep Russia in the First World War (see Martin Gilbert’s monumental “First World War”, p373).” (26/4/10).

* Gideon Polya in CounterCurrents.org wrote “**Thus Apartheid Australia firmly supports Apartheid Israel.** Apartheid Australia supported Apartheid Israel when it was bombing 25,000 Australian citizens in Lebanon in 2006, and when it was massacring 1,400 Gazans in 2008-2009 in retaliation for zero Israeli deaths from Gaza rockets in 2008. Apartheid Australia refused to support the UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights (a decision recently reversed by the spin-driven Apartheid Labor Government); declared Hamas, democratically elected in 2006 with an overwhelming 76 out of 132 seats majority, to be “terrorists”; and withdrew from the UN Anti-racism Conference because it feared that Apartheid Israel – the world’s only surviving race-based Apartheid state – would come in for criticism. Apartheid Australia makes donations towards the Palestinian Genocide tax deductible – whereas donations to hospitals or orphanages in Israeli-blockaded Gaza potentially attract life imprisonment under Apartheid Australia’s Arab-, Asian-, African- and Muslim-directed Anti-Terrorism Laws (see “Anti-terrorism Act 2005”: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Terrorism_Act_2005).. (11/4/10).

* Gideon Polya’s take on the change in leadership in Australia in CounterCurrents.org: “**In the event, pro-Zionist Kevin Rudd was clearly found to be insufficiently pro-Zionist. Several weeks later he was ignominiously removed from power. Pro-war, pro-Zionist, pro-Israel Julia Gillard’s elevation was very warmly welcomed by major Zionist organizations** (see:<http://www.jwire.com.au/news/congratulations-to-julia-gillard-from-organizations> (see: <http://www.jwire.com.au/news/congratulations-to-julia-gillard-from-aijac/10039#more-10039>)).” (27/6/10).

* Gideon Polya on CounterCurrents wrote “**Culpability. The ongoing Palestinian Genocide is effected by the race-based, nuclear terrorist, anti-Arab, anti-Semitic, colonial state of Israel** with US, UK, EU, New Zealand, Canadian and Australian complicity through support that is variously financial, military, diplomatic and/or legislative. Thus the US is a major provider of military aid to Israel and its Security Council veto and support for Israel means that Israel can defy all UN Resolutions with impunity. At the other extreme, Australia has declared Hamas to be a terrorist organisation (noting that Hamas won 76 out of 132 seats in the 2006 Occupied Palestinian Territory elections with the US- and Israel-backed Fatah winning 43), permits free passage to Israeli war criminals, makes Muslim religious zakkat alms-giving obligations to Gaza potentially criminal, and has made financial donations towards the ongoing Palestinian Genocide tax deductible.” 9/1/10).

7. CHRISTIANITY

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. 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 into 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.

After a (Jesuit) journalist in Eureka Street (2/8/10) wrote a short article about the debate concerning an eruv in Sydney's north shore, "Philip" wrote "Adam, you are right in your statement but wrong in the claim that the South African Jews left ZA only after the end of apartheid. In fact they have been coming into Australia, particularly Sydney, since the Sharpeville riots of 1960. **The Jewish community virtually run business in ZA, their participation in business ownership, health professions is disproportionate to their percentage of the 'white' population.** When ZA had restrictions on capital exported from ZA, the Jewish 'refugees' to Sydney were able to settle in the most expensive suburbs. Black ZA gave them cheap labour to accumulate their wealth. One ZA satirist, Pieter Dirk Uys, said in one of his world famous programs, 'when the Jews get going, it's time to leave, when the Portuguese get going, it's too late !!' **The financial exploitation of black Africa began with Jewish control of the diamond and then the gold mining industry, and spread to the control of the whole financial community.** Their 'stand' against apartheid was only a farce to try to have the Black community believe that the Jews were on their side. Most were Communist (at the time) influenced. Semites never become Australian first. St. Ives, another Warsaw ghetto??" (1/8/10) and "Ben Leeman" wrote "Moslems, after 9/11 are frequently seen as untrustworthy and possibly even as 'terrorists' ignoring the fact of invading and killing many civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan caused many to be unhappy with Christians and Jews. Jews occupying Palestine, killing many Palestinians and forcing many to leave, and continue the oppression in GAZA and the occupied territories of the West Bank, and recently killing 9 peaceful civilians on a boat in international waters, and only a few days killing three Lebanese, Zionist and other fundamentalist Jews are seen as a danger to international peace. Israel would like to attack Iran, and would like America to do so. Australia provides a considerable amount of support for Israel, financially, and especially politically. Look how Australia votes in the UN. Australian Jews are allowed to serve in the Israeli military forces without fear of losing their Australian citizenship, thus Australians are directly oppressing Palestinians. Yes, the Jews in St. Ives should be able to live in peace and practice their religion without interference. But peace loving Christians, in Australia and elsewhere, are increasingly concerned with the plight of Palestinians and are doubtful whether Israel would allow Palestinians to have their own sovereign state without the fences. The religious Jews deliberately ensure that the peace talks go nowhere, whilst the building of fences and Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank goes on and on." (6/8), although there had been no previous mention of Israel.

Eureka Street also published an article by **Antony Loewenstein** "Churches Standing up to 'pro-Israel' politicians". Writing of an NCCA resolution which had been controversial within Churches and beyond, Loewenstein alleged "The response from the organised Jewish community in Australia and beyond has been apoplectic, accusing pro-boycott groups of anti-Semitism and spreading 'anti-Israel propaganda'." The first response published, from "David Melbourne Hicks" applauded Loewenstein, with comments about **the "Zionazi occupied West Bank"**, "racist occupiers" and "torture by the **Zionazis**". (2/9/10). Only one person critical of Loewenstein was published, with dozens supporting him.

8.0 On-Line Media

8.1 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.

An Australian Facebook page “Protest Against Israel’s massacre of protesters on Aid Flotilla” attracted comments such as “We **can’t let the bloody Jews get away with this**” (Clara Pasola, 1/6/10) and many similar, before the “Creator” Andrew Cheeseman wrote “I’ve removed the ability to post on this wall, to prevent both supporters of IDF terror spamming it and also to prevent anti-Semitic comments. It’s not “the Jews” that did this, it’s the Israeli state, and they are opposed by many adherents of the Jewish faith, who are as capable of both humanitarian and cruel behaviour as anyone else is.” (although there were no pro-Israel postings visible). (1/6/10).

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.

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.

The Sydney-based “Bored of Studies” website hosted some offensive pages and discussions, which were deleted after public protests. These included a page featuring graphics including Israeli flags defaced with swastikas, and others equating Israelis with Nazis and with pigs. A page “Fuck Israel” included comments such as “Let’s fucking holocaust them” and “**kill all da fucking Jews ... da dogs ...**”. The page “**god bless hitler**” included “Hitler = god”. The page “On a great mission” had comments such as “**Back in the old country people would**

see the Jew and spit on him. How society and world's have changed where the Jew now has power". (December 2009).

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

8.2 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. For example, **Hilda Schultheiss**, claiming to be a Roma (Gypsy) living in Australia, established **an antisemitic website designed to set Gypsies against Jews (18/6/10) called "Truth Unveiled"**. A featured section called "Jews and the Roma", contained a number of antisemitic slurs and stereotypes, was added. (10/9/10).

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.

The 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 Stooge 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.

During the period in review, Australia Free Press went off-line as the publisher concentrated energy on running the more-established Adelaide Institute website.

Two other web-sites which on which a very large volume of overt antisemitic material was available 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 is updated many times each week, and includes links to a selection of antisemitic works as well as any news story which can be interpreted in a way which casts Jews, individually or collectively, in a bad light.

A small site, "**Zionisation of Australia**" was maintained, and continues to make post available such as one 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”. “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.”

Love for Life/The South East Asia News , which in the past published and still features 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 , claimed **Australia was one of the “Zionist Occupied Governments” and that all recent Prime Ministers “took orders” from a powerful group and alleged modern-day “Jews” are “Khazars” and promoted Holocaust denial and another, “Six Talmudic Jewish Zionist Families Own 96% of the World Media”**, published a letter from former One Nation webmaster and publisher of “Australian National News of the Day” until 2000 to a Jewish author, defending his regular dissemination of antisemitic material over a number of years he wrote “Over the years hundreds of controversial subjects were discussed and debated on my forum. As a result of allowing free and open debate many right wing extremists” became more moderate because they could discuss openly their views and get a balancing insight from other participants. I cannot see how that can be unhealthy or the issues THEY discussed represent my personal views. It is easy to take a comment made there and suggest that it reflected my views this is what Jeremy Jones did.” Although it had not been the subject of any earlier discussion, he added “My own ongoing personal issue with the state of Israel is its inhumane treatment of the Palestinian people while South Africa was denigrated for having the homeland” policy Israel seems to have been allowed to keep an entire nation enslaved behind walls. I know the subject is complex but I cannot see how the state of Israel will resolve the terrorism issues based on intimidation and deprivation. I worked in a place called Ixopo in southern Natal during the late 1970s when the homeland policy was implemented. I saw first hand its terrible effects on the African people.” (21/10/09).

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.

An internet site which has hosted numerous antisemitic postings in the guise of political commentary are the Australian affiliates of the international “Indymedia” network. Material published in the period in review included, in Perth Indymedia, an article “Direct Action Culture Jam in **Warsaw Ghetto / Free Gaza: All Ghettos are the same**”, celebrating the desecration of the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial. (6/7/10).

8.3 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.

* On the Australian Forum of "**godlikeproductions.com**" "Raus, Australia" wrote "In the vein of the Islamic bank plan that prioritises foreigner over Australians, ANZ (Australia and New Zealand Bank) has started their own discriminatory plan that s exclusive to Jews. Dollar-for-dollar, ANZ will match the savings of Jews in Melbourne (their Australian headquarters). The plan is purported to be to help struggling Jews but as reported here, Jews aren t the ones in the country with the financial problems – through exploitation, they're generally much better-off than hard-working Australians – especially considering the current –economic climate in which most people are struggling due to the greed of certain groups at the top of the gold pile". (17/11/09). A series of overt antisemitic comments followed, such as "Soon you'd think as **there must be plenty of Jews down to their last mil'** with so many investments going sour." (17/11/09), "**They could just transfer the monies from goyim (ugh) bank accounts into Jewish bank accounts.**" (17/11) and "They SPECIFICALLY mention the **RACIST ORGANIZATION Jew Care** as being offered up to 100 Saver Plus accounts. No other racist organizations are mentioned though. **There are 100 accounts SPECIFICALLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH RACE.** I wonder what the ban's quote is for those of Korean, French or German descent?" (17/11/09).

* The **Dockers Union Forum**, an e-mail discussion group, published a series of antisemitic articles by the Forum's administrator, who claimed **a Holocaust survivor in Sydney was "murdered by Jew elements in reprisal for telling the truth"** as she had reportedly said that she was arrested by a Jewish agent of the Nazis in Budapest in 1944. (11/2/10).

* The **Soul Cast blog** posted an item which read **“The Holocaust is used like a weapon of mass destruction by Jewish Zionists to try to stop debate over Israeli atrocities against the Palestinian people.** In the late 1990s I was outed (knowingly incorrectly) as “anti-Semitic” by the Zionist representative in Australia, Jeremy Jones. My crime was to raise the very issues you will see in this belated video by mainstream Australian television media, Channel 9’s SIXTY MINUTES programme ten years later. As Dr Mustata says the 21st Century equivalent of Auschwitz is alive and well today thanks to Israel’s racist agenda. The Israelis are destroying an ancient culture while hiding behind the mantle of “terrorism”.” (19/4/10).

* Ajit Randeniya on **Lanka Web** commented on the Australian change of Prime Ministers: **“But Rudd’s adherence to a strong Christian ethic prevented him from avowing blind allegiance to Israel, ignoring the atrocities of the Zionist regime against the Palestinians, as the Zionist Mafia expects from western politicians in general.** Rudd acted decisively against Netani-Yahoo’s bastardry of using Australian passports in the murder of the Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Mabhouth in Dubai; Australia voted in the United Nations condemning the murder and following a thorough investigation in to the affair, in May he expelled a Mossad operative with diplomatic cover from Australia. Rudd called Israeli terrorist attack ion the Gaza Aid Flotilla that involved five Australian victims deplorable”. When it comes to a blockade against Gaza, preventing the supply of humanitarian aid, such a blockage should be removed,” he told reporters. But the Rudd government called for an independent Israeli inquiry into the raid on the flotilla and not an international inquiry. Then he announced a decision to apply a 40% tax on Super-Profits being earned by mining companies, whom he said, were not paying a fair rent to the owners of the resource, the Australian people. **The top three largest mining multinationals (Rio Tinto, BHP, Anglo American), being Zionist owned businesses larger than many governments, who repatriate part of profits to Israel for “settlement” building, they were not happy!**” and “Sensing danger, in early June Rudd invited six leading Zionists, including Jewish Affairs Council chairman Mark Leibler, and the relevant figure Albert Dadon to his official residence ‘the Lodge’ for dinner, with special kosher food flown in from Melbourne. Flies on the wall inform that Rudd, keen to mend fences, expressed his continuing love for Israel, and gave a full account of the favours he has dished out. The only decision he defended was the expulsion of the Mossad spy on the passport affair. He promised new initiatives including an official visit to Israel by himself and the Trade Minister in July and the receipt of an official Israeli ministerial delegation in Canberra in coming months. However, **the Zionist madness is not cured by anything less than the complete surrender of the world to their whims.** They were not looking back!” (29/6/10).

* In the **“Australia Forum”** of the news discussion website “topix”, “dino morello, Brisbane” commenced a discussion **“jews got rid of rudd”** (3/7/10) writing **“did the jew lobby get rid of rudd as pay back for expelling jew diplomat jews threatened to with hol donnations to the labor party Gillard ajew lacky got her boyfriend a cushy job with a jew owned company”.** “Jones, Melbourne” wrote “I think I have learn to things over this year about politics. Never mess with Israel because of their powerful lobbyist Never mess with big business Rudd was doing well until the passport scandal and mining tax. After this, media turned on him completely” (3/7/10), **“denis mulheron, Brisbane”** added **“jews are only about 121 million poulatio but their power extends to most western goverments through large donations and lobby groups how else can you explain how israel can commit so many atrocities and get away with it”** (3/7/10) with “donna maria, Melbourne)” adding **“the jews are very powerfull they control the media thats why israel literaly gets away with**

murder” (4/7/10). “I am mine” added “Ok I admit that Jews are smart. Your race killed millions of innocent Palestinians, your race killed many childrens, your race robbed peoples land, but the world still defend your race” (6/7/10) and “paula barnetti, Melbourne” “**jews are the most hated race in history every european has expelled them at some time jews never produce only lend money jew doctors control abortion clinics the porn industry the legal proffesion banking jews real god is money they would sell their mother for money jews are racists and believe they are superior yet look how stupid they are they circumcise baby boys won,t eat pork won,t work on Saturday unless theirs money in it in my an cestors country italy jews were banned from the city gates after dark they could not be trusted jews are truly evil I have no doubt they play arole in australian governments decessions how can you explain unwavery support for criminal Israel**” (6/7/10).

* **Alice Aslan** in Online Opinion.com wrote “Many Jews, in Israel and elsewhere, are happy to cast Palestinians as terrorists since this legitimises the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. They are almost hardwired to believe that Jews are entitled, as the victims of the Holocaust, to behave in this way. Consequently, they are now mostly hardened and callous when it comes to the sufferings of Palestinians. **But what of this Jewish obsession with depicting themselves as first-class victims?** What about other peoples’ sufferings? Are non-Jewish Holocaust victims less important? Does the Armenian Genocide by the Ottoman Turks have less significance? What about the millions of Indians who died as a result of the man-made famine in the 19th century when the British Empire imposed free-market economy on the colonial world? (Mike Davis, *Late Victorian Holocausts.*)” and “As many Jewish dissenters have asserted, Israel has become a suicidal state since rejecting negotiation and compromise. Therefore it might totally alienate itself, becoming a pariah state like South Africa and its apartheid regime.” (9/7/10).

* The “**Aussie world politics**” blog ran an item “**did jews get rid of Kevin RuddPM ? and put in GillardPM backed by alleged jew Bob Hawke !**” (18/7).

* The Australia Forum of **Topix.com** featured antisemitic slurs and jokes. (4/7/10, 5/7/10).

* “aussie world politics” blog ran an item “Gutless Australia govt and sympathisers should not be always with USA and Israel But have an independent foreign policy Certainly stop support for the Israel-USA ww111 and AfghaWar and Palestine Concentration Camp”. (24/8/10).

* On Line Opinion published an article on “the racial regime of Israel” by **Kourosh Ziabari**. (22/9/10).

9.0 ANTISEMITIC ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

9.1 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.

The far-right nevertheless 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.

In the 2010 Australian Federal elections, candidates ran from the **Australia First Party**, including **Alex Norwick**, who in the 1970s founded the Australian National White Workers Party, then joined National Resistance, Australian National Alliances, National Action, AAF and One Nation. The **Australian Protectionist Party** ran candidates for the NSW Senate, one of whom was former “National Anarchist” **Darrin Hodges**. One Nation contested 21 seats in the Lower House, including long-time far right activist **Jack King**, who was One Nation’s candidate for Sturt (SA). One Nation candidates, received between 334 votes (0.46%) and 2,388 votes (3.29%). In the Senate, ON votes remained at approximately 0.5%.

Australia First had four candidates in the Lower House, receiving between 0.35% and 1.15%. In the Senate in Queensland, Australia First received 0.38% of the votes. **The Australian Protectionist Party** received 1.05% in the only Lower House seat it contested and 0.04% in the Senate in NSW.

Much of the far right's activity is conducted "under the radar", but amongst the more public activity in the period in review:

* **National Alternative** attended a rally on internet censorship in Perth. (6/3/10). After displaying an anti-immigration banner, others present asked them to leave, and they did.

* **Southern Cross Hammerskins** held a neo-Nazi music festival in Queensland's Gold Coast (17/4/10). They were supported by Blood and Honour Australia and "Crew 38" which is a supporter of Hammerskins. The Hammerskins website, "9 percent productions", sells Nazi pins and books such as The Protocols of Zion and the Turner Diaries. (6/4/10). Blood and Honour Australia published a feature on the "Hammered Festival" held on the Gold Coast in April. The writer referred to the "Zionist controlled press" which attempted, unsuccessfully, to "spoil the occasion". The writer claimed that 80-100 people heard such groups as "Full of H8", "Open Season", "Ravenous" and "Death's Head". They also held a smaller event in Melbourne in September. A fan, Cailen Cambeul of the Church of the Creator in South Australia, wrote (23/9/10) "**Blood and Honour Australia** is a supporter run and independent group, promoting Racial Loyalty and Teamwork through the medium of music and networking. The **Creativity Alliance** is proud to officially support the activism and the goals of Blood & Honour Australia. We wish Blood and Honour Australia the best for their upcoming concert and all their projects in the future!"



* 13 supporters of the **Australia Protectionist Party** held a protest outside Sydney's Villawood Detention Centre in support of suspension of processing refugee visa applications. (11/4/10). The same group rallied in Newtown, Sydney (29/8/10).

* Members of the **Creativity Movement** posted racist slogans on street poles in the Victorian city of Geelong. (29/4/10).

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. When it became public that a group of extreme right wingers calling themselves **Klub Nazi** were meeting at the Humanist Society Hall, a large number of local residents held a street party outside the premises and the Klub Nazi people did not turn up. (7/11/09). 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.

9.2 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 have continued to published antisemitic material. Available On-line, although not original to the period in review, are examples from the **Update Beenleigh Branch** Regional & State News Letter of One Nation: “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.”.

The place of One Nation in the far-right, as against the political mainstream, was articulated in One Nation Network News (November 2009), which printed a “report from the Forum secretary” of the Eighth Sydney Forum. The report noted “The Forum brought together people as politically diverse as New Right Australia, Australia First Party, One Nation, National Anarchists, the music scene groups Volksfront, Blood & Honour & other independent people, including some who attended the Inverell Forum on a regular basis. The BBQ on day two was a great moment in getting all these folks to talk.” An in the person of **John Groves**, president of One Nation in Victoria, who sent out tweets “@TurnbullMalcolm The dog has got more Brains,I’ll bet **The little jew boy is in Banking**” (29/7/10),

@TurnbullMalcolm **What another Jew,can't help yourselves"** (29/7/10) and "@godwingrech Hay Richo would be in any shady deal, Take for instance the printing works that was burnt to the ground, & a certain little Jew" (29/7/10), having earlier sent out "After watching 4 corners this evening,know wonder the Jew is hated around the world, they have all the Major Banks and stock brokers tied up" (14/6/10) and "**The Jews can CHEW on this Lot,the one thing Hitler got wrong was that he did not FINISH the JOB.Get FUCK JEW BOYS**" (31/5/10).

9.3 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:

* The League of Rights "On Target Bulletin" published a letter from **Nigel Jackson** claiming **Nazi War Crimes' trials** were "**a morally disgraceful capitulation to the financially powerful Jewish lobby.**" (27/11/09).

* On Target Bulletin (5/2/10) promoted US academics Walt and Mearsheimer as well as publishing an item on "intelligent and **honourable revisionist historians**" who are "persecuted, imprisoned or forced into exile."

* On Target (12/3/10) opened with praise for a "brave man", Ernest Zundel, on his release from prison.

* On Target (26/3/10) opened with promotion of Gilad Atzmon followed by an item applauding various US media outlets for "talking about Israel's actions endangering US lives around the world". Most of the newsletter was devoted to celebrating "The 'Special Relationship' is Dead" and promoting Shlomo Sand and writers who attack "**Jewish supremacism**" (such as David Duke).

* The League of Rights books service promoted a number of books including "**Jewish Intellectual Supremacism – A Refutation**", "Iraq A War for Israel", "**The Psychology of**

Holocaustianity”, “Jews and Genetics”, “*The Holocaust Conference in Tehran in Tehran*” and “Why Do We Need Free Speech on Holocaust”. (13/4/10).

* On Target included a letter from “Lady Michele Renouf” which promoted Birobidjan (“to this day this is a flouring Jewish homeland”) concluding “**As long as World Zionism holds the savage reigns of its copycat creed of greed mystique (emboldened by “the terrible power of our purse” as Herzl bragged), it will trot out plausible, false reasons for whipping gullible, sulliable gentiles into performing its proxy war-mongering Torah/Talmudic bidding. Let’s snap out of trailing in its “shitty little” thrall.**” (7/5/10).

* The League of Rights On Target (11/6/10) was devoted to news which the ALR claimed in the past would have gone unreported, “but the news is no longer controlled by the financial/political elite, thanks to the internet”. The articles included “Frank Admission of Zionist Terror Tactics” (on Itzhak Shamir); “Israeli Palestinian MK faces ‘Flak in Knesset’” (on Chanan Zoabi); “Block the News, Visual Evidence and Control Spin? Not this time!” (alleging the flotilla ship in which Israel encountered violence was full of parliamentarians, diplomats and ‘peace activists from forty countries’); and “An Institutional Failure of a Morbid Society” written by Gilad Atzmon.

* On Target Bulletin (30/7/10) advertised Fredrick Toben as the speaker at the Australian League of Rights South Australia State Seminar and Dinner and urged readers to buy Shlomo Sand’s “The Invention of the Jewish people”.

* In On Target (10/9/10) Peter West wrote “An interesting debate occurred at the alternative right site (www.alternativeright.com) “Is the Far Right Anti-Semitic?” The aim of the symposium was to see if a reconciliation between the far right (that’s us!) and Jews was possible. In particular, is the traditional right anti-Semitic? Taki Theodoracopulos, “More Sinned Against than Sinning” say yes, but for good reason. Srdja Trifkovic, “survival Strategy” thinks that as things get worse Jews will, for survival, come over to the far right for if European gentiles are destroyed, then so will they be. Paul Gottfried, “Subversives and Shills”, himself a Jew, says that given the way many American Jews have exerted influence to move the U.S. “leftward”, “it is entirely correct that there is no reason for the traditional Right to feel any affection for most Jews.”

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"**.

9.4 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.

Some groups and individuals define themselves by their antisemitism. For example, **Whitelaw Towers** claimed "Our basic mission here is that of Watchman. We watch the enemies of the White Race, both those from outside our movement and importantly those within it, and report on which we have seen a soon as is practically possible right here on your computer screen where the entire world might access it. Unlike certain other elements we do not make deals' with perpetrators or sit on' any vital information, ever. We cannot be bought. We cannot be intimidated.", added "**We have a Zero Tolerance when it comes to the ZOG Controlled Media.** You will never read an interview with Victor Whitelaw. These fools who think they can use' the Media to further their cause are as stupid and despicable a the idiot who thinks he can dance with the Devil and then go home safely when the evening has ended." and "Also, make note, the Victor Whitelaw Project is a Fourteen Words appred initiative. *We Must Secure An Existence For Our People And A Future For White Children*". (22/3).

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.

A Queensland teacher who confessed to being a senior **Ku Klux Klan** official was jailed for eight years (on 13/5/10) after helping a teenage student to dump the murdered body of his older brother, who had threatened to expose the links to the racist organisation. The Australian reported "Graeme Frederick McNeil, 46, pleaded guilty in the Queensland Supreme Court in Toowoomba to being an accessory after the fact of murder and to lying to police over helping his Year 11 student, Anthony Rowlingson, try to cover up the killing, which has shocked the quiet rural community. In July 2007, Rowlingson, then 16, approached his 19-year-old brother, Robert, from behind and shot him twice in the head with a heavy-calibre 243 rifle. The shooting occurred on the family farm after Robert had discovered KKK material in Anthony's room and on a laptop computer lent to the troubled student by his science teacher and counsellor, McNeil." (14/5/10).

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.

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. James Saleam took a complaint to the Australian Press Council over a September 2009 article in The Sydney Morning Herald's Good Weekend. In part of the complaint "Dr Saleam denied the assertions that he had had an association with Nazism and that the National Action organisation was associated with racism and criminality at the time he was a leading member of it. He disputed instances of that type of behaviour that were alleged in the article and also the impression that was conveyed about his childhood in Maryborough." The adjudication noted "The magazine said that the story was a serious and careful portrayal of a person who was well-known for his views but had not previously been the subject of a detailed profile of this kind. The journalist, Greg Bearup, had researched the story at great length and spoken to about 50 people, some named and some anonymous. It stood by the assertion that Dr Saleam had been associated with the Nazi Party and had led National Action when it was a violent and racist organisation that harassed and bullied people who disagreed with him." and concluded "The exception to this conclusion concerns the final sentence of a source's quoted assertion about Dr Saleam's mother. The Council considers that this sentence, which is reasonable capable of being interpreted in a highly offensive manner, was not of such substantial importance to the purpose of the article as to justify its publication, especially as it had not been put explicitly to Dr Saleam or his mother for comment. A related adjudication concerning Dr Saleam's former wife, Jane Mangler, will be published soon." (Sydney Morning Herald 3/8/10).

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. 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".

The newspaper **The Strategy**, published in Victoria, was in a sense the sole bastion of this group for most of the past decade. Age, ill-health and other factors meant the suspension/demise of the paper during the year in review. No argument appeared too extreme to merit publication in that 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 Queensland regional newspaper **Hinterland Voice** also developed notoriety during the previous period in review as it published eclectic conspiracy theories and anti-Jewish material. For example, 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". This continued during the period in review, and Hinterland Voice (November/December 2009) advertised DVDs including

“**The Other Israel: An expose of The Talmud and Cabala**” and other antisemitic titles, included a “Christian Voice” page which featured Mordehai Vanunu and Bishop Richard Williamson and printed an article by John Pilger “Iran’s Nuclear Threat to Israel is a lie.”

After twelve years, in April 2010 the Hinterland Voice ceased publication in print form. The editor, **Brian McDermott**, began publishing “**The Free State Voice**”, which he claimed would be updated “daily, sometimes even hourly!”. Material published in the first six months included “Is Lucifer the god of Judaism” (basically, yes). (28/4/10).

* “It’s **One Hundred Percent Certain that 9/11 was a Mossad operation**”. (30/4/10).

* “**Jewish influence in the U.S. Government**”, “**How the Jewish lobby plans to rule the world by manipulating the Financial System**”. (7/6/10).

* A bizarre antisemitic article “**The History of the House of Rothschild**” (“The Rothschilds have been in control of the world for a very long time, their tentacles reaching into many aspects of our daily lives!! ... “ and “**The most wealthy bloodline in the world bar none and the leader of the Ashkenazi Jews in the world today is the Rothschild family. As you will see in the timeline, the Rothschilds have obtained this position through lies, manipulation and murder. Their bloodline also extends into the Royal Families of Europe, and the following family names: Astor; Bundy; Collins; DuPont; Freeman; Kennedy; Morgan; Oppenheimer; Rockefeller; Sassoon; Schiff; Taft; and Van Duyn. However, these are not the only bloodlines to worry about. You are probably aware of the centuries old practice undertaken by many Ashkenazi Jews whereby they would change their name, in order for them to appear part of the dominant race of the country in which they lived, so as they could obtain influential positions in that country, which they would then exploit to serve their real masters elsewhere. There is plenty of evidence to prove the Rothschilds continue that deceptive tradition.**” The 49 page polemic concludes in 2006, with “The ADL ruthlessly leans on governments throughout the world to pass hate crimes legislation, as they are scared that the criminal cabal that is Israel and the Rothschilds is being exposed more and more on a daily basis, predominantly on the internet. Their job is to protect this criminal network and what better way to do it than by passing laws in which anyone who exposes a Jewish criminal becomes a criminal. David Irving is sentenced to three years in jail in Austria, for denying the holocaust. **It is important to note that the only historical event you can be arrested for questioning is the holocaust. This is because this has been the Rothschilds greatest weapon in brainwashing YOU, THE STUPID GOY! Is that the Jews are so poor and persecuted when in actual fact they control the vast majority of international finance and international corporations throughout the world.**” (21/6/10).

* “ADL” 80 million Americans ‘Anti-Semitic’”, which included “ADL’s main quarrel is not with anti-Semitism. It’s with reality. It’s with the fact that many people believe what the Jews say and repeat it on the internet, especially the Jewish accomplishment of attaining staggering control in media, government and finance. Such repetition of what Jews have told us, especially if spoken in a critical way, now becomes for ADL “virulent anti-Semitism.” (29/7/10).

On the internet, the highest volume discussion group which hosted discussions/debates/feuds between Australian far right extremists is **Stormfront Downunder**. Some examples of the discussions which took place during the period in review include:

* Stormfront Down Under carried an article from Green Left Weekly “Australian Jews reject right of return”, which claimed 35 distinguished Australian Jews” who said Israel is “not ours”. (7/3). “White Australian” responded “**Jews may “look” White ... but that really doesn’t mean much. It only means that they can infiltrate White/Western society a lot easier.**” (7/3/10). “Panzerkampfwagon” wrote “**Die ewige juden. They should be returned to the cesspit they came from. They are worse than a vampire, they are like a cancer whose roots burrow deep into the host nation and corrupt and distort and weaken from within.**” (8/3/10) and in another post “**The jew is the enemy of old. Whoever white man has gone and set up a community, perhaps on the frontier he has always been subjected to living amongst rodents,roaches,pests, diseases and of course the jew.Although subtle at first ,after a while the jew will have manipulated, betrayed ,bought his way to a position where he can play both sides against the middle. They will never leave our beloved country Australia.Even in the depression they profited on the misery of down and out aussies.**” (9/3/10).

* .Continuing the Stormfront Down Under discussion started in March, Hobbit wrote “**WTF. It’s the jews who control the New World Order. The jew has been planning the destruction of our race for thousands of years. All jews are the enemy of the White race.**”. (9/6/10).

* Stormfront Downunder included a thread in September 2010 “**Are the Jews a threat to Australia?**” Typical comments were “All of our politicians are controlled by the Jews in Melbourne and Sydney” (“Sauce” 16/9/10) and “**Are they a threat?? Jews in a basement are a threat to the rats!!**” (“White Mercury” 16/9/10) and “White the Zionist pressure here is not always visible (compared to the U.S. and elsewhere) if is certainly fully entrenched in all our daily activities, in a most deceitful and insidious way ... **They are here, you will find them., And yes, they are just as influential as elsewhere, they just lurk in the shadows**” (“ProudWhiteAussie” 20/9/10) and “Put it this way if we removed all Jews from the planet today then the whole global swindle would fall apart” (Les Patterson 25/9/10).

Stormfront Down Under promoted the music source “War Doctrine – National Socialist and White Supremacist Production and Distribution Label (Victoria, Australia”. 27/9/10).

9.5 Adelaide Institute and Toben.biz

The Adelaide Institute, a loose conglomeration of individuals brought together by 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 Krege, 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.

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.

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. He served his prison time and after reemerging established a web-site linked to the Adelaide Institute but with unique content.

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:

* The Adelaide Institute web-site included references to “Talmudistan” (Australia), “**The Holocaust Lie**”, “**Jewish propaganda**” (**Holocaust history**) and links to dozens of antisemitic articles and web-sites. (24/11/09).

* Adelaide Institute homepage (20/11/09) included statements such as “Adolf Hitler and Rudolf Hess lead the German people in commemorating those who had made the ultimate sacrifice for the German Reich, for freedom, truth and justice”, “Dr Toben will be released at 8.00am, 12th November 2009. A naughty boy like him who refuses to believe the silly World War Two Holocaust propaganda, will probably end up back there before too long!!”, “**Vile, disgusting Jewish comedian urinates on painting of Christ**. Imagine the howls and outcry of a Second Coming of The Holocaust®, if someone were to attempt to urinate – on nationwide TV – on a picture of Ellie Wiesel or make fun of the bogus but sacrosanct “Diary of Anne Frank”? “**Pissing On Jesus – Just a “Drop in the Bucket” as Far as Jewish Interests are Concerned.**”, and “The Great and Learned Rabbis Steeleberg and Tobenstein confer with junior Rabbi Peterschmeul about the complete lack of any credible evidence to support the allegation that 6 million Jews were gassed to death by the Germans in World War Two. They will hand down their decision shortly.”

* Adelaide Institute website (30/11/09) included two new articles including “The Plot Against Art, Part 1, by Lasha Darkmoon”, which claimed the **modern art world is run by Jews who have intentionally created “a culture of pessimism” and aim to “make Western civilization stink”**, with the main source given as **Israel Shamir**; and “And There the Jews”, an extract from a 1941 essay by Douglas Reed which attacked alleged Jewish control of the UK and European governments (in the 1930s) and Canada’s government in 2009.

* **Adelaide Institute** (8/12/09) **linked to the Australians for Palestine web-page** where Sonja Karkar condemned the Australian government for allowing Ehud Olmert in to Australia, alleging he is a “war criminal” and to a long article “Jews at the Steering Wheel” which identified Jews in Australian public life, asserting questions needed to be asked about their “allegiance to the Jewish victimology tradition”, to “Judeacentric interests” or to “Jewish interests and concerns generally”. The 29-page list included Jews involved in interfaith dialogue as Jews, Universities, NGOs such as the Alzheimer’s Association and the National Greyhound Adoption Program, the media and ethnic organisations.

* Adelaide Institute newsletter No. 485 January 2010 quoted David Irving saying “**Churchill, a corrupt politician who was in the hands of the Jews, and who forced us into the War, the war that destroyed us; and it is a “propaganda lie” to allege that Adolf Hitler wanted to exterminate the Jews**”.

* Adelaide Institute website (4/1/10) ran news stories, “The Physical and Cultural Destruction of Germany” was “The real Holocaust of WW2, not to be confused with the vilest collection of lies in the history of mankind, the alleged Jewish Holocaust”; “Pope ends year as he began it – with apology to Jews” “Tactics of desperation: using false accusations of ‘anti-Semitism’ as a weapon to silence criticism of Israel’s behaviour”; “**A gathering of who’s who in Talmudistan politics and the Jewish community**”; “Israeli war criminal welcomes in Jewish puppet state – Australia” and “The Complete Guide to Killing Non-Jews”. The website provided links to all Adelaide Institute newsletters between No 178 and 436.

* Links on Adelaide Institute website (20/1/10) referred to “**Talmudic sycophant state – Germany**” claimed there had been a “Victory of Judaism over Germanism”. The website published a short item “**99% of Auschwitz Testimony is Forensically Unsubstantiated**” which concluded that “the witnesses would have us believe that what every normal and ingenuous (sic) person would consider lurid and fantastic is nevertheless factual”. (21/1/10). The site published celebrations of Nazism, under the title “A New Gospel of Blood, Strength and Germanity”. (22/1/10).

* The Adelaide Institute website declared “**Adelaide Institute does not support the Holocaust Lie, and therefore does not commemorate it on 27th January. We denounce the ‘International Holocaust remembrance day’ as a Satanic ritual.**” (28/1/10).

* Adelaide Institute promoted a link to Richard Harwood’s “**Did Six Million Really Die?**”. (8/2/10).

* On its home page, Adelaide Institute posted “**German people – the most brainwashed of all time. The problem is that they have a pure heart (and clean hands) – they cannot see in others that which does not exist within themselves. Thus they believe wholeheartedly in their guilt – even though it is nothing more than lies. On the sixty – fifth anniversary of the Dresden Holocaust, we remember the millions of Germans who perished as a result of the Judaic inspired war against the Germanic spirit.**” (15/2/10).

* Adelaide Institute included links with these descriptions: “**The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia was the work of Jewish planning and Jewish dissatisfaction . Our Plan is to have a New World Order. What worked so wonderfully in Russia is going to become Reality for the whole world.**” (The American Hebrew Magazine, New York, Sep. 10, 1920) More than 50 Million people were murdered during this era under Jewish commisars.”, “**More Holocaust**

frauds”, “**The Zionist Matrix of Power in America** you tube video” and “**Zionists Devour Tea Party With Palin Trojan Horse**”. (19/2/10). A number of newsletters were posted on the same day. Newsletter 486 (dated February 2010) promoted Holocaust denial used in the German court case of Kevin Kaether and Newsletter No. 487 (dated February 2010) contained an interview with Peter Hartung on how he found himself “fitting the shoes of Dr Fredrick Toben” where he openly denies the Holocaust. Newsletter No. 489 (dated February 2010) opened with a comment by Fredrick Toben: “**A MYTH IS MADE The Holocaust has no reality in space and time only in memory. Investigate only half of what is written in this story and you’ll find that even this half has no factual basis. Sadly, that is what the Holocaust-Shoah has become, a story legally protected because it cannot stand factual scrutiny for truth content. You begin with an element of truth, then you embellish the truth and exaggerate and extrapolate into fabrications and outright lying. Fortunately truth emerges in three stages: 1st it is ridiculed, then it is violently opposed, and then it is accepted as common place. The Holocaust-Shoah narrative is at the 2nd stage – remember how violently opposed western democratic leaders were towards the Iranian President, Dr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who merely wanted to review the Holocaust and held a conference in Teheran in December 2006? The 3rd stage is emerging as fast as the extermination of Palestinians is progressing – directly proportional to this Jewish killing spree.**” Newsletter No. 490 (dated March 2010) presented a 24-point “Prima Facie Case for Holocaust Research”, which advocated Holocaust deniers’ rights to say what they like.

* The Adelaide Institute included links to a series of antisemitic books, including Elizabeth Dillings’ “**The Jewish Religion: Its Influence Today**”, I.B. Pranaitis’ “**The Secret Rabbinical teachings Concerning Christians**” and “**The Rudolff Report**”. (26/3/10).

* The Adelaide Institute website linked to an article on **Palestine Telegraph** which was described as a “Press Release on the behalf of Israeli Terrorism Monitor” from “Asem Judeh, human rights activist and Israeli Terrorism Monitor founder” which included “Judeh says the Australian is aggressive about protecting the national interest and security when it comes to Iran or the Arab world, yet goes silent whenever Israel is involved. “When it comes to Israel they turn blind eye. Did the AFP finish their investigation? If not, why has it taken them so long! If it is yes, why are Rudd and his foreign minister remaining silent? The truth is that they only care about Australia’s national interest when it suits their political agenda. Remember that Mr Rudd has been described by Israeli-Australians as a Christian Zionist. What does Zionism and its threat to world peace have to do with Australia’s national interest?”” (29/4/10).

* Adelaide Institute website (20/4/10) made references to “**the Holofoax**”. Six newsletters were added, 497, 498, 499, 500, 500-B and 500-C. Newsletter No. 497 (dated April 2010) featured an article titled “Fact not Fiction by Mohammed A. Hegazi” which began “The 911 lie lingered on since 11 September 2001. Zionist Jews planned and executed the crime, but made it look as if it were committed by “Moslem terrorists”. It was claimed that a handful of young Arabs received instruction on how to fly jumbo passenger planes. They also were claimed to have left behind some “do it yourself” manuals. All was done under the supervision of the mythical maverick Osama Bin Laden.” Another article was by **Gilad Atzmon** “Judea Declares War on Obama”. Newsletter No. 499 (dated May 2010) began with archival items on the WWII Dresden Bombing, “Holocaust theses which caused grief to their authors and articles promoting Tariq Ramadan and Iran’s Press TV. Newsletter No. 500-B (dated May 2010) featured an article “Jews and Money” which alleged Jews were behind major financial disasters on local and global scales, a paper from the “Sixth International

Revisionist Conference” alleging Kristalnacht was a plot by saboteurs (Zionists) to set Jews against Germany and an essay supporting Shlomo Sand (titled “Who are the Jews? Revisionists knew the answer a long time ago”.

* According to Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 508 (June 2010) on 26 May 2010, the Launceston Conservative Speakers Club had as special guests Fredrick Toben and Peter Hartung to hear international speaker Amelia Aremia speaking on “The Growing Threat to Freedom in the United States.”

* Adelaide Insitute posted a number of newsletters (501-505) on its website, while maintaining links to a number of antisemitic websites and containing short items of Holocaust denial and other anti-Jewish smears. (24/5/10). A newsletter 501 (dated May 2010) featured “The Trial of Bishop Williamson”, with writers approving the Bishop’s questioning “the ‘Holocaust’ dogma.”. Newsletter 502 (dated May 2010) opened with a cartoon by Brazilian **Carlos Latuff** which it labelled “**The Palestinian Holocaust-Shoah**”. The main content was photos from a gathering marking 16 years of the Adelaide Institute and newsletter No. 500, and a compilation of 9/11 conspiracy articles. Newsletter 503 (dated June 2010) featured a long article arguing Eli Wiesel lied extensively about his Shoah experiences.

* Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 506 (July 2010, downloaded 29/6) opened with Fredrick Toben promoting Claus Nordbruch, with Tobin writing “**First he wrote Judenfragen – 2006, then two years later he wrote Machfaktor Zionismus – 2008, and now it’s Die Weltrepublik – Germany and the New World Order. Again, here is a German – Volksseele- mind that has synthesised a multitude of impulses, which together create a cohesive Weltanschauung-worldview. Anyone who wishes to gain an in-depth understanding of world events needs to know the connections between, for example, usury-9/11-WMDs, or how the guilt-trip inherent in the Holocaust story is killing the German mind. The doomsday preachers also receive his attention – and in essence it is clear that Dr Nordbruch envisions a world where everything is up for grabs because there is no static so-called safe haven anywhere except that which reflects a contemplative world view set on exposing corrupting impulses emanating from secret societies and their cabalistic rituals. A translation machine can do the rest...Fredrick Toben.**” Kourosh Ziabari’s Press TV promotion of Ernst Zundel followed, and then the newsletter included an article by David Brockschmidt which argued “Dr Toben’s accusation, that judges and the legal system in this country are influenced and infiltrated by powerful Jewish-Zionist groups needs some closer examination. Dr Toben believed that some judges in South Australia have lost their independence. According to Dr Toben, they will uphold the rule of Law, but it is not the law of the land, but Talmudic Law, the religious Law of Judaism. Let’s hope that Dr Toben is wrong here, because according to Talmudic Law we Gentiles are not even classified as Human beings, but as animals. So, if Dr Toben is right, and we are ruled by Talmudic Law, then we might change the name of this country from the Commonwealth of Australia, to Talmudistan. We also have to make sure that our legal counsels representing us in case of conflict come from the Animal Rights movement.”, an item by Betty Luks “What? Jewish Law comes First?” and a letter written to MPs by Peter Hartung opposing the commemoration of Anzac Day.

* Adelaide Institute website provided links to a range of overtly antisemitic books including “**The Nameless War** The true history of events leading up to the Second World War. The machine which today continues the plan for supranational world power, **the age-old**

Messianic dream of International Jewry”, “**The Rudolf report** Expert report on Chemical and Technical Aspects of the ‘Gas Chambers’ of Auschwitz, which shows them to be nothing more than a myth”, “**The Secret Rabbinical Teachings Concerning Christians** by Rev I B Pranaitis and “**The Jewish Religion: Its Influence Today** by Elizabeth Dilling”, and began its update section “**Latest news of the murders on the Gaza Flotilla by the crazed Jewish terrorist ‘State’**” and referred to PM Rudd as “**the Great and Learned Rabbi Ruddstein, Prime Minister of the Jewish Sycophant state of Australia**”. (4/6/10).

* The home-page of the Adelaide Institute (8/6/10) included a statement, in bold type “**Every Jew, who spills the blood of the godless (non-Jews) is doing the same as making a sacrifice to God**” News headlines included “**New Zealand bans barbaric Satanic Ritual Kosher slaughter**” and “**Jewish Kosher Satanic Slaughter Safeguarded by EU**”.

* Adelaide Institute published a number of newsletters on 25/6/10. Newsletter 507 (dated June 2010) including an article by Fredrick Toben alleging persecution by “Prime Uglies”, brought about by newspaper articles on the political aspirants for the Federal seat of Wentworth including Malcolm Turnbull and for the ALP lawyers Steven Lewis and Robin Margo, both of whom had been on the legal team against Toben in the Federal Court. Amongst articles in No. 510 (dated July 2010) was “Does Jewish financial misbehaviour have anything to do with being Jewish?”

* Adelaide Institute continued to publish links to a large number of diverse antisemitic texts and short items, with antisemitic content. It promoted “The Truth About the Talmud: Judaism’s Holiest Book” by Michael A Hoffman II and Alan R. Critchley. (20/7/10).

* Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 514 August 2010 (downloaded 12/8/10) consisted largely of an antisemitic essay “forwarded” by “Steve Campbell” at “Don”, which portrayed the US as controlled by Christian-hating Jews (contrasted with Muslims who love Jesus). Jews were alleged to run politics, the media, pornography, the “sex slave business”, “Big Banks”, Bolshevism and the food industry.

* Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 515 August 2010 (downloaded 12/8/10) published an item from JTA on Louis Farrakhan, which concluded “”Today the Jewish people have developed a new strategy,” Farrakhan said, according to the ADL release. “They have always tied themselves to black people. They attach themselves to our talent. They are the managers, the agents, and they are the accountants, and that’s why our black artists loved fame and got fame but died poor because somebody else got their money. “No black man or woman becomes a multimillionaire without friendship in the Jewish community.” He also carried a book promotion which read “**Sobibor. Holocaust Propaganda and Reality By Juergen Graf, Thomas Kues and Carlo Mattogno. Between 25,000 and 2,000,000 Jews are said to have been killed in gas chambers in the Sobibor camp in Eastern Poland in 1942 and 1943. The corpses were allegedly buried in mass graves and later incinerated on pyres. This book investigates these claims and shows that they are not based on solid evidence, but on the selective use of absurd and contradictory eye-witness testimonies. Archeological surveys of the camp in 2000-2001 are analysed, with fatal results for the extermination camp hypothesis. This book also thoroughly documents the general NS policy towards Jews, which never included an extermination plan.**”

* Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 516 August 2010 (downloaded 12/8/10) included a long obituary for “Dariusz Ratajczak, Polish Historian”, declaring his death was the result of his

“questioning the holocaust.” It quoted Ratajczak writing “*”Establishment” uses ruthlessly against independent thinking men (for the greater fun of it, also against Jews, such as Dr. Israel Shahak.) Write, in accordance with truth, about almost racist character of the state of Israel, and you will be an anti-Semite. Point to Simon Wiesenthal, his errors the past, or rub Mr. Adam Michnik his Gazeta Wyborcza up the wrong way, and you will be an anti-Semite. Write a few words of truth about all those Wiesels, Kosinkis, or a few anti-Polish Australian liars of Jewish extraction, and you will be an anti-Semite, of course ... And so on, on, on. Sheer paranoia, or – and here we are going back to the source – an important element of political correctness.*” It identified Ratajczak as “the former European Associate of Adelaide Institute”. The newsletter also carried two press reports on Fredrick Toben having been responsible for the removal from a shop window of a poster publicising an exhibition dedicated to Holocaust remembrance, and Toben’s e-mail to one of the journalists which included “**2.** A newspaper article should inform and clarify an issue. You have done nothing of the sort and you fall into a stereotypical mindset, as the heading indicates: ‘Artist and Holocaust denier in poster row’. Why do you not in this article mention the problem of censorship and how Steiner is permitted to self-express while I am legally gagged, which goes to the heart of my not being able to think about my ‘identity’ as an Australian of German descent? Remember, Jeremy Jones did state early in 1996 that he is out to stop me “from functioning”, which in your article you directly support.”

* Adelaide Institute Newsletter No. 517 August 2010 (downloaded 12/8/10) opened with an essay by Fredrick Toben which recorded a visit to USA commencing 17 June. He wrote “So, when I emerged from my three-month prison stint and submitted my US visa application to the Consulate in Melbourne I was pleasantly surprised that the US authorities did not regard my having spent time in five prisons as a criminal matter. **In Austria, Germany and other European countries, where Jewish influence predominates and hatred against Germans flourishes, it is a criminal matter to question aspects of World War Two history.** In these countries the law against so-called ‘Holocaust denial’ is a perversion because it attempts to bridge the gap between moral turpitude and defamation by criminalizing the expression of opinions. This is done by claiming that anyone who challenges the ‘Holocaust’ narrative insults and is causing hurt to ‘Holocaust survivors’.” In his comments he states “Dallas, of course, is famous for the 22 November 1963 assassination of America’s 35th and youngest president, 43-year-old John F. Kennedy. The official conspiracy theory that Oswald did the job is another example in a long line of insider jobs that came crashing down so noticeably when the 2003 Weapons of Mass Destruction lie was used as a pretext to invade Iraq. The daddy of them all is, of course the ‘Holocaust’ lies that justify the existence of the State of Israel, and as in all cases where anyone challenges the official conspiracy theory, legal persecution is used to silence individuals who refuse to believe in the official lie.”

* Adelaide Institute website (13/9/10) had a link to **an article “Sex and the Jews” which was premised on “Jewess” being a synonym for prostitute.** Its thesis was “Vast numbers of innocent Jewish girls were tricked into a life of prostitution by their fellow Jews. It was their own race who tricked them and sold them down the river. It reminds me of the Jewish rabbis who tricked Norman Finkelstein’s mother out of her fair share of Holocaust reparations.” The author also claimed “**No class of men appears to be quite as sex-obsessed as the Orthodox Jews and the rabbinate. If you compare the religious texts of the various world religions, you will find that all of them – with the single exception of Judaism – maintain a high moral tone throughout. They don’t keep harping on about breasts and penises, prostitutes and semen. Judaism does.**”, “Pedophilia is not the only sexual perversion to which the Talmud appears to be tolerant. There is also voyeurism.

An interesting anecdote relates how Kahane, a yeshiva student, hides under his rabbi's bed and eavesdrops on him making love to his wife. He is discovered there and severely reprimanded by his teacher who orders him to leave the room at once. The student refuses. No, I won't! he says. For this is Torah, and I must learn!" and "Another section of the Talmud deals with bestiality. Widows are advised not to keep dogs. Why? Because, one is told, there's some suspicion about what a woman who's already tasted the pleasures of the flesh might do with her pet."

* Adelaide Institute published links to a series of new articles and newsletters (27/9/10). The articles included a translation from German of a piece by Kevin Kaether promoting Holocaust denial; a news story on Muslims in Germany (linked by the words "Extermination of Germany", after which commenters wrote **"I blame Judeo-Christian leaders, including Church and political party leaders, who have bowed to their knees like slaves to Islam! The only hope is for ordinary believers Judeo-Christian masses like in the Tea Party, Swedish SD & Wilder's party, to reclaim back our freedom as taught by our Christ from such pathetic enslavement to evil!"** and **"Fight back, white men!!** Pan-European genetic nationalism – NOW!!! And no more pathetic whining about those oh so horrible, horrible Nazis ... who, if they were in charge, would certainly make short work of the Islamic invaders, and ensure the perpetuity of Western Man. And let's keep lists of the white race-traitors who sold us out..."; Kevin McDonald writing "Jews play a leading role in promoting multiculturalism in Europe", after which many commenters attacked multiculturalism and Jews. Newsletter No. 525 (dated September 2010) promoted 9/11 conspiracy themes; No. 526 (dated September 2010) continued the same feature article before printing a holocaust denial extracted from "hrphistorialreviewpress.blogspot"; No. 527 (dated September 2010) featured an attack on Melanie Phillips for writing about new antisemitism, arguing that if anything the British are insufficiently antisemitic given Israel's actions; No. 528 (dated September 2010) continued the same article. Newsletter No. 530 (dated October 2010) reprinted an antisemitic article "Sex and the Jews" and a book review by Frederick Toben of a book "Debating the Holocaust: A New Look at Both Sides" published by Holocaust deniers, where he attacks the author for excluding Joel Hayward as a Revisionist. Newsletter No. 531 (dated October 2010) reprinted an article alleging Eli Wiesel is a fraud. Newsletter No. 532 (October 2010) led with a critical review of Peter Longevich's "Holocaust: The Nazi Persecution and Murder of the Jews" by "Revisionist" Thomas Dalton and included a promotion of Kevin McDonald's theory of "Jewry's quest to destroy White Christian Culture through intellectual and political movements".

* Adelaide Institute (7/9/10) put on line a series of newsletters. Newsletter 522 (dated September 2010) opened with a feature on Oliver Stone, which concluded "Don't Blame the Jews – blame those that bend to Jewish pressure!".

Toben.biz, Frederick Toben's web-site, opened with the question "Do I tell the Truth or do I Obey the Law?" which included comments such as **"With Hegel I share the basic life-giving dialectic process as opposed to the death-dialectic of Talmud-Marxism"**, **"The life-denying dialectic of Talmud-Marxism states that opposites fight to the death – only one survives. It is the predatory-parasitical and dictatorial win-lose thought-pattern of the individual whose value system consists of envy and hatred where truth as a moral guiding value has no home. Many Holocaust believers embody such a mindset, then attempt to project it upon those who refuse to believe in their nonsense."** and "This above-described battle-of-the-wills is warmly embraced by the Talmudists who are currently exterminating the Palestinian people under the pretext that Adolf Hitler and the German

people systematically exterminated European Jews in homicidal gas chambers, in particular at Auschwitz concentration camp.” (24/11/09).

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* Fredrick Toben on his blog posted “Just to remind those who see no relevance in focusing on Adolf Hitler. Note what Prof R Dommergue says: ‘The only thing we know about Hitler is that he killed six million Jews which never existed in gas chambers which nobody ever saw. That’s all – that’s the only thing people know about him.’” (12/4/10).

The **Mathaba** website conducted an on-line interview with Fredrick Toben, premised on “In Australia, the Human Rights Commission, instead of upholding human rights and focusing on real human rights abuses within the country, chose to support the jailing of Dr Toben, of German origin, a gentleman who has never harmed anyone, on the basis that his website which is critical of the official Holocaust version, be shut down.” (3/4/10).

Although material on both websites had been found to be in breach of Australian law by the Federal Court, the Australian Communications and Media Authority defended its decision to give “M” ratings to The Adelaide Institute and the Toben.biz websites due to the lack of “real depictions of actual sexual activity, child pornography, depictions of bestiality, material containing excessive violence or sexual violence, detailed instruction in crime, violence or drug use, and/or material that advocates the doing of a terrorist act.” (19/2/10).

9.6 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*. The website of ACLU which is still on-line contains no material written later than 2005, but provides contact details for John Bennett and sells older editions of *Your Rights*.

9.7 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 regional New South Wales 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:

* Bible Believers Newsletter 605 (28/10/09) published an article by Henry Makow which maintained "The New World Order does not only create a new power. It creates a new reality out of touch with the truth. It employs legions of pundits, professors and politicians to enforce its precepts. These are the agentur ("agents") referred to smugly in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. What kind of credibility do these people have knowing they will lose their jobs if they tell the truth? They are all accomplices in the 9/11 cover-up." A comment by Anthony Grigor-Scott at the end of the article argued "**Because Jewry crucified Israel's Messiah, and Christianity, which is Spiritual Israel, was begetting children from among the elect Israelites and proselytes of Adam's race, the priests and Pharisees who had perverted Yahwism into its antithesis (known as Judaism) were anxious lest their authority and prestige be diminished, and allied with Rome against the faith.** However in the days of emperor Constantine Roman power was in decline like the hegemony of America and the (once) Christian West today, so the wily sons of Cain devised a new deception." and "As Dr. Makow has explained, **Jewish sayanim live and work within every society and Judaeo-Jesuits operate worldwide as officers of a truly secret army containing in its ranks heads of political parties, high ranking officials, generals, magistrates, physicians, faculty professors, tradesmen, etc., all of them striving, to bring about in their own sphere, "Opus Dei", God's work in reality the plans of the papacy and its superiors behind the purple curtain. For both of these amoral Talmudic groups, "white is black, and up is down", for the ends justify the means.** These two arms of the same golem are fulfilling "*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*" as advised by the Grand Sanhedrin (elders of Zion) in Constantinople in response to a request from Chief Rabbi Chemor of Spain in 1492. A third arm is Islam; read the Koran you will recognize the

influence of the Talmud-the motto of the Israeli intelligence organization: “By way of deception, thou shalt do war” is not new.”

* Bible Believers Newsletter #606 (7/11/09) opened “We have lived through a period in which our (once) Christian colonies of ‘the City of London’ can no longer maintain the tenuous claim to self-government since the ignominy of our amoral, bloodthirsty and cowardly aggression against those ‘the city’ regards as impediments to their realization of *The Protocols* for Lucifer’s totalitarian one world government can no longer be hid. At home and abroad we have become rogue terrorist states on a fool’s errand in our devolution to the image of the beasts of Imperial and Papal Rome (Revelation 13).” Another article included “The end-time Message of the prophet of Malachi 4:5-6 and Revelation 10:7 shone this promised Light in the evening time of the world as the “*gross [Talmudic] darkness*” that covered the people of Israel at the first crucifixion is imposed upon faithless Gentiles who have surrendered Christendom to International Jewry (Genesis 27:40). **Talmudic darkness is again covering the earth**, and as an earthquake sunk Capernaum after Jesus’ prophecy, “*a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great*” will soon sink Los Angeles and a segment of earth 1,500 x 300-400 miles, . . .”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter #610 (3/12/09) opened “This week sees fresh evidence of the union of all religions, the paganisation of the apostate church and its affiliation with Judaism and the secular world in their push to establish Lucifer’s totalitarian one world government behind the scam of the anthropogenic climate change hoax.” It including a long Holocaust denial article which claimed “**Yes, Jews were in camps, yes Jews did die in German camps. It was war! A war declared by Jewry on Germany’s people: JUDEA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY. That is what the papers said in the March 24, 1933 issue of *The Daily Express of London* and they meant it, of this Germans were certain! Did Germany not experience this in Versailles, did they not know this from the Bolsheviks in Russia, most of whom in the higher echelon were Jews! Oh yes, the Germans knew that Jews meant business, that their intention was the destruction of Germany! The Jews had spelled it out in no uncertain terms. They desired the German genocide. Germany defended itself. It had to.**” An eight page article purported to be a long anti-Christian speech delivered in early 1995 by Rabbi Cohen, which included ““So for the time being, you must treat the black, the yellow and the brown goyim well because these minority goyim are to be our slaves and soldiers in the coming revolution. Yes, treat the coloured goyim with brotherly love. And once the white goyim are under our power, we will use the whites to enslave the coloured goyim, in turn.””, ““**As always, our biggest problem, is with the Christians. Because of the teachings of Jesus (spits), they believe that we are liars and hypocrites and murderers.** But we are higher than the angels and the Earth and all that it contains was given to us as an inheritance. So whatever we do, is our holy right to do, whether for their good or for their evil. They do not see that we are their masters and can do what we please with them or their property [6]. I ask you, what rights do animals have under Jewish law? We give the goyim the same rights.”” and ““So, fear not! The Holy One of Israel has made the Jew perfect. We can camouflage ourselves behind the white goyim to plunder and destroy the coloured goyim. And we can camouflage ourselves behind the minority goyim to plunder and destroy the majority goyim. As long as our true nature is never perceived, we are safe. As a minority, we Jews can go into the streets moaning and wailing at how abused and persecuted we have been for so many centuries and the black, the yellow and the brown goyim will fall into place at our sides and protect us from the white majority goyim. Remember, treat the soldiers well as they serve us well. The black, yellow

and brown goyim are useful to us. They are destined to be our soldiers of conquest! It is true that they are nothing but filthy animals. But why walk when you can ride a horse?””.

* Bible Believers Newsletter #611 (6/12/09) featured an article “**Jews defined by Occult Ideology, not Nation/Race**” by Henry Makow. Claiming to be inspired by Israeli writer Shlomo Sand, Makow argued “According to the Old Testament, Jews must wait for the Messiah before re-establishing Israel. But the Talmud says, the Messiah is *already* here and it is the “Jewish people” themselves. **By “Jewish people” they mean the Illuminati bankers who sponsor and run organized Jewry.**” and “**Have no illusion, mankind has been inducted into a Satanic cult based on the Talmud and Cabala. Gradually we are being sedated and offered up as a tribute to Lucifer by his disciples, the Illuminati bankers. Mankind is doomed to an *ersatz* life, a perpetual rerun of the past**”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter 613 (1/1/10) included the editorial comment “Since Muslims stubbornly persist in worshipping God rather than the Holocaust, **the 9/11 false-flag attack was orchestrated in order to launch a Holocaustist crusade against Islam. Just as the sacred story of the Holocaust was used to brainwash Jews into believing they had been victimized and thus had the right to become vengeful victimizers, the sacred official story of 9/11 was used to brainwash Americans and Westerners into believing that they too had been victimized, and that thus they too must become vengeful victimizers. Full story: rense.com**”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter #619 included the comment “Orwell’s Doublespeak declares, “War is peace”; the Jews’ “Society of Jesus” (Jesuits) like all Talmudists and Sabbatians say, “subterfuge,” as “the ends justify the means,” and if a superior declares black is white or white is black, bad is good or good is bad, that is what it is. While Israel’s MOSSAD boasts, “*By way of deception thou shalt do war*”. Who are the “useful idiots” who propagate such lies for the secret agenda of a hidden master? Corrupt political leaders in every nation, and corrupt religious leaders such as Pope Benedict XVI, even ministers in the circle of this Message.” (6/2/10).

* Bible Believers Newsletter #620 claimed “The aggression of apostate Christian nations against innocent Islam is intended to eliminate both Adamic peoples with whom Israel is at enmity. **Rejecting their Jewish past, Jews boast how they invented an America in the image of their own fiction, one that has come to be accepted throughout the world as the true image of the United States. Yet this prosperous, materialistic national image believed by Americans and the world is a virtual reality apprehended through the sorcery of Hollywood’s silver screen . . . The Hollywood dream factory claims it created America on the silver screen. It brainwashes and hypnotizes the world with lies in behalf of the Moneypower that would rule the world in fulfillment of the Talmudic delusion of a Jewish master race**” (Neal Gabler, *An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews invented Hollywood*)” (17/2/10).

* Bible Believers Newsletter #625 (22/3/10) included an item “**China finally learns the Truth about the Jews**”, which read “March 5, 2010 – The author of the book, “*Currency Wars*,” Song Hongbing, claims that behind world-changing events like the battle of Waterloo, Adolf Hitler’s rise to power, President Kennedy’s assassination, and the deep recession in Asia during the 1990s stood an intricate conspiracy aimed at increasing Jews’ wealth and influence. Song, a Chinese computer engineer and history buff who resides in the United States, writes that **almost every defining historical moment has been instigated by Jewish**

bankers, and mainly the Rothschild family, which Song says dominates the global banking system, including the US Federal Reserve System ...”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter #626 (29/3/10) included an article “**Islam on Alert: Ashkenazi Jews want to destroy Masjid Al Aqsa**”. It argued “**Before converting, the Ashkenazis followed a pagan phallic religion but today they mostly follow the much criticized and controversial [Babylonian] Talmud instead of the Torah related to Moses the Hebrew. The Talmud contains numerous religious laws that are bizarre and many are sexually deviant and some are right out evil. Some years ago Black leader Jesse Jackson, referring to the Talmud, said that Judaism was a “gutter religion.” The Khazarians after converting to Talmudic Judaism, started expanding northward into Russia and westward into Poland, Germany and other parts of Europe.** Because of their peculiar cultish ways, extreme loyalty only to themselves, love of money, and because they are gifted practitioners of usury, they eventually dominated the economic and political systems of their host European nations. They sucked many of these nations dry in a similar way they are doing to the USA today. In Germany, however, they met up with a very formidable enemy, Adolf Hitler. Adolf Hitler had the Ashkenazi Jews pegged and knew the harm they had done to the German native people . . . The Zionists actually wanted a base from which they could continue to do to other nations what they have been doing for centuries. Zionist Israel now serves as a military base from which they can expand and attempt to dominate Islamic countries and possibly eventually the world . . . Plotting against Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem will result in immediate, sudden and extremely violent retaliation by the Islamic world [Zechariah 13:102]. Full story: themuslim.ca”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter #628 (16/4/10) featured an article “The Jewish Peril and the Catholic Church” which opened “Jewish authorities are well aware of the two phases of Martin Luther’s ministry: the first wherein he wrote “*Jesus Christ was Born a Jew*,” (an unintentional and unscriptural blasphemy) filled with sympathy for their long unbelief which he laid on the unsympathetic attitude of the Roman Catholic church. His study of the Talmud became the dividing line. His second phase was one of warning against the self-styled Jews as destroyers of Christianity and of Christians. After Luther became conversant with the Babylonian Talmud and the ritual cursings of Judaism, he declared that any one who condones such blasphemies is partaker of their sin (Revelation 18:4). This partial transcript of an address delivered at the 1936 B’nai B’rith Convention in Paris explains Luther’s changed attitude toward the so-called “Jews”:” and claimed the content of that address included “And the Gentiles, in their stupidity, have proved easier dupes than we expected them to be. One would expect more intelligence and more practical common sense, but they are no better than a herd of sheep.” The editor added “It is interesting to observe how the ‘hidden hand’ has employed the Hegelian dialectic against Zionism, which is dispensable now that it has achieved the objective for which it was created, and Judaeo-Catholicism which was created to destroy the faith, but is still necessary to unite humanity under Lucifer’s one world government. **And contrary to Zionist boasting, the Judaeo-Catholic church will rule to the end when it will be destroyed by Judaeo-Communism in the consummation of life.**”

* Bible Believers Newsletter 629 (23/4/10) referred to “**Jewish traitor, US President Woodrow Wilson (Wolfsohn)**,” “the Judaeo-Roman false religion raising Auschwitz over Calvary” and “**Jewish President F.D. Roosevelt**”.

* Bible Believers Newsletter 641 (1/8/10) included comments “What is clear from the Ben-gurion Scandals How the Haganah and the Mossad Eliminated Jews is **the racist hatred of**

non-Semitic, anti-Semitic Zionist Jewry toward the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 3:15), particularly those in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco and other parts of the ancient Assyrian empire, expressed through puppet colonies of ‘their City of London’, mainly Britain and the USA.”; **“An evil force has been put into place in Jerusalem and has spread throughout Israel, in preparation for . . . the seat of the anti-Christ. For if we are to believe that the anti-Christ is to have his seat on the Temple Mount, then we must come to grips with some truths not being preached today. The non-Semitic, anti-Semitic self-styled Jews are pawns manipulated by their kinsmen in Satan’s end-game mastered by the Talmudic subterfuge of the followers of Sabbatai Zevi and Jacob Frank, most notably Rothschilds who would be kings of this world and to whom one may trace the modern Illuminati, Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion, Rothism, Zionism, Communism, Nazism, and the anti-Semitic state of racist, Marxist Israel.”**

* Bible Believers Newsletter 642 (1/8/10) included the statement **“By demonic activity the self-styled Jews abused Martin Luther’s kind trust and sent the antinominian Jew, John Calvin, to infiltrate the Protestant movement and turn grace to dis-grace. Satan instituted the Jesuits and established many cults including the Rosicrucians, modern Freemasonry, the Illuminati, Theosophical Society, Seventh Day Adventists and their offshoot the Jehovah’s Witnesses (so-called), Christian Science (so-called) and the Mormons.”**

* Bible Believers Newsletter 643 (6/8/10) included **“Comment: Israelites believe Exodus 20:17: *“You shall not covet your neighbour’s house, you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.”* Non-Semitic, anti-Semitic self-styled Jews believe non-Jews are animals G_d (sik) created in human form to serve Jews (Talmud, Yebamoth 98a; Bereshith, 25a; Kiddushin 66c; Soferim 15, Rule 10); “The world is headed for the Third Woe of World War III (Revelation 12:12). Gog, the Czar of Magog (Russia, Belorussia and Ukraine) is chief prince of her allies, Gomer (Turkey); Togrameh (Armenia); Mesheck (Assyria) father of the Poles, Finns, Czechs, Yugoslavs and related groups; and Tubal (Georgia) father of the Bulgarians, Hungarians, Albanians, Romanians, and other related groups. **These normally Christian nations have suffered oppression and massacres in their scores of millions at the hand of the non-Semitic anti-Semitic self-styled Jews** (Newsletter #545); and “Satan deceived the Israelites through the heretical religion of Judaism whose lewd holy (sic) book the Talmud makes the Word of God of no effect (Matthew 15:9) and these *“fallen angels”* were blotted from the Book of Life. He sought to destroy Jesus as soon as He was born through their Serpent’s seed king Herod the Great of the Roman province of Judea. His son Herod Antipas, tetrarch of the Roman province of Galilee where Jesus abode, had John the Baptist beheaded; he mocked Jesus in his fifth trial and returned Him to Pilate the Roman procurator of Judea, who yielded to the non-Semitic anti-Semitic self-styled Jews and apostate Israelites no less than our rulers genuflect to the ‘City of London’.”**

* Bible Believers Newsletter 6644 (14/8/10) included the statement **“When Satan mounted his black horse God raised up the standard of the Man, the wisest of animals, to combat His Enemy with the Reformation of the Roman Catholic system of false worship. It confronted the Jew John Calvin, who turned grace to disgrace, and the Jew Ignatius Loyola (of the Los Alumbrados or ancient Illuminate) who formed the Judaeo-Jesuits and began the counter-reformation. Jesuit Adam Weishaupt, another Jew, established the modern Illuminati, which, financed by the house of Rothschild who are the “Guardians of the Vatican Treasury,”**

set forth to establish a Zionist global theocracy under Communism. History records their ongoing legacy of wars, revolutions and assassinations.” and “In actual fact, the Allies (or colonies of the City of London) were responsible for the genuine holocausts and atrocities in World War II. The Jehovah Witness “Swedish Jew” Eisenhower gave unqualified approval to such monstrous schemes at the Morganthau Plan, which, had it been carried out completely, would have resulted in the deaths or roughly 40 million Germans and the swift Bolshevization of Europe. He insisted too on the notorious Operation Keelhaul, designed by Jewish traitors Churchill and Roosevelt to prevent the “repatriation” of Russian, Ukrainian, and other peoples who had escaped Stalin’s hell on earth behind the retreating German armies. Up to five million people were herded into trucks and railway boxcars and shipped eastward to certain death or worth. Operation Keelhaul was FDR and Eisenhower’s magnificent gift to Stalin and to his grim, satanocratic gulag empire; it was a culmination of friendship, infidelity and accord; and it was a deed that for its sheer infamy is unmatched in the history of the United States and its armed forces. These three men were powerfully influenced by the Jews’ Talmudic Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. “

* Bible Believers Newsletter 651 included “Darby and the Plymouth Brethren brought a Jewish Christianity to America. Masons Rutherford and Russell started **Jehovah Witnesses’ Judaism** which is now worldwide with their message of the divine kingdom. **Mason Joseph Smith started Mormon Judaism** with its Jewish teaching of millennialism. At the turn of the twentieth century there appeared the Scofield Bible with a Jewish interpretation of the prophecies. With the wide use of this “helpful” aid all the American churches have silently become synagogues. **We now have Baptist Jews, Methodist Jews, Church of God Jews, Catholic Jews, and many Protestant Jews throughout America. We are aliens in our own country because of false religion.**” (26/9/10).

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.

9.8 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.

* The CEC website published a release from their LaRouchite head office on 24/4/10 which argued “An Israeli attack – any military action – against Iran would be clinically insane,” said Lyndon LaRouche yesterday. “But Bibi is on such a tight British leash that he is capable of just such madness. Netanyahu must be brought down immediately, so some more sane elements, who would at least think twice before taking action that would wipe out civilization, can be installed in his place. Right now, the Netanyahu government in Israel represents the single greatest threat to start World War III”.

* A release published on the CEC Australian website said that Israelis under Prime Minister Netanyahu had “displayed all the characteristic traits of [Jonathan] Swift’s “Yahoos” which were “a race of vile and savage creatures, filthy and with unpleasant habits . . . [who] are promiscuous, sadistic, cowardly, treacherous and they have an absolute love of war.” (3/6/10).

* The CEC website carried a Lyndon LaRouche media release which began “**Israel Can’t Get Away With the “Holocaust Victim” Routine Anymore** June 3, 2010 (LPAC). Israel is coming under increasingly broad attack for its killing of unarmed civilians attempting to bring humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. The reality is that the Israeli “We can do what we want because we were holocaust victims” operation is a thing of the past. They can’t get away with it any more. Everyone can see that the Israelis are committing the same kind of crimes against Palestinians, that were carried out against them.” (3/6/10).

8.9 Far right “Christian” and “Identity” churches

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."

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A Community Service Announcement from the Church of Creativity

The Church of the Creator variety of antisemitism is most publicly represented in Australia by **Creativity South Australia**. This groups doctrine was articulated this way, in an article on the group's website, *Creativity: The One and Only True Religion*, By "Reverend" **Cailen Cambeul**, P.M. (23/10/09):

"As logical White men and women, Creators one and all, we do not accept belief in mysterious, magical beings living in the sky, controlling our lives, and as such we do not approve of religions based on the primitive fantasies of the delusional. Therefore, as Pontifex Maximus in this, the third era of Creativity, I believe it is my duty to declare all so-called religions based on fantasy to be null and void. Amongst other religions, this includes that tripartite scourge on our White racial brethren across this wide blue planet of ours: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Brothers and Sisters, we must remember that these so-called religions are no more than cults where the adherents congregate to play out the occultic fantasies once accepted as reality by the hunter-gatherer ancestors of peoples and cultures not even remotely related to us. We can not even speak of a supposed Christian heritage of our own, because even that was an imposition from an insidious but nevertheless repressive alien culture. It is time to cast out all doubt and accept once and for all, that for a religion to be accepted as such, it must be based in logic and reality. A religion should define reality, rather than defy reality.

And above all, a religion should be beneficial not only for those that adhere to that religion, but also for those within the community that choose to remain apart from that religion. Brothers and Sisters, in six thousand years of history, there has been nothing to meet the necessary requirements of a valid religion, until Ben Klassen gave us Creativity. And now that we have Creativity we have what is required to put the world in order. We have the will to clean up the environment, we have the will to understand and expand our genetic seed, we have the will to conquer the stars, and we shall succeed, for not only do we have Creativity, but we are the definition of Creativity in every sense of the word. So cast out your doubts, Brothers and Sisters, for the Age of Creativity has come to pass. Take off the blindfold of false prophets. Remove the yoke of primitive and alien cults and stride forth in the arms of your White racial brethren, and together, in the embrace of the one and only religion, Creativity, we will realise that undiscovered country, a Whiter and Brighter world. RaHoWa! Reverend Cailen Cambeul, P.M. Creativity Alliance.”

The site links to : Creativity Alliance, Creativity Directory, Creator Chat and Creator Forum, described as “Church links” and Adelaide Institute, Bradley Smith, Dr Fredrick Töben **and** Inconvenient History, described as “**Holoco\$T Links**”

Examples of the material published in the period in review included:

* “**Jews: Hate Them Because They Hate You**, By Reverend Cailen Cambeul, P.M.” (27/3/10) which read “**It doesn’t matter what country Jews live in – America, Australia, Europe, Isntreal – when they get the upper hand they will spit on you, assault you with fists boots and objects at hand, and if they can get away with it, mow you down with a machine gun while every Jew in the land defends them or at the very least, finds some way to excuse them.** Yet all you have to do is to do is whisper an innocuous remark under your breath in the presence of someone who reports it to a Jew who will then deliberately misrepresent anything you said as “anti-Semitic” and have you dragged through the courts, denounced by the media, lose your job, home and family, fined and sentenced to prison. Are you going to stand for that? Are you going to allow them to treat you worse than a dog in your own country, or are you going to put a stop to it? Well? What are you going to do about it, Whitey?”

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".

9.10 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 "Thoughtalk" 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 unmaskes 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). Brendan 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 Roosevelt's Jewish cabinet. Then we can move onto a whole host of issues including Michael Hoffmann's 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). **Court proceedings against O'Connell were on-going during the period in review, and Whitelaw Towers (16/8/10) carried a call by Brendon O'Connell for "expert witnesses" who would say Jews are not covered by antiracist laws in Western Australia.**

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 2008, the site linked to chapters from Adolf Hitler's *Mein 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). In the period in review, "Whitelaw Towers" published:

* "Tin Foil Hat. One size fits all" wrote "One only has to look at the modern day Peace Movement or the Left to see that they have painted themselves into a corner. **Many of the founding members and key activists of the Communist Party and other Radical Left Wing Groups in Australia just so happen to be Jewish. For this reason alone modern day Left Wing Activists can not criticize or question many parts of the New World Order or Israeli imperialism for fear of upsetting their Jewish leaders. Now you can't blame these people entirely for this situation. How were they to know? Without going too far into it the modern day left are fed a continuous line of, the Evil Fascists are the enemy and any questioning of the Jews or Zionist role in Globalist Politics is nothing but Anti Semitism and Racism. Sadly they have been silenced.**", "Many Right Wing activists over the past few years have spoken with "The Other side" and have noted we have certain

beliefs that we all agree on (After all both sides claim to be Socialist at heart). The other thing we have in common is Government Agents. **The Right is well known for its Jewish run Nazi networks and Main Stream Zionists the Left for its Jewish Radical Antifa networks, all working for the same cause and for the same outcome. CONTROL.**” and “In the past 20 years Australia has had to accept more and more Muslims as refugees, all fleeing Zionist aggression. We have witnessed a mass exodus of Muslims so Israel can secure its borders. With the support of the Christian Church in America we have seen our Men and Women sacrifice their lives so they, the Christian Zionist can bring forward the Second Coming of their Saviour. **Yes folks these people who put so much weight in a book that was written by Jew’s thousands of years ago are being taken in by the King of all Snake Oil Salesmen the Zionists. They must laugh their arses off at us.**” (4/10/09);

* a photo-essay “**What are we implying? Children of Zion**”. It labelled various left-wing activists “Sydney Kosher Political Emissary”, “New South Wales Kosher commissar”, “my Zionist brothers”, “the University of Zionist Agents”, “Sayanim and useful idiots”, “Sydney Gay Rights for Zion”, “the Kosher enforcer”, “Kosher muscle” and “IDF recruitment officer and Banai Brith rep” and labelled a banner for the Communist Party of Australia “Department of Kosher Affairs” (9/11/09)

* items on the website referred to “**Jewish controlled media**”, claimed the Australian Protectionist Party as being “Right Wing Zionists”, proclaimed “Australian Number One Enemy of Free Speech. ZIONIST JEWS!” and “The audacity of the criminal Zionists in Australia goes beyond all comprehension, One has to ask how it is that Brendon O’Connell is given a ridiculous gag order preventing him from talking about his case in WA yet these Jewish Supremacists can say what they like. Hell they can slander away and brag about their complete control of the Western Australian Government. Well guess what you bloody manipulative Zionists, the world is awake to you, the Left and the Right both despise you. We can see through the BS. The only people who believe anything you say are the scared the weak (Darrin Hodges) and yourselves. So keep the bands playing while the SS Zionism sinks below the waves. The following has to be read to be believed. Take note of the good little Sayanim that attended.” (11/8/10).

* “Join the dots. Israel = EDL” which began “White Nationalists have been aware for many many years that an awful lot of Ultra Right Wing groups “Nazis” have been run by and controlled by Jews. In fact its been suggested that nearly 70% of all National Socialist Groups are just a front for Right Wing Jews. These groups are used to recruit and then ultimately to discredit real White Nationalist and followers of National Socialism.” The source for the information in the article was identified as Gilad Atzmon, who has a long track record of making anti-Jewish comments. The writer commented “**So lets see if I can get this right. Jews in NGO and in the Main Stream Political elite force us to accept every race and creed via Multiculturalism. They then use other influential Jews in our legal system to create laws to prevent us from speaking out against this scam.**” (16/8/10)

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). **“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). In the period in review, his postings included:

* **“REPORT ON FREDRICK TOBEN”** (15/10/09) which read **“For those who do not know Fredrick Toben, he is an outstanding and outspoken revisionist. His work is dedicated to exposing the fallacy of the mythical so-called “Jewish Holocaust”. The dogmatic assertion by fanatic Jews, that six million of their tribe were gassed and roasted by the Germans, is a sick joke that has been marketed by the Jew-controlled mass media since WW2. Revisionists are out to expose this filthy lie. Jews have been relying on this lie, in order to milk sympathy and reparations from a gullible world that has been captive to the Jew media until the advent of the Internet. It is this marvellous new medium, the Internet, that enables you to read these humble lines and to exchange messages and opinions in real time. Jews failed to distract serious work on the Internet by their pornography sites. So, they are now trying the legal backdoor in order to shut down sites that expose their activities. Toben has been recently framed by three Australian Jewish judges, in a high court, and sent to prison on account of a flimsy Jewish allegation of “contempt of court”. The alleged contempt charge emanated from his refusal to stop exposing the Holohoax lie, according to an order from an Australian Jewish judge, in a lower court. Dr. Fredrick Toben, who committed no crime, was unfairly arrested on 13/08/2009 and taken to a low security prison in a small South Australian country town called “Cadell”, where he is staying for a prison term of three months, until 12/11/2009. I paid Toben a visit on 10/10/2009, together with our mutual friend Peter Hartung. Peter is the present director of Adelaide Institute, an organisation that is causing Jews much trouble by being on the alert exposing their lies. Peter lives in the city of Adelaide, which is less than 200 km from Cadell. This enabled him to pay frequent visits to Fredrick. On the way, I asked Peter, “How is Fred coping?” He replied, “Fred is in great shape. He is more determined than ever to continue the fight after this minor hiccup.” We arrived to Cadell at one o’clock. We had to wait until the “prisoner” came to the visitors area. We were allowed to stay for three hours under the indirect surveillance of the**

prison guards. We had a “picnic lunch” with Fred and discussed our future plans of our long protracted fight against Jewish distortion of history. Trying to comfort, or probably tease, Fred I commented, “Any change is healthy, even a short spell in prison would be!” Fred spontaneously shouted back, “What? Let the bastards wait until I get out of here. Don’t you worry Mohammed, I understand the mentality of those people.” To all friends of Fredrick Toben, he is fit and well. In his captivity, he would have had the time to think. I gathered that he would come out with a thunderous new book that would send shock waves down the spine of the cowardly vermin that sent him to prison, on account of expressing his opinions. It all happened because Australian Jews managed to pass unconstitutional laws that infringe upon the right of all Australians to free speech.”

*** JEWISH NEO-CONMAN HAS A PLAN** Zionist Jews will never run out of ideas in order to sap the energy of the United States and help its premature death. **A Jew who was instrumental in getting the US into a bloody quagmire in Iraq now has a plan to do the same for the US in Iran. It is not a new formula. When Roosevelt was unable to get the United States out of the Great Depression, the Jews solved the problem and saved his presidency by rallying everyone around the flag and getting the country into a war against Germany. When Zionists wanted a pipeline to transport oil through Afghanistan, they orchestrated the demolition of the World Trade Center in New York and shoving a rocket into the Pentagon in 2001. Read what this devil of a Jew is advocating: BOMB IRAN!**Obama needs dramatic gesture to save presidency
By: DANIEL PIPES ...” (19/2/10)

* **“What a Freebie!”** which read **“YOM KIPPUR A License to Lie, Cheat & Steal -** Today Jews around the world are gathering to celebrate the most holy day on the Jewish calendar. It is called Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. At synagogues everywhere worshippers will be reciting the so-called Kol Nidre prayer. Taken from the first two Hebrew words of the prayer, "Kol Nidre" means "all vows." The goyim* are told that Yom Kippur is an occasion when pious, saintly Jews approach their Maker in a penitential rite to beg his forgiveness for wrongs they have committed during the past year. RUBBISH! The occasion is nothing less than a time when Jews ask for and receive absolution for all the sins and wrongs they are about to commit—IN THE COMING YEAR! In so doing, they cut a lawyer's deal with their god (whom they call YHWH, or Yahweh) that gives them an exemption in advance from all wrongdoing. Here is the actual text of this outrageous "prayer": "All vows, obligations, oaths or anathemas, pledges of all names, which we have vowed, sworn, devoted or bound ourselves to, from this day of atonement, until the next day of atonement, we repent, beforehand, of them all; they shall all be deemed absolved, forgiven, annulled, void and made of no effect; they shall not be binding, nor have any power; the vows shall not be reckoned as vows, the obligations shall not be obligatory, nor the oaths considered as oaths." That's pretty clear, unambiguous language. What we have here, in fact, is nothing less than a one-year, renewable license to lie, cheat and steal with impunity, all based on a decree from the Jews' so-called holy book, which says: "And he who desires that none of his vows made during the year shall be valid, let him stand at the beginning of the year and declare, 'Every vow which I make in the future shall be null.'" (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Nedarim 23a & 23b). Among those who will be reciting the Kol Nidre oath at this time are Jewish politicians, lawyers, judges, corporate executives, businessmen, journalists and public officials. It should be noted that any oaths they may take to uphold and defend the Constitution or otherwise tell the truth are, as of tonight, "abandoned, cancelled, null and void" and rendered "without power and without standing." Isn't that nice?* A derogatory Hebrew word for non-Jews. **THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE NEW ORDER” (19/09/10).**

9.11 "New Age" Groups

At various times over the past two decades, New Age/alternative magazines **Nexus** and **New Dawn** have published and/or promoted antisemitic conspiracy theories. In the period in review, however, the conspiracy theories they publicised and advocated did not generally deal with Jews or subjects which of particular interest. However, this was not the case when it came to **Hard Evidence**.

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.

* Hard Evidence" (May-June 2010) opened with a series of news items including "Israel prevented 17 sight-impaired Gazans from leaving for cornea transplant"; "Israel stealing Palestinian tax money"; "**Top Ten Reasons East Jerusalem does not belong to Jewish Israelis**"; "Apartheid Israel: 'Jewish national' or 'Arab national' – there's no common 'Israeli' nationality" and "US military aid to Israel violates domestic international law".

* Hard Evidence (Sep-Oct 2010) published a "news story" alleging Israel completely manipulates US Foreign Policy ("The Real Aim of Israel's Bomb Iran Campaign"; an article by Michael Chossudovsky alleging Israel, the US and NATO were planning to start "World War 3" by targeting Iran; a feature story "**The History of the House of Rothschild**", which included claims such as "**You will find that approximately 90% of people in the world today who call themselves Jews are actually Khazars, or as they like to be known, Ashkenazi Jews. These people knowingly lie to the world with their claims that the land of Israel is theirs by birthright, when in actual fact their real homeland is over 800 miles away in Georgia.**", leading in to a long list of alleged Jewish conquests of international institutions. A series of other articles from far right wing and conspiracy theory sources attacking Israel were also included.

10.0 RESPONSES TO ANTISEMITISM

10.1 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 recent years, 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.

10.2 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 seven 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 Governments have, 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”

10.3 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.

10.4 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) and attended the June 2010 meeting of the International Task Force on Holocaust Remembrance, Research and Education as an official Guest of the Chair.

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, with a Dialogue for young/emerging representatives in Australia in 2009 . 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 Australian Human Rights Commission convened a cyber-racism summit in Sydney, bringing together government, academics and civil society experts. (27/4/10).

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.

10.5 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 Web-site, 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.

10.6 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.

Western Australia's government pledged to reintroduce civil racial vilification legislation. "The laws, which were originally proposed under the previous Labor government, will make it easier to penalise people who make derogatory remarks about a particular racial group in public, the workplace, in print or on the internet." (The Australian 7 September 2010).

10.7 Media

10.7.1 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).

10.7.2 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.

10.7.3 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

10.7.4 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.

10.8 Other Responses

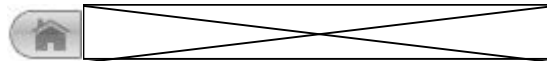
Individuals who are the victims of some of the more extreme acts of antisemitic intimidation do have recourse to laws other than those specified above. A variety of sporting bodies have introduced anti-racism codes of conduct during recent years. The focus in all cases was also on "offensive language". 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.

On 28 August 2010 some South Australian Jewish students, with kippot were refused entry to a nightclub due to "dress code" enforcement. By 30 August a complete apology was received from the club's operations manager, who also said his managers "will undergo further training to understand acceptable dress code exceptions".

After a series of antisemitic comments were posted on "The Bored of Studies" website, the group "BoS anti-Israel League" was barred. (22/12/09).

A YouTube posting by Fredrick Toben of Holocaust cartoons was removed by YouTube, after a complaint from the Australian Human Rights Commission (complaint lodged 11/8/10, material deleted 25/8/10).

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12 November 2010



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The 115–120,000 Jews in Australia out of a total population of over 20 million constitute the largest Jewish community in the East Asia and Pacific Region. The great majority of Australian Jews live in Melbourne and Sydney, but there are also significant communities in Perth, Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Adelaide.

During 2009 the central database of the Jewish community received 835 reports of assault, vandalism, harassment, intimidation, hate mail, offensive, abusive or threatening telephone calls, emails, graffiti, leaflets, posters and faxes. This was more than twice the average over the previous 19 years (the period national records have been kept) and almost 10 percent higher than the previous worst year, 2008. Of this total, however, 591 reports related to receipt of emails. Incidents of vandalism and assault were 12 percent below the average and constituted the second lowest rate in 12 years. Further, there were no serious incidents such as arson attacks on synagogues or

assault leading to hospitalization. The number of reports of individuals being subjected to verbal abuse while walking to or from synagogue or while on synagogue premises, however, was the second highest on record.

Sections of the Islamic community, the Arab Australian community and the radical left openly supported the overtly antisemitic Hamas, both in its attacks on Israel and in internecine Palestinian struggles (where, for the far left, the PLO represented the West-leaning establishment). Most of the rallies in December and January during Israel's military operation in Gaza were openly pro-Hamas. In addition, the pro-Hamas demonstrators were reinforced by supporters of Hizballah.

Although the many small groups that comprise the Australian far left often make declarations critical of racism in all its forms, demonization of Israel is a common thread and the extremes of language used to condemn Zionism and Israel serve to promote a mythology of a powerful and evil Jewish "internationalism," which is almost indistinguishable from the rhetoric of 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 Middle East politics, but the publication of articles promoting the concept of Zionism as an "international conspiracy" and of Jews as Nazis undoubtedly crosses the line to antisemitism. At an anti-Israel rally in Melbourne (January 4, 2009), for example, placards with slogans such as "Chosen dirty people of the earth," were not treated as problematic by most participants. Further, there were many examples of antisemitic slurs and stereotypes in the online forums of Aussie Muslims and Muslim Village.

In May, Australians for Palestine hosted a public performance in Melbourne of Caryl Churchill's play *Seven Jewish Children*, which was widely criticized for promoting anti-Jewish tropes (see [UK](#)), while their 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 succor to their people” (June 30). A second performance took place in Perth in late November, in the context of a public debate on the responsibility of public institutions to lease premises for racist purposes.

However, there is little evidence to support the contention that there was a sustained or substantial growth in antisemitism in Australia in 2009. As noted, the increase in numbers of incidents was attributable to a large volume of reports of abusive and offensive emails, mostly concentrated in the early part of the year. While there are occasional examples of mainstream personalities promoting anti-Jewish stereotypes, when these occur, such as when television presenter Richard Wilkins linked Jewish celebrations with the sound of cash registers (November 30), public responses are generally condemnatory.

The demonization of Israel and its equation with Nazi Germany was confined to relatively small circles of extremist groups. It appeared predominantly in talkback sections of print and electronic media rather than in other forums for political debate. When such charges were made they were countered, even within the Islamic community. Nativist political movements and neo-Nazi fringe groups of the far right gained no traction in electoral politics or in public debate. The virulently anti-Israel line was espoused mainly by the radical left and by fundamentally anti-Jewish segments of the Protestant churches.

Most mainstream Australian media outlets provide platforms for the expression of a wide range of views. More extreme and intellectually indefensible items, which in past years may not have reached publication or broadcast, can now be

published online, some on sites with an institutional relationship to the public broadcaster, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), or the main newspaper publishers, News Limited and Fairfax. A recurrent theme on these sites was the analogy between Israel and Nazi Germany. Other anti-Israel slanders, such as the allegation that Israel practices apartheid or that Israeli officials are war criminals, may emanate from some extremist organizations but they rarely reach mainstream audiences. One exception was the *Canberra Times* newspaper, where religion columnist Graham Downie claimed “the Palestinian refugee camps now replicate the ghettos for which the Nazis are so rightly condemned” (November 22).

Australia has a culturally diverse society with a high proportion of first-generation immigrants and close to half the population having one or both parents born in another country. Despite efforts by far right-wing groups to portray immigration from non-Anglosphere societies as socially deleterious, the largest and most comprehensive survey of attitudes to cultural diversity, released in June 2009, found that only 6.5 percent of respondents declared themselves opposed to multiculturalism. Perhaps uniquely, Jews have not only been part of the dominant, mainstream community since the earliest days of European settlement (in 1788) but the two first Australian born governors general, the most prominent military personality, many well-regarded politicians and other public personas have been Jewish. This has led to a situation where proponents of antisemitism could be represented as seeking to revise rather than protect the established historic social narrative. Notably, almost all active advocacy of antisemitism as public policy has been imported – first by English migrants not accustomed to a society imbued with a multicultural and multi-religious ethos, then by European immigrants, particularly from eastern and southern Europe who imported quasi-Christian or local cultural antisemitism themes,

and more recently by those from Arab and Islamic-majority countries, where anti-Jewish theories and rhetoric are the societal norm. At present, this latter group is a disproportionate source of anti-Jewish rhetoric and propaganda, although it is far from being the cause of the majority of antisemitic incidents in Australia.

In a significant development, the Uniting Church in Australia issued a major theological statement “Jews and Judaism,” at its Twelfth Assembly in July 2009. The Statement directly rejected the requirement for Jews “to become Christian” and declared that “antisemitism in all its expressions is an affront to the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

A textbook for New South Wales high school students published by the prestigious Cambridge University Press was withdrawn from sale after passages on Judaism were identified as being antisemitic (October 27).

In October, an Iranian immigrant calling himself “Sheikh Haron” faced trial in Sydney for sending hate-mail and threatening faxes to recipients, including Jewish Australians. In November, Perth resident Brendon O’Connell was charged under West Australian racial vilification laws for harassing a Jewish student and for subsequently posting a video recording of his actions online.

Following is a selection of incidents of actual attacks beyond vandalism of Jewish institutions in Australia, and bomb threats directed against Jewish community institutions or events, between 1990 and 2010. Please note this list is far from exhaustive.

It is extracted from a database, complete from September, 1989 to July 2010, which includes:

- 547 incidents of property damage to buildings and/or physical assault of individuals
- 1004 incidents of harassment and intimidation not entailing physical contact
- 674 records of telephone abuse and threats
- 1274 unique mailings of anti-Jewish material
- 824 records of anti-Jewish graffiti, in most cases daubed on Jewish communal premises
- 646 incidents listed as miscellaneous, which includes faxed, letterboxed and leafleted material, as well as stickers and posters, in public places
- 2855 unique items of anti-Jewish email.

*** Molotov cocktail thrown at Jewish residential college in Sydney. (17/1/90).**

* Bomb threat to Jewish school in Melbourne. (2/2/90).

* Bomb threat to Jewish school in Sydney. (19/12/90).

*** Four Molotov cocktails thrown through window of synagogue in Melbourne. (22/3/90).**

*** Molotov cocktail thrown at synagogue in Melbourne. (11/4/90).**

* Fire set at synagogue in Melbourne. (20/4/90).

* Fire set in synagogue in Melbourne. (25/1/91).

*** Fire lit at school on synagogue premises in Sydney. (26/1/91).**

* Bomb threat to Old Age Home in Perth. (22/2/91).

* Bomb threat to Jewish club in Sydney. (24/2/91).

*** Fire set at synagogue in Sydney. (26/2/91).**

*** Synagogue in Sydney destroyed by deliberately lit fire. (5/3/91).**

* Security guard prevents attempt to start fire at synagogue in Sydney. (12/3/91).

- * Bomb threat to synagogue in Sydney. (25/3/91).
- * **Fire lit in fifth synagogue in Sydney. (28/3/91).**
- * Bomb threat to Jewish school in Sydney. (24/4/91).
- * Bomb threat to Jewish youth group in Sydney. (2/6/91).
- * Bomb threat to communal office in Sydney. (2/9/91)
- * Bomb threat to Jewish hospital in Sydney. (14/11/91).
- * **Telephoned threat to visiting Chief Rabbi of UK, received by Jewish organisation hosting him in Melbourne. (6/3/92).**
- * Bomb threat to Jewish communal organisation in Sydney. (6/4/92).
- * **Bomb threat received at Jewish social club in Sydney which had been the site of an attack using a bomb in 1982. (28/7/93).**
- * **A daily newspaper in Sydney received a threat that bombs would be exploded in Jewish, American and Israeli institutions. (20/7/93).**
- * **Extensive damage caused to synagogue in Sydney resulting from deliberately lit fire. (10/11/93).**
- * After the murder of Muslim worshippers in Hebron, three synagogues in Melbourne, Jewish organisations in Melbourne and Sydney and a Jewish leader in Melbourne received bomb threats. (26/2/94, 27/2/94, 8/2/94). A Queensland synagogue (5/3/94) and Melbourne Jewish day school (6/3/94) also were the subject of bomb threats, relating to the Hebron incident.
- * A Jewish school in Melbourne received a bomb threat. (22/6/94).
- * **Arson attack at synagogue in Melbourne. (1/1/95).**
- * Arson attempt at synagogue in Melbourne. (4/2/95).
- * **Bomb threat to synagogue in Adelaide. (17/3/95).**
- * Bomb threat to organisers of Israeli Independence Day function in Melbourne. (3/5/95).
- * Telephone threat to synagogue in Sydney. (26/1/96).
- * Series of bomb threats received by Sydney synagogue (4/2/96), communal organisations (19/2/96) and day schools (2/2/96, 12/2/96, 23/2/96).
- * Bomb threat received at Jewish communal organisation in Sydney. (3/3/96).
- * Bomb threat disrupted Melbourne Holocaust community. (15/4/96).

- * Terrorist threats, with caller claiming to be Hezbollah, received at Jewish communal offices in Sydney. (16/4/96, 17/4/96 x 2, 19/4/96).
- * Bomb threat received at Jewish school in Melbourne. (26/4/96).
- * Bomb threat received at synagogue in Sydney. (4/5/96).
- * Two bomb threats made on the same day to Jewish school in Sydney. (16/4/97).
- * Bomb threat made to Jewish residential college at university in Sydney. (8/5/97).
- * Bomb threat to Jewish school in Melbourne. (4/8/97).
- * Bomb threat to Jewish school in Melbourne. (24/8/97).
- * **An explosive device, which did not properly ignite and caused minimal damage, was placed in the letter box of a synagogue in Sydney. (11/12/98).**
- * Incendiary devices thrown into Melbourne synagogue yard from street. (23/2/99).
- * Bomb threat received by synagogue in Melbourne. (23/8/99).
- * Petrol bombs thrown at outside wall of synagogue in Canberra. (15/10/2000).
- * Petrol bombs thrown at Sukkah at rabbi's private home in Sydney's eastern suburbs. No damage reported. (14/10/2000).
- * Molotov cocktail thrown into garden of private home of rabbi in Bondi. (22/10/2000).
- * Demonstration in Canberra, in which slogans included a warning to Jews that they would be massacred. (13/10/2000).
- * Telephone call made to Jewish organisation in Brisbane, which threatened to kill "15 Jewish schoolgirls" in response to any Palestinian who died in fighting Israel, and which referred to "filthy fucking Jewish cunts". (25/10/2000).
- * Bomb threat, and at least five abusive antisemitic calls, received by different Jewish organisations in Melbourne. (16/10/2000 x 6).
- * Bomb threat received at Jewish day school in Sydney. (17/10/2000).
- * Bomb threat to Jewish day school in Queensland. (18/10/2000).
- * **Serious arson attack on synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (1/11/2000).**
- * **Attempt to firebomb synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs, which failed only because sophisticated device missed a window and landed on grass outside, starting fire. (23/11/2000).**

- * Petrol bomb attack on home of rabbi in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (13/11/2000).
- * **Rock thrown through reinforced glass window of synagogue in Canberra together with petrol bomb which did not penetrate glass. (31/3/2001).**
- * A brick and a bottle full of liquid were thrown through glass window of a synagogue in Sydney's south. (22/4/2001).
- * **Synagogue in Canberra firebombed, by 5-6 people dressed in black throwing molotov cocktails, with three windows smashed and five fires on the grass outside the building. (18/8/2001).**
- * **Two bullets fired at Jewish communal building in Perth. (22/9/2001).**
- * Death threat made to family of Jewish businessman in Sydney, who was told to do as caller said or "the same event that just happened in the US would happen to his mother's home". (12/9/2001).
- * **Petrol bomb thrown at synagogue in Canberra (20/4/2002), requiring fire brigade to extinguish external fire.**
- * Windows of a Sydney synagogue were smashed by perpetrators who unsuccessfully attempted to start a fire inside the building. (4/4/2002).
- * Small fires set on premises of synagogue in Perth (10/1/2003).
- * Arson attack on synagogue premises in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. (20/12/2004).
- * Bomb threat received by synagogue in Melbourne. (15/7/2005).
- * Bomb threat received at Jewish school in Melbourne. (15/7/2005).
- * Bomb threats directed at a Melbourne synagogue were made to the private home of an executive member and to a police station in the same area. The caller stated "*In the name of Allah, a bomb is in the synagogue and will go off in 25 minutes, blood will be shed.*" (12/3/2006).
- * Small explosive device or firecracker left in mailbox of synagogue on Sydney's north shore. (10/6/2006).
- * **Attempted arson at synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs. (30/7/2006).**
- * Abusive and threatening telephone call, "I will kill you all", made to Jewish organisation in Sydney. (26/7/2006). Similar calls made to other Jewish organisations in Sydney (27/7/2006, 28/7/2006, 30/7/2006, 31/7/2006 x 2).
- * **Three Jewish communal figures in Melbourne received envelopes with comments "die Jews" and containing white powder. (late July 2006 x 3).**
- * Marchers in central Sydney chanted "Bomb Bush and the Jews". (29/12/2008).

- * Threatening antisemitic telephone calls made to synagogue in NSW. (3/1/2009, 22/1/2009).
- * Threatening and abusive telephone calls received by Jewish organisations in Melbourne. (4/1/2009, 7/1/2009 x 3).
- * Threatening antisemitic faxes received by Jewish organisations in Sydney. (26/2/2009 x 5).
- * **Bomb threat made to distinctly Jewish business in Gold Coast. (6/6/2010).**

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The Last Word: Transparency

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My first encounter with Jim Saleam, who has recently received some publicity as the self-styled leader of the anti-immigration Australia First Party, was in my student days at the University of Sydney.

When enjoying one of the 5¢ cups of coffee at the time available in the Manning House, a posse of burly men from National Action entered the room and handed out leaflets warning against the perils of “overseas students” to the integrity of the student body.

In those environmentally-unaware days, most students simply disposed of the garbage in the bins designated for such purposes.

Not long after, as a director of the University Union, I was pleased to learn that the newspaper Audacity, which consisted of poorly structured arguments and attacks on political opponents of National Action, was one of a number of publications which had been rejected for sale by on-campus newsagents.

Later, as the Returning Officer for the Sydney University Students’ Representative Council, I encountered Jim Saleam as a candidate for the presidency. He was polite, respectful and spectacularly unsuccessful in convincing the student body to accept his platform.

Over the years since, Jim Saleam has become one of the best known faces of the generally faceless far right fringe, who appears oblivious to his lack of accord with the basic decency of the population to which he offers himself as a leader (one hesitates to say “Fuehrer”, despite photographs of him in Nazi uniform).

The feature on Jim Saleam by Greg Bearup in Good Weekend (Nov. 14), “The Audacity of Hate”, provided welcome scrutiny of, and insight into, “a man with a chequered past” who “dreams of steering the nation”.

One of the many things the subject apparently didn’t like about the profile was the timing – the article appeared during the annual convening of Australia’s pre-eminent gathering of far-right ratbags, the Sydney Forum.

Followers of Australia’s right wing extremist fringe also noted the Sydney Forum connection of a subsequent subject of a mini-biography by Greg Bearup, also in Good Weekend, Rihab Charida.

Rihab Charida was presented completely uncritically as a committed campaigner for a cause depicted as just and moral.

Two very pertinent points were either unknown to, or downplayed by, the article’s author.

The first is that Rihab Charida is one of a tiny number of people who has agreed to speak at the Sydney Forum, while at the same time purporting to be either progressive or to represent a progressive cause.

In fact, one of the only other people to behave in a similar manner recently was Keyser Trad, who spoke to the Australian League of Rights, Australia's most notorious antisemitic organisation.

In both cases, the far right invited speakers they would hold in racial contempt because of the perception of a shared anti-Jewish agenda. This fact was quite pertinent to any picture of an alleged human rights campaigner, but there was another fact it was even more important to bring to public attention.

Locally, Ms. Charida might have one image, but internationally she has another – as the veiled on-air presence of the Iranian government's despised Press TV.

A vehicle for a variety of antisemites and other Teheran-friendly extremists, Press TV carries occasional items filmed in Australia, with reporter Rihab Charida faithfully providing a spin on the news which apparently is well-received by the same thugs who brutalise the Iranian people.

When questioned, in other forums, as to her links with the ineffectual fascists in Australia and the powerful totalitarian clerical fascists in Iran, Ms. Charida comes across as having an anti-Jewish outlook which would fit comfortably with that of Hamas or Ahmadinejad. Her campaign appears more one of opposition to Israel and to human rights for Jews rather than advocacy of the rights of Palestinians.

There is a difference, just as there is a difference between the “nationalism” of Jim Saleam and the nationalism which is sourced in pride at the achievements of culturally diverse, socially dynamic Australia.

It is not surprising that the Iranian, and local, fascist connections were not revealed by Rihab Charida, but they surely should have been more fully exposed by a well-regarded and well-credentialed journalist.

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The Last Word: Community standards

Author: Jeremy Jones 01/03/2010

Some years ago, the federal body with responsibility for granting ratings to films was given the job of assessing a video which consisted of a speech promoting Holocaust denial.

The panellists were not required to pass comment on what appeared to be self-evidently defamatory comments about named individuals, but to concentrate on whether the material was unsuitable for any or all of children, teenagers or adults.

Despite the deleterious effect of racism on human civilisations over the millennia and the overt anti-Jewish incitement of Holocaust denial, as well as the criminal record and other notoriety of the speech-giver, the video was given a “G” rating.

Apparently, the lack of graphic violence or overt sexual acts meant that racist clap-trap was considered suitable for any Australian audiences, despite the fact that it breached state anti-racism legislation.

The government-appointed guardians of the moral good saw no community standard being breached by antisemitism.

Even in or era of heightened awareness of the harm to society inflicted by racism, many individuals in positions of authority and leadership seem completely oblivious to the nature and reality of antisemitism.

An example of inability to see and understand antisemitism can be seen in the willingness of individuals who would not otherwise attach themselves to racism staging, promoting and defending Caryl Churchill’s short play, “Seven Jewish Children”.

The theme of the play, to cite Dave Rich and Mark Gardner, two of the best credentialed and most intelligent contemporary observers of antisemitism, “is to accuse Jews of having undergone a pathological transformation from victims to oppressors.” The words Israel, Israelis, Zionists and Zionism are not mentioned in the play, although apologists for it conjure up a fantasy that it is a critique of the policies of a modern state rather than a mish-mash of traditional anti-Jewish tropes and images.

Supporters of the play included people who may be thought of as intellectuals, and it is well worth noting the observations in a recent piece by Barry Rubin on the way serious, respected British intellectuals were involved in the publication in the 1950s of an antisemitic forgery represented as the diary of a Communist official.

Rubin argued “Despite decades of documentation and explanation about antisemitism, a large proportion of the Western intelligentsia doesn’t understand it. For them, Jews – at least those who aren’t totally assimilated intellectuals either indifferent or hostile to their backgrounds –

are incomprehensible. They don't subscribe to traditional antisemitic – that is, medieval Christian and Nazi – stereotypes but are blind to their permutations”.

In one of the most outrageous recent manifestations of this inability to recognise even blatant antisemitism, the BBC broadcast on Feb. 18 comments from author Gordon Thomas in which he pontificated that all Jews, everywhere, are actually or potentially part of an organic, Israeli-directed, killing machine.

Thomas' credentials as an expert included claims the Mossad murdered Princess Diana. The interviewer let him deliver his latest slander unchallenged and stand uncorrected.

While Holocaust deniers don't bother to substitute the terms “Zionist” for “Jew”, many contemporary antisemites do.

It is not difficult to find examples of Israel and Zionists being accused of a range of charges historically levelled at Jews, such as seeking to dominate the world or specific governments, controlling media and finance, killing innocents for the most evil of purposes (most recently “organ harvesting”), and the list goes on.

As Barry Rubin puts it, those making such “transferences” do not “deal with Israel or Zionists or Jews as they really are but as they exist in the imagination of those making such portrayals”.

Those who have been propagating anti-Jewish fantasies and defamations, with few exceptions, are unlikely to stop simply because they are acting immorally and dishonestly.

But it is not unreasonable to expect those in positions of moral leadership and responsibility to become educated about the reality of antisemitism and take a firm stand against it.

The Last Word: Bigotry's Facilitators

Author:Jeremy Jones 26/03/2010

Jeremy Jones

One of the key organisations in Australia in the forefront of promoting good relations between Australians of many and varying ethnic and religious backgrounds is the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA).

In its activities, it has promoted positive cultural diversity, dialogue and equity in the receipt of government services. In recent times it has also been prominent in opposing racism.

In February this year, organisations and individuals on the distribution list for material from one FECCA affiliate were shocked to receive offensive material in the form of a community newsletter sent out with the disclaimer that it was “for information only” and not necessarily endorsed by that state’s Ethnic Communities’ Council.

The problem arose due in part to a naïve view that groups which have experienced racism will not involve themselves in racist activities – despite notorious examples such as Sheikh Hilaly’s antisemitism and all the racist invective in arguments between rival communities from the Balkans and other areas of ethnic conflict.

In light of the discussions and reflections as a result of the circulation of this material, it is to be hoped that this will not be repeated, and also that other organisations will be more wary of distributing material from contentious sources.

The existence of bigotry, prejudice and racism is unfortunately far from absent in Australia, but in this instance the shock was that it was disseminated through a body promoting multiculturalism.

SBS is another institution which has a mission of promoting better understanding by Australians of other Australians, which made a recent comment by one of its highest profile commentators a degree worse than if it had arisen in some other context.

Interviewing Richard Dawkins, the man introduced as “the world’s most militant atheist”, George Negus referred to “this whole Mossad situation where you have people who are, I imagine, of the Jewish religious faith, who are secretly killing people in the name of God”.

I admit that to reach such a level of ignorance, bigotry, subliminal prejudice and sublime offensiveness was quite an achievement, but one which reflects terribly on the person who made the comment and brings enormous discredit to our multicultural broadcaster.

While this comment was inane, it was not necessarily conscious and calculated – unlike the decision of “Students for Palestine” to bring to Australia Sameer Habeeb, whose “Palestine Telegraph” website hosts extreme and bizarre antisemitism on a regular basis.

Readers of Habeeb's website, which you can presume would include not only the Socialist Alternative, its associated group Students for Palestine, the organisers of the Marxism 2010 Conference at Melbourne University and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Sydney, would have learnt, amongst other things:

“WWI and WW2 were planned in advance for the sake of a group following the dictates of Zionism.”

WW2 was to benefit these Judeo Zionists. These people pre-planned and meticulously executed the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Jews and “Zionist Talmudic ideology” are behind campaigns to restrict Muslim women wearing veils.

Israel “imported 25 thousand Ukrainian children in the past two years for harvesting their organs.”

Israel sent medical teams to Haiti not to help victims but for “exploiting fresh corpses.”

The fact is Habeeb is also associated with promoting Hamas, which is not “Marxist”, “Socialist”, in favour of “Peace” or promoting an agenda his hosts could conceivably support – unless hatred for Israel and/or Jews outweighs all other considerations.

Socialist Alternative and Students for Palestine have track records of extreme anti-Israel invective, and in hosting Habeeb show the depths to which they are willing to sink in their fanatic campaigns, while their co-hosts have revealed either extremely poor judgement or their own disgraceful prejudices.

Quick Off The Mark

Author:Jeremy Jones 27/04/2010

Jeremy Jones

A weekend of "sun, surf and racist musical mayhem" was how the promoters of the "Hammered Music Festival" advertised an April get-together on Queensland's Gold Coast.

The local newspaper reported that as the weekend commenced, "a group of about 30 skinheads turned up at a suburban restaurant... Some of the heavily tattooed and shaven-headed men displayed swastikas. Others were wearing t-shirts with the slogan 'Blood and Honour'".

While many Gold Coast residents (and others) found the gathering objectionable, reliable reports are that the small group of life's losers who came together to mythologise their self-designated racial superiority spoke only to and amongst themselves.

In such gatherings, it must be difficult to maintain the self-delusion that they offer anything innovative, positive or even worthwhile, or that the global neo-Nazi movement has any serious momentum.

Nevertheless, such groups should never be given the opportunity to develop traction, and it was encouraging to see reports the police monitored the event and a number of prominent local figures dissociated their region from the racists.

The Gold Coast residents' response to the activities of neo-Nazi ratbags can be contrasted with the welcome provided to a lecturer who spoke at a variety of venues in March.

A number of Australian groups hosted a man who is on the public record saying:

- Jews are "filth";
- AIDS is caused by the "filthy practices" of homosexuals;
- It is incumbent on his followers "to take a stand [against homosexuals] and it's not enough to call names."

The speaker, Sheikh Abdullah Hakim Quick, according to prominent UK activist Peter Tatchell, also says "homosexuals should be executed".

This fanatic and purveyor of extremism was hosted in Australia by groups including the Islamic Da'wah Centre of Australia at both the Lakemba Mosque and Bankstown Town Hall and the Islamic Information and Services Network of Australia, which ran events at venues including the University of Melbourne.

Apparently an inspirational figure for these groups, it is significant that the largest Muslim youth organisation in Sweden, Sweden's Young Muslims (SUM), rejected Quick as a speaker for their 2010 annual conference, saying their organisation was "against and opposes all forms of hate propaganda, racism and discrimination" and association with Quick led to the "regrettable" contrary perception.

Quick's Australian visit received almost no public attention and his hosts escaped the criticism and condemnation they merited. By contrast, the revelation that the al-Qaeda recruiter described as "the no. 1 terrorist threat to the United States" had delivered an address by phone-link to an audience in the Lakemba Mosque was given the front-page treatment it deserved.

Around the time Anwar al-Awlaki was speaking to a Sydney congregation he was making a transformation from an extremist religious propagandist to a recruiter and trainer for al-Qaeda, with the men charged with the massacre at Fort Hood and the attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound aeroplane last December amongst his acolytes.

Commonwealth Attorney-General Robert McClelland expressed his concern at the lecture, commenting, "Community leaders need to ensure they are doing all they can do to stop our young people being exposed to these type of speakers."

Al-Awlaki's views, if not his actions, were already a matter of public knowledge when he spoke to Muslim Australians, and it is no surprise that the Lebanese Muslim Association has been reluctant to speak with the media regarding the content of the speech, why it took place and which individuals were responsible for facilitating it.

While the recent statement from the LMA that "procedures have been put in place which will ensure that an incident of this nature will not take place" and other condemnations of the incident are welcome, the fact remains that a person like al-Awlaki has promoters, supporters and audiences in Australia.

It is counterproductive to ignore the racism of the Hammerskins, the bigotry of Sheikh Quick's hosts or the dangers of al-Awlaki's terrorist encouragement and recruitment. They are all threats to Australian society which need to be countered firmly and unambiguously.

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**SPEECH TO THE CYBER RACISM SUMMIT, SYDNEY, TUESDAY, 27
APRIL 2010**

First, may I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we meet on – and pay my respects to their elders, both past and present.

- Mr Graeme Innes, Disability and Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission;
- Mr Jories de Bres, Race Relations Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission;
- Ms Joy Liddicoat, Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

Thank you to the Australian Human Rights Commission for organising this Summit and for inviting me to open your proceedings.

It is very pleasing to see a range of representatives here: from the internet industry, social networking companies, youth organisations, community groups and academics. The involvement of so many people today is an indication that we all need to work together in addressing issues associated with the Internet.

The Internet is invaluable and essential tool that is used right across our community. Given the ease of access to information on the internet – one of its key strengths – it does have the potential to be abused however. Addressing problems, like racism, bullying or harassment on the Internet presents significant challenges.

For example, on the one hand, the fundamental principle of freedom of expression is important in Australia. On the other hand, it is also important to ensure that all Australians are protected from vilification, bullying and harassment. Balancing these

rights to ensure Australians are protected from fear and harm is of great concern for the Government.

This is why I have asked the Australian Human Rights Commission to undertake further work to tackle racism on the Internet. The Commission has already done important work in recent years to help counter racism and intolerance in our community and I applaud the work of the Commission in this area.

I also acknowledge the importance and relevance of cyber safety initiatives such as the 'Think U Know' campaign being pursued by the Minister for Home Affairs, Brendan O'Connor, which has been developed to educate parents, carers and teachers about how to create a safe online experience for our nation's youth. The program, which is now being rolled out across Australia, will raise awareness about how to keep our young people safe online.

Today's summit is important because it brings key players and stakeholders together to talk about issues, identify problems, and seek solutions.

Today is an opportunity to consider questions such as:

- What is cyber racism?
 - Where is it happening, what kinds of websites and where are these located?
 - What are the practical issues in responding to racism on the Internet?
 - What is and isn't working in regulating cyber space?
 - And what are our options to address this issue?

An area of great concern for the Government is racism in the community. The Australian Government strongly condemns offensive behaviour based on racial hatred. Racism of any form, from any individual, is unacceptable in Australian society.

The *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* makes public racial vilification on the basis of race, colour, or national or ethnic origin unlawful. Racial vilification covers acts that offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate a person or groups of people.

Importantly, a person belonging to a racial group that is the target of vilification can complain to the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Commission has the power to inquire into and attempt to conciliate complaints of breaches of the Act.

Racial vilification is also unlawful under State and Territory laws and, throughout Australia, racial vilification may constitute a criminal offence if associated with violence or advocating violence.

One of the key questions therefore is whether the range of remedies available under these various laws adequately responds to cyber-racism.

Racism on the Internet

The Australian Human Rights Commission's analysis of its complaints figures show that cyber-racism is a growing area under the *Race Discrimination Act* with 18 per cent of racial hatred complaints received by the Commission in 2008-2009 related to racist material on the Internet. This was up from nine per cent in 2007-2008.

Should we conclude from this that racist material published on the Internet is growing through, for example, social networking sites such as Facebook? If that is indeed the case, do we have the right tools and mechanisms to respond to this emerging problem?

Racism, harassment and bullying on the Internet raises an array of human rights issues.

One of the fundamental principles of a democratic society like Australia is freedom of expression. Freedom of expression is a human right that is enjoyed by all Australians and must be protected. However, a right to freedom of expression should not derogate from the rights of people to be treated with equality, dignity and respect.

In this context it may well be appropriate to set some limitation to public expression of hateful material. Of course, these limitations should be reasonable and necessary to achieve an appropriate balance between freedom of expression on the one hand, and the protection of groups and individuals from offensive behaviour, on the other.

All individuals have the right to be treated with civility, dignity and respect, whether it be in school, in the workplace, at the local pub or on the Internet.

Government Action

One of the best ways to deal with any type of racism, bullying or harassment in our community is to stop it from happening in the first place.

The Government takes human rights seriously. We are committed to addressing social disadvantage and protecting marginalised and vulnerable groups within our community.

Last week, I was very pleased to launch Australia's Human Rights Framework.

The centrepiece of the Framework is a comprehensive suite of education initiatives to ensure all Australians have access to information about human rights. This reflects the key recommendation of the report by the National Human Rights Consultation Committee that education must be 'the highest priority for improving and promoting human rights in Australia.'

The Framework outlines a number of practical, positive initiatives, to enhance human rights education including:

- greater support for human rights education across the community, including primary and secondary schools;
- investing \$6.6 million to expand the community education role of the Australian Human Rights Commission;

- investing \$3.8 million to improve human rights awareness in the Commonwealth public sector, including through the development of a human rights toolkit and guidance materials for policy development and implementation of Government programs; and
- investing \$2 million for the development and delivery of community education and engagement programs by non-government organisations (NGOs) to promote a greater understanding of human rights.

Today, I would encourage you all to share your knowledge and ideas on this important issue.

The Government is committed to tackling racism wherever it occurs and for that reason I look forward to hearing the outcomes of your discussions today.

Thank you.

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