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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 *The Year in Review*

Australia has produced a society which is less engaged in pondering whether Jews are legitimately “insiders” or “outsiders” than virtually any other Christian (or Muslim) majority state. Each day, there are millions of social interactions between Jews and Australians who are not Jews, and they are unexceptional and extremely unlikely to produce an environment of confrontation or conflict.

However, between 1 October 2011 and 30 September 2012, the database assembled and maintained by the author of this report since 1989 included 543 reports of anti-Jewish violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation, more than 30% above the previous twenty two year average.

The physical manifestations arise in a context of a society in which there are individuals (and organisations) which 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 or, in many cases, believe in and/or advocate antisemitism which goes beyond simple contempt, hatred or discrimination based on the fact that a Jewish person is perceived to be in some way different and is expressed in a way that depicts Jewish people as intrinsically, and in some cases existentially, opposed to non-Jews.

Some of the antisemitism is the result of religious teaching or cultural narratives of post-Judaic monotheisms. Some is more directly connected to a “racial” bigotry, in which Jews are believed to have innate qualities which would make them existential enemies or in which Jews are allocated inferior status. 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.

Antisemitic individuals can be found amongst the political Left and Right, amongst Christians and Muslims, amongst Australian-born and immigrant, those with formal education and those without, amongst those with intense contact with Jews and amongst those who have never knowingly met or encountered a Jewish person. There are even individuals who identify as Jewish who promote antisemitism. In the groups referred to above, there are also philosemites, and, within Australia, an overwhelming majority of people for whom Jews are seemingly never thought about.

In contemporary Australia, 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.

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 intercivilisational 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 Muslim 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 documents and comments on the presence of antisemitism in Australia in 2012, a local phenomenon but has a broader, international context. It covers a distinct 12 month period, which also can be constructively contrasted with twenty two previous unique 12 month periods and contains both analysis and material which illustrates the phenomena of “antisemitisms” present in Australia. Much of the included material is documentation of anti-Jewish activity, including samples of material published in journals or on web-sites of anti-Jewish organisations. There is also a section which lists examples of anti-Jewish material which has been given a platform by mainstream media outlets. Significant debates which were either on antisemitism or included antisemitic elements are also included, generally using primary sources.

Explicit antisemitism is rare in mainstream discourse, but antisemitic conspiracy themes are sometimes evoked by modern depictions of “Zionists” and “Israelis”. The Gaza conflict in 2009 was exploited by antisemites and others who were happy to promote antisemitism to further a political agenda, particularly with comparisons of Israel/Jews to the Third Reich/Nazis. Previously only a fringe phenomenon, those who are so malicious as to use the Nazi comparison manage to occasionally receive mainstream platforms. This is fairly seen as 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. It is quite common for some commentators to depict a dominant US “Zionist” lobby in America, which encourages 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.

It should be emphasised that while debates on Israel may cause distress due to the public assertion of arguments which are ahistorical, 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, 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.

There were, during the period in review, 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.

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.

As more of the communication media moves to online platforms, there is more space available for individuals without qualifications to promote views and opinions. Particularly when the site hosting comments is moderated, there is a prospect that antisocial, prejudice-promoting comments are accorded a modicum of respectability as constituting part of public discourse. There is little indication that the number of antisemites is increasing, but no question that the reach of their voices is now magnified.

Another issue with the changed media environment is the demands for immediacy, at the expense of accuracy, verification or necessary research, as “news” is no longer the produce of newspaper, television, radio or magazine journalists. Antisemites who have no concerns with truth have exploited this to set the terms of some discussions on matters of concern to the Jewish community.

Fringe and extreme extra-parliamentary political groups have also benefitted from a changing communications and social environment. Individuals can now network and collaborate on, effectively, a global scale, and have far lower costs and better prospects for anonymity. They also benefit from an environment more conducive to intellectual dishonesty and conspiracy theories, as well as a reorientation of organisational structures which traditionally involved a degree of orientation, apprenticeship and learning from experiences of colleagues.

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 relatively 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 eleven year study of attitudes of 16,000 Australians, released in June 2009, found that Australians strongly supported cultural diversity with only 6.5 per cent of respondents declaring themselves against multiculturalism. However, the writer of this paper believes there is strong anecdotal evidence that there exists in Australia an undercurrent 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. A report (23/2/11) in *The Herald Sun* (Melbourne) summarised a 12 year study which said 84 per cent of Australians have seen evidence of racial prejudices, "half of Australians harbour anti-Muslim sentiments and a quarter are anti-Semitic", and "one in three also admit some level of racist feelings against indigenous people". However, there is virtually no evidence to suggest substantial numbers of Australians would agree with, let alone participate in, activities which would indicate these views are determinants of behaviour, if indeed the survey results are a reasonable assessment of general opinion. Professor Andrew Markus observed that some of the data in this survey was ten years old, that the key question which revealed "racism" was "how concerned would you feel if one of your close relatives was to marry a person" of particular backgrounds. He was scathing in his critique of the lack of serious examination of the survey, but also of the exploitation of "bigotry" by sensationalising journalists (*The Australian*, 19/3/11).

In a survey conducted by respected policy firm UMR, on "Australians on Racism", Jews were perceived negatively by 13 per cent of Australians and positively by 62 per cent. This was the tenth best result of the 17 groups named in the questionnaire for low negative perceptions and eighth for positive perceptions. Muslims, by comparison had 43 per cent negative responses and only 35 per cent positive. (The British and Irish had the least negatives recorded, with New Zealanders the most positives). (UMR Research Limited, March 2013).

According to a report in *The Australian* (27/6/12) by Patricia Karvelas, "Australians are comfortable with multiculturalism and racial diversity, but an overwhelming number of people have expressed concerns that Muslims are not integrating and are coming to Australia to impose their values on the nation."... 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:

- 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.

Safety at all costs

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Australia's Jewish community is spending tens of millions of dollars a year on security. Is this an overreaction to potential danger or a necessary insurance policy?

IN A RECENT article in the Australian Jewish News, Dan Goldberg told readers that if he wanted his three children to have a formal Jewish education he would have to find \$500,000 over 12 years. So he sent them to the local state school, and arranged the cultural part of their tuition after hours through the Board of Jewish Education. It's a story thousands of Australian parents could sympathise with. Many make considerable sacrifices to give their children every educational advantage, especially when it also involves identification with a religious or ethnic community

Where Goldberg, a former editor of the Jewish News, really became controversial was to attack a second Jewish sacred cow - security. Providing security at Jewish schools, synagogues and special events costs tens of millions of dollars a year. No one knows precisely how much - or if they do they are not telling - but several community leaders confirmed this estimate. Goldberg wrote that an Israeli government report last year recommended cutting defence spending in favour of education. "Some have dared to whisper we too could reduce our defence budget, the millions we've ploughed into community security, and invest it in helping make Jewish education affordable. "While there's no doubt the Community Security Group is generous and gallant, and should not be abandoned entirely, it is questionable whether teenagers standing outside synagogues wearing earpieces and whispering into two-way radios prevent terror attacks." (The Community Security Group is the professional security team funded by the Jewish community to oversee protection of schools, synagogues and special events.) Goldberg suggested the rising costs of security were helping push up education fees so that ever more money would be spent on protecting ever fewer children, as more families were forced to seek cheaper - non-Jewish - alternatives. "We have ramped up our security - walls, fences, CCTV, personnel - and battened down our schools so that some 10,000 kids attend virtual fortresses manned by armed guards."

Yet, he pointed out, the inconvenient truth was that the Jewish community had not faced a terror attack in Australia for 30 years, since the Hakoah Club and Israeli consulate in Sydney were bombed on the same day.

"Investing in security is an insurance policy ... but what's the use of an insurance policy if in generations to come there's barely anyone left to insure? If Jewish education is one of the most effective bulwarks against intermarriage and assimilation, then our insurance policy surely must ensure our children have access to affordable Jewish education." In conversation with The Age, he went further, suggesting the Jewish communities in Melbourne and Sydney had been lured into a "paranoid mindset" that led them to "bunker themselves into the ground. At what point will we say stop, the cost is too much?"

Jewish security experts, who did not want to be named, say Goldberg underestimates the potential danger to the community. One consultant recently attended a Canberra conference about security in government where a speaker suggested the threat of terrorism had receded somewhat. "The director-general of ASIO (David Irvine) was next, and said he completely disagreed. He said: 'We are investigating 187 serious incidents or cases of potential terrorism throughout Australia, and these are not minor incidents.'"

ASIO confirmed yesterday that, while it did not comment publicly on specific threats, it was conducting several hundred counter-terrorism investigations and inquiries, and that the National Terrorism Public Alert level is at medium - an attack could occur. The consultant says: "NSW has a massive counter-terrorism unit, over 350 police officers. That's a lot of resources to put into a threat that isn't there."

Nor is he impressed by Goldberg's remark about teenage volunteers with earpieces. "Nobody can, or wants to, look after your kids like you do. When people have a vested interest, they put in far more effort than a commercial guard on an eight-hour shift. Some are highly trained."

What volunteers do, he says, depends on their level of training, which can be intense.

Another security expert says commercial security guards won't do because they are trained to carry drunks out of pubs. The volunteers are trained to spot the kind of trouble that might occur at Jewish sites, and to react.

Many attacks in Europe, including those that were prevented, have Jewish targets, he says. "Jack Roche, the first terrorist put away in Australia, was asked by Osama bin Laden himself to attack the Jewish community, but he got himself caught.

"Mumbai [where 164 people were killed by Islamists in 2008] is the perfect example. If you look at what they attacked, it was multi-casualty targets - hotels, stations - plus a shitty little synagogue with about six people. Indian security recorded all the mobile phone conversations between the attackers and Pakistan, and they were told, 'Everyone you kill at the synagogue is worth 50 of everyone else.' That's a mindset that speaks for itself."

Jews around the world also vividly remember Iranians killing

85 Jews with a synagogue bomb in Buenos Aires in 1994, while rising anti-Israel rhetoric and the pro-Palestinian boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign are fuelling widespread fear.

The federal government certainly accepts there is a potential problem. In 2009 and 2010 the Attorney-General's Department spent just under \$20 million on 69 projects improving security at schools it judged might be at risk of attack. Of these, 39 were Jewish schools, 23 were Muslim and 15 were state or other private schools, such as Greek Orthodox. The money was spent on CCTV, security fencing and lighting and reinforced windows. Many Jewish schools have also paid for bomb-proof walls and windows and security bollards, as well as guards, helped by security volunteers.

Jeremy Jones, who prepares an annual report on anti-Semitism in Australia, says that in the year to September 30 there were more than 500 incidents. "Most are very low level, and I'm aware that throwing eggs at people is not the same as throwing a bomb, but it shows that people are prepared to take violent steps. You don't want to find out what happens if you make it easy for them."

Launching the 22nd annual report last November, he said: "Put bluntly, in Australia this year, 10 times a week, every week, Jewish Australians were attacked or threatened." These included 17 cases of assault and property damage, 128 incidents of direct harassment and 301 emails.

He told The Age Australian Jews live with the freedom they do precisely because they are conscious of outside threats. Not many are constantly peering over their shoulders. "On any day there are millions of interactions between Jews and non-Jews in Australia, and only a tiny, tiny minority are any problem."

After Goldberg's article was published, Jewish community leaders closed ranks. Peter Wise, chairman of the NSW Council for Jewish Community Security, replied in the Jewish News that Goldberg was doubly right: first in saying something needed to be done about the cost of education, and second in surmising that he would be seen as naive and ignorant in suggesting it be done at the expense of security. In the real world, Wise wrote, "idealism has to make way for realism. I wish that wasn't so, because the collective cost of securing our community is very large indeed ... Meanwhile I would rather be safe than sorry." Wise told The Age it was a gross over-simplification to say the community felt under siege. A program running in NSW to increase physical security of synagogues and schools was merely a prudent precaution.

Melbourne community leader Sam Lipski illustrates the dilemma with a joke concerning two people involved in a dispute who visit their rabbi. The first gives his side, and the rabbi says, "You know what? You're right." Then the second has his turn, and the rabbi says, "You're right, too." His horrified assistant interjects: "But rabbi, they can't both be right." And the rabbi replies: "You know? You're right too." The moral is that both issues are critical. "The issue of security is perplexing and bedevilling. It's like an insurance policy you never want to come into effect, but you still have to take out the policy, and it's expensive," Lipski says. "Security is less problematic for the community, because it takes it for granted that it's absolutely essential. I don't think the community would accept the proposition that we could do any less than we are." This is particularly true in Melbourne, he says, where the key to understanding the Jewish community is that it is still a recovering community, one still scarred more than 60 years after the Holocaust. Yet he agrees with Goldberg that the rising cost of Jewish schools is the biggest issue it faces.

"The real debate is how do Jewish day schools in a small community like us collaborate and plan more efficiently? But any time it's raised it falls victim to the idea that Mount Scopus wants to swallow all the others, which is nonsense, or the idea that it's the variety and breadth that makes the community so vibrant." But for Lipski, the bottom line is that the challenge for the future of Jewish education cannot be put in opposition to security. It's not a question of either/or, he says.

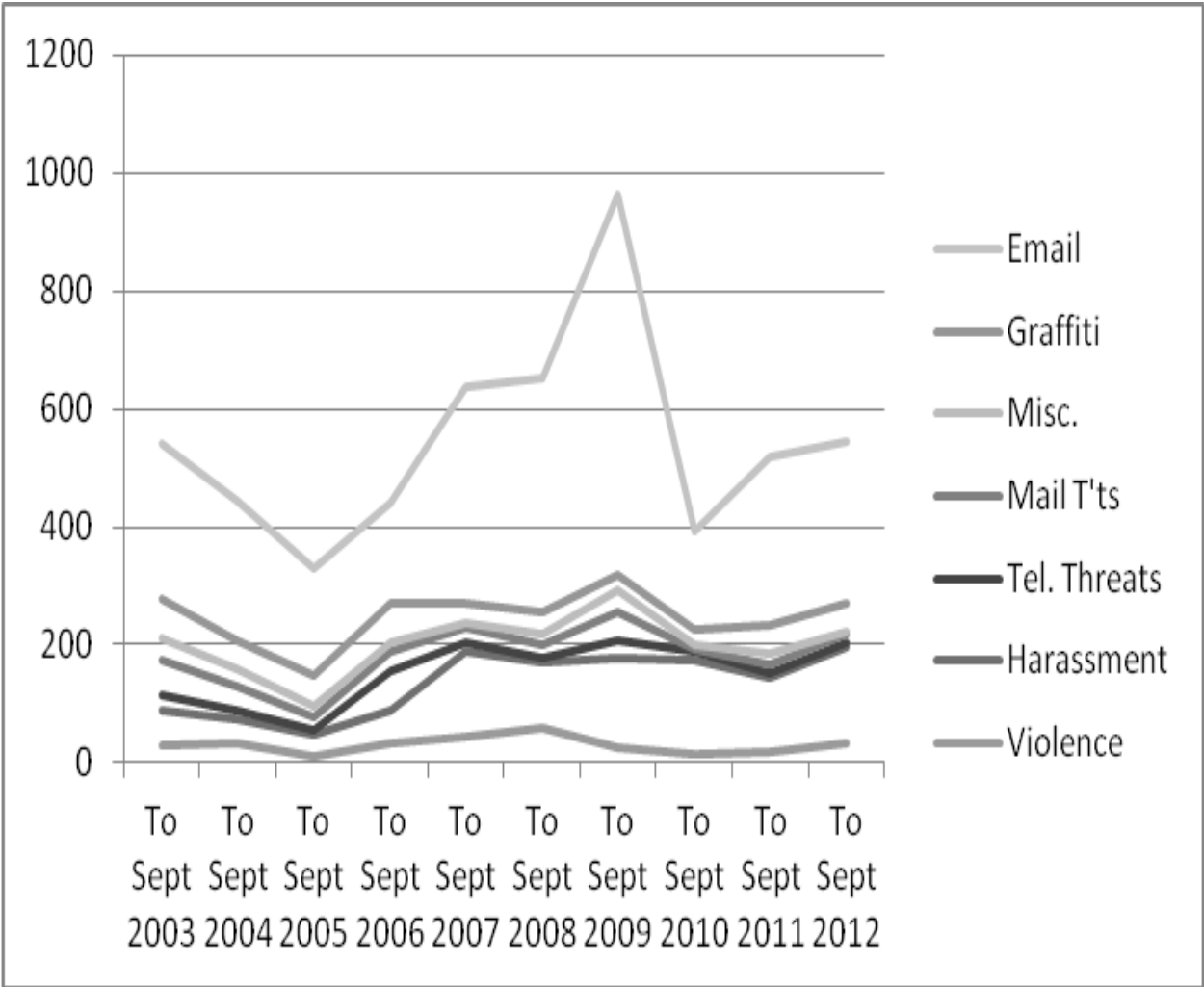
Danny Lamm, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, says: "Peter [Wise] sadly reflects our reality, Dan [Goldberg] our dreams for a peaceful world." Lamm says synagogues and schools have been targets for terrorism around the world, and threats have been made against institutions in Australia. "You'd have to be an ostrich to ignore that fact so, reluctantly, the community has to pay that sort of expense." Nevertheless, Goldberg has raised a concern held by parents who see the security levy as part of their school fees. "Where's the evidence of acts against Jewish schools?" says one father who did not want to be named. "Most of the offences are the same as any school - break-in, graffiti. But I suppose it's peace of mind."

Barrister Jonathan Slonim, whose third child has just finished at Jewish high school, says the price of education is a constant topic when parents meet. "The cost is absolutely prohibitive, though I don't say it is exorbitant. People are paying off the debts forever - I know many parents whose children have long finished and are still paying." Slonim mentions a study by one Jewish school a few years ago that found of those full-fee children who paid on time, more than half were subsidised by their grandparents. He acknowledges, like Goldberg, that the cost is forcing more and more parents out of Jewish education, but he also believes the money spent on security is essential. Goldberg, who left the Jewish News five years ago and is now a foreign correspondent and TV producer, knows cutting security alone won't save enough to reduce education costs significantly. But he thinks other sacred cows, such as aid for Israeli charities, are even more untouchable, so the prospects of change are remote.

"The chances of getting any of our chiefs to act are about as high as the chances of a critical mass of Jews erecting tents in Queens and Caulfield parks," he wrote. "Which leaves us staring down this pivotal problem with our eyes wide shut, somewhere between delusion and denial. Until, inevitably, we awake one day to a shocking realisation. By which time it could be too late."

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2.0 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, VANDALISM AND INTIMIDATION

2.1 *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-three 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, 2012, 543 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 five per cent increase over the previous twelve month period, and forty two per cent above the average of the previous 22 years. However, it was only fifty six per cent of the highest tally ('08-'09 period) and slightly below the average of the previous 10 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, email 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. It should also be noted that a number of activities associated with the movement to boycott Israel, Israelis or supporters of Israel have taken place which are arguably in and of themselves antisemitic but they are at not included in this section of the report.

Due to the complexities involved in categorising this activity 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 database.

2.2 *Reports for the Year 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012*

The total for reports of all incidents was five per cent 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 highest rate on record, at two per cent above the previous years. The total was double the previous average. Threats, conveyed through the telephone, mail, leaflets, posters or email, were recorded at a rate four per cent above the previous average and at the eighth highest total recorded.

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.

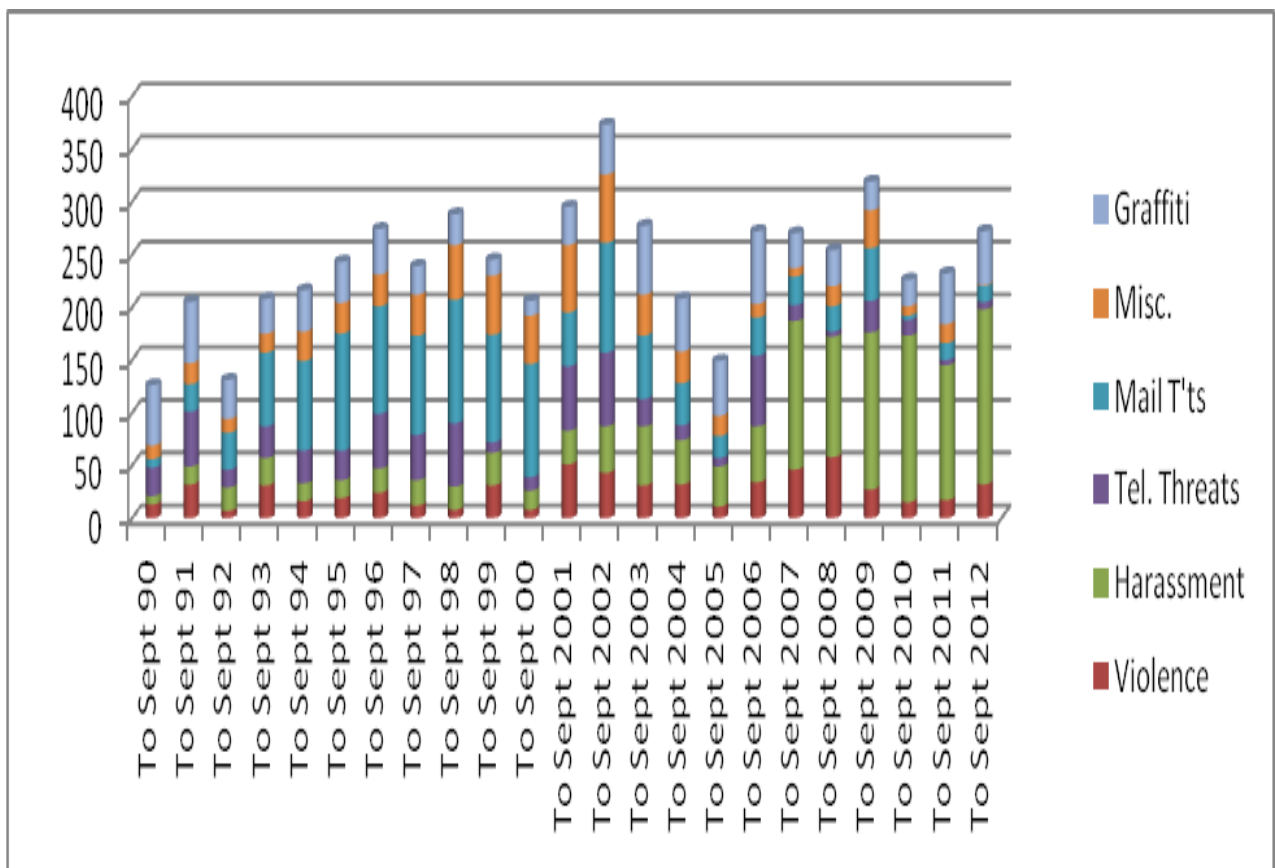
2.3 *Serious/Violent Incidents*

During the twelve months in review, the combined number of incidents involving physical assault, property damage and direct, face-to-face harassment were reported at more than double the previous average.

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

- Window in synagogue in Sydney's north shore smashed by an object thrown through it (10/11).
- Occupant of vehicle in Melbourne shouted abuse and threw eggs towards a rabbi and congregant walking to synagogue, with the congregant hit on leg (11/11).
- Attempted arson attempt at synagogue in Brisbane. The word "Satan" was also spray painted onto the synagogue wall (12/11).
- A teenage Jewish male in Melbourne was verbally and physically assaulted leaving a school function (12/11).
- An occupant of a vehicle passing a group of identifiably Jewish people in a Melbourne suburb threw eggs towards them, hitting one (1/12).
- A brick was thrown through the window of a car parked in a synagogue in Perth, by a man claiming to be the Messiah (1/12).
- An occupant of a car in Sydney's eastern suburbs threw coffee on person at entrance of synagogue (11/12).
- Threatening gesture made to children leaving Jewish school in Sydney by man waving knife, in Sydney (1/12).
- Occupant of vehicle passing synagogue in Melbourne threw eggs at identifiably Jewish man, hitting him twice (3/12).
- An egg was thrown at the entrance door of a synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs (3/12).
- Children from Jewish high school in Sydney subjected to antisemitic abuse by students from western suburbs based Christian school, while visiting historic site (3/12).
- A woman and a young child outside a synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs were abused and harassed by a person pushing a bicycle, with the phrase "fucking Jew" uttered repeatedly (3/12).

- A group of Jewish children in a park next to a synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs were abused by a number of teenagers, with comments such as “Fuck you Jews” and “Judaism sucks” (3/12).
- Jewish children on a school excursion in Perth confronted by two youths shouting racial abuse, including “Hitler didn’t do his job properly” (3/12).
- A glass bottle was thrown through the window of a synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs (4/12).
- Pedestrian deliberately shoved and yelled antisemitic abuse at a congregant outside a synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs (4/12).
- Occupants of vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs shouted “fuck you Jews” and other obscenities at a rabbi and his children (4/12).
- Antisemitic abuse “you fucking Jew” and “it’s a pity that the Germans didn’t burn the lot of you in the Holocaust” yelled at Jewish man (with young child) outside synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs (5/12).



Incident reports – excluding email – since October 1989.

- “Heil Hitler” abuse and Nazi salute by drivers of vehicles passing synagogues in Perth (6/12).
- People at Jewish Aged institution in Sydney subjected to antisemitic abuse, including “Hitler should have finished the job” by driver of vehicle who also used his vehicle menacingly (6/12).
- Jewish woman in Melbourne reported being pelted with fruit on three occasions over two days at Jewish festival (9/12).
- Occupants of vehicle in Sydney’s eastern suburbs yelled out “we will get you Jews” as it passed synagogue (9/12).
- Two occupants of vehicle passing synagogue in Sydney’s eastern suburbs yelled out “we will burn you and all the Jews and all the synagogues in Sydney” at congregant (9/12).

2.4 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 only twenty five per cent of the average over the previous twenty two years. Hate mail was recorded at the third lowest ever rate and telephone calls, which contained extreme antisemitic abuse also, at the third lowest rate.

Examples of incidents in these categories included:

- Antisemitic mail received at entertainment venue in Melbourne referring to “hideous Jews” (10/11).
- A person fired by Jewish employer sent him series of offensive, graphic antisemitic text messages (10/11).
- Antisemitic telephone message, referring to Jewish “billionaires” who have greedy money mad children”, made to Jewish organisation in Sydney’s eastern suburbs (12/11).
- Jewish organisation in Sydney received abusive letter, quoting extensively from the Christian religious sources, concluding “Australia is not your land, you two face (sic) Australian Liar’s (sic)”. (12/11).
- Antisemitic death threat mailed to prominent member of Sydney’s Jewish community (1/12).
- Antisemitic telephone calls made to Jewish institution in Sydney. The first included “I hate Jews” and “burn in Hell”. The second call included a series of obscenities.
- Letters received at synagogues in Sydney attacking “the evilist (sic) terroristic regime in our time” and the second, from a different source, including lines such as “cleaning and pestilences and your minions be gone” (2/12).
- Antisemitic phone call made to private mobile phone of prominent member of Jewish community in Sydney, concluding “all fucking Jews should move to Israel” (4/12).
- Antisemitic letter received at Jewish organisation in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs (5/12).
- Antisemitic letter received at synagogue in Perth (5/12).

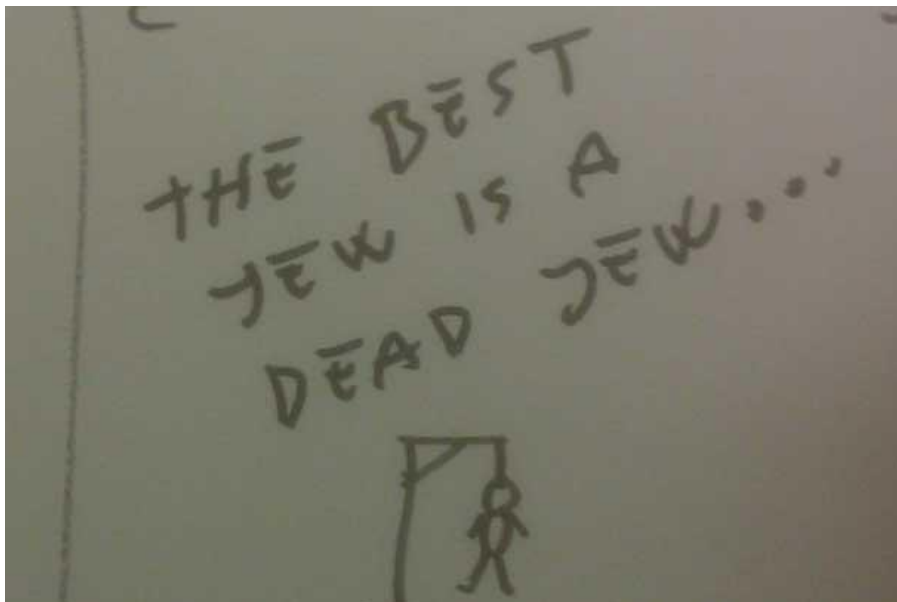
- A long antisemitic letter sent from Queensland to Jewish community office in Sydney (5/11).
- Packages containing an antisemitic DVD and letter were received by a number of people in a street near a synagogue in Sydney's western suburbs (8/12).

2.5 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 a rate twenty seven per cent above the average for all years and at the highest rate in six years.

Amongst the graffiti incidents in the period in review were:

- Graffiti of swastikas in street in Sydney's eastern suburbs (11/11).
- Graffiti of large swastikas and words "Jewish pig" sprayed on the outer fence and gate of a Jewish family's home in Melbourne (11/11).
- Graffiti "YOU JEW CUNTZ" daubed on entrance sign to Jewish school in Melbourne (11/11).
- Graffiti "the best Jew is a dead Jew ..." in public shopping area in a Victorian regional centre (1/11).
- Antisemitic graffiti daubed within premises of synagogue in Melbourne (12/12).
- Antisemitic graffiti, including "FUCK JEWS", spray-painted on Church building in Melbourne (4/12).



- Antisemitic graffiti in a number of places in Perth park (4/12).
- Swastika painted on car parked outside Jewish institution in Sydney's eastern suburbs (5/12).
- Swastika daubed on outer wall of Jewish educational institution in Sydney's eastern suburbs (5/12).
- Swastika spray-painted on fixture opposite orthodox synagogue in Queensland's Gold Coast (5/12).
- Graffiti daubed on synagogue building in Melbourne (6/12).
- Antisemitic graffiti daubed on bus shelter outside Jewish institution on Sydney's north shore (6/12).
- A series of daubing of swastikas, "I hate Jews", "Fuk (sic) Jews" on home of Jewish family and street signs, near Jewish school in Sydney's eastern suburbs (7/12).
- Antisemitic graffiti on private home of Jewish person in Sydney's eastern suburbs, consisting of daubing of Stars of David and the word "Jew" (9/12).

2.6 Hate Email

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

The ability of a person to remain anonymous and to send messages cheaply has made email the favoured means of communicating hate messages by Australian antisemites. During the period in review almost fifty per cent 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 five times a week in the year in review. The total during this reporting period was ten per cent better the average for the previous ten years.

Examples of email harassment and abuse included:

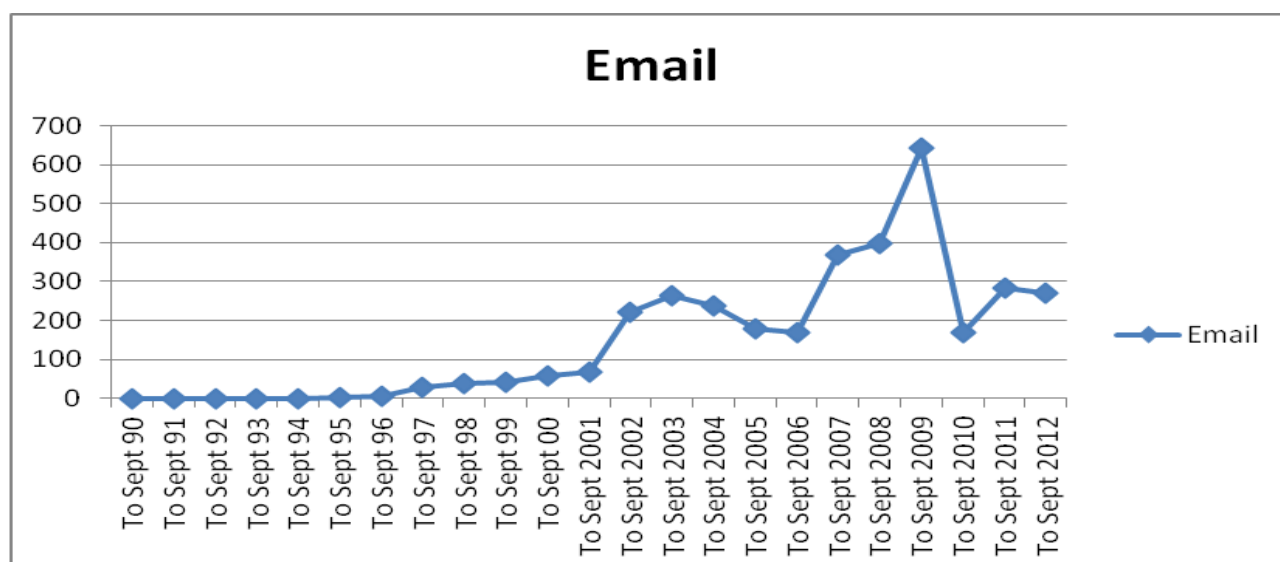
- Email received by Jewish organisation in Sydney, defending convicted racist, containing comments such as "Jews are the worst racists out there, and they are homicidal maniacs ... Why not do the world a favour and go live with the pigs, it's the only place creatures like Jews belong" (10/11).
- An email received by a Jewish organisation in Sydney concluded "The regrettable things is that you Jews dragged it out so long, so that for more than 60 years Israel won supporters all over the world, only now to throw that support into the fire with the mutilated bodies of terror victims, who obviously count for nothing. Why didn't Israel just get it over with a long time ago? But then this trick, this diabolical world-historical self-immolation is so fascinating isn't it, so creative, so 'Jewish'! You Jews are so proud of it!" (10/11).
- Antisemitic email received by prominent member of Sydney Jewish community containing statements such as "do you deny 835 of abortion clinics owned by jew doctors", "do most jews

get money from germany by telling lies about the holohoax” and “everyone knows the kikes are the organ grinders” (11/11).

- Email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney signed “Jason Kikestein”, saying “We’re waking up to greedy hooked nose jew bullshit. That’s why kikes support internet censorship” (11/11).
- Antisemitic email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney, with comments such as “Why are jews white collar criminals out of proportion to the population, why have jews been expelled from every European country bar none why are jews the most despised race why do jews invent the holocaust”, and many similar slurs (12/11).
- Email sent to Jewish man’s work email address in Sydney, attacking “exterminationist literature” which covers “the alleged huge slaughter of Jews in the “East”, supported Nazism, attacked Jeremy Jones as “a PRIME UGLY Jew” and supported imprisoned racist Brendon O’Connell (12/11).
- An email was sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney “once again the jews are intent on starting a war with iran it is quiet (sic) clear the jews murdered the Iranian scientist, now if it was just the jews and iran fighting no one would give a rats go ahead nuke each other”, before praising Mel Gibson (1/12).
- Email sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney, full of invective, including “Be thankful that the Western world in its guilt let’s you get away with holding the world to ransom over the Holocaust. There was a Holocaust in Cambodia too, aided and abetted by the famous Jew, Kissinger, and China in a sickening display a cynical Realpolitik but we don’t hear THEM whingeing and bleating endlessly” (1/12).
- Email accusing Jews of being like Nazis sent to website of Jewish organisation dealing with Holocaust history in Melbourne (2/12).
- Jewish communal personality in Sydney received an email from Queensland which said “the jews are going to start another war, just like they started the 2nd ww”; “jews of Russia had invaded 13 countries”; “we all know muslims are mad but left alone cause no harm”; “jews are an insidious cancer on the world and course (sic) most wars so the rothschilds can make money”; and “only when the power of the jews is destroyed will there be world peace” (2/12).
- Email sent to recipients in Canberra (3/12) and in Sydney (3/12) promoting Holocaust denial, in terms including “the six million Jew death number is a lie and there is a Holocaust-Shoah market going on to this day, among others, in the form of reparations flowing from Germany to Israel”.
- A long antisemitic email, with extracts from the US-based antisemitic site “Real Zionist News” headed “the end of the Jewish Age” was sent by the “Free State Voice” to an office address in Canberra (3/12).
- Email suggesting Hitler as the man “who dared to challenge the global financial usury slave system” sent to recipients in ACT (3/12) and Victoria (3/12).
- Email with comment “judeo Nazism is alive and well. You speak like a true NAZI, and I hope you enjoy you’re (sic) brief moment at the helm of world power”, concluding “ENOUGH you evil, insane vengeful, ugly jews enough the world has had enough of your satanic shananigans”, sent to Jewish organisation representatives in Sydney (3/12).
- Antisemitic message received via website of Jewish educational institution in Sydney, referring to “pig Jews of Hollywood in Florida”, “pig Jews at yeshiva” and “CRAP Jews” (4/12).

- Email sent to internet discussion group by Sydney man Peter Coleman, referring to an “old Jew subhuman”, saying “pity this old kike did not go up the chimney” (4/12).
- Known Holocaust denier sent abusive letter to Jewish organisations, Sydney and Melbourne office, calling Jews “a pestilence” and claiming Jews “mean to murder all 7,000,000,000 of us, if you could”, in the process denying Israel had ever been shelled from Gaza or the West Bank (5/12).
- Email signed “fuukjews” calling Jewish personality “Piece of Shit” and concluding “Seig Heil” sent to Jewish organisation in Sydney (7/12).
- Antisemitic email defending accused Nazi war criminal on the grounds that “so many Jews have blood on their hands”, sent to Jewish communal leader in Sydney (7/12).
- Antisemitic email accusing Jews of “perverting the minds of the Gentile children and using Christian religious language sent to Jewish organisation in Canberra (7/12).
- Antisemitic email sent to Jewish communal personality in Sydney, saying Jews are involved in ongoing “lies about other nations and their history” and “The world sheep are waking up to the lies and fabricated history written and spread by your people – including the organised crime and Herrorism (sic) that you bestow on every nation for greed” (8/12).
- Antisemitic email saying “Hitler should have exterminated you. Sadly he didn’t. What a shame” received by media outlet advertising Jewish community event in Sydney (8/12).
- Email signed “Adolf” from <http://Hitler> received at Jewish organisation in Sydney, containing unintelligible content (8/12).
- Email “Every time someone says something the Jews don’t like, they threaten him until he takes it back and grovels for mercy. Many of them haven’t noticed it yet, but much of the world is fed up with them – again. The time is approaching when they will soon be grovelling again. It seems that has to happen every hundred years or so until they are put in their place again. Some Jews (and gentiles too) have suggested the Jews study their behaviour to find out why everyone in the world feels the need at one time or another to kick them in their rear so they could avoid getting in trouble for the umpteenth time. I think the study would find many problems with their odious behaviour and it wouldn’t take long.” Received by Jewish organisation in Sydney (8/12).
- An email received by Jewish organisation in Sydney included “Maybe the anti-fascists actually should open a book on National Socialist (“nazi”) Germany, and notice how things were better than today. Maybe they actually should open a book on WW2, and notice it was Poland that mobilized it’s army first, made territorial claims, and refused the numerous generous German offers, or that it was the declarations of war by france and the U.K. which started the world war in proper, or that Stalin was planning his own large-scale invasion of Europe, or that the same “bomber command” the Labour MP idealizes murdered hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. Maybe they should read one of the dozens of revisionist books which have conclusively proven that the atrocity propaganda of the Jewish museums (“6 million” “has chambers” “extermination orders” “human soap” and other leis) are completely unfounded.” (8/12).
- Emails, received by Jewish organisation, contained antisemitic theories, stating “Jews created communism, fascism, socialism, democracy, dictatorships, Jews created WWI and WWII. Jews funded the Afro-American slave trade . . .” (9/12).

- Email telling Jews to repent for their Judaism (and become Christian) on Rosh Hashana sent to Jewish organisation and individuals internationally, including recipients in Sydney (9/12).
- Email supporting Holocaust denial and calling for the repeal of Australia’s antiracism laws sent to MP in Canberra (9/12) and to Jewish individuals in Sydney (9/12).



2.7 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 at the sixth lowest rate ever during the period in question. Examples of reports in this category include:

- Antisemitism signs, and a Hezbollah flag, at “Occupy Sydney” rally (10/11).
- A book defaced with antisemitic text left in the letterbox of synagogue in Melbourne (11/11).
- Antisemitic message posted to website of Jewish organisation in Melbourne (12/11).
- Antisemitic leaflet, on “The New World Order”, handed out in Melbourne CBD (1/12).
- Antisemitic message posted to website of Jewish organisation in Melbourne, signed fuckendirtyjews@jewville.com (1/12).
- Swastika sticker placed on advertising sign in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs (6/12).
- Children from non-Jewish school threw coins as antisemitic taunt at a number of different groups of Jewish day school children (8/12).

The Last Word: Symptoms, Diagnosis and Prescription

Nov 28 2011 *Jeremy Jones*

Between 1 October 1989 and 30 September 2011, I have logged incidents of "racist violence" against Jewish Australians and Jewish Australian institutions, including 566 of physical assaults or property damage, and 1,180 incidents of direct harassment and intimidation (mainly of families walking to or from synagogue).

Also recorded were: 679 incidents of telephone abuse and threats; 1,290 individual mailings of anti-Jewish material; 877 incidents of anti-Jewish graffiti; 3,168 examples of unique emails with anti-Jewish content and/or threats; and 664 incidents of other types, including faxes, leaflets, stickers, text messages and posters. I have additionally received many reports which may have been antisemitic but where there was insufficient evidence to justify inclusion, such as when Jewish Australians have been assaulted, harassed and abused in a manner or context which makes it unclear whether the Jewishness of the target was the cause of the offence.

A small minority of attacks on Israel or its alleged behaviour were expressed in a manner which identified them as antisemitic, but in many other cases antisemitism was a possible, but not definite motive. Unless unambiguously antisemitic, these incidents are excluded. In the most recent 12 month period, a total of 517 reports were logged - 193 of what are broadly defined as attacks and harassment and 324 broadly logged as intimidation and threats.

Put bluntly: in contemporary Australia this year, ten times a week, every week, Jewish Australians were attacked or threatened.

While disturbing, these incidents should be viewed in the context of the many millions of interactions in the same period between Jews and non-Jews which are positive or neutral. Further, even if each of the 8,424 incidents recorded had been experienced by different individuals (which isn't the case) the overwhelming majority of Jews in Australia never encounter physical manifestations of antisemitism.

The qualifications, however, work both ways.

There are organisations, as well as individuals, promoting antisemitism in Australia. There are many more, daily, examples of anti-Jewish propaganda and discourse than of physical attacks.

Further, while anti-Jewish violence and physical harassment has few public supporters or apologists, antisemitic comments find comfortable hosts on the online sites of mainstream, including government owned, media outlets. There are Christian and Muslim groups which will promote goodwill to Jews with one hand and publish supremacist and other anti-Jewish bigotry on the other hand. There are self-described progressive groups and organisations which tolerate or even promote anti-Jewish material when it suits their broader agendas.

Australia should provide an environment in which no person, Jewish or otherwise, is denied their right to live free of vilification, harassment, intimidation and assault.

Based on more than 20 years of analysis of antisemitic activity in Australia, I proffer the following suggestions: Treat hate crimes seriously - the property damage or injury may often be slight but the impact on the community is significant;

- *Victims should not be the designated complainants against racists - the offence is against the community, not just individual targets;*
- *Just as most Church groups have managed to psychologically distance themselves from pseudo-Christian racists, mainstream Muslims, leftists, rightists and others need to identify antisemites and racists as just that - bigots undeserving of a place on even a lengthy continuum;*
- *It is time mainstream media and others grew up - the online world can no longer be regarded as some sort of alternative reality. If a posting on your website would not be published in print or broadcast by you, don't provide it with an online platform and demean your brand;*
- *Genuine anti-racists don't tolerate double standards or demonisation of any group. Churches, particularly, should be aware that it is immoral to proclaim opposition to antisemitism and then, for example, promote supercessionist literature.*

I don't expect racists, bigots and hate mongers to transfer to the side of the angels, but is it unreasonable to expect that despicable views will be branded as such, continuously and consistently?

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3.0 ANTISEMITISM IN THE MEDIA AND THE COMMUNITY

3.1 *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 two decades 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 recent years anecdotal evidence has emerged to the effect of 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 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. Online communities, Facebook and YouTube 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.

3.2 *Issues of Concern*

Rationalisations for anti-Jewish stereotyping and vilification are quite diverse and it would be misleading to portray antisemitic organisation and individuals as being of one type or of acting in concert. Although some antisemitic organisations will present a grab-bag of stereotypes to rationalise their prejudice, it is generally possible to identify central themes 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 wellbeing 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.

In the year in review, antisemitism remained a subject of public debate, due to the behaviour of a small group of anti-Israel fanatics, and a number of organisations and associations they influenced, who were calling for boycotts of Israel, Israelis, Israeli produce, and some Australians who are Jewish and supported Israel. It was noted that at the centre of this group were individuals whose promotion of double standards and dishonesty as well as the content of their supporting argumentation, lead to a reasonable conclusion that they were antisemitic or, at best, willing to use antisemitism to promote personal or political agendas.

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.

Professor Kim Rubenstein wrote "When a teacher at the Jewish community weekend school asked her class about the past week, one child mentioned they had encountered anti-Semitism. This prompted others to share similar experiences, and these young Jewish Canberrans openly described how they had

experienced persecution, hatred and discrimination, directed at them because they were Jewish." She noted "while there is no one definition of anti-Semitism, it can be manifest in multiple ways, including social exclusion, physical assaults, perpetuating myths, accusing Jews of evil wrongdoing, and denial of rights, including the right to self-determination in a national homeland Israel. Anti-Semitism, which can be intentional or unintentional, targets individuals because they are Jews. Some Canberra examples reflected deep-seated stereotypes of Jews, with one child reporting "They threw down some money and I picked it up and they said I passed the Jew test." In the worst incident a child was repeatedly told the Nazis were going to come and finish the job and they later noticed swastikas drawn on the wall in their classroom. Another child reported leaving their classroom and returning to find their desk graffitied with a swastika. Also of great concern is the insensitivity and ignorance in relation to Jewish religious and cultural needs, particularly dietary requirements. The Jewish children constantly were on the defensive explaining why they don't eat pork. For the most part, these comments were based on curiosity but the insensitivity of schools on this issue was often intimidatory in effect if not in intent."; concluding "The problem of respecting Jewish religious rites was particularly pronounced when it came to chapel attendance at the church schools. One participant complained of being forced to go to chapel; the pupil nonchalantly explained they dealt with this situation by simply mouthing the words. Another Jewish student refused to go to chapel at all - according to Jewish law it is forbidden to enter a church in prayer; they were forced to sit in the detention room while the issue was resolved, effectively being punished for observing their Jewish faith. In a well-educated community like Canberra, with a legislative framework to protect against discrimination, we should be ensuring that our education system is required to teach and respect and affirm other religious practices and beliefs. Differences of faith should be presented as a positive attribute enhancing the rich community we are part of, rather than being the reason for bullying and discrimination."

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.

3.3 Examples of Types of Antisemitism

3.3.1 "Jewish Power" claim

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 were 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 appeared 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.

3.3.2 *Claims of "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.

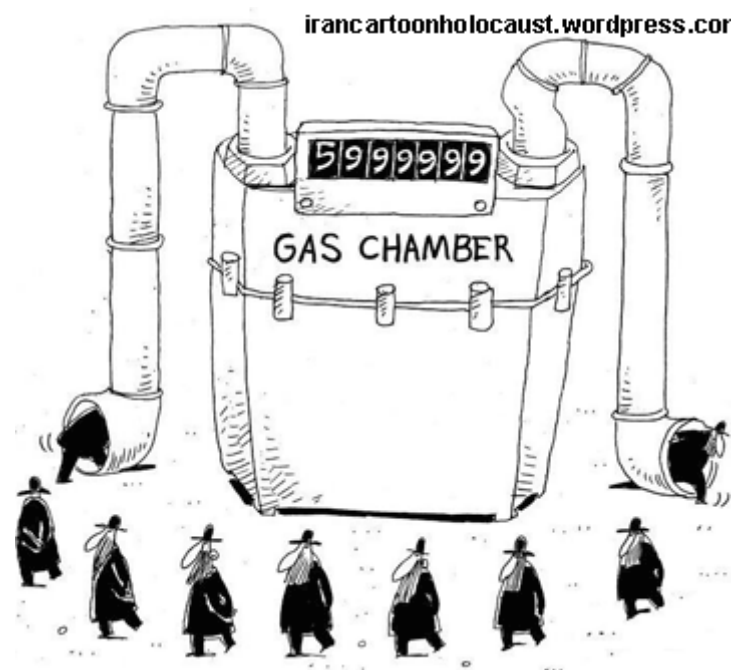
3.3.3 *Holocaust Denial*

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 online 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.



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Given that Holocaust deniers have no place in the Academy, the development of online communications has proven to be a boon to their activities. As noted by Leonard Weinberg in *Extremism in Europe, 1998 Survey*, "If you search the word 'Auschwitz' on the World Wide Web the first entry that appears is from a site in Australia that asserts the death camp was a post-war invention of the CIA".

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

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.

3.3.4 *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.

Related to this is the slur of Zionism/Israel being equivalent to South African Apartheid. This is a rhetorical tool aimed at delegitimising one form of national self-determination, and only one form of self-determination in contending Jewish people cannot play a role in determining its destiny. Further, the immoral misappropriation of terminology describing a race-based minority power system to an unresolved political/national conflict indicates that the motive is not designed at achieving a better human rights position but as defaming and seeking to deligitimise Israel, with inferences that it is the Jewish character of Israel which is a legitimate target.

3.3.5 *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.

3.3.6 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 ongoing 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.

3.3.7 *Jewish Caricatures*

Outdated 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.

3.3.8 *"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".

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Ignorance abounds, but still it's no excuse

Austen Tayshus

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A CityRail employee was reinstated last week after being sacked for a few months for making stereotypical, racist comments to Jewish people. He implied that "All Jews are rich" and don't need to travel by train. I think sacking him was harsh, but one wonders if his attitudes have changed since his punishment. Is his remorse only superficial? Does he see how seemingly innocuous comments and attitudes can lead to devastating consequences? Prejudice is something I think about every day. It has influenced my comedy career in many ways. Most nights I am alone watching Holocaust-themed documentaries. No wonder my marriage didn't last. It is an obsession. But the story needs to be told over and over again so that people never forget.

The racial vilification of the Jews in Germany in the 1930s began with their gradual, very gradual exclusion from all areas of public life and ended with 12,000 Jews a day being gassed and burnt in Auschwitz, Majdanek, Treblinka, Chelmno and Belzec. This is what can happen. This did happen. This is why we say "never again!". My professional life has been about highlighting the need for tolerance and understanding in Australia. When I released my recording of Highway Corroboree in the Bicentennial year, a satirical routine about reconciliation and the stupidity of racial prejudice, which I believed to be self-explanatory, it was derided by both white people and Aborigines as being racist. But I approach these subjects from an extreme artistic perspective and often my comments are misinterpreted.

My dad was a Holocaust survivor. Most of his family were murdered in Treblinka, where the Germans led by Franz Stangl murdered almost 900,000 innocent Jewish men, women and children. When dad learnt that his beloved mother had been murdered he cried so hard he ran out of tears. You wouldn't find a more gentle sweetheart than my dad. Maybe Mr CityRail would have benefited from a few hours with him. I went to a public school in the '60s. Vauclose Boys High. It's about to become a retirement village. More than half the school was Jewish. I experienced quite a lot of prejudice at school from gentiles. One particular incident remains in my memory. Every year the Jewish kids would have Rosh Hashanah off because this is an important festival, the Jewish New Year. At the assembly that day the principal said the playground was much cleaner without the Jews. He was never reprimanded, but that was Australia in the '60s.

One would hope that we have moved on as a society from widespread prejudice, but occasionally we have a Pauline Hanson vilifying Asians, or a riot in Cronulla, or a shock jock such as Alan Jones winding people up - or a Mr CityRail.

A Somali cab driver who drove me from the airport to the city in Melbourne last week was going on about "the global Jewish conspiracy". When I asked the cabbie how many Jews there are in the world he replied "one billion". The truth is closer to 14 million, I said. He wouldn't listen. There is so much ignorance around. But it still does not explain anti-Semitism.

Six million Jews were murdered by the Germans in World War II. Simply because they were Jews. It makes no sense.

I was in an organic cafe in Bondi recently and I overheard one of the staff saying all Jews are rude. I can be famously rude onstage, but there is always a point to it. Otherwise, some of the sweetest, most polite and generous people I have met in my life were Jews. One of the most fundamental commandments in Judaism is kindness and generosity. Jewish philanthropy is legendary, not only in the US but here.

Australia, despite our past, is one of the most tolerant countries. We need to keep in mind that all human beings are created equal. Difference is good.

Maybe Mr CityRail should have been sent to the Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst where he would have been given a guided tour by a Holocaust survivor. This would have done him a lot more good than being sacked.

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3.4 Manifestations in the Public Arena

At some of the anti-Israel rallies and protests, there were overt expressions of antisemitism. Those groups within the far right extremist sub-culture which are overtly antisemitic generally promoted support of anti-Israel boycotts. Slogans associated with the concept of Jews being destroyed in a religious war were recorded from amongst boycott supporters. In a shallow attempt to distract attention from overt antisemitism and antisemitic motivations, some boycott supporters pointed to a handful of individuals and groups involved in anti-Muslim and/or anti-multicultural activity. This intellectually feeble campaign had little public resonance particularly as those opposing the boycott publicly included the most prominent political, social and civic opponents of racism.

While there are a number of small organisations which energetically promote contempt of, hatred towards or confrontation with Jews, despite energy and a degree of creativity they generally had no input into mainstream media or debate.

The minor exception was when it came to matters which can be grouped as Jewish religious practises. While for the most part, debates were civil even if not necessarily well-informed, at various times discussions concerning the approval of an "Eruv" (to increase options for observant orthodox Jews) in an area of Sydney's north shore, on killing of animals for human consumption following Jewish ritual guidelines and the practice of circumcision of infant boys, provided public platforms for those more concerned with deferring, offending or creating difficulties for Jews.

It is a sign of how rarely antisemitism appears in mainstream discourse that what would be relatively minor incidents in most countries can become the focus of media attention and draw outright, justified condemnation. When a councillor on Sydney's north shore made an offensive comment, to the effect that Jews could not possibly be included in "non-profit" activities, she received widescale, critical media coverage of her comment.

In the State election in Queensland, a Labor candidate and party official was forced to quit the election campaign over his support for white supremacists. The Australian (21/2/12) reported "teenage Labor candidate Peter Watson, who was contesting the seat of Southern Downs held by former opposition leader Lawrence Springborg, was last night unrepentant about his views that were discovered on the "White Law Towers" blog. . . He told The Australian last night that he has never hidden his racial-based views about Australia. "I don't hide anything, I am proud of what I believe in," he said. "I regard myself as a white nationalist, not a supremacist, and that 40 years of multiculturalism has destroyed this

country”, claiming "My views were the same as the trade union movement in the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century, particularly with the White Australia Policy."

Another ongoing concern has been the, fortunately rare, occasions when mainstream political figures have allowed extremists to appear within the boundaries of respectable political space. There were a small number of occasions during the period in review when politicians attended events which had anti-Jewish elements in their agenda, platform or invited attendees. These were generally organised by segments within migrant groups in Australia who sought to promote historic figures identified with fascism and racism or current movements which promote antisemitism, such as Hamas or Iran's Press TV.

On another level to receiving support from extremist elements were politicians and others, who claim moral and political authority, speaking at events in which racist anti-Jewish agendas were evident but made no obvious efforts to refute or discourage the prejudice, let alone dissociate from it.

On Sunday 25 March 2012, the Australian Greek community organised a "Greek Independence Day Parade" at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. According to the Greek Australian newspaper, *Neos Kosmos*, the event was attended by a number of Greek community groups, as well as the Premier of the State of Victoria, the Hon. Ted Baillieu MLA, members of the Victorian Parliament (Nicholas Kotsiras MLA, John Panadazopoulos MLA, Anne Barker MLA, Jenny Mikakos MLC), members of the Federal Parliaments (Maria Vamvakinou MP, Sophie Mirabella MP) and representatives from Victoria Police and the Australian Defence Forces. However what *Neos Kosmos* failed to report was the fact that the event was attended by members of a Melbourne branch of the so-called "Chrysi Avgi" (Golden Dawn) organisation. Nevertheless, their presence at the parade was 'proudly' displayed on the organisation's official website. According to a report submitted by the Greek Helsinki Monitor (an Athens based human rights organisation) to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination (UN CERD), Golden Dawn is "openly neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic, racist and white supremacist and have been involved in many violent incidents against migrants, Macedonians ... as well as in desecration of Jewish monuments." Following publicity, local Greek community personalities unreservedly condemned Golden Dawn's activities in Australia.

3.5 Antisemitism, Israel and the BDS Movement

Senator Scott Ryan (Liberal Party) and Michael Danby MP (ALP) participated in the Interparliamentary Coalition for Combatting Antisemitism meeting in Ottawa, Canada, in November 2010. On his return, Senator Ryan spoke in the Senate, noting "Anti-Semitism today has taken on a new face, and technology has globalised it. Whereas anti-Semitism in the West was once founded on overt racism and bastardised science, it is now more covert and hidden. Sadly, it is also propagated by those who claim to be advocates of religion. For many centuries, the Christian church has provided a basis for it, just as today radical Islamism is reinvigorating this oldest of hatreds. While today in some nations of the Middle East it has taken on a new and virulent form, in the West it has become hidden behind a veil of allegedly respectable criticism of the state of Israel and various international organisations, government and non-government alike. I hasten to add that legitimate criticism of the state of Israel is not anti-Semitism, as the declaration from the Ottawa conference outlined last week. To say so is wrong. But the application of constant double standards to Israel alone and the demonisation and delegitimisation of Israel are, sadly, components of modern Western anti-Semitism."

The political naivety and intellectual dishonesty of the BDS movement was evident in a number of reports. Jenine Abdul Khalik, a journalism and law student at University of Technology, Sydney, started the Students for Justice in Palestine group at the university last year" and "Ms Abdul Khalik, 19, said she was strongly behind the BDS movement and everything it stood for – even travelling

overseas to meet the movement's founder. She also said the Max Brenner chain – which is owned by the Strauss Group of food and confectionery manufacturers in Israel, and produces rations for the Israeli Defence Forces – was a legitimate target, but protesting outside its doors was not productive. "It's not fruitful to be targeting a café," she said. "But (I agree) Israel is definitely an apartheid state." (26/9/12).

In one of the most blatant expositions of the relationship of BDS and antisemitism, comments below a YouTube video made by Victorian Students for Palestine, in support of a boycott of an Israeli-founded coffee and chocolate shop, included "One day the world will erase the Jew cancer! FREE PALESTINE!!!" (6/8/12); "We can only wish that Hitler or someone like him will return." (9/8/12); "Let's hope so. Just look at how the Jews convinced Britain and the US to go to war against the man who was on the Jews bullshit. And what did we get in return? Half of Europe was put under the Jew Bolshevik thumb where tens of millions were murdered by these ugly Jews. The other half of Europe as well as America was put under the psychological terrorism of the Jew. Keep spreading the word against the Jew cancer, bro or sis!." (9/8/12) and "Shocking isn't it? The sad thing is that majority of Australia's public are so oblivious to these glaring facts and therefore non-the-wiser to who is quietly pulling Government strings in the background. There's always been a significant Jewish presence in Aus but it was mostly in FINANCE, MEDIA & REAL ESTATE. Now, especially since 2008, they've weighed heavily into Aus POLITICS as most of them moved operations here to syphon their wealth into a relatively stable economy." (7/8/12).

On the website of The Punch (3/8/12) below an article attacking boycotts of Jewish businesses in Australia by anti-Israel groups, comments included "suggest acotrel, that before you post another of your stupid posts you read those books below: Kardel Hitler founder of Israel and The 13 th Tribe by Arthur Koestler. Rabbi Paul from Tarsus indeed wrote that "Jews killed Jesus and prosecuted us". He was a Jew as you probably know. The problem that you do not understand is that people who we call Jews today have nothing to do with Jews from Paul's times. Jewish sources admit that 95% of Jews today is not of semitic origin. Antisemitism was popularised by Einstein who called antisemite everybody who dared to criticize his outlandish ideas. He was an Ashkenazi (not semitic) Jew. Get educated before you post next pile of rubbish." by "andre".

In April, a political blog reported "Australia's Jewish community is bracing itself for a horrifying escalation by the "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" movement notionally against Israel but increasingly seen as thinly-disguised anti-Semitism. VEXNEWS can reveal that a group led by former Melbourne University student union official Vashti Kenway has instructed its troops to take their Israel-hating protests to Adass Israel synagogue during the time it would have Jewish religious services, on Saturday February 25th. The protest is aimed at Rabbi Joseph Gutnick, a strong supporter of Israel, in whose honour the centre accommodating the synagogue is named. It's worth noting the centre was built after the previous building was severely damaged after an arson attack in 1995. Increasingly, Kenway and her band of protesters are blurring the lines between hating Israel and engaging in blatantly anti-Semitic protests. The move to attack a synagogue during religious services is the most blatant act in that direction we've seen across Australia", with an update noting "We are pleased to say the "Boycott" bigots have, as a result of public pressure from VEXNEWS readers, backed off their plans to attack the Addas synagogue, which had previously been the victim of arson attacks. They have moved their silly protest to an office of a company associated with Gutnick. Just as stupid but much less harmful and destructive. Being concerned about the people of the Palestinian Authority is perfectly legitimate, although it's interesting that those who suffer much more do not generate the same concern, but this sorry episode has amply demonstrated what we've always suspected that there is a hideous underbelly of anti-Semitism associated with those who wish to boycott Israel. Sometimes the enemies of justice act so stupidly they do all the heavy lifting for you, they make your argument for you, with startling and chilling clarity. This has been one such occasion. While credit is due for their decision to back off from their planned attack on a place of worship, it's truly frightening to consider the hatred underpinning their decision to plan such an outrageous act and to announce it to the world in the first place. Vashti Kenway, hang your head in shame." (Vexnews (10/2/12).

3.6 *Holocaust Analogies and Denigration*

There are two distinct concerns with the use of Holocaust analogies in political debate. The first is when Jews/Israel/Israelis are labelled Nazis, which is discussed in point 2.5 of this report. The second is the invocation of “Nazi” as a generic term of abuse and/or the Holocaust as a synonym for many inappropriately-covered events or situations.

Outside the political fringe groups, the Nazi/Jewish analogy was restricted to a section of the anti-Israel boycotters. This group exploited a handful of self-identified Jews who asserted their opposition to Israel was based on their belonging to the group which collectively experienced the Shoah.

The misuse of the Holocaust in analogies, when it entered mainstream discussion, regularly brought about strong political and social reactions.

In the Commonwealth Senate on November 3, 2011, Senator Ian Macdonald of Queensland made an interjection in a debate in which he compared the political activist group Get Up! To the Hitler Youth, but at the earliest opportunity, on the same day, “unreservedly apologised” to the Jewish community.

When Ian Robinson contributed an Op-Ed to the Saturday Age with this analogy, Kate Ashmor commented “Mr Robinson describes Tony Abbott’s efforts to hold Prime Minister Julia Gillard to account on the carbon tax as “a conscious, concerted and calculated propaganda campaign of Goebbels-esque proportions” and he queries why Mr Abbott is “doggedly using discredited Nazi propaganda techniques”. Mr Robinson’s logic beggars belief, as does the Age’s audacity to publish such an offensive and distressing piece. I cannot fathom how the Nazis’ systematic and brutal approach to propaganda – which directly led to the murder of six million Jews, including my great-grandparents – could possibly be relevant to, let alone descriptive of, Mr Abbott doing his job as Leader of the Opposition.” (Australian Jewish News 13/7/12).

In another example, as the Herald Sun reported, “A LEADING Australian banker has been branded a goose after he reportedly praised Hitler during a briefing of business leaders. Macquarie Bank board director Michael Hawker reportedly told the meeting Hitler was a skilled leader. “You have to paint a great picture of your vision of the future if you want people to follow,” he said, according to a report in the Australian Financial Review. “Hitler painted a great picture ... Well, maybe not from another point of view.” . . . “Prominent Jewish politician Michael Danby said the reported comments were thoughtless. I think halfway into that comparison he realised he was making a goose of himself. If you always put things in the Nazi paradigm you’ve already lost the argument,” Mr Danby said.” In response, in a statement to J-Wire issued by Macquarie Bank, Michael Hawker said: “These comments were insensitive and inappropriate, and I apologise unreservedly for them and any offence or hurt they have caused.” (20/8/12).

ABC Radio JJJ presenter Tom Ballard made an offensive “joke” about the Holocaust (9/8/12). After initially responding to critics with “Dude, if you don’t like the show, just don’t listen. It’s profoundly easy”; he was made to apologise, saying “I’m very sorry that on my breakfast radio program, I offended and upset a lot of people. That’s not what I like doing; I like making people laugh and I like making people happy. I never set out to vindictively offend or belittle anyone or any group with my comedy, that’s not what I’m about. I sincerely apologise that’s how I came across in this instance.”

The response to this “holocaust joke” JJJ was also one of widespread condemnation Dvir Abramovich noted. “By now it’s clear that nothing is off-limits when it comes to the Holocaust. It seems that there is no aspect or symbol of the darkest chapter in human history that is not subject to perverse abuse and cheap trivialisation. And this dangerous trend is hitting new lows. Yesterday, on The Tom and Alex show on Triple J, a truly appalling and bizarre segment was broadcast in which a “game” was made of

linking things to Hitler; the final item in this “game” was a wind farm. Why a wind farm you ask? Because it contains fans, which is linked to fan-forced ovens, which in turn connect to the Holocaust and Hitler. Got it? Fan-forced ovens were the ovens in which the corpses were burned after the victims were led into the gas chambers where they were told they were going to have a shower. Tom Ballard and Alex Dyson probably thought this was hilarious and would elicit chuckles. I was speechless. With this beyond distasteful episode, Tom and Alex crossed so many red lines I stopped counting. In response to an irate listener, Ballard on his tweeter account replied: “Dude, if you don’t like the show, just don’t listen. It’s profoundly easy.” I wonder what makes certain “entertainers” feel that making jokes out of the death and suffering of millions acceptable? Maybe Tom and Alex can explain to us what is remotely funny about the gassing of millions of men, women and children and the burning of their bodies? Perhaps if the two visited the death camps of Auschwitz, where 1.5 million people were exterminated, where mothers with their babies clutched to their breasts went into the gas chambers, they could enlighten us about the humour in it. What right do Tom and Alex have to re-traumatise survivors and trample on their feelings? They, and the producers of the show, should have known that the horrors of the Holocaust must be approached with respect and sensitivity and that there is nothing funny about Hitler. Would they have made played the same game if their grandparents, parents, siblings or uncles were executed and their naked corpses incinerated in the ovens? Triple J may think that any publicity is good publicity and will lure listeners. But yesterday’s hurtful and sickening prank showcases a disturbing abdication of responsible judgment and a troubling lack of sensitivity. Was there not a single person to tell them that this was a terrible idea, that there was no humour to be milked from mass murder, that trivialising genocide for outrageous comic pay-off is inexcusable and will be a kick in the stomach to survivors? Surely someone at Triple J knew that comedy does not bring with it unlimited licence. Is this what tax-funded broadcasting has sunk to? Tom and Alex, please leave the Holocaust, its victims and survivors out of your stupid comedy routines. Instead, I suggest that you go away and learn about the history of the Holocaust. Visit the Holocaust Museum here in Melbourne. Sit down and listen to the horrifying and heartbreaking stories of the survivors and their families. Maybe you’ll then realise that some things aren’t funny. It’s time for both of you to grow up. And to apologise. (Herald Sun, 10/8/12). Tom Ballard initially responded to critics with “Dude, if you don’t like the show, just don’t listen. It’s profoundly easy”; but later apologised saying “I’m very sorry that on my breakfast radio program, I offended and upset a lot of people. That’s not what I like doing; I like making people laugh and I like making people happy. I never set out to vindictively offend or belittle anyone or any group with my comedy, that’s not what I’m about. I sincerely apologies that’s how I came across in this instance.” (10/8/12).

Commenting on the JJJ Radio hosts’ offensive broadcast Malki Rose in Galus Australia (24/8/12) wrote “The on-air game played on Triple J two weeks ago, *six degrees of Hitler*, should not have caused an outrage from the Jewish community. It should have caused an outrage from every sector of the Australian population because the game itself is a terrifying indictment of how low the western world have sunk its inability to recognise universal human pain and suffering. Melbourne is filled with descendants of Holocaust victims from Serbian, Polish, Ukranian, and Slavic families. The “fan-forced oven” comment targets them as much as those of Jewish families. To those who’ve used this opportunity to target Jews online, think about where you come from, how your family came to be here, and what your own families have suffered ten, fifty or a hundred years before you posted online”, noting “If Tom and Alex want to assert that they were attempting to make fun of Nazism rather than intending to insult the memory of the 20,000,000 victims, then why issue any kind of apology? Why preface the forced apology with “if you don’t like it, don’t listen to the show”? Instead, stand by the *six degrees of Hitler* game and its intention (whatever that is) and be prepared to responsibly handle any collateral damage or hate speech triggered in the fall-out. Don’t throw words about on-air and then absolve oneself from any resulting moral responsibility of where or how they fall. I have no doubt that neither Tom nor Alex had any intention of actually hurting another human being when the game started, and no doubt that their actions are merely a microcosmic example of conversations held each day as the lines between humour and hurtfulness become increasingly blurry, with most people engaging in cultural humour on a daily basis while very little protest is every heard

(except on occasion by lone representatives of community groups, who can always be placated with a completely vacuous public apology.) “You fucking Jews spread syphilis and should have your dicks cut off” was probably one of the kinder comments written anonymously, so very bravely, on Triple J’s Facebook wall. Responses to hate-speech posted on Facebook and Twitter were overwhelmingly posted by Jews, and referenced the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany against Jews only. There were few voices from other quadrants protesting the game on the basis of the pain it would cause to any *other* (non-Jewish) cultural groups murdered by the Nazis. Australians are showing an ugly side of themselves, a way of thinking which broadcasters, community leaders, and politicians prefer to think does not exist with minor, incidental exceptions.”

In the Catallaxy Files (<http://catallaxyfiles.com/2012/05/09/clive-hamilton-on-the-holocaust-again/>), the blogger observed the following, on the topic " Clive Hamilton on the Holocaust again". The blog post noted "Clive Hamilton just can't help himself with the Holocaust analogy. Here he is ranting about a play that challenges the global warming consensus amongst theatre goers. Perhaps Richard Bean's next project will be *The Heretic 2*, another “funny, provocative and heart-warming family drama” in which the maverick academic David Irving, lone defender of the truth, uncovers definitive evidence that the Holocaust never happened. Sent to Coventry by his fellow historians — a spineless lot who have for years been manipulating the evidence to protect their funding and their reputations — David is in the end vindicated; the Holocaust was a Zionist plot after all. Would that be fiction? Semi-fiction? Non-fiction? Wishful thinking perhaps; much like the Keating play where he wins the 1996 election? Does Hamilton want unchallenging theatre? Is this the AGW equivalent of *Piss-Christ*; ‘Piss global warming’ has a ring to it." "Anyway. Citizen Hamilton has form in this area. Even critics of the sceptics are careful to distance themselves from the implication that they are comparing climate denialism with Holocaust denialism for fear of being seen to trivialise the Holocaust by suggesting some sort of moral equivalence. Quite so. Trivialising the Holocaust in the same mocking tone Hamilton adopts in his *Conversation* piece would be highly inappropriate. That didn't stop Hamilton then or now. Instead of dishonouring the deaths of six million in the past, climate deniers risk the lives of hundreds of millions in the future. Holocaust deniers are not responsible for the Holocaust, but climate deniers, if they were to succeed, would share responsibility for the enormous suffering caused by global warming. Then we read climate deniers are less immoral than Holocaust deniers, although they are undoubtedly more dangerous. What is Hamilton's solution to these dangerous people? If Australia's security services are not closely monitoring the activities of denialist activists then they are failing in their responsibilities.”

3.7 *Anti-Jewish Commentary in the 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 (1/1/2009), Trevor Cook noted the

freedom enjoyed by antisemites on ABC platforms, in a piece “Gaza invasion ‘unleashes’ ABC fruitcakes”)

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 articles, letters and postings on mainstream platforms, including newspapers and online sites of established media organisations, included:

- On 2SM Mornings with Leon Delaney caller Ray said another caller, Geoff, needs to get a job. He offers suggestions as to how Geoff might achieve this end, including cleaning windows for old people. He said the Jewish Society are offering \$30 000 reward for people to report people involved with crimes against humanity. He says the same should be offered to people who report Jews guilty of crimes against humanity. He says Jews are 'anti Christ.' Delaney said this is not an acceptable statement. (15/12/11).
- After an article on the ABC's "The Drum" website (13/3/12) which included "Well, that's the thing about being Israel. It can kill Arabs whenever it feels like, make up any story it likes, and still get an easy ride in the Western media"; comments published in response included "It is interesting to note that both Apartheid South Africa and Apartheid Israel use the fundamentalist old testament for their cause of classifying people into groups, ("white" and "black", "chosen" and otherwise!), and treating these human beings according to their classification. Israel was one of the few states to support Apartheid South Africa. it is obvious from these examples that fundamentalist religions have very little, if any, to do with kindness and equality for all human being." (signed "JuliaNoel". "Budovski" wrote "Our PM has a special minister dedicated to the Australian Jewish lobby. The only ethnic group to receive such special treatment. One might call it discrimination, but given Gillard's history of organizing re-education camps for aspiring ALP politicians in Israel it really comes as no surprise." (13/3/12); "monicathegee" wrote "For the first time we have an American president who attempted to stand up to the Israeli PM. Guess what happened. The powerful Jewish lobby in the US made their displeasure known and even Barack Obama was forced to toe the line." (13/3/12); "Mulga Mumblebrain" wrote "The basis of the double-standard is the Judaic belief that they are a "chosen People" set above mere human rules and institutions, and the total control of US politics by Jewish money power, which is so flagrant that its routine denial is the greatest example of the 'Big Lie' in politics that I know of."
- On ABC Radio 666 in Melbourne, on 21/2/12, Miriam Margolyes was interviewed by Alex Sloan where she said “ Look, I've said this before. People don't like Jews. And sometimes I'm not surprised. Because I don't like some of them either - especially not the way Israel's treated Palestinians. No of course I don't..." Gerard Henderson commented in Media Watchdog "Alex Sloan said nothing in reply. So, it's okay for Ms Margolyes to say that people do not like Jews. But imagine the outrage if the British thespian had said something like this: "People don't like Muslims and sometimes, I'm not surprised because I don't like some of them either, especially not the way Saudi Arabia's treated Christians." Just imagine." (24/2/12).
- The Drum on ABC Unleashed, below an article consisting of simplistic anti-Israel propaganda postings included and “it is truly one of the more remarkable conundrums that we still support a nation like Israel, who uses methods which would not be out of place in nazi Germany, the very nation which they condemn, you cannot get much more hypocritical than that, and it is I think it

is gradually being changed, but very slowly. Thank you for bring this to our, and the worlds attention.” (by "Wily", 14/5/12).

- On The ABC Unleashed Drum website, under an article “Israel doesn’t deserve unconditional loyalty” by law student Michael Brull comments included “Yesterday’s victims become today’s persecutors. My impression is that most Australian jews who should care about what is happening in Israel, do not, but concentrate like the rest of us on money, status and personal peace and affluence.” (by “wayno”, 30/5/12), “Where is the heart of a nation so destitute in humanist values: The holocaust industry is nearly burnt out, thank god, whichever one you wish to choose. A nation built on deceit, hate and vengeance, greed and exploitation; like their close allies and supporters they will be vying against each other when it comes to selling the rope to hang the last of their own.” (by “Robert2”, 30/5/12), “The west seems unable to overcome its holocaust guilt, and so it squibs on the criticism which Israel deserves.” (by “edgeways”, 30/5/12), “A touch of irony in that the conventions on refugees was set up after the nazi holocaust, yet the right wing ultra orthodox jews now decide that a new group of people are untermenchen and dont deserve to live with them. Pathetic really but not unexpected from that people.” (by “Marty”, 30/5/12) and “It does not matter how long or the length of time that the apartheid Fascist Zionist regime that was established by Lord Rothschild, the US and the UK. The Israeli’s are the terrorists that have tortured, murdered and stolen the birthright of the Palestinian people and they are the war criminals that need to be taken into account. The Israeli’s are not the Jewish biblical people that they portray themselves and have beguiled most of the world with their lies.” (by Breach of peace, 30/5/12).
- A post on ABC’s The Drum, signed TChong, claiming “Any person who could deny the reality of what Israel implements, and what has been repeatedly witnessed, and documented, is probably the type of person who denies all types of holocaust. Afterall, David Irving can deny evidence before his eyes, so it seems, can others. (18/6/12).
- In a letter published in The Australian (22/6/12), Nigel Jackson portrayed Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel as the victim of US duplicity.
- A caller to 2SM’s Grant Goldman’s programme said on air that problems in the USA were caused by Jews, who run the USA (30/7/12). On the following day, a caller on air claimed “Jews and oil barons run the USA”.
- On the ABC Unleashed website, an article titled “Palestinian children’s rights needs more than just lip service written by a self-described “human rights activist” was following by comments including “‘Sometimes a former slave becomes the cruellest master’. And so it is with Israel. It is long overdue that Israel ceases to dine out on the holocaust, where a huge question marks hangs over the truth, to rationalize their barbarity upon the Palestinian and the blatant theft of land rightfully theirs.” (Philip Jurd, 8/8/11); “There is no question mark hanging over the holocaust of World War II – there is no doubt of the atrocities that were committed by Nazi Germany against the Jews, Romany and Homosexuals! But that is no excuse for the actions of Israel today – a nation that has adopted many of the tactics it abhors from the Nazi persecutions of the past; and it is certainly no reason to excuse the actions of Israel.” (“rob”, 8/8/12) and “The Jewish people have been victims of historical oppression, and the holocaust still hangs heavily upon their collective psyche. Their right for survival is a given, yet the scars of history in my opinion have distorted their perspective and have made survival an obsession at all costs, and in that mindset they are self-obsessed, denying the rights of other oppressed groups, both within and outside of Israel.” (“schmoo”, 7/8/12).
- On the website of The Punch (8/8/12) under an article called circumcision “male genital mutilation”, “Mahhrat” wrote “I have no trouble with you believing whatever you want, but when you want to cut into your baby’s flesh to protect his soul, you can just fvck right off.”

- In response to an article by a federal MP on the importance of Holocaust Remembrance, in The Australian, "Popsie" wrote "Perhaps the 6 million Palestinians living under Israeli occupation feel that they too are a modern Holocaust equivalent. What, after all is life without hope? Incidentally Stephen Morgan is quite right to criticize Mr Frydenberg for using the article about Holocaust Day for justifying the Israeli propaganda about Iran. 75 million people live in Iran are they too to be punished for German,s sins of 60 years ago?" (27/1/12).
- On the website of 2UE radio broadcaster David Oldfield, "Mark Lehmann" posted "The "Golden Rule." He who has the Gold - Rules! Without the Holocaust LIE, a One World Government would be impossible! The One World Government is run by the Jews, who own the money supply of virtually every country in the world. The ruling organization - the "Front" for this One World Government/New World Order - will be the United Nations that was founded, and is still run, by the Jews, even though they do so from behind the scenes. They still "work in the dark," as \jesus so aptly noted when they came to arrest and kill Him." The long posting also included comments such as "The goal of World War II was to transfer the control of Palestine from the British to the Jews, to be known as the state of Israel, and to hand over Eastern Europe to the Communists. The major players at the table at the Conference at Yalta (a city in Crimea, in Southern Ukraine) to accomplish these dastardly acts, were England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill (a Jew), U.S. President Franklin D Roosevelt (a Jew), and Russian Premier Joseph Stalin (a Jew)."; "FACT: The Elitist, super-wealthy Jews are the culprits, using the rank and file Jews as their deceived stooges."; "FACT: The Holocaust LIE. A LIE as big as they get! With huge reparations demanded from Germany, gigantic loans from the U.S. that are never repaid, and fraudulent demands from Swiss banks for supposed wealth confiscated from the Jews during World War II, money that goes to the diabolic plan for control of the world by the elitist Jews - not to the families of these from which the money was supposedly confiscated." and "FACT: The Jews control ALL the important media in America, the U.K., Australia, Germany, France and virtually every other country in the world." (11/2/12).
- "John P Brown" wrote " Successive Australian governments - both Labor and Coalition - have remained silent for far too long in the face of the continuing takeover of Palestinian lands, the destruction of houses, eviction of families from their homes, the destruction of olive groves and violence against people. Not just silent, but supportive of inhuman policies. Is it political donations that blind political parties? What is happening in Israel/Palestine is little different from the barbaric actions of our forebears against Aboriginal people here in the 19th century. We will have no peace with Iran or in Afghanistan while we continue to side blindly with Israeli governments which refuse to respect basic human rights and dignity of Palestinian people - north should we! Thank God for those brave Jewish people in Australia, Israel and the United States, and for others, who speak out against the policies of the state of Israel." (Canberra Times 28/3/12).
- Following an article on ABC's Religion and Ethics website on "Jihadism, Antisemitism and the truth about the Toulouse murders", Anne L Plurabelle" posted "Abrahamic religions bestow a false sense of superiority which allows the necessary evil to fester allowing crimes like the murder of Jewish children to happen. . . . Do you have any comment on raping women being a mitzvah when done by a warrior who is Jewish? As an Israeli Defense Force Rabbi allegedly suggests* Could you explain the qualitative difference between teaching that allows the killing of Jewish children by gentiles and Rabbinic teaching that blesses the killing of gentile children by Jews?" (30/3/12).
- On Sydney radio station Mix 106.5 FM, a caller "Connie" described a person who as stingy as "very much a Jew, very Jewish" (30/4/12). The station acknowledged the comment was offensive and the producer of the segment reportedly apologised for the fact the on-air hosts

neither used the technical facility to block the comment's broadcast nor reacted to it negatively on air (Australian Jewish News, 4/5/12).

- The Australian newspaper (5/5/12) published an article under the headline "Living under the clouds of Israel's cruel apartheid" (although the slur was not contained in an article about rights of individuals in Israel, East Jerusalem and Palestinian Authority areas. The paper's foreign editor, Greg Sheridan, wrote "Many readers were surprised, as I was, to read a headline in The Weekend Australian: Living under the cloud of Israel's cruel apartheid. The headline did an injustice to the story, which only used the word apartheid in reporting the comments of one person who was interviewed. The editor of this august journal has confirmed to me that the headline was a mistake, the sort that creeps into newspapers where staff are always battling the pressure of deadlines. The Australian believes, and certainly I personally believe, the word apartheid has no application to Israel, which is a democracy in good standing, which extends basic rights to all its citizens, whatever their race or creed. Too often the misuse of such a word is designed to demonise Israel, wholly unjustly, in this case, it was just a mistake." (10/5/12). Editor Nick Cater apologised and said that it would lead to a review of the paper's editing procedures (Australian Jewish News, 11/5/12).
- In response to an article in The Australian which documented anti-Jewish activity of an academic associated with the University of Sydney's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, "kaysera" wrote "Jews, and this is an racial group intent on maintaining it's purity, have achieved a position of great influence particularly in the US, and thus are going on to exploit that for their own advantage." (10/5/12).
- On the ABC "The Drum" blog, in response to an article on an ultra-orthodox group in Israel and their political tactics, "VoR" wrote "Yes, yes, pretending to be a victim or deluding yourself into thinking that you are so that you can justify your actions is a common strategy of bullies and abusers. . . A particular problem for Israel is that the opposing cultural groups are largely factions of the same religious group (Jews) that is strongly motivated to compromise within to remain whole. The triple whammy for Israel is that using Nazi victim hood to justify aggression against a particular incompatible cultural group is part of the national psyche, even though THAT cultural group is non-Jewish." (12/1/12).
- In response to an article in The Drum Opinion which attacked Zionism on the grounds it only cares for Jews, but said a "comparison with Nazism" seems to me exaggerated."; "David Ferstat" wrote "Sadly, it doesn't seem exaggerated at all to me. After all, Israel has a long and shameful history of exercising collective punishment by, for example, demolishing the homes of PLO fighters, even though this meant evicting innocent families."; "Definitive label" added "The authors mention of this Nazi like behavior must be especially painful for these deniers of reality who occupy and support oppression. . . assassinations, ethnic cleansing, clusterbombs, phosphorus bombs, etc., etc. This Zionist era is an apartheid age revisited, but it is not safe for a politician who wants re-election to say so, even in their own country." Tim7" wrote "... I am totally against that Racist Terroristic Neo-Facist Zionist Apartheid Ethnic Cleansing post-05 June 1967 Israeli State. For all those ignorant abt the Palestinian Genocide, please read Ilan Pappé's "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine" Jews around the world loudly condemn the Nazis but support their brethren Zionist Israelis shamelessly practising their own version of Lebensraum and Ghetto Policies and perpetrating a new Holocaust against Palestinians. Hypocrites!! SHAME!!!" "Ray" submitted "The Zionists ethnic cleansed the Palestinians from their own land in 1948, planning the event for decades, the Holocaust gave them an excuse to do what they did, that is wrong in anybody's book except for someone like Hitler." (3/1/12).
- In response to an article on Online Opinion discussing US policies towards the Middle East, "one under god" wrote "Semite covers more than just Israel as for newt/ goyishe

kup...[right]...wink wink nudge nudge/who makes the most holy place a war zone?/we should expect more from the 'chosen people'/who cheated the red string...then later betrayed the rite/those clever few...who cant put ursury on themselves but heck the goy/no sweat...that 911 thing was clever...[i will admit]/anyhow if you dont know what goyishe kup means/you know your not the super elite few/who want iran really bad/ron paul would be better/but heck he would only get bumped/and the vp runs the usa cash cow...direct into the unholy lands/all land belongs to god/live with it/that obtained by vile/has gods curse wrote large upon it/the balfore letter...dont outweigh god's claim/how did the family levie/loose to the unholy of zion/via the deciets of yiddish and the new unholy texts/in the book less than two hundred years...and a deniable unspeakable texdt even their own deny...you insult my semite people/[but as god has caused to be written...those who say/think...god tests/deceive themselves.[he don't make them go insane first...either/thats the fruit/by their wo4rks shall we know them." (22/12/11)

An issue which was also debated in terms of antisemitism and deliberate offence caused to Jews was the broadcast by SBS television of a controversial television series, *The Promise*. The Australian Jewish News reported: "Insidious", "racist" and "a landmark in the creeping rehabilitation of anti-Semitism in Western culture". These are just some of the terms used to describe *The Promise* in a 20-page letter of complaint submitted this week to the SBS ombudsman by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ). Amid fears the broadcaster may re-screen the controversial TV series this year, and with the broadcaster now offering the DVD of the drama for sale, ECAJ claims the four-part serial is "in direct violation" of SBS's own codes on prejudice, racism and discrimination and, further, is a manifestation of anti-Semitism as defined by the international community. According to the letter, the series (which screened late last year) "consistently casts Jews in a negative light" so as "to demean Jews as a group". "They are cast as variously cruel, violent, hateful, ruthless, unfeeling, amoral, treacherous, racist and/or hypocritical," said ECAJ executive director Peter Wertheim." (13/1/12). The Sydney Morning Herald reported "In its 31-page complaint to the SBS ombudsman, the ECAJ said historical inaccuracies and "consistently negative portrayals" of *The Promise's* central Jewish characters "without any redeeming virtues" compared to the 1940 Nazi film *Jud Suss*, as well as Palestinian propaganda that "all Jews are collectively guilty of the wanton shedding of innocent blood". It contended gthat identifiably Muslim characters would not be similarly portrayed by SBS." (17/1/12). J-Wire reported that "Stepan Kerkyasharian, the chairperson of the Community Relations Commission of NSW has told SBS that "The Promise" caused distress to the Jewish community and asked the TV station to "desist from further publication or distribution of the program". In a letter to SBS chairman Joseph Skrzynski, Kerkyasharian said the four part program, which flits between the contemporary position between Israel and Palestine and the 1940s when the British mandate was in place , represents "the portrayal of an entire nation in a negative light as part of a dramatic work is not acceptable". He has quoted SBS Code 1.3 is saying that the "portrayal" as such is not acceptable. Referring to the Jewish people as a whole, the CRC chairman said there is "the concern that the series negatively portrays the WHOLE of the Jewish People". He added that there is "the distinct separation between condemning an action by a government on the one hand and condemning the whole of the people of a nation collectively". Kerkasharian has asked the broadcaster to reconsider the "representations from the Jewish community with due regard to the potential destructive consequences of racial stereotyping" and comply with the request not to rebroadcast the series or distribute the program. Stepan Kerkyasharian was formerly head of SBS Radio and part of the team which established SBS-TV. He spent ten years as a member of the independent complaints review panel at ABC and has spen the last eight years as president of the Anti-Discrimination Board and has chaired the CRC for 22 years. He said that the program had particularly distressed "survivors of the Holocaust". The Community Relations Commission is the legislated body responsible for promoting community harmony. (3/2/12)

The Last Word: Prejudice and Promise

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Cabramatta is one of my favourite suburbs in Sydney. It is colourful without being too boisterous, assertive without being too aggressive. The substantial Vietnamese-Australian immigrant population has contributed in many ways, devoting industry and passion in efforts to ensure that their children were given every chance to be part of, and succeed in, Australian society.

As the SBS documentary series "Once Upon A Time in Cabramatta", broadcast in January, highlighted, there were quite a few factors militating against the migrants who came to Australia in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. Dramatic variations in social mores, language and culture, economic hardship, and a system which simply was unprepared for the challenges of integration, all were daunting. These factors were also open to exploitation by individuals with no intent to respect the law, let alone facilitate progress towards positive social engagement.

Another factor, which is minimised by some and exaggerated by others, is the reality of racist individuals and organisations.

Analysing the literature of racist groups at the time, a common theme was that evil Jews (because Jews were seen as clever, scheming, existential enemies of "white" Europeans) were flooding Australia with "inferior" races so as to dilute the racial stock and corrupt Australian values. This rationale for opposing immigration gained little traction, but when a few prominent individuals started to talk openly of an Asian immigrant threat to Australian society, tensions escalated.

However, regardless of how many Australians answered pollsters' questions in a way suggesting bigotry, bias or prejudice, overt racists never achieved the electoral success they envisaged. There were neither "race riots" nor pogroms, and it has become not uncommon to hear the Asian migrations (which extend well beyond Vietnamese) referred to as evidence that cultural diversity is a positive factor in building our nation.

One of the recurrent themes in "Cabramatta" was the way in which coded language can be more dangerous than open anti-social exhortations.

References to characteristics which were part of stereotypes of particular minority groups are used to highlight difference and justify contempt. Unrelenting portrayals of only negative behaviour, in a situation where the negatives are only a small sample of the range of behaviour, reinforce fear and prejudice.

The consistent placing of the worst possible constructions on actions for which there are a range of interpretations fosters misunderstanding in a situation where sophisticated analysis should be an imperative.

Racism which is neither overt nor admitted has the power to muddy moral and intellectual waters. It is not only a matter where a codeword is used - such as "cosmopolitan" as substitute for "Jew" - but also when, more subtly, each and every reference to a member of an identifiable group is a negative one.

It was instructive to see how difficult it was to help a judge in a "Racial Hatred" case understand the manipulative way in which a particular respondent to a complaint had promoted, over time, a template in which when there was a social ill or undesirable activity a Jew was identified as responsible for or involved in it, and wherever there was a Jew there would be a concurrent immoral or abhorrent act.

Observing the debate concerning the SBS series, "The Promise" - which was not a documentary nor merely fictional drama but artistic agitprop - even defenders of the production have conceded that a picture is painted of one people whose behaviour is repugnant and unpleasant, Jews, contrasted to sympathetic or nuanced non-Jewish characters.

If letters to the editors, blog postings and other available data are any indication, this reinvention of reality reinforced some of the worst anti-Jewish bigotry, undermined attempts at mutual understanding, and counter-acted the values of tolerance SBS has often professed and championed. Perceptions of SBS as a platform for intellectual challenge are being replaced with those of barracking and promoting contempt.

If only those who put so much laudable effort into debunking anti-Asian racism put the same energy into analysing "The Promise", perhaps SBS would not have used Australian taxpayer money to bring it to our airwaves and keep promoting it.

<http://www.ajiac.org.au/news/article/the-last-word-prejudice-and-promise>

3.8 *Miscellaneous Matters*

- A Sydney bookstore serving a student and left-wing clientele defended selling the racist book “A History of Jewish Crimes”, by Palestinian Shakil Ahmed Ziq, in a Malaysian edition, claiming that the compilation of anti-Jewish myths and conspiracy fantasies was “a serious academic publication” (14/5/12).
- Well-known cartoonist Larry Pickering wrote on his blog “The bleating Jews who actually believe they are God’s people are still combing the world looking for war-crime culprits. There are now more “searchers” than potential culprits. The silent Chinese got on with business after the Japanese slaughtered twice as many of them as did Germans Jews and four times as many as did Germans Russians and as many as did Russians Russians...(thanks to Stalin). There are more people being butchered to death right now in the Congo than there were Jews butchered. Of course the “holocaust” happened but it was one of the many episodes of war and far from the worst in terms of human life. But Jews believe they are God’s people...so they are more important. The vanity-driven, thieving Jews did not have a country so they stole someone else’s with the West’s (and the East’s) blessing...and we wonder why we are hated. Sure, the Jews are more industrious and inventive than the lazy Arabs. The Arabs have used receipts from the West’s addiction to oil to build crass monuments to themselves. An oil drunk Arab’s benchmark of success is to have a hundred more Rolls Royces than his cousin. The Jews have built a highly sophisticated nation from worthless rocky ground...without the aid of oil reserves, but so what? It’s not their land to succeed with.” Under the topic “Racism” (13/8/12).



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4 MUSLIM AND ARAB COMMUNITIES

Australia's Arabic-speaking community is large and vibrant. Jews are not a major issue or pre-occupation for this community, but when Jewish matters are considered 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, with the purview of this section the antisemitism present in this segment of the Australian population. However, in a paper delivered at the Australian Association of Jewish Studies Conference (February 2008), Benjamin Kunde claimed many "modern Muslim Australian youth" held strong antisemitic views, with the swastika seen as a reminder of "good things", belief in Jewish control of Australian government and echoing of Hezbollah anti-Jewish chants being typical.

The Muslim personality in Australia who has had the greatest notoriety historically 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, Hilaly was eclipsed for notoriety, temporarily at least when "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?" This issue was revised in the media in the period in review as "Haron" appealed his sentence.

Another prominent personality, Sheikh Feiz Mohammed of the Global Islamic Youth Centre in Sydney, gained notoriety in 2008, when he 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." The Sunday Telegraph (13/3/11) reported his re-emergence: "A radical Muslim preacher – who has likened Jews to pigs, denounced Christians and urged children to die for their religion – is teaching Islam to young followers in Sydney after years in exile in the Middle East. Despite Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd previously telling Sheik Feiz Mohammed never to return to Australia, the firebrand is delivering sermons at the Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama'ah centre in Auburn. The article noted "The Sydney born cleric and former champion boxer created a furore in 2007 when his Death Series DVDs were uncovered by the The Daily Telegraph. In them he likened Jews to "pigs" and urged Muslim children to become martyrs. "Teach them this: There is nothing more beloved to me than wanting to die as a mujahid (holy warrior). Put in their soft, tender hearts the zeal of jihad and a love of martyrdom." The Sheik said in one taped sermon. In another lecture, he said "every single non-Jew is a slave created to serve the Jew", adding that "their time will come like every other evil person's time will come".

Anti-Jewish books, games and DVDs available at book stores serving the Islamic community were an ongoing 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 the period in review Darussalam International Bookshop (20/3/12) and the Islamic Bookstore (25/4/12) both openly sold antisemitic material.

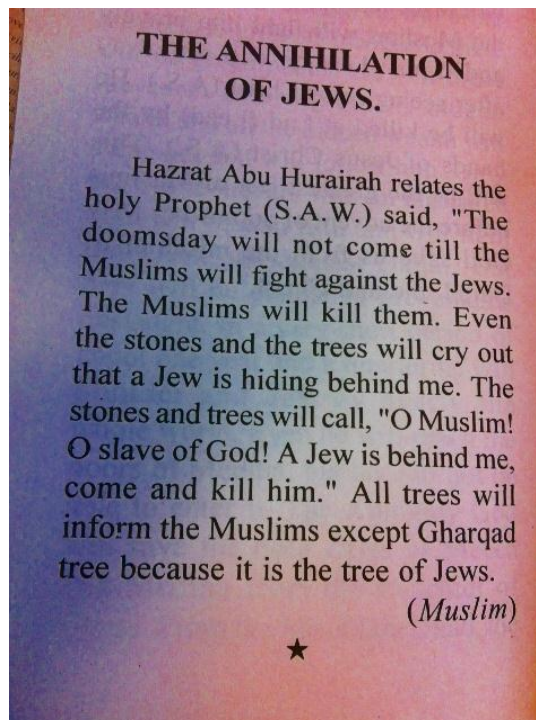
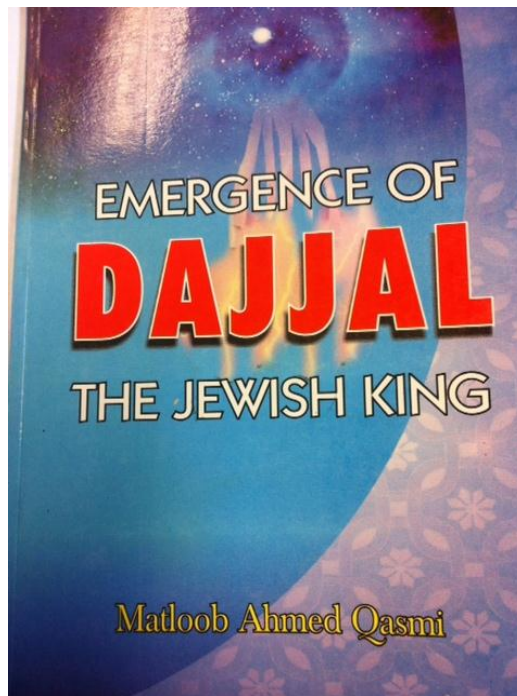
Even in a Sydney-based Facebook group devoted to interfaith harmony, posts included some promotions of anti-Jewish conspiracy theories, most notably on the form of conspiracy theories depicting Jews as "opposed to the rights of Muslims and/or to world harmony.

At the Multicultural Festival and Fair (MEFF) which included many positive themes of harmony, dialogue and understanding, antisemitic books were sold at a stall hosted by the Islamic Bookstore, leading to MEFF reviewing its arrangements with stallholders. (MEFF was held on 2/9/12).

A report of a lecture by Melbourne lawyer Robert Stary at Preston Mosque in Melbourne, written by a supporter of his, claimed "Yes. Robert believes that Australia has a pro-Israel stance due to the powerful Jewish lobby groups who have the economic upper-hand in this country. Naturally, ASIO will try to suppress pro-Palestinian groups and sympathizer (i.e. Muslims). Here is an official list of the designated terrorist organisations in Australia. You will notice that they are all Islamic organisations (minus PKK)." (published 25/1/12, subsequently in The Australian 2/2/12).

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.

Human Appeal International hosted a tour to Australia by Tareq Al Suwaidan, a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Australia. As Rowan Callick reported, "In an interview for Al-Quds, a TV station affiliated with Hamas, he said 10 weeks ago, "I can change the position of some Westerners, but at the end of the day, power lies with the politicians, who are influenced by two things only: money and the media, both of which are controlled by the Jews. "So we must not rely on Western aid or on Western popular sympathy. These are minor things. We rely upon Allah and then upon our armed resistance in obtaining our rights." He said his foremost cause is that of Palestine and Jerusalem. "The most dangerous thing facing the Muslims is not the (Arab) dictatorships. The absolutely most dangerous thing is the Jews. They are the greatest enemy." (The Australian, 7/6/12).



The web-site "yfactor876" commented "Kuwaiti international speaker and management expert, Dr Tareq Al-Suwaidan, visited Sydney and Melbourne over the past two weeks to deliver a series of seminars and lectures as part of a tour organised by Human Appeal International. During his visit, at least three pieces were published/broadcast by Australian media commenting on his visit. An article by Australian Jewish News referred to concerns in the Jewish community that Dr Al-Suwaidan is anti-Semitic. The Australian published an article that linked him to the Palestinian cause and more particularly to Palestine's Hamas movement. Finally, Dr Al-Suwaidan's visit featured briefly on the Bold Report last weekend using clips of his previous lectures that quoted him stating the same statements that featured in the Australian Jewish News piece to label him "anti-Semitic", and published a response from Dr Al-Suwaidan which included "And when I talked about the Jews let it be very clear that we are not anti-Semitic. That is absolutely untrue. What is Semitic? Semitic if you go back to the roots of the word, they are the descendants of Sam the son of Noah. Arabs are the descendants of Sam the son of Noah. I am and Arab and I am proud to be an Arab. I am Semitic and I am proud to be Semitic. To say anti-Semitic is anti-Jewish, that is not true because we are also Semitic." and "When we speak in Arabic and we say Jews, it is very well understood among Arab people that we do not mean the religion and we do not mean the people of Israel. We are talking about Zionism. As much as when I say the West. Now Australia is in the East, but we include Australia when we say the West. So we have these words that are common. So none of our words mean anti-Jewish or anti the children of Israel as a nation." (20/6/12).

Blatant antisemitism, including promotions of The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion, was current on the web-site of Mission Islam during the period under review. One of the pages on Mission Islam linked directly to the home page was "New World Order", which 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)". It not only links to the overtly antisemitic www.jewwatch.com site but "The Truth About the Talmud" ,for example. 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".

"The New World Order", section included "The Nature of Zionism: What is Zionism? And why does it give rise to such contradictory emotions, depending on whether the person is a Zionist or, because he is subjected to the effects of Zionism, knows what it is like to experience it and thus has some understanding of what it consists of? Let us try to look at these questions."; 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."; "The Balfour Declaration: It was this simple conspiratorial declaration that set the sights of our enemies of the Bayt al-Maqdis and Masjid al-Aqsa and hence they destroyed the Ottoman Khalifate and then invaded the land of the First Qiblah. 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. Another

failed attempt to destroy Islam: Read how the freemasons infiltrated Muslim governments and tried to use state-sponsored “scholars” to deviate the masses. “...and although they plan, Allah also Plans, and Allah is the Best of Planners...” (Qur’an, Surah Al Imran 3:54); USA’s rules: The Jews in the US Government. There’s so many of them it’s like a cockroach infestation. Put them on your watch list.”; Palestine as a Global Agenda: ZIONISM IS BOTH alien and illegitimate in origin: it is a hegemonist and nationalist project rooted and nourished on the traditional European impulse towards expansion and domination. The founding fathers of the Zionist adventure were not in any way believers in Judaism, not even in its distorted, rabbinical form: they were in essence pragmatists who exploited the Jewish heritage as a means to achieve their nationalistic goals. All this, moreover, was done within the broader context of Western strategic hopes for the destabilizing and enfeebling of the Islamic world.” and “The Jews are not a Race: Today, to trace anyone’s descent to ancient Palestine would be a genealogical impossibility; and to presume, axiomatically, such a descent for Jews, alone among all human groups, is an assumption of purely fictional significance. Most everybody in the Western world could stake out some claim of Palestinian descent if genealogical records could be established for two-thousand years. 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. A Jewish Defector Warns America: HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, the Zionists and their co-religionists have complete control of our government. For many reasons, too many and too complex to go into here at this time, the Zionists and their co-religionists rule these United States as though they were the absolute monarchs of this country. Now you may say that is a very broad statement, but let me show you what happened while we were all asleep. What happened? World War I broke out in the summer of 1914.” (Download 14/6/11). The section “Judaism and their Groups”, tells readers “The Jews deviated into seventy one sects for many reasons of which the disagreement on the Saturday (Sabbath, Arabic = Sabt) is one.” It then has sections “Ancient sects and beliefs :- These will be given in seven sects which divided into 71 sects as we mentioned, and the attributes or names of these seven sects will be given :- 1) The Pharisees :- They are the orthodox Jews, the Rabbis, or God’s people. They are equal to the Muslim sufi sect, and they do not marry. They keep their religion by adoption. They believe in the hereafter, angels, and the next life. 2) The believers (siddeqeens) :- A strange opposite name, because they are the non-believers. They do not believe in what the Pharisees believe in, and they do not believe in the Talmud, hell or paradise, or the awaited Messiah. 3) The extremists :- They believe like the Pharisees do, but they do not forgive and are hostile. They went into war against the Romans during the first century A.D., and killed many of them. They killed the Jews who helped the Romans as well. Therefore, the name “blood-shedders” was put upon this sect. 4) The writers and the copiers :- These are the ones who understood Judaic laws, and they are known to be wise and moderate. They made lots of money through their schools, and through their students. 5) The readers :- These are the ones who appeared following the Pharisees’ decline, and are few in numbers. They believe in the Old Testament, but not in the Talmud. The reason is that they think that they are free to translate the Torah as they please. 6) The Samaritans :- These are the ones who became Jews, but are non-Jews. They lived on the mountains of Quds (Aurshalim). They believe that Moses, Aaron, and Joshua were prophets, but not the ones who came after these three. They had a prophet of their own, prior to the coming of Jesus by 100 years, who name was “Alfan”. They divided into sects, and they do not speak Hebrew. 7) The Saba’ees :- These are the followers of the person who pretended to be a Muslim, and caused deviation among the Muslims. He called himself Abdulla Bin Saba’, and he was from Yemen’s Jews. He inserted wrong hadiths (sayings of the prophet Mohammed PBUH), called Ali Bin Talib a god, and cursed the companions of the prophet of Islam. The same has happened in Christianity when Paul changed the Bible. Sabas’ followers are the shi’as sect.” and “Contemporary faiths and sects :- 1) Dounmah 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. 2) The Masonites :- Originally, it means freedom builders. It is a secret Jewish organization that take terrorism as part of its policy. It aims at making the Jews, the chosen people, owners of the earth. It was established by the Roman king Hiraudius Akriba and his two Jewish advisors Hiram Abioud and Mouab Lami. However, it was Adam Wisehout (1830 A.D.)

who put the final touches on the plans for the contemporary masonic policies. They are atheists with God and His books. They work on bringing all governments down so that they could be the leaders. They use weapons, killings, sex, money, and all that they could to reach their goals. 3) Zionism :- A political movement that planned to establish a country in Israel, and through it control the world. The word came from mount Zion which the Jews want to build Solomon's tomb there. This movement is connected to the Masonic movement through the Austrian Jew who was called "Theodore Hertz" (1860-1904 A.D.). They have many wrong beliefs which is equal to the Masonic beliefs if not more. 4) B'nai B'rith :- One of the oldest contemporary Masonic movements, and its arm to bring down, in any way, all who are against them. They accept Jews only as members. This was established by a German Jew called "Henry Jones" who headed ten Jews, and immigrated to New York. They got the approval to establish this movement on 13/10/1834 A.D. 5) The Jewish defense league (JDL). The above sects are all working for one cause which is ruling the world. They are progressing steadily and surely. However, Allah SWT says in the Holy Quran (21:105-106) : "Before this We wrote in the Psalms, after the message given to Moses: "My servants, the righteous, shall inherit the earth. Verily in this Quran is the message for people (nations) who would (truly) worship Allah". Compare it with the modern thoughts and beliefs of the Jews, and decide who will inherit this earth." It concludes "May Allah guide the Jews to His right path. Ameen". (Download 20/9/12).

An unofficial translation of an article in AlQasas' Newspaper, distributed in some Sydney mosques, Friday 14th October 2011, headed "They broke the treaty with the Prophet and thought that the judgement of the chief leader of Al-Awse would deliver them. The Banu (Sons of) Qurayzah ... A betrayal that Deserved the Punishment." Read ". . . Banu Qurayzah lived in the outskirts of Medina and had a covenant with the prophet Muhammad that they would not help his enemy against him. But they broke their covenant when the parties of Quraish plot against Muhammad and declared war against him and the Muslims. This released Muhammad from the covenant with Banu Qurayzah. He declared war against them and called the Muslims to go out to them. When they reached them, they shut the gate of their fortress. Then, Allah's apostle told them to embrace the religion of Islam or else Muslims would besiege them until they surrender. Then, their president, Wahab ibn Asad, advised them to embrace Islam and said to them; "I swear by God, it has been proved to you that Muhammad is a prophet sent by God and he is prophesied of in the Torah" but they rejected his advice and said that they would not leave their religion. The Islamic siege of Banu Qurayzah was strong and lasted for 25 nights until they could not stand. They asked the prophet to judge them with the judgement of Sa'd bin Mu'adh who was the leader of Al-Aws, the ally of Banu Qurayzah. The prophet agreed and said to Sa'd; "Judge them of whatever you wish." Sa'd asked; "Will you execute my judgement?" The prophet answered, yes. Then Sa'd judged that all their men would be killed, their possessions would be taken as booty, their women and children would be enslaved by Muslims, and their houses would be possessed by Al-Muhajeroun and not the helpers since they had houses while Al-Muhajeroun did not. Thus the apostle executed the judgement in a suitable way since Banu Qurayzah broke their covenant to the extent that their dwellings in Medina became lasting dangerous for Islam and Muslims. Banu Qurayzah's existence there was heading towards creating the dangerous actions for Muslims from which Allah warned Muslims. The noble Qur'an refers to this event where it says; "*And He brought those of the People of the Scripture who supported them down from their strongholds, and cast panic into their hearts. Some you slew, and you made captive some. And He caused you to inherit their land and their houses and their wealth, and land you have not trodden. Allah is ever Able to do all things*" (Qur'an 33: 26, 27). The situation surrounding condemning Banu Qurayzah: Some people raised the issue of excessiveness and severity of punishing Banu Qurayzah in such a merciless way although they quietly and completely surrendered. But looking carefully at the nature of the situation will help us understand the situation of the judgement in such cases which are subject not to the tragedy itself, but to the justice based on the information given. We have noticed that Banu Qurayzah, without any reason, broke the covenant with the prophet. Muslims were very honest, caring and serious in keeping the covenant with them, and this demonstrated that breaking the covenant was a serious betrayal of Banu Qurayzah. The prophet gave the way to avoid the severe choice by embracing Islam and hence they would have the rights and responsibilities as Muslims, but they rejected and preferred to be subjected to the judgement of Sa'd bin, Mu'adh hoping and believing that their old allying with the clan of Sa'd, Al-Aws, would influence his judgement and be a source of

peace for them. But the decision of Sa'd was based on his knowledge of their hatred towards Islam and Muslims. He knew their thinking and their suspicious actions by which they tried to cause disturbances and troubles in the Muslim community. Therefore, he decided to completely finish their issue and the problems they caused since half solutions, with such opportunist people who use half solutions and situations for their benefit, proved to be useless. And so Sa'd judged them this harsh way. The Egyptian author, Abbas Mahmoud Alaqqad, mentioned that Sa'd had judged them according to the text of the Torah which they believe in as in Deuteronomy 20: 10 – 14; *“When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you. Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it. And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword. But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you.”* And so the judgement was according to the common principle *“Submit them to what they submitted themselves.”* They submitted themselves to what Sa'd would judge them and they believed what their scriptures said. The prophet had no choice but to carry out the judgment they submitted to. *“And He brought those of the People of the Scripture who supported them down from their strongholds.”* Those are Banu Qurayzah who supported them. *“and cast panic into their hearts.”* This panic was caused by Muslims besieging them after thinking they had been safe and the prophet had not discovered their plot and he would forgive them. *“Some you slew, and you made captive some.”* This occurred by killing the men and enslaving the women and children. *“And He caused you to inherit their land and their houses and their wealth.”* The Muslims took the land and properties of Banu Qurayzah. *“and land you have not trodden.”* That is the land of Khayber (3) which Allah gave Muslims later. *“Allah is ever Able to do all things.”* Allah is the one who is able to make you victorious by his victory and make you strong by his power. Therefore, be confident of this when you confront challenges and difficulties. (1) The tribe of Muhammad (2) The Old Testament (3) Another Jewish tribe whose land was taken later by Muslims”

The internet discussion forums on the Aussie Muslims site had many examples of anti-Jewish threads and contributions in the period in review. These included:

- In “*Hamas hails Palestinian prisoners deal*” “Khaled” (19 October 2011) claimed “The Jews are free today but where will they run and hide on the day of judgment when they are standing before Allaah? My sister in laws husband reminded me of the verse in the Quran were Allaah subhaanahh wa ta'aala asks the Jews that if they really believe they are the "friends of Allaah", than why do they not rush to meet him?”
- In “*Lining up to pay respects leaders show their loyalties*” "Abdraheim" (14 December 2011) wrote of a photo of Australian leaders with heads respectfully covered: “Pic says it all. Funeral for The 19th governor-general, Zelman Cowen” and “falah” added (14 Dec 2011) “Nothing unusual for Australia's prostitutes”.
- In “*Our funding for Israel historical*” "Abdraheim" (17 Dec 2011) wrote “With all this campaigning and pro Israeli speeches it like a competition as to who can put the head furthest up Israels arse it's like politics and the economy doesn't matter Amy more only who can suck up to the Jews the best and the only one making any remote sense is Ron Paul. Newt Rick n Michelle and all the others are just hankering to nuke Iran and prove how much of a good slave they are to the rich Jews”
- In “*Malaysia bans former Singaporean leader's book for criticizing Islam*” "Falah" (18 Dec 2011) wrote “There is also non-government censorship. Books that cannot be found in Australia due to Zionist embargo: *Main kampf The International Jew* by Henry Ford Here is an article about how Jews stopped the screening of this film in Melbourne:David Irving film stopped from screening [<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s899829.htm>]”

- In “Some interesting notes about the end of times” "melb-muslim" (30 Dec 2011) wrote “there is a letter for sheikh imran hussein about the sign of the end and then he mentioned about how israel will control the world and money will mean nothing. SO gold and silver will be the way to go at that time...He mentioned that israel is collecting gold for that reasons...”
- In “I'm not a threat to Australia” "Falah" (3 Jan 2012) wrote “Yet rich Jews like Sylvester Stallone are not refused entry to Australia even when they bring illegal drugs into the country: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2007/mar/13/australia.usa>”; and Thrilns (3 Jan 2012) added “We shouldn't pretend that everything is fine here when you see how they treat us and our religion, its in plain view on their television stations, their mainstream media, how they lock up Muslims and unfairly treat us in their courts, racial profile us for suspicion, exclude our ummah and its successes from their education systems, and how they blatantly support wars of aggression, murder and robbery against Muslim lands.. “
- In “Kingdom will continue to follow Salafist ideology: Prince Naif” "Falah" (7 Jan 2012) wrote “Prince naif is the one who oversaw the removal of references to Jews in Islamic books at Saudi schools in order to appease the Zionists who control the US.”
- In “Israel 'preparing to receive Alawite refugees” "Falah" (17 Jan 2012) wrote “The polytheists and Jews are natural allies. The jews have also arranged for India to receive air-to-air heat-seeker missiles:”
- In “Israel to strike Iran within months: US” "water" (3 Feb 2012) wrote “But the shiites are pawns for the jews so... enjoy the play I suppose.”
- In “Someone's telling whoppers” "Falah" (4 Feb 2012) wrote “I agree that people should take care in ensuring that our food is halal, but we shouldn't envy the Jews. Isn't the lesson that we are taught in surah al-Baqarah that the Jews asked their prophet too many questions and made their religion difficult. They asked questions about the cow until they had such a narrow description that almost no such cow could be found. ...and on top of that, the Jews would alter their scriptures: Did you know that Jews can't eat shellfish or bread made with yeast? That jews cook dairy products and meat in different ovens? That Jews cannot sit on a chair that a menstruating woman sat on? We should say alhamdulillah that our religion is easy.” "Aussiemu" (4 Feb) wrote “The Jews are ridiculous in their laws and alhamdulillah we have nothing like that.”
- In “We must be willing to be unwilling towards Israel” “Abdraheim (7 Feb 2012) claimed “the Jews were also banished due to their constant disobedience, wasn't moses himself left to wonder the desert due to that? why are there Jews today who hate Zionism. Zionist today are in direct violation Jeremiah's principles (to live in peace in the countries they reside)and Solomon's oaths "not to ascend to the Holy Land as a group using force, not to rebel against the governments of countries in which we live, and not by our sins, to prolong the coming of moshiach; as is written in Tractate Kesubos 111a " (so from this not only kill innocent people they are in direct violation of the Torah and its teachings from their prophets, the Christians are so deceived its not funny.”; “falah” (8 Feb 2012) submitted “Another thing to bear in mind is that the way of God Almighty is to let the arrogant oppressors go for a while, before they are caught up in mighty punishment. Just think of Sodom and Gomorrah. God Almighty is gathering the Jews together for a purpose; punishment."Do you think God will not punish them for bring homosexuality and pigs to the Holy Land? Another thing to bear in mind is that the way of God Almighty is to let the arrogant oppressors go for a while, before they are caught up in mighty punishment. Just think of Sodom and Gomorrah.”; "abu rashid" (8 Feb 2012) wrote “This is true. But don't you think the lobby has some hand in culturing these people to begin with? Christians weren't always so pro-Jewish, in fact they have always

historically been quite the opposite. Jewish lobby groups in the U.S did a lot of outreach to accumulate that support too. Actually even according to their own book it was promised to the seed of Abraham (pbuh), of which the Arabs (and by extension Muslims) make up the bulk. In fact if one reads the Biblical passages about this "promise" it could only ever refer to the Ishmaelite Arabs. So whose side was God on for the 2000 odd years in which Arabs/Muslims dominated the land? Temporal domination in this world does not equate to God necessarily being on one's side. You'd need to have a pretty shallow concept of God to think this. Why would anyone develop good relations with a foreign entity in their land? If China invaded Australia and herded all Aussies into refugee camps, would you be calling for good relations with her? The ones committed by Jews most certainly are the fault of Jews." "Abdraheim" (8 Feb) continued "and why were they chosen? it isn't a birth right but one of obedience to God. when they rejected the Prophet Jesus and arguably long before that they ceased to be so"; "Abu Coburg" (8 Feb 2012) commented "Umm, last time I checked, the Jews didn't believe Jesus to be the Messiah, and that's why they enjoy all this special "anti-semitic" treatment from the Christian world!"; You are willfully turning a blind eye that it is the European Jewish occupiers who run the show in Israel." and (9 Feb 2012); "Falah" (14 Feb 2012) argued "The Jews fabricated it but didn't bother to cover their track properly. They left the only son verse and the Ishmael was a child verse. Isaac was never the only son of Abraham, no matter what mental gymnastics you try and pull."; and abu rashid (15 Feb 2012) claimed "Both the OT and NT have been corrupted by polytheistic doctrines. The OT is full of lies and slanders against the prophets (pbut)."

- In "Rothschilds want iran's banks" "falah" (14 February 2012) wrote "Even the Federal Reserve Bank is privatised and in the hands of Jews. President Woodrow Wilson gave the power over it to Jews nearly 100 years ago."
- In "Judge: Muslims Allowed To Bash People For Insulting Prophet Mohammed" "Abdraheim" (28 February 2012) wrote "its sad how pussy many christians have become without any anger for how the jews and athiest insult them and their religion. the jews have erroded away their passion and fooled them with this unlimited unless we see fit freedom of speech"
- In "Legal pluralism in Oz" "Muslim..Priincess" (4 March 2012) wrote "Why isn't anyone having a backlash at the Jews for having their courts/system whatever? I can excuse the Native Australians, but not anyone else.". "At-Ta'if" (4 March) added "I read that article, and I don't agree with the tone it's written in, but the message is basically that Muslims should enjoy the same rights as the Jews. The Jews are portrayed differently to Muslims; they are seen as victims whereas Muslims are viewed as terrorists, not by all, but by many."; and "Muslim..Priincess" (4 March 2012) responded "And if we are giving people privileges just because they're victims then we are too just as victims."
- In "Plane 'Bomb Plot' Foiled By Insider" "Perspective" (10 May 2012) wrote "that sounds very... talmudic.....the jews have no jew should be killed for killing a goyim."
- In "Rabbi ignored warnings on sexual abuse, say parents" "falah" (15 May 2012) wrote "This demonstrates the power the rabbis have over the Jews - that they can even prevent parents from protecting their own children. Afterall, isn't it one of the strongest natural instincts for a parent to protect their own child, yet these rabbis are held in such polytheistic high-esteem by Jews that they can stop Jews from protecting their children.."
- In "Inquiry exposes fear of Muslims" "abu turaub" (27 June 2012) wrote "Some o/seas examples: In Germany, Kosher slaughter is allowed where as Halal slaughter is not, though they are the same in essence.New Circumcion laws in Germany make it illegal for muslims but the law is being modified as Jews have been caught up in the ban." "Falah" (28 June

2012) added “This is all media-driven. The Jews are the most ghetto-ised community in Australia. Half of Australia's Jews live in Melbourne, and about 90% of them live in the Caulfield area. Imagine that nearly half of people from one religion in Australia live in or next to Caulfield. The media does not make an issue of this. The media also does not take issue with Australian Jews performing war crimes in Israel. Why?”; "Muslim..Princess" (28 June 2012) wrote “It always wondered me why Australia allows Jewish students to go Israel for military service and fight in wars and come back here and continue their study. Why are they going there in the first place-homeland? (what are they doing here anyway? why aren't they joining the Australian military?) I bet if it was an arab it wouldn't be accepted.”; and "Abu turaub" (28 June 2012) added “If you went to fight for the Israeli occupation of Palestine, you'd be allowed. This is to be expected. The jews & christians are on the same team. Allah has told us the jews & christians are allies of each other. Sadaqallahul Atheem!! But that's not the problem. The Jews and christians and muslims have all been told "DO NOT TAKE THE KUFAAR AS FRIENDS". Allah's sunnah doesn't change. As you can see the jews keep away from everyone. Total isolation. They have their own world in Victoria. It's called Caulfield. You'll be lucky to find a jew living elsewhere except a few recalcitrants. ...And here in Qur'an the Jews just want "a life", any life. They want a slice of the dunya. And you will surely find them the most greedy of people for life - [even] more than those who associate others with Allah... 2:96 ... Just like the jews have withdrawn to Caulfield & the christians are ordered likewise and so too, the muslims.”

- In “A brotherly respectful friendly discussion about sunni and shia” "sooshiant" (1 July 2012) wrote “I want to vaccinate you against the media waves of Zionism and Freemasonry.” "Sooshiant" (1 July 2012) added "Some Wahabi-zionist sites claim that Shia-Muslims has another Quraan!"
- In “‘Rape-law’ triggers fury in Jordan” "falah" (4 July 2012) wrote “Why is the Jordanian Government following a Biblical system instead of Islam? Is the Jordanian Government Jewish? Why are they following Jewish law? Deuteronomy 22:28-29:”
- In “Islamophobia - for Muslims, read Jews. And be shocked” "Sammertx" (15 July 2012) wrote “But even beyond that, it's clear Jewish or Anglo Saxon blood is given more importance in certain sectors of the media than the blood of non Anglo's and Muslims.”; "Musa" (15 July 2012) added “we have been through much more than the Jews could imagine. We faced the Mongol hordes. We suffered under the army of the Khans who pillaged and raped like never before. Entire lands were razed and put to the sword. Our great cities were demolished. Skulls were formed into giant pyramids of death. We faced the Crusaders who slaughtered unlike anything seen before. They not only killed man woman and child, but at times they became so depraved that they even cooked the dead Muslims and ate them. These 2 events occurred in the same period, lasting not decades, but centuries. The stories that you hear make sitting in a chamber full of Zyklon B sound like a truly humane way to go out. The Muslims suffered in a way that no nation had ever suffered before. Sure there are parallels with the Jewish holocaust, however the only thing which makes the Jewish holocaust unique was that it was done in an age of advanced technology, where death was turned into an industry, producing large scale slaughter with low cost and minimum human effort. It was a reminder to the world that the industrial revolution would not only influence our homes and our cars, but also our wars. What really shocks you though is that while World War II, with all of its victims reached 66 million (6 million from the Jewish holocaust) the Mongol invasions alone, 700 years before World War II produced 40 million victims. The Crusades produced up to 9 million victims. This means that this time period alone caused almost as much death as WWII alone, 7 centuries before hand, using swords, not machine guns, atomic bombs and gas chambers. And the Muslims bore the brunt of it all.”; and "falah" (15 July 2012) claimed “That is exactly how the Spanish Inquisition and the Holocaust began. In Spain, Muslims and Jews were told to convert or leave. Then, when those who refused to

convert had left, the Christians began to torture and kill people they suspected of not being real converts. For example, take a bath on Friday, and you should be tortured and executed for being a secret Muslim. The Nazi began in the 1930's with only saying that they wanted to expel Jews from Germany. They did this, expelling Jews to concentration camps in Poland and elsewhere. It was not until the 1940's, a decade after the Nazis came to power in Germany, that Jews were killed by Nazis. The Nazis never said that they wanted to eradicate all the Jew either, but they had a good go at it. The goal of the Terror War is to kill every religious Muslim. This is evident in the invasion of Afghanistan. Does not the Australian media cheer every time an innocent Taliban is killed while defending his country? The Christians are doing their best to wreak havoc in Iraq, Somalia, Yemen and elsewhere. Do we see the Christians invading non-Muslim countries? Look at all the terrorist acts performed against the West by Jews in the last 70 years, any thoughts of invading Israel?

- In “Dark Knight Massacre by man in costume” "Sammer"TX (23 July 2012) claimed “Apparently he's also Jewish. Hold your breath as the media jump all over this. Not.”; "water" (23 July) wrote “The irony is that he was a jew, those same people they go through so much misery to serve.” "Abu Coburg" (23 July) concluded “Allah says in the Quran that the "jews" called Allah as miserly, even though it was just one jew who said it. The plural is used because the other jews approvingly stayed silent on it!”
- In “Gaza Church claims Christians kidnapped, forced to convert” "falah" (18 July 2012) wrote “I would be careful about taking an article from a Jewish media outlet on this issue. [referring to net] ...The Jews (the Hebrews), who had migrated to Al-Hijaz from Syria following the Byzantine and Assyrian persecution campaigns, were the third category existent on the demographic scene in Madinah. In their new abode they assumed the Arabian stamp in dress, language and manner of life and there were instances of intermarriage with the local Arabs, however they retained their ethnic particularism and detached themselves from amalgamation with the immediate environment. They even used to pride in their Jewish-Israeli origin, and spurn the Arabs around designating them as illiterate meaning brutal, naïve and backward. They desired the wealth of their neighbours to be made lawful to them and they could thus appropriate it the way they liked. Religiously, they showed no zeal; their most obvious religious commodity was fortunetelling, witchcraft and the secret arts (blowing on knots), for which they used to attach to themselves advantages of science and spiritual precedence. They excelled at the arts of earning money and trading. They in fact monopolized trading in cereals, dates, wine, clothes, export and import. For the services they offered to the Arabs, the latter paid heavily. Usury was a common practice amongst them, lending the Arab notables great sums to be squandered on mercenary poets, and in vanity avenues, and in return seizing their fertile land given as surety. They were very good at corrupting and scheming. They used to sow seeds of discord between adjacent tribes and entice each one to hatch plots against the other with the natural corollary of continual exhaustive bloody fighting. Whenever they felt that fire of hatred was about to subside, they would nourish it with new means of perpetuity so that they could always have the upper hand, and at the same time gain heavy interest rates on loans spent on inter-tribal warfare...[ar-Raheeq al-Makhtum]”
- In “Egypt Vows Strong Response to Sinai Attack” "abu turaub" (7 August 2012) wrote “Akhi, wake up, your dreaming. "Morsi will make the jews pay??” This is a plot hatched by the jews way before the election. This is one of the concessions one must make to be accepted on the throne. To agree to clean & rid the Sinai of anything islamic. And who knows what else. But cleansing the Sinai is definitely a prerequisite for gaining permission from the jews to rule Egypt. Hazim Ismail refused the jews advances. He hinted about this. So he was removed from the list with the flimsy story that his long dead mother held American citizenship. Disqualifying him from running for office.”

- In "Police gas Sydney protesters" "aussiemu" (17 Sept 2012) wrote "Can someone make a film insulting Jews and see how quickly it is removed from youtube and everyone associated with it - even the cleaner who cleaned the sets and had no idea whose set he was cleaning - is thrown in jail."; "Sarah" (18 Sept 2012) responded "Mel Gibson produced passion of the christ. He had scenes deleted before it was publicly viewed as it insulted the Jewish religion. He said some anti-semitic stuff which ruined his ENTIRE career and still have people disgracing him years later or what he said while he was drunk by the way. What I want to know, how did this movie about our beloved muhammad pbuh get the approval to be released?"; "Abu Coburg" (18 Sept 2012) claimed "Actually, it's a bit more complicated than that. From what I have understood analyzing this, the technicality of the way it works is like this: jews have themselves *registered* (don't ask me how, where, when, and why) as BOTH an ethnicity AND followers of a religion. So basically, if you say something against the "jews", you get in trouble for speaking crap against "A RACE" - which is no different than speaking against blacks, or whites or Chinese or Aborigines, or Pakistanis or anyone. THAT (race) is where the whole "anti-semitism" card comes in or rather SHOULD come in. In theory the man-made, corrupted western free-speech law would allow people to say what they want about Abraham or Moses (peace be upon them) or the Torah, and indeed it does, there are blasphemous movies that are insulting to Moses as well. I have had the misfortune of seeing this one example - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History..._World,_Part_I and I can tell you it is blasphemous (from my Muslim perspective) from top to bottom. Incidentally, it is not just surprising but also outright HYPOCRITICAL of the jews to not kick up a ruckus of *anti-semitism* at such puerile garbage in such movies. *In theory*, once again, any criticism or heck, just plain chaser's war on everything, that includes the state of israel or the Torah or the talmud or the jewish religion, would be permitted; and the only thing not allowed would be an attack on the RACE/ETHNICITY that is identified as "jewish". However, SPECIFICALLY any legitimate criticism of the state of israel, or of a rabbi, or the talmud, or any jokes, or serious enquiries pertaining to the holocaust are ALL painted with the same "anti-semitism" and hate speech brush. (NOT the Torah, or Moses or Abraham, the western law has no problems with anyone speaking against any of these, and neither do the majority of western jewry!) In the modern western society a person can insult the followers of a religion, as opposed to an ethnicity. You can speak to your hearts content against Muslims or christians or atheists or anyone. But insulting black people or white people or something of this sort will land you in trouble. You can't insult jews, because well, they're a RACE too. Oh and gays are a class of their own! Basically, in the current climate with the current lobbying and funding of politicians and the mainstream media, it is virtual suicide to get on the wrong side of gays and jews! Anything else is fair game, but its Islam and Muslim-bashing that sells the most. It's man-made rules with no logic or a defined formula. It's all about lobbying, funding, and applying *Pressure* at the right spots." and added "Oh, and holocaust talk in the west is like an "aqeedah" thing. If you ever mention it, you better stay within the "manhaj" - don't veer "off da manhaj"."; "Aussiemu" (19 Sept 2012) then responded "Janissary: Just to be clear I didn't mean it as a real suggestion to make a film about Jews lol. I was making the point that if a film was made we'd see how quickly the freedom of speech/expression arguments would be put away to never be heard and all we'd hear is condemnation and probably people on charges and in jail."; "Janissary" (19 Sept 2012) wrote "Yes sis I agree with you - funny how a tiny country has so much influence on the world.. but a day will come that tiny country will hide behind a rock and the rock will say 'there is a jew behind me'... 😏"
- In "Now the French make cartoons on the Prophet Peace Be Upon Him" "Muslim..Priincess" (19 Sept 2012) wrote "Yet when someone has to say something about jews, they limit the 'free speech' article: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14833259> [John Galliano found guilty of anti-Semitic Paris rants]"

We're not racist, we just hate Jews

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Anti-Semitism in pro-Palestinian discourse is being promoted without proper condemnation.

After Brendon O'Connell, who had attended an anti-Israel action in Perth organized by Friends of Palestine WA (FOPWA), was convicted by a jury of racial incitement, Alex Bainbridge of FOPWA announced that the group "makes a conscious policy of condemning expressions of anti-Semitism and other forms of racism." He added, "We are friends of Palestine, not enemies of the Jewish people."

Regardless of how genuine Bainbridge's claims were, there is very real and insidious anti-Jewish content within the discourse of pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel people and organizations in Australia. Many supporters of the Palestinian cause claim their support is based on a social justice and antiracism platform. Anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian individuals and organizations often make the claim that they are simply anti-Israel and not anti-Jewish. However, many of these people and organizations cross the line from legitimate criticism of the State of Israel into outright anti-Semitism.

*Pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel organizations utilize both websites and Facebook to promote their beliefs, propagate articles and news and advertise upcoming protests, forums and other actions. Organizations set up many different Facebook sites, often for specific events. Facebook is one area in particular where members can post comments, links and other material. It is on these official websites and Facebook pages that anti-Jewish content is to be found. When anti-Jewish comments, such as the post "i don't give a f***, jews are pricks!!!!" and another post advocating to protest in a "major jewish [sic] suburb" in Melbourne, are posted on the Facebook sites of Students for Palestine (Melbourne), and are not removed, then a tolerance, or even approval, for anti-Semitism can be produced.*

Videos are another means of propagating anti-Jewish sentiment, conspiracy theories, or similar sinister insinuations about Jews. Such videos, posted on the Facebook site of the Australians Friends of Palestine Association (AFOPA), based in Adelaide, include videos entitled "Zionists are a Satan worshiping Cult!," "Dangers Of A 'Jewish' State," and "The Hitler Speech They Don't Want You To Hear." The first two titles sound anti-Israel, yet the synopsis of the first states: "To help you understand the difference between the "true Israel" and the Synagogue of Satan." This is the familiar terminology of far-right religious anti-Semitism.

The second video repeats this theme, as it states: "Jewish elitism has permeated every aspect of our nation's infrastructure.... If this trend continues then a Judaic tyranny never before experienced in American life will dismantle all that Christianity has bequeathed to our once free and prosperous nation."

The third video claims to be the English translation of a speech by Hitler which blames Roosevelt for WWII and portrays Hitler and the Nazis as innocent and peaceful, which is a standard neo-Nazi theme.

When, for example, AFOPA allows anti-Semitic videos which demonize Jews and sell Hitler as a hero to be posted and kept on their Facebook page, this belies the claim that they are only anti-Israel. It shows, at best, an unacceptable tolerance for those who are deeply and overtly hostile to Jews. When pro-Palestinian websites, like Australians For Palestine (AFP) and AFOPA, republish articles from overseas which use anti-Semitic language, this only reinforces the negative portrayal of Jews. An example is an article which uses the term "Talmudic rituals." This term, a coded expression for attacking Judaism, is used on many Islamic websites such as IslamOnline, and by Arab journalists such as Khalid Amayreh. As one study of anti-Semitism has noted, "The term 'Talmudic rituals' used by Amayreh (2009c) and Islam- Online (2009a) in reference to Jews near Al-Aqsa is a coded allusion to some sort of 'sinister' Jewish rituals, given that historically the Christian authorities condemned and burned the Talmud as an allegedly sinister Jewish text in an effort to convert the Jews to Christianity" (ADL 2003).

In comparison, a less active website, Palestine Solidarity Campaign Melbourne, has the same story but from the Maan News website, where the article contains nothing inflammatory or anti-Semitic. This shows that there are various ways to choose to tell a story and that anti-Israel organizations like AFP and AFOPA have chosen to use and republish articles with anti-Jewish language and content rather than articles that are not anti-Semitic.

Of even graver import is when pro- Palestinian websites republish anti- Semitic articles. Australians For Palestine (AFP) reproduced in full an article from the anti-Semitic and Holocaust-denying website Institute for Historical Review. Anti-Semitic claims in the article include: "In reality, the Jewish hold on American life is far more dangerous... Throughout history Jews have time and again wielded great power to further group interests that are separate from, and often contrary to, those of the non-Jewish populations among whom they live... Now we are engaged in a great, global struggle – in which two distinct and irreconcilable sides confront each other. A struggle that pits a self-assured and diabolical power that feels ordained to rule over others, on one side, and all other nations and societies – indeed, humanity itself – on the other."

By publishing such blatant racism, and from an avowedly anti-Semitic website, AFP clearly shows that underlying its anti-Zionist veneer is a tolerance at best, an identification with at worst, Holocaust denial, anti-Jewish conspiracy theories and the demonizing of the Jewish people. AFP is a major website of the pro-Palestinian movement in Australia, reproducing many articles and news reports. AFP also reproduce classic anti-Semitic accusations, for example: "Such are the practices of the Jewish-owned media such as Murdoch and his ilk. And it follows that the government is no better. In fact, being a government of feckless politicians, they too are manipulated in their decisions by the local Melbourne Zionist fraternity, well organized and who have many such politicians under their control." Such statements serve to reinforce anti-Jewish conspiracy theories reminiscent of the The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

Cartoons are another means of expressing anti-Jewish racism on pro- Palestinian websites. One particular cartoon appeared on at least three pro- Palestinian Facebook sites, including "Social Justice Network" and two others. This cartoon plays directly on the 2,000-year-old depiction of Jews collectively as Christ-killers, an accusation which has incited centuries of persecution and butchery against Jews and was repudiated by the Catholic Church 50 years ago. The cartoon is rich in traditional anti-Semitic religious imagery. Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis falls squarely within the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (EUFRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

An egregious example of willingness to engage in actions specifically targeting Jews, rather than Israel, was the decision by two pro-Palestinian organizations, Students for Palestine and Socialist Alternative, to protest outside a synagogue in Melbourne last February. Not only did they target a Jewish place of worship, but the protest was to be staged on a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. The target was stated to be Joseph Gutnick, for his alleged support of families living in settlements in Hebron; yet Gutnick is not a member of the targeted synagogue, nor does he attend services there. Students for Palestine and Socialist Alternative considered targeting a synagogue an acceptable anti-Israel action. This also shows that the protest organizers do not distinguish between ordinary Australian Jews and Israel.

The publication of anti-Semitic content on pro-Palestinian websites can lead to contempt toward Jews, and incitement of racial hatred, but it also lessens the credibility of the organizations that elicit and permit racist content. Many of these organizations claim to be only against Israel and not against Jews, and yet their websites and Facebook pages tell a very different and disturbing story.

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<http://www.jpost.com/LandedPages/PrintArticle.aspx?id=276273>*

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

- In "1027 Palestinian Prisoners To Be Released In Exchange For Israeli Soldier G.shalit""RUMI" (12 October 2011) wrote "Zionist apologists will vehemently claim this is merely a testament to the tedious, remedial mantra that "We value human life greatly, especially Jewish life because Jewish blood is purer than Arab blood", as if Zionists lay claim to a simple universal truth, that all life is precious."; "Kostas" (31 October 2011) wrote "What bonds them above all else, even for atheists with a "Jewish" identity is a sense of chosenness, and a distrust of all others, a victim

mentality, or as the most critical of "Jewish Identity" as former Jewish Israeli Gilad Atzmon calls "Pre-Traumatic Stress Disorder". This distrust of all others is ingrained within their religious and political narrative of a perpetual persecution. Passover and Purim are highest on the religious calendar reinforcing legends; which I as an agnostic take with many a grain of salt in absence of non biblical support; ...legends of unjustified antisemitism by others and victory over them with justified and severe retribution. Even Genocide is justified, naturally inclusive of infants, and even demanded by one of the 613 Mitzvot [Laws] to destroy all Amalek, who are often even seen as spiritual Amalek when they oppose the state of Israel or Jews today. The official [H]olocaust narrative, in spite of contradictory evidence, plays a significant role not only in garnering sympathy for all issues Jewish, but also to reinforce the time honoured belief of perpetual and unprovoked persecution. So important is this narrative to Jewish identity that questioning it publicly does result in jail time in many places around the world, and all the while any debauched literary or film sexual or criminal portrayals or even of others' deities, are argued to be enlightened critique. Tribal Nepotism, regardless of colour or creed within a state, denies equality of opportunity to other countrymen and divides a people to the point of catastrophic consequences, and reserving compassion or "love" for one's own tribe exclusive of others is inhuman, and understandably invites persecution.”; “I don't accept that a just God would hold any people as exceptional, above others, by virtue of their birth lineage, although some do view themselves to be exceptional. I believe this to be a supremacist ideology. Although a particular group may have contributed positively to humanity, a view of itself as exceptional legitimates treatment of others as less than worthy of full human consideration. This sense of exceptionalism/elitism is a negative force within society, it's chauvinistic. I reject the validity of evidence offered to support the notion of Jewish elitism like dominance in Nobel Prizes, as this selection process is politically tainted; as I'm sure many would agree with various dubious Peace Prize appointments to people like Henry Kissinger, Barack Obama, or Yasser Arafat.”; “You deny the existence of the "Chosen People" notion??? The Mitzvot to destroy all Amalek? The importance to Jewish Identity in maintaining persecution "legends" ? The importance of the official [H]olocaust narrative in Jewish identity politics and the wide spread legal measures to maintain it in the face of otherwise "free speech"? What exactly in my criticisms is "unjustified"? While you accuse me of sycophant-ism; Greeks with whom I've spoken this way, or in defence of Muslims; while I was in no way believing that expressing those opinions would endear me to Greeks; have accused me of *xenomania*[gk]:-an over-fixation with other cultures. I just can't get past some of you "psychoanalysts". I can assure you, my opinions are not formed to endear myself to Muslims, I'll speak this way to anyone. Get back to me once you've read Gilad Atzmon's book. "The Wandering Who".”; "Kostas", 31 October 2011, 2/35 The distinction between Zionist and Jew with a 'bond of racism and hate' is not clear. The (if I recall correctly) almost 90% support among Jews for the bombing of Gaza, clears this up somewhat. When you used the term "Israeli land-occupiers", did you mean ALL Israelis? or were you exercising deceptive ambiguity to evade criticism of your true opinions? And “He's doubly elite; holding a special contempt for Kafir as a racist Jew might view all female Goy as Shiksas. Like a sage expounding on the principles of acceptable critique he now lays down the law calling for my name to be blotted out from these pages like Jews view the very name of Amalekite as obligatory for removing from history. He asks all to accept his calling Zionist etc "Racists" but warns us away from the threat of digging deeper by asking why.”

- In “Illuminati” "Kostas" (13 November 2011) said “If you deny the Zionist/Israeli influence in USA politics, then... You could also read about The Wolfowitz Doctrine, forerunner of The Bush Doctrine. A formula for maintaining global supremacy in a "new world order" through pre-emptive attacks. http://en.wikipedia....fowitz_Doctrine A doctrine advance also by the "think tank" PNAC, project For The New American Century. There is much "compelling evidence" to show that Jews with Zionist ambitions are deeply entrenched within the USA policy making apparatus. In England too; it's been going on for 100years +. The Balfour Agreement/Declaration promising a Jewish Homeland in Palestine was written in 1917 and addressed to the mystical Lord Rothschild.” “Declaring scepticism of the official 911 narrative is "conspiracy theory". Declaring that there exists a strong Zionist influence in USA

foreign policy is "conspiracy theory". [& antisemitic). Declaring that the Rothschild dynasty is likely a central power in global monetary systems and central to the establishment of Israel is "conspiracy theory". The phrase "conspiracy theory" is often merely a canard. It's intended creation, if not to silence dissent or discussion, has that effect.”; and “And let me also tell you that, yes even though I'm very proud of my Greek lineage, that's not why I've got that flag in my avatar. It's there because I know that I hold some opinions and say things which are viewed as radical and some opinions might be viewed as "antisemitic" and so I show the flags along with my agnosticism to afford you Muslims here and the site itself some "distance" from me when viewed by outsiders.”; “Do you believe that.....There are people aspiring to the rebuilding of Solomon's temple??? That Freemason's pay homage to Solomon's temple? That Some Jews and Christians believe that Satan will rule from there for 3.1/2 yrs? That there are Satanists aspiring to his ascendancy? If you answered Yes to all of the above; then you are NOT delusional,,, even though those outlined in these questions might be. Conspiracy Theorists: people that believe that social phenomena are actually caused by people.” "Kostas" (17 Nov 2011) later added “Do you get your kids to read the Anne Frank Diaries (of dubious authenticity)” "PakiKanga" (20 Nov 2011) continued “My understanding of Illuminati is that it is a secret organization that worships the shaytan, perform satanic rituals and controls most of the world eg. United States and The Entertainment Industry. They have been waiting for their Messiah, Dajjal, to appear for thousands of years. And it looks like their symbol represents him? (Triangle with one eye)”

- In “Dr. Anwar Ibrahim Acquitted In 'sodomy' Case” "Kostas" (11 Jan 2012) wrote “I heard that "product placement" [the Islamofascism notion] on ABC National Radio today. Telling us how our free society can openly critique Christianity and Judaism but the same can't be said about Islam. What a joke! I wonder how many jaws would hit the floor in Australia and around the world with an analysis of "metzitzah". I might even blog about it, pictures and all. If Rachael Kohn in her "informative" Spirit Of Things feels too beholden to her tribal roots for a forthright critique, well I certainly don't. With so many Jewish names working for ABC Radio, one would imagine they'd be informed... surely it's not intentionally avoided for the sake of "political correctness". What's good for the goose.....Yesterday on ABC they had an American analyst on Taliban and it's funding with drugs that went on to name a string of regimes that have funded their works with drug money.... can you believe they left out USA? I can. Isn't it curious that AT LEAST every second day or more often on ABC NATIONAL Radio there is some mention in brief or great detail of how Judaism is enriching for the world or how Jews are persecuted. One would be forgiven for assuming they were a majority population here. Yea, real interesting dance exploring "The Failure of Multiculturalism"... another Zionist nationalist no doubt. The "artist's" name is Newson. How enriching, what passes for art today, like the man with the faeces machine that sells his little nuggets when dried and signed for a grand, or painting by monkeys and elephants for hundreds. And they reckon "dumbing down" only happens in schools. Let those with a brain listen to ABC National Radio and the messages are loud and clear.”; “So you would have heard the program with the woman that raised mention of "British Israelites" but dismissed their belief as baseless. We wouldn't want anyone getting ideas of a 14th tribe to rival the 13th tribe of Israelites ie: the Askenazi. Biblically there are only meant to be 12 tribes. At least the British have Jacob's Pillow/The Stone of Scone along with it's history to back up their claim. Not that I buy either tribe's claim. "B***S***" ? You don't hear Philip Adams among others keep raising the "holocaust" or "holocaust survivor"? I have ABC on most days at work but don't listen all day because of duties... perhaps the "cues" are too subtle for you. I didn't say there are NO articles with Arab bias (although I don't fully agree with you) but that the whole ABC radio is with anti-Arab and pro-Jewish bias overall. I listened to your linked program. Do we really need more programs telling us that the Middle East is full of tyrants? The ABC producers arranged that no mention was made of Jewish attacks in the play for the creation of "The Jewish State". Surely they could have told us about the Jewish bombings of civilians at the time, and the terrorist organisations: Haganah, Stern Gang, Irgun. These guys invented car

bombs. But then Jewish organisation would start screaming "bias" and the often declared "antisemitism".";

- In “Armed Chinese Troops Have Invaded Texas!” "Kostas" (5 February 2012) wrote “I had a bit of a browse over some other writings by the author of the link you provided who calls himself Adam Taxin "NY Jewish Culture Examiner", only to notice [who would have guessed] that although he's evidently disproving of Ron Paul and his alleged peddling of "The Protocols"; I can't see that he's shown any disapproval for any of the long cesspool of Republican candidates that have called for Iran to be turned into a slab of glass. The higher crime in his eyes is clearly not for calls for genocide but for though crimes re historical events or let us say "alleged" publications. This is no surprise once again from the land of the Schofield Bible version, a land where Jewish blood is so far more important than any other which explains why the word "holocaust" appears in their books with a capital "H" only when speaking of Jews, and where consideration for Jews is so paramount that it is better to call for an Arab "h"olocaust than to offend Jewish sensibilities by questioning official historical narrative. [If nothing else get this paragraph into your head].What do I think of Ron Paul? Well... If a vote had gone to congress as Paul demands it should have, rather than the president making a call for war against Iraq... they'd have gone anyway. I have a "little" more faith in Paul than the faith and hope I had in Obama, because now it's clear to me what Malcolm X would have called Obama. I could care less if the Protocols of Zion are real or not,,, notice they call them "forgeries" and not "not real",,, If Paul did promote that book, the only objection I would have is that he'd loose American voters by doing it. Your writer even promotes the name of Benjamin Freedman; Isn't it ""ironic"" that Freedman like so many Jews [Adam Pearlman, Fritz Kuhn, Yousef al-Khattab aka Joseph Cohen] who are seemingly on the side against Zionism and Jewish exceptionalism and stay alive to talk about it are so extreme that they make the rest of us human-istinians look bad. The protocols "may" not be real, but the formula sure is playing out true to the book. So when are we gonna go-n get some more of them gosh darn Ayrabs.”
- In “Regime Change, Inc. Denies Its Own Existence” "Kostas" (11 February 2012) wrote “This particular list of influential name offered by the author of those zealots behind a Muslim Holocaust reads like an invitation roll to a barmitzvah .<http://sabbah.biz/mt/archives/2010/03/13/whos-to-blame-for-the-iraq-war/>. Yes, I use the term "Holocaust" advisedly, because they are a group of people that seem zealously motivated to sacrifice a people to satisfy their own religious vision. A religious sacrificial burning, is after all, how the term "holocaust" originated. Numbers 29:1-2 holocaust=όλοκαυτώ And frankly, what do I care what their motive is; all I know for certain is that they are a driving force behind genocide; so please don't talk of tooth fairies as a distraction from the evidence available for all to see.” adding “The issue at hand which I have raised is often the elephant in the room which is typically not addressed regardless of the undeniable evidence offered. The barmitzvah roll offered is undeniable and as clear as the nose on our faces. There may well be Muslim leaders perpetuating beliefs in 72 virgins for killing infidels or inciting genocide of Jews but the fact is that they either don't exist or are so rare that they have no influence at all on our foreign policy direction and have not brought about the deaths of 100's of Thousands or millions as the "Judeo-Christian" Zealots have moulded the global realpolitik. This is IMO the "disrespect" that you and others show. Not an insult to me for "derailing" my topic but the disrespect you offer in the face of the suffering and deaths of millions at the whim of this elephant in the room. That's the real travesty; "political correctness" at the expense of the lives of millions.”
- In “Christians-Palestinians Treated Like Second Class Citizens By Jewish State” "tr3x" (18 April 2012) wrote “Christians are oppressed by Jews and the only things he can comment on is the caliphate.”; “You have no problem with you defending the murder, oppression, humiliation and terrorism of the Palestinians yet you want to call someone a hypocrite




because he had the temerity to post an article which details the oppression of Christians by the terrorist apartheid state of Israel.” and “You've been an apologist for Israeli brutality since you got on here, you even had the audacity to compare the situation in Australia with Aboriginals to that of the Palestinians in Israel. You're comparing a nation where Aboriginals have entrenched rights, have access to all government services, get government aid and assistance, have the same rights to public access, jobs etc that everyone else does with a nation that has no problem dropping white phosphorus on civilians, has no problem bombing apartment blocks with people in them, has no problem with forcibly removing people from their homes, has no problem with destroying peoples homes, has no problems with illegally boarding vessels and killing the occupants...do you want me to keep going? Yep when you compare Israel to Australia then yes you are an apologist for their murder, and certainly we have a long way to go with helping our Aboriginal community but their treatment pales into comparison when compared to the brutality that palestinians suffer with under israel. I just find it sickeningly hypocritical. & I would never, ever trust a protester who would so easily replace one apartheid state with another. So you seriously think the treatment of Aboriginals in Australia today is the same as the treatment of Palestinians in Israel today? Wow....forget hypocrisy, lets start talking delusional.”

- In “Census 2011: Is Australia Still A Predominantly "judeo-Christian" Nation?" "Kostas" (21 June 2012) wrote “The term "Judeo Christian" is an oxymoron today. The Ashkenazi Jews (Eastern European), who number predominantly among Jews at apparently close to 90%, are by and large known to be Talmudists, ie followers of the Talmud. As opposed to the Torah, from which the Christian Old Testament is derived. The forefathers of the Talmud were the Sadducees & Pharisees. Of the Pharisees, Jesus said...(NKJV) *Matthew 23:13-36*13 “*But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.* Sadducees taught that their souls die with their bodies...They maintained that they were descended from Zadok, the high Priest of the legendary Solomon's Temple, and as such were a rich family that maintained it's privilege through familial descent. Jesus opposed, and spoke against both these groups, and so realistically, Talmudists are anti Christ.What of Judeo Muslims?” *"FatBoyMuslim"* (14 August 2012) made this contribution: “may allaah curse the christians and the jews for they took the graves of prophets as places of prostration - (translation of) sahih hadith of prophet muhammad sal allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam.”
- In “Arab-israeli Conflict” "Kostas" (18 Sept 2012) wrote “Jews vs Muslims, You Muslims are wasting your democratically entitled time.No need to be "un-Austrralian" or "un-American" Muslims. When in Rome; do as the Romans do. So the thing here for Muslims in the West to note, is the correct protocol in these [West]parts of the world. Lobby for our politicians to attack Israel, and turn them into "crispy critters",.... nukes, gas, fletchettes, bullets, gas, conventional bombs... anything..... just as Jewish lobies like AIJAC and AIPAC etc etc etec etc etc etce etc etc etc etc constantly harrass/ lobby/place under durress, Western leaders to wipe Arab nations (or it's people) off the map. That's the way to do it... apparently, here in the West, that is considered an acceptable way for "civilised" men to go about commiting genocide. It's considered "good form". Screaming out "Allah Akbah" in public protests is considered barbaric.... just lobby for genocide instead... it's considered "good form". Apparently loud voices, and stamping of feet is considered the hight of barbarity in the Anglocentric world.... worse than killing Arabs. Please, someone, let me know if I missed something.”
- In “French Magazine Publishes "nude Cartoons" Of Prophet Mohammed (Saw)” "Kostas" (20 Sept 2012) wrote “The cartoons from France this week, showed us that a nation with a

preceding PM Sarkozy with Jewish roots ensured that that only certain speech and thought are forbidden there also... you guessed it... "holocaust denial" France is not the only Western country that restricts free speech in a way that pleases Jews. America has recently introduced laws limiting speech that only apply to criticism on issues sensitive to Jews. Australia has refused entry to "holocaust deniers" (David Irving), claiming it's because he had a criminal record, even though it was a petty "thought crime". They had no problem letting a former follower of the Bagwan Rashneeshi into the country even though she had been convicted and done time for attempted murder... in fact our government doesn't even have a problem with her benefiting from the proceeds of a book she wrote and even spoke of her crime on the ABC radio today.... (can't remember her name.) So again today I had to suffer through advice from another closet Jewish lobby on the issue of multiculturalism in the context of Muslim protests. The Lowe institute has been advising us and our Gov again... founded and funded by former Israeli Military Officer and full blown Zionist Frank Lowe. So the moral of the story is... say anything you like as long as it doesn't offend empire or Zionist agenda.... oh, and homosexuals.... as though those groups are being persecuted and killed by the millions. These are sad times for freedom of speech.... I can feel the ignorance within my society increase every year it feels. I want free speech alive and well, BUT if someone makes a statement, I WANT TO ASK AND I WANT TO KNOW, are they Jews, Muslims, atheists, etc... what are their allegiances, who funded them etc? ... So I can better prepare myself to see through the crap. It seems to me; actually I KNOW that it's not about free speech at all, but about demonising and alienating Muslims even further'."; "Bastion" (21 Sept 2012) added "Do you deny the Holocaust happened?I have some issues with the numbers - 6,000,000 seems a bit high, and there is no way the ashes of 6,000,000 people have been buried within the physical boundaries of the camps, but I wouldn't have thought there was any doubt about the fact that a major extermination program occurred on a huge scale." "Peaceful" (21 Sept 2012) claimed "I know there was a holocaust, but I have a right to deny it. Although Jews were the victims, so were one-half million Gypsies, at least 250,000 mentally or physically disabled persons, and more than three million Soviet prisoners-of-war, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, Social Democrats, Communists, partisans, trade unionists, Polish intelligentsia etc." and "Kostas" (21 Sept 2012) responded "It matters naught if it happened or to what extent any more than any other alleged genocides. Or if you like; perhaps it does matter more as many seem to think, so we should perhaps look to our historians and researchers. But we can't, because what distinguishes this genocide legend from others is that open discourse is not only shunned, it is in fact also illegal in many countries. Not only "holocaust denial" but also what might be described as "holocaust haggling". ie.Public denial of the 6Million figure, which you have just committed, can get you jailed in more than one European nation. France is among those nations where free speech is not extended to this issue. There is no public vigour in examining this issue and there never will be as long as opinions opposed to the official narrative are forbidden. This official historical narrative alone is protected with threats of 'thought crime' like heresy laws of the middle ages." and "I'm wondering why people like you are yet to accept amendment of that figure since Auschwitz amended it's contributory figure from 4Million down to 1.5Million and later withdrew that claim as a plaque from it's visitors also??.... Just for starters... Can you justify your 6Mill assertion in light of this ?? Or are you not informed as to the validity of my claim, and if not then isn't it reckless (at best) of you to assert that there is " no denying ""?"

In October 2011, a correspondent to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry wrote "I have recently been perusing the Australian website 'Muslim Village,' out of a desire to try to understand the perspectives of Muslims in Australia. I have been deeply disturbed by the anti-semitic and holocaust-denying comments that the moderators of the site have allowed to be published. I have attached two recent examples. Note the first commentator discusses what the Germans "allegedly" did to the Jews. This to me is an unacceptable statement. The second commentator embarks on a rant against Christian and Jews, which is, alas, all too common in the comments section of this website. I have reported these comments to the moderators at Muslim Village three times, but they have not been removed. Here's the link




<http://muslimvillage.com/2011/10/04/extremist-jewish-settlers-set-fire-to-mosque-in-israel/>

 nadiyah Alsayed · 1 week ago 0  

salam alaikom look its plain to see that the jewish are doing this bombing this mosque to enrage my fellow palestinians to war and anger so the new palestinian settlement that is being talked about will fall through they are trying to make us (muslims) angry so that the un council ect say "oh see look the palestinians arnt civilised thats all it is is israeli properganda its funny to me how the jews cry about their holocaust yet they are doing exactly the same crap to muslims as the germans alledgedly did to them ...talk about hypocrites jew these days == third riech...

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more atrocities have been commited by jews and christians throughout history, what a muslim does is like a drop in the ocean compared to the crimes commited by jews and christians, im all ears to see u prove me wrong. muslims are not the perpetrators in this case how would u feel if someone came into your house

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In other incidents of interest

- Ahrum Online, (12 Apr 2012) reported: A new book argues that Australia has always been biased towards Israel and examines the role of Jewish lobbies in the country's foreign policy. (Australia and the Arabs, by: Ali Qazq, Doha:ACRPS. 2012. 336PP.) The Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies has just released a book entitled Australia and Arabs, by the Palestinian Delegation Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand Ali Qazq. It tackles the relation to Arabs of Australia, the country that seems the furthest away from the heated issues of the Middle East. Part of the books originality is that it demonstrates how Australia has never been all that far at all. The author argues that Australia participated in the colonial wars of the Middle East and played a role in establishing the state of Israel in 1948; it has since been biased in favour of Israel, with which it has had strong commercial and security ties, at the expense of the Palestinians. The book opens with the discovery of Australia, moving onto its human and natural resources, its foreign policy and its political and economic vicissitudes. The author devotes the larger part of the book to a comparative study of Arab- and Israeli-Australian relations. The book also includes a chapter on the Jewish lobby in Australia and the role of Jewish businessmen there as compared to their Arab and Muslim counterparts, with emphasis on Palestinian activity on the continent."
- The Australian reported that the website promoting the "International al-Quds Day" rally in Sydney, contained a video which "likens Israeli practices towards Palestinians to Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews" (16/8/12).

The Last Word: Why Blame the Victims?
Jeremy Jones

Dec 20 2011

Sydney is a vibrant multicultural metropolis, built by people from many nationalities, ethnicities, cultures and religions. In the main street of Lakemba, for example, South, West and East Asian, and Anglo-Celtic sounds and sights are part of the rich communal tapestry. Amongst restaurants, gift shops, welfare agencies, banks and newsagencies, are bookshops which serve Muslims and those interested in Islam and Muslims' opinions.

I visited the two largest of these in mid-December, in the wake of curious, contentious comments on antisemitism from Muslims made by Howard Gutman, the US Ambassador to Belgium. At the first shop, in a

section which included exposés of the alleged deceitful behaviour of Christians, Henry Ford's notorious *The International Jew* was displayed prominently.

Amongst titles such as *Answers to Non-Muslims' Common Questions*, a series of booklets which made overtly disparaging comments about Judaism as a religion, as well as some which sought simply to explain why Islam is innately superior, were both plentiful and inexpensive.

At the larger store, recommended titles included a 958-page Malaysian-published version of *The International Jew*, complete with introductions by two of the most notorious racists in the history of the US, Gerald L. K. Smith, and Elizabeth Dilling. The introductions alleged the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* is a proof-text for Jewish behaviour - which was probably unnecessary as the 900 pages which followed made the same case.

Other texts on sale argued Jews should always be held under suspicion, never trusted, were always plotting against Islam etc., with a small sample referring to modern Israel or Zionism. Indeed, the most prominently displayed work on that subject, *"The Islamic Ruling on the Peace Process"* began with the chapter *"The Jews have been the enemies of the Islamic 'Ummah since the Messenger of Allah, began his call to Allah; and their hostility to this 'Ummah will continue till the Day of Resurrection."*

A professionally produced book *"Islam and the Problem of Israel"*, published in Malaysia, instructs readers that they should not be misled into thinking the issues are Israel or its behaviour, but it is the existence of any Jewish autonomy, let alone a state, which is the crux of the matter. For children, the Indian-published *Emergence of Dajjal, the Jewish King*, warned of an "anti-Christ" figure spreading mayhem, with the "happy ending" to the story including *"The Annihilation of the Jews."*

This book sources a well-known Hadith [saying attributed to the Muslim Prophet Muhammad], here translated as *"The doomsday will not come till the Muslims will fight against the Jews. The Muslims will kill them. Even the stones and trees will cry out that a Jew is hiding behind me ..."*



This will be familiar to those following contemporary Middle East affairs, as media outlets paying serious attention to events in Egypt and beyond have observed the nasty anti-Jewish taint of rallies, demonstrations and public pronouncements. Veteran journalist Eldad Beck, who holds a degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the Sorbonne, reported that a rally in Cairo hosted by the largest political force there, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the al-Azhar Mosque on November 25 emphasised this Hadith. Those videoed quoting it including a number of the Muslim Brotherhood Guidance Bureau and a professor at al-Azhar and the head of the Islamic Law Society.

As noted Middle East scholar Martin Kramer commented, *"The hadith predates the State of Israel by well over a millennium, so it certainly can't be attributed to Israeli provocation. Those who invoke it - the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Bin Laden - root their hatred of Israel in a much deeper stratum of Islamic animosity toward the Jews. Those who downplay that sort of Judeophobia just help to perpetuate it."*

I know many Muslims, including scholars and communal leaders, have no animus towards Jews and are inspired by their faith to develop positive relationships with Jews and to fight prejudice in general.

Providing apologia for antisemitism does no service to them, but to the contrary strengthens and empowers the forces of bigotry.

- On Today Tonight (Channel 7), Rebecca Kay, a well-known personality within the Muslim community in Sydney, initiated the following exchange with journalist Joe Hildebrand, who she mistakenly thought was Jewish, after earlier rationalising a decision of a Muslim woman to have her child, a pre-schooler, hold a sign calling for decapitation of those who “insult the prophet” at a rally in Sydney: “Rebecca Kay: “No offence Joe, [but] you have restrictions against your religion, you can’t say anything bad about Jewish people. We don’t have those kind of protections.” (17/9/12).

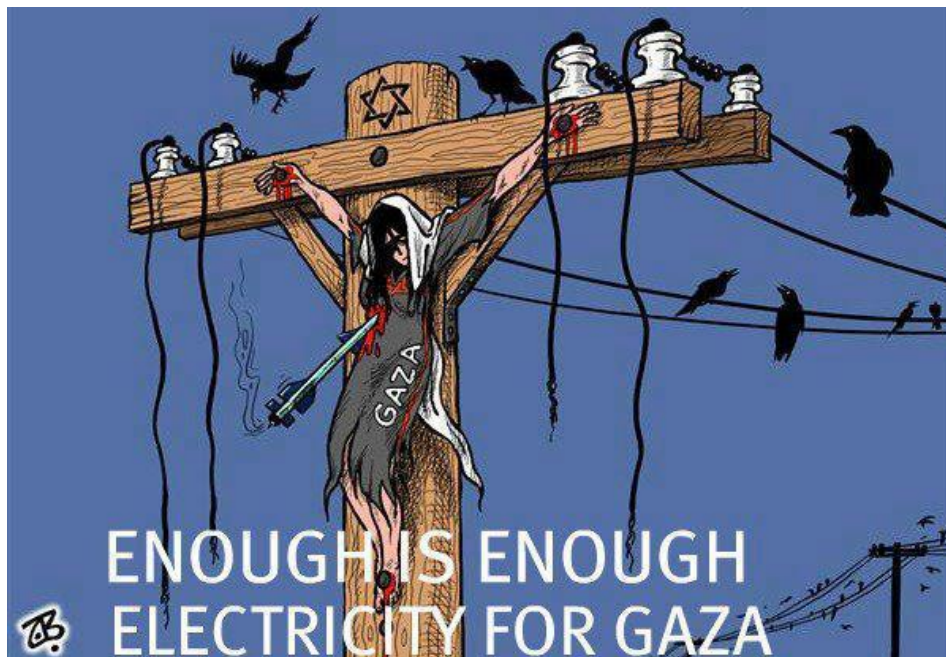
It should be emphasised that the Jewish and Islamic communities in Australia enjoy a generally positive relationship and there is little evidence that anti-Jewish sentiment is widespread. At the public, leadership level, Muslim and Jewish Australians regularly meet, and promote understanding and tolerance. 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.”

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Don't call the Global March to Jerusalem anti-semitic!

Here is a picture on the Facebook page of the **Global March to Jerusalem - Australian National Committee**:



But don't call them anti-semitic! They really hate that!

This is actually a slightly edited version of a cartoon by **known anti-semitic cartoonist Emad Hajjaj**, a Palestinian Jordanian.

<http://elderofziyon.blogspot.com.au/2012/03/dont-call-global-march-to-jerusalem.html>

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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 most of the examples of antisemitism featuring in these debates was in the course of discussing the "boycott" strategy from some anti-Israel activists. The generally low volume of anti-Jewish commentary when Israel's behaviour was a 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.

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.

At a very well publicised but poorly attended rally in Sydney protesting Israel's establishment, a group chanted "Khaybar, Khaybar, ya-yahood, jaish mohamed Sama'val", which is designed to intimidate Jews through reference to an historic massacre, but were asked to desist. One of the marchers was Ross "The Skull" May, one of Australia's most notorious Nazis. A "letter" was read to the demonstrating reading "Dear brothers, we are your sisters. Do you not hear our cries? ... We are your sisters, captured in cages like animals, with zookeepers - the Zionists. Our stomachs have been filled with children of zina [unlawful fornication] from daily rape. Our bodies are paraded naked in front of these animals while they drool over us. Our food is mixed with their faeces and our drink mixed with their urine. Where are you, oh brothers? Where is your honour? Why have you not liberated us? Why have you not destroyed the walls of this hell we live in? ... Wallahi death to us is sweeter than being handled by them ... By Allah my brothers, on the Day of Judgment, after we complain to God about the injustice we've suffered at the hands of the Zionists we will complain about our brothers who sat idle while their sisters were raped. Do not let any of us give birth to one more child of zina from the descendants of Zion. We would rather have our wombs torn out and fed to the dogs."; prompting commentator Andrew Bolt to respond "Just swapping "Zionists" for "Jews" in this vile and faked diatribe does not make this any less an example of the most flagrant anti-Semitism. And it demonstrates perfectly that the Left is the new home of the Jew-hater." (Herald Sun Blog, 25/5/12).

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.

The Australian reported “A fresh wave of racial hatred against the Jewish community, including calls for a Hitler clone and ethnic cleansing, has been sparked by the anti-Israel boycott campaign of the Max Brenner chocolate shop chain. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry has blasted some coverage of the pro-Palestinian Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaign that has fuelled the online attacks. ECAJ has unearthed an online video “news” report of the arrest – and acquittal last month – of 16 protesters outside a Max Brenner store in Melbourne earlier this year. The report has been aired globally with a heavy pro-Palestinian flavour and claims that no police were injured, despite official claims to the contrary. The You Tube report has attracted a wave of offensive and racist anti-Jewish comments that have been posted for weeks without being moderated. Among the comments were “Keep spreading the word against the Jew cancer, bro or sis!”. Another alleges a Jewish banking and financial conspiracy in Australia while another declares: “We can only wish that Hitler or someone like him will return.” A third post states: “know anyone who doesn’t HATE JEWS(?)”. (22/8/12).



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

- On the ABC Unleashed website, an article titled “Palestinian children’s rights needs more than just lip service” written by a self-described “human rights activist” was followed by comments including “‘Sometimes a former slave becomes the cruellest master’. And so it is with Israel. It is long overdue that Israel ceases to dine out on the holocaust, where a huge question marks hangs over the truth, to rationalize their barbarity upon the Palestinian and the blatant theft of land rightfully theirs.” (Philip Jurd, 8/8/11); “There is no question mark hanging over the holocaust of World War II – there is no doubt of the atrocities that were committed by Nazi Germany against the Jews, Romany and Homosexuals! But that is no excuse for the actions of Israel today – a nation that has adopted many of the tactics it abhors from the Nazi persecutions of the past; and it is certainly no reason to excuse the actions of Israel.” (“rob”, 8/8/12) and “The Jewish people have been victims of historical oppression, and the holocaust still hangs heavily upon their collective psyche. Their right for survival is a given, yet the scars of history in my opinion have distorted their perspective and have made survival an obsession at all costs, and in that mindset they are self-obsessed, denying the rights of other oppressed groups, both within and outside of Israel.” (“schmoo”, 7/8/12).
- Under the heading “Do Zionists Create Anti-Semitism by Defending the Morally indefensible?”, Sonja Karkar of Australians for Palestine reproduced an article on Electronic

Intifada which claimed Jews will be responsible for the next Holocaust against Jews, which included "Is Holocaust II (shorthand for another great turning against the Jews) inevitable? Yes unless the Jews of Europe and America distance themselves from the Zionist monster before it's too late to do so." (3/3/12).

- Below an article on the Australians for Palestine website, which attacked "the Jews" for Israeli policies, "Shirley" wrote "Who is the idiot living in a fantasy world no water no life Isreal gets billions in donations from wealthy zionists abroad it does not depend on a palestinian work force jews are said to own over half the worlds wealth it is doubtful Isreal depends on palestinians for much" (7/1/12).
- The website "Mathaba" (15/2/12) published an article "Hidden Hands Behind Iranian Bombers" which included "Israel wishes to draws its muscle, the FUKUSA Alliance (France, Britain, USA) into an attack on Iran, which will ultimately lead to a direct confrontation with the new Eurasian alliance which brings together Russia and China in defence against western belligerence. If this was Iran, then with such incompetence we have no need to fear any nuclear program. For clues as to what is intended, one only needs to look at western money slave media (M\$M) reports. Australia, the main and only significant colonial outpost of Zionist Occupied Amerikkka in the southern hemisphere, which media is owned by Zionists and their lackeys, most popular paper in the Sydney Morning Herald; "The truth is, Iran is the target, there are those who say it is one of only 3 remaining countries in the world that does not have a Jewish-Zionist controlled Central Bank which issues the money of the nation, after the creation of a Jewish-Zionist private Central Bank of Libya within weeks of the start of the terrorist operations to "free Libya" of The Zionist hawks (Zionist also including non-Jewish elements) in both Israel and the USA are pushing for an attack on Iran, to strike at its nuclear facilities and research programs, which the International Atomic Energy Agency has shown to thus far have been for peaceful generation of electricity, and to complete its intended arc of chaos stretching from Nigeria to China, so that the bankrupt western bankster-occupied governments can continue their plunder of resources, without requiring any permission from local populations." and "The Zionist foreign minister bankster stooge in Australia, Kevin Rudd, was even revealed in leaked cables to have been calling upon Hillary Clinton aka "Hitlery Killington" to attack China as a pre-emptive measure to preserve Jewish and Anglo-Saxon domination of the planet, or what the United States says it is aiming for: "Full Spectrum Domination". A Visit by Zionist stooge U.S. President Barak "Obomber" Obama to Australia, even openly declared war on China with a massive expansion of U.S. basis in Australia."
- On the "Al-Jazeera Info" website (16/6/12) Benjamin Merhav published what he titled "My Eighteenth Open Letter to the Attorney-General of Australia". It included "The nightly harassment/stalking/torture by the zionist Gestapo, depriving me of restful night sleep, has continued unabated, along with the illegal wiretapping of my phone and the psychiatric torture of my daughter and of my son. Is ASIA oblivious to its legal duties? Is it being manipulated by the zionist Gestapo? Is this zionist terrorism acceptable to the federal government of Australia too?; "The main reason why Ben-Gurion ordered the assassination of JFK was the American President's refusal to let the zionist apartheid regime of Israel manufacture nuclear bombs in its Dimona pile." and "Anyone who knows zionism, and zionist chieftains, would know that the JFK letter made them very angry, and the only way out for them was to decide to "get rid" of JFK before he would implement any sanctions against the zionist apartheid regime of Israel! Therefore, the assassination had to take place no later than the 22 of November, 1963, or else the zionist rulers would have risked the President's sancdtions which would have spelt the end for the zionist apartheid regime of Israel, not merely for its nuclear bombs ambitions!"

- The Facebook page of the Australian Friends of Palestine (South Australia) linked to a video of pro-Nazi propaganda headed "The Hitler Speech They Don't Want You to Know". (2/12/11).
- Ali Hosseini of Sydney published in the Facebook page of Students for Justice in Palestine - UNSW a video "A Comparison of the Jewish & the Current Suffering of Palestinians", with the heading "Can you see any similarities" (8/5/12).
- Jamal Daoud on his "Social Justice for All" blog claimed The Zionist Movement has "strong well organised lobby groups. They have plenty of resources, including plenty of powerful mainstream media outlets and strong political connections and influences, including Zionist MPs and ministers. But for the pro-Palestinian camp, this is not the case. There is no strong organised lobby groups. There is no powerful resources.. No support in media. And consequently no strong political connections and influences." (21/1/12). "Let us remember that the Greens: 1. Introduced the largest numbers of Zionist-Jews to the Parliament/s. 2. The ONLY political party that did not participate in any solidarity missions to Palestine. 3. Party that supported all legislations to list many Palestinian organisations on Australian terrorist lists, with no demand to list any Zionist terrorist groups..." (22/6/12).
- The Palestine Chronicle published a transcript of a speech at "Israel's Apartheid Week 2012" at Sydney University, which opposed any "normalisation" and concluded "Their apartheid wall has forced us to stand so tall, so tall, we can see the whole world, and the whole world can see us. While they hide behind their piles of concrete and lies. So let these walls they have built confine them! Let the word "apartheid" define them! And when they ask you where you stand on normalization, join us and say that you stand with those who have stood their ground, shouting into the barrels of their guns, 'you may have occupied our villages and towns, but you will never colonize our minds'." (18/3/12).
- In a letter which was superficially sympathetic to Jews, Patrick Jones in the Canberra Times (22/8/12), wrote of his attempts to "reconcile my co-religionists' abominable treatment of Jews over one and a half millennia with Israelis' contemporary treatment of Palestinians and their disproportionate power in United States' politics and media".
- Kevin Herbert posted a message on the (moderated) website of Crikey (12/6/12) which included "Just like the 'Holocaust' has become the marketing term for the Zionist guilt mongers who until the last decade have gotten away with the H-word justifying any crime that Israelis commit against the Palestinians, anti-semitic has also lost its potency. This of course is largely due to Israel's current international reputation as a fascist, apartheid 'democracy'.
- The Global March to Jerusalem - Australian National Committee came under widespread criticism for the publication of a cartoon using historic anti-Jewish motifs (28/3/12).

The anonymous writer of Middle East Reality Check (MERC) often used or hosted extreme and offensive rhetoric, for example,

- Middle East Reality Check (MERC), in a response to the report on Antisemitism in Australia by Jeremy Jones issued in November 2011, defended and approved comments such as "God-approved people of the Chosen Land.", asked "How, other than Nazi-style blockade of Gaza, would you describe a deliberate policy of ghettoisation and enforced malnutrition reminiscent of the Warsaw Ghetto?" and also argued in favour of "A reference by that most windy of commentators, anonymous, to Israel as "a revival of Medieval Talmudic ghettoism at the expense of (Palestine's) indigenous population." (28/11/11).

- MERC approvingly republished a comment by Sydney Morning Herald's television critic Doug Anderson, regarding the controversial miniseries "The Promise", that "Peter Kosminsky's series is manifestly even-handed but it's hard not to feel that the Palestinians have been screwed – just as the European Jews were screwed during the Holocaust." (10/12/11).
- MERC objected to a defence of religious freedom in Australia on the grounds that it was voiced by a "political Zionist", claiming (incorrectly and offensively) that "were he pressed on *his* interpretation of Judaism, as a political Zionist, he's bound to reduce it all to little more than unconditional support for a political entity." (18/12/11).
- MERC contained a posted comment "I just have a problem with Jews thinking murdering everyone else is OK. But then I suppose you can do that when you are Chosen." (15/32/12).
- MERC contained a posting signed "Peter D" which said "Although he doesn't inspire a whole lot of sympathy, Brendon O'Connell happens to be around 20 days into a hunger strike in W.A., protesting his incarceration for racial vilification Jews being the victim of his attacks. He was sentenced to 3 years jail, 18 months non-parole, just over a year ago now, I believe. It isn't pretty what he did, but I would have thought anything over 6 months non-parole would be considered excessive by any reasonable person. It is interesting to compare his case to that of Hajnal Black. Black moved over a million dollars of a dementia sufferer's funds into her own bank account because she (and, barring her husband, only she) maintains that's what the dementia sufferer wanted. And at the latest of the court proceedings she has attended, she by all accounts showed outright contempt for the judge and the court (which is what O'Connell did during his day at court). So for saying nasty words about a group of people, and thumbing his nose at the courts, O'Connell spends a minimum of 18 months in jail, whereas Black seems to have taken a million dollars off of a person whose mental faculties are compromised, thumbed her nose at the court, pays an \$8000 fine (due to offenses she committed unrelated to the taking of the dementia sufferer's money) and is currently deciding whether she will run in the upcoming council elections to keep the seat she holds. Note: I read somewhere in the recent flurry of newspaper articles than her husband categorises he and Hanjal as a Christian couple," but Hajnal Black has said in the past that she has relatives who were Jewish holocaust survivors. Of course, none of this compares to being held for years without charge, which is what so many Palestinians have to endure." (28/3/12).
- MERC contained a posting signed "PB" which said "Amuses me how the loudest voices in this country for "social justice" and "diversity" seem to be Jews, yet ask the same of their previous Israel that they demand of us and just watch the sparks fly. Of course divide and rule is for us, not them" (27/6/12).
- MERC published the comment "If the clueless Greens allowed Frank Lowy to write their foreign policy, instead of just mouthing the Zionist talking points, even the ungrateful Michael Danby would agree to swap preferences again. It would be a kiss and make up of Talmudic proportions." (22/7/12).
- MERC wrote "It takes far more than Hollywood to *anaesthetise* young Americans to the consequences of gun violence. American gun violence knows no borders. It's imperial, global. It blew Iraq apart. And it's blowing apart Afghanistan and a host of other places around the planet as I type. The very president who makes a show of mourning with the victims of the massacre has a kill list and a proliferating arsenal of drones which rain death and destruction from the skies on men, women and children, mostly brown – and therefore, in the eyes of the president, his Ziocon cabal and their errand boys, guilty as hell." (24/7/12).

- Responding to a letter in *The Australian* by Tzvi Fleischer, editor of the *Australia/Israel & Review*, MERC postulated “Zionists took very seriously indeed the idea that Jews were ‘a people’, at a time when being part of a people, separate from other people, seemed so terribly important. With religion, including Judaism, generally on the skids at the time, and tribalism and nationalism all the go, these Jewish nationalists conned themselves, and the rest of the world, into believing that being a Jew meant so much more than just being the adherent, to a lesser or greater degree, of the Jewish faith. It means, they believed, belonging to ‘a people’ who had once had a glorious past in the land of Palestine”.
- MERC asked an anonymous poster to supply information on left-wing bookshops which showed that, in the 1970s, Palestinians were the victims of "self-interest over universal values". The poster responded "The late Bob Goulds Third World Bookshop, when it was in Goulburn Street, springs immediately to mind, as does his earlier incarnation SCREW (Society for the Cultivation of Revolution Everywhere). I remember having conversations with Bob on the issue. Bob refused any pro-Palestinian literature-even though it was free. Bob later made some sort of amends by turning up at a number of pro-Palestinian demonstrations, "provided they are not anti-Semitic". That Palestinians are the 'other' Semites was lost on poor old Bob. The A.I.C.D. (they ran the Moratorium Marches) and the C.N.D. were anti-war groups with an office and book store also in Goulburn Street, just up the road from Trades Hall, had a number of pro-Zionist books and pamphlets on the shelves. Just what Zionist propaganda had to do with the anti-Viet-Nam-war movement was a question I asked myself at the time. The C.P.A. bookshop in William Street Kings Cross specialized in this kind of Zionist propaganda. Could it be the powerful influence of the Aarons family over the Communist Party? I remember any number of books and pamphlets including one that, last time I looked on the Internet, still has legs "The Myth of Soviet Anti-Semitism", What ever happened to my priceless copy? Do we count the Adyar bookshop of the Theosophical Society or the Humanists or even the Rationalists as left wing? Plenty of hand wringing about Israel and those poor (Jewish) refugees in those circles. I attended meetings and saw the bookshelves." (18/9/12).

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 has been 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.

Raffe Gold in *J-Wire* (5/1/12) wrote an article “The Lament Over Loewenstein”, in which he noted “Australia’s infamous anti-Zionist blogger and self-described ‘independent journalist’ Antony Loewenstein, posted an article to his blog on January 2 2012 about the recent backlash against the Haredim and their attitude towards women in public. The post, titled ‘Jewish extremists, indulged by the Jewish state, think they’re in Nazi Germany’, links to a Sydney Morning Herald opinion piece about the subject of gender equality in religion and Antony reminded his reader(s?) that there was a significant amount of segregation against Arabs as well. Whilst one could forgive Loewenstein for his erroneous title (supporters of gender segregation are despised across Israel) one could not forgive him for his grossly offensive sub-heading “This is what Zionism has created”. The sub-title is so inaccurate that one truly wonders what Loewenstein was thinking when he wrote it. Loewenstein has

conveniently forgotten that gender segregation has existed for thousands of years before Zionism was even a thought in Theodore Herzl's mind. Whilst I am a secular Jew, I rarely attend the Orthodox synagogue that my grandfather founded in Cremorne. Here there is a practice of gender segregation as the men and women sit in separate parts of the schule with a divider between them. Such practices have been going on for centuries. The idea of gender segregation exists in almost every religion when it comes to aspects of devout worship. One simply has to look at our neighbour Saudi Arabia where women are forbidden from participating in public life or even driving a car. A simple perusal of the recent Saudi press shows that they're not exactly Zionism's biggest supporters so one truly wonders how gender segregation (according to Loewenstein a 'Zionist concept') was implemented in such an anti-Zionist country. Furthermore, Loewenstein purports to have knowledge of Jewish groups within Israel, Zionism and Israeli domestic politics. If Loewenstein had bothered to do a modicum of research on these protests and the groups who support gender segregation then he would know that these protests are being led by a number of anti-Zionist groups. These are religious groups, such as the Netura Karta, who are often seen at left-wing anti-Israel protests and famously attended the Iranian Holocaust denial conference in 2006. Essentially these are the self-styled 'good Jews' that many far left wing groups actively promote to show that not all Jews support Israel. These are Jews who reject the entire idea of Zionism and the Jewish State for religious purposes."

In a response to documentation of antisemitic comments posted and/or hosted by him, Antony Loewenstein tweeted "According to extreme [#Australian](#) [#Zionist](#) lobby, talking about [#Zionist](#) power means I contribute to [#AntiSemitism](#)." (28/11/11).

Under the heading "How far my people are falling: racist right embraced by Zionist mainstream", Anthony Loewenstein repeated the false claim by US and UK anti-Israel activists that the British newspaper, The Jewish Chronicle, had "offered a regular column to Carlos Contiglia, a Leader of the British National Party" (18/4/12).

Jonathan Hoffman reported "'How many have to die to achieve 'One State'?' That's the question I always ask advocates of 'One State' – meaning the antisemitic act of eliminating Israel as a Jewish State, the one Jewish State alongside 57 Muslim States. I ask it because the vast majority of Israelis – Jews and Arabs – do not want 'One State' under any circumstances, so it could only be achieved by force. I asked it of Anthony Loewenstein tonight at SOAS. Loewenstein ("As an atheist non-practising Jew") has co-edited a book advocating 'One State'. Of course the 'One State' antisemites can never answer my question. Loewenstein at first tried to turn the tables on me by asking me a question. But I pressed him. Was it one million? Two million? "Six million" came back the answer with a smirk. How utterly despicable – and from a man who then said – without a hint of irony – I have spent my life fighting antisemitism"! (He also said that Iran is no threat to Israel!). Thank heaven that Israel haters like Loewenstein have made no headway whatsoever in Australia – where there is strong bipartisan support for Israel." (Jewish Chronicle Blog, 22/8/12).

Another self-identified Jewish Australian, Gideon Polya, was very active in posting material of the following type.

- On "the Conversation", in response to an article on "the politics of diaspora", Gideon Polya wrote "There is a huge difference between the Jewish Diaspora in Australia and other Diasporas. The Zionist Lobby, which has substantial Jewish support in Australia, has secured the near-total support of the Coalition and Labor (there are a few decent, anti-racist Labor MPs who, like the Greens, are opposed to the ongoing Palestinian Genocide and gross human rights abuses by US-, UK- and EU-supported Apartheid Israel)." (5/2/12).
- Gideon Polya wrote in New Matilda (23/6/12) "The 1950-2005 avoidable deaths from deprivation total 82 million in countries occupied by the US in the post-1945 era, 38 million for Asian countries invaded by the US since 1950 and total 12 million for Muslims killed in the post-1990 Zionist-backed IS war on Muslims . . . the yellow, Neocon American and Zionist (NAZI)-beholden Australian Labor Government has INVITED 2,500 cowardly,

yellow, mother-violating, child-killing US storm troopers to occupy our country, and to be above Australia law when they rape our men, women and children, run over cyclists etc.”

- On New Matilda’s website, Gideon Polya posted “Race-based Apartheid Israel is a democracy-by-genocide and no more a democracy than race-based Apartheid South Africa. . . Even Syria under the brutal Assad dictatorship is more democratic than democracy-by-genocide Apartheid Israel because the Assad regime evidently has the support of about 50% of Syrians and has the merit of being an Indigenous Syrian government rather than being a government of racist, genocidal, neo-fascist colonisers.” and “The support of the Lib-Labs (Liberal-Labourals) for race-based, genocidally racist and anti-democratic, democracy-by-genocide Apartheid Israel means that they (with a couple of notable exceptions) are unfit to be candidates in democratic elections in Australia.” (1/9/12).
- Gideon Polya on Countercurrents.org (28/12/11) wrote “Thus in 2010 the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who had been elected with a huge majority in 2007, was deposed in a pro-Zionist-led overnight Coup. The impetus for PM Rudd’s demise came from a \$23 million Mining Industry campaign against his proposed Mining Tax but the people who did the dirty work of deposing a democratically-elected Australian Prime Minister were mostly members of the extreme pro-Zionist faction of the Australian Labor Party (the ALP, aka the Apartheid Labor Party and the Apartheid Israel-supporting Labor Party)” “The failure of the ABC to report the “Petition Against the Right of Return to Israel on Behalf of Australian Jews” signed by outstanding anti-racist Australian Jewish intellectuals is a further instance of lying by omission by the Neocon American and Zionist Imperialist (NAZI)- beholden ABC . . . and of its entrenched anti-Arab anti-Semitism and inherent anti-Jewish anti-Semitism that threatens Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims and decent, anti-racist Jews.”
- On mwcnews.net (25/5/12), Gideon Polya wrote “Only a dozen of my wider family survived the racist Zionist-complicit Jewish Holocaust in Hungary in 1944-1945 – the racist Zionists collaborated with the Nazis before and during the war and got Churchill to veto the Joel Brand plan to save 0.7 million Hungarian Jews. I am absolutely obliged to oppose any racism and also obliged to endorse the words of outstanding Jewish Canadian writer Naomi Klein “There is a debate among Jews – I’m a Jew by the way. The debate boils down to the question: “Never again to everyone, or never again to us” (Some Jews) even think we get one get-away-with-genocide-free card... There is another strain in the Jewish tradition that say(s), ‘Never again to anyone’” (see Yotam Feldman, “Naomi Klein: oppose the state not the people”, Haaretz, 2 July 2007).”
- On Australians for Palestine (27/5/12) Gideon Polya wrote “However, lying, defamation, intimidation, censorship and traitorously subversive corruption (including the use of the proceeds of crime) mean that the racist Zionist agenda is dominant in Australian public life, and most disgracefully so in the transiently anti-racist Australian Labor Party which has now become an unprincipled and terminally disreputable Apartheid Labor Party and an Apartheid Israel-supporting Labor Party that has utterly betrayed decent, anti-racist, pro-equity and pro-environment Labor voters.” . . . Decent, anti-racist Australians must finally find the courage to speak out in the national interest against not only the racism, terrorism and genocide of nuclear terrorist Apartheid Israel but also against the sheer folly of investing Australian superannuation funds in a ruthless rogue state based on theft and mendacity.”

On a speaking tour to promote “a collection of 25 essays by Jewish peace activists”, former Israeli Avigail Abarbanel said “it’s expected in Jewish communities around the world that all Jews embrace Zionism and give loyal and unquestioning support for Israel and those who criticise Israel are often excluded, vilified and threatened.” and ““what’s going on in Palestine is ‘ethnic cleansing’, a land-grabbing ‘occupation’ and ‘colonisation’.” (Echonet Daily, 25/6/12).

6.0 THE LEFT

6.1 *The Left, Israel and Antisemitism*

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, demonisation of Israel is a common thread and the extremes of language used to condemn Zionism and Israel promote a mythology of 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. Significantly, the experience of Jewish university students of antisemitism is almost totally attributed to perceived left-wing antisemitism. A report on Antisemitism on Campus: Contemporary Jewish experience at Victorian Universities, published by the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith, summarised the fifty responses received to a publicly promoted survey and concluded "'More than two thirds (68 per cent) of students had experienced or witnessed some form of antisemitism. Written material, such as posters and signs, were the most common form of antisemitism, followed by verbal attack and prejudice.'"; "Many students cited individual examples of antisemitism but did not consider antisemitism a problem on their campus."; "Most students made no distinction between traditional antisemitism and anti-Zionism. There was a strong crossover between abuse of Israel and abuse of Jewish symbols and individuals."; "The political left, particularly the Socialist Alternative, and activist groups, particularly Students for Palestine, are the main source of antisemitic behaviour on university campuses."; "Some faculty members use their positions to launch polemics against Israel or make antisemitic statements in ways which intimidate Jewish students" and "Swastikas and antisemitic graffiti are used by a range of groups to attack Jews and Israel." (November 2010).

Phillip Mendes, a Melbourne academic, has written a number of papers on the Left and Antisemitism in recent years. 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 wrote "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.”

In a presentation in Sydney at the Centre for Independent Studies (1/12/11), Mendes argued “Anti-Zionist fundamentalism is not the same as Nazi-style racist anti-Semitism. But it is a form of political anti-Semitism linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Political anti-Semitism occurs when actions are taken to demonize Israelis (and their Jewish supporters elsewhere) in a way that potentially exposes them to the threat of national destruction by violence or other means. This anti-Jewish discourse is reflected in a number of manifestations of contemporary anti-Zionist rhetoric. Firstly, there is a pathological and obsessive hatred and demonization of Israel and Israeli Jews unrelated to the actual actions and reality of that State. These include claims that Israel is the world's worst human rights abuser, that its crimes equal or exceed those of the Nazis, and that Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians. The call for the removal of an existing state is unique in international discourse. One increasingly common slur is that Israel is an apartheid state similar to the former South African racist regime which arguably deserves the same fate as that regime. In fact, Israel is a comprehensive nation state formed on a democratic basis, and consisting of a range of social groups and classes. There is no judicial or political separation between the rights of Jewish and Arab citizens. In contrast, South Africa involved a small white population exploiting a much larger black majority. The analogy is deliberately offensive given that Israel was created specifically as an affirmative action project to compensate Jews for their horrendous experiences of racism culminating in the Holocaust. Secondly, there are proposals for academic and other boycotts of Israel (reflected in the world-wide Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement) based on the ethnic stereotyping of all Israelis. The aim of such caricatures is to politically isolate, and impose pariah status on the whole Israeli nation. These proposals single out Israelis in that no such boycotts are proposed against other countries or nations involved in territorial expansion or human rights abuses. This movement includes a small number of Jewish Uncle Toms whose Jewish background is opportunistically highlighted in an attempt to counter justified charges of anti-Semitism. This expedient strategy of using Jews to vilify their own people mirrors the old Communist movement's parading of Jewish Communists to defend murderous Stalinist anti-Semitism in the 1950s. Thirdly, there is the extension of the denunciation of all Jewish Israelis to all Jews – Zionist or otherwise – who are supportive of Israel's existence. These Jews are collectively denounced via group libel as accomplices of racism and genocide whatever their actual ideological and political position on solutions to the conflict. Fourthly, there are stereotypical descriptions of Jewish behaviour, and attacks on alleged excessive Jewish global power, wealth and influence reminiscent of the Protocols of Elders of Zion. The American academics Walt and Mearsheimer famously provided a respectable academic veneer for the conspiratorial argument that a powerful Zionist lobby directs US foreign policy regarding Israel and the Middle East independent of any broader economic and military interests.ⁱ Associated arguments accuse Jews of controlling western governments, finance and the media; planning the 9/11 attacks; and responsibility for the US-led war in Iraq. Finally, 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, former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with Hitler, claimed that the Israeli army is the equivalent of the Nazi SS, argued that the 2009 Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip was reminiscent of the Nazi assault on the Warsaw Ghetto, and featured Anne Frank wearing a Palestinian Keffiyeh. These analogies do not appear to be used in regards to any other international conflicts, and seem to be motivated solely by a desire to offend and hurt Jews”

In an article on ABC Unleashed (22/11/2011) Mendes wrote “When I was coming of political age in the early-mid 1980s as a young progressive activist, the divide between the political Left and Right

seemed pretty black and white. . . . The Left rejected religion as an opium of the masses that diverted the anger of ordinary people into conservative politics. However, some alliances were formed with progressive Christian and Jewish groups that combined their religious beliefs with social justice philosophy. But nobody would have defended the dominant patriarchal tradition in Islam or any other religion on the grounds that certain cultures had the right to maintain relative diversity or difference. On international issues, the Left vociferously opposed United States imperialism which was equated with defending the privileges of a small group of greedy multi-national companies. The Left supported struggles for national freedom in Latin America and elsewhere against US-supported right-wing regimes, opposed apartheid in South Africa, and backed the East Timorese in their struggle for independence from Indonesia. There was pretty much universal support for these views. The one international issue which provoked some division was that of Israel and Palestine. One group on the Left supported the creation of a Palestinian State in the West Bank and Gaza Strip alongside Israel to facilitate a two states for two peoples solution. Another group – mostly from non-Orthodox Communist traditions – constructed the Palestinians as leading a progressive regional movement for social and political change. They urged the abolition of Israel which they labelled "Occupied Palestine", and its replacement by a democratic Palestinian state which would facilitate equal rights for all religious and national groups. Some members of the first group suspected that some members of the second group were motivated by anti-Semitism as well as anti-Zionism, and that labelling the Jewish state and its mostly Jewish supporters as the political enemy would over time inevitably produce a form of anti-Jewish politics. But this concern was rarely stated publicly. Instead the differences were constructed as reflecting different – but equally legitimate – interpretations of Marxist and socialist theory. Nearly three decades later, the old Left consensus is virtually dead. . .

[Now] Most of the Left are sceptical about the case for the US-led interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq. But critics hold significantly different beliefs and motivations. One group argue that Western interventions are solely motivated by colonialist economic interests, completely dismiss as bogus Western rhetoric about promoting liberal democracy, and seem to prefer the preservation of local dictators rather than rulers backed by the West. Others believe Western interventions may reflect idealist as well as self-interested agendas, and acknowledge that overthrowing the Taliban and Saddam Hussein may have been a good idea in principle. But in practice, they are not convinced that foreign interventions will ever produce a system of liberal democracy which is alien to the political culture of those countries. Rather, they fear that the long-term result may be equally bad or even more repressive regimes than the ones they replaced.

The most bitter Left division has been on Israel-Palestine. One group, which probably represents the majority of Left opinion, still favours two states for two peoples. The other group, which is particularly represented in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Campaign, advocates replacing Israel with an exclusivist Arab State of Greater Palestine. This group of anti-Zionist fundamentalists openly privilege one form of national rights over another. Some do not even pretend any more to limit their alliances to secular, progressive groups in Palestinian and Arab society. Rather, they are willing to partner with religious fundamentalist (and openly anti-Jewish) groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas whose reactionary values on social issues such as gender and sexuality are the complete antithesis of left-wing values. For me personally, these political developments have over time forced a reassessment of my philosophical fundamentals. I have long called myself a socialist, but this is now a contentious term of identity given that so many people who claim to be socialists hold what I consider to be regressive and even racist views. In particular, many defend repressive regimes in Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, Hamastan and other places over admittedly imperfect liberal democracies such as Australia. And too many are tolerant of anti-Semitism when it is disguised under the banner of politically correct anti-Zionism.”

Writing in Quadrant (May 2012), Leslie Stein, senior research fellow at Macquarie University, wrote an essay which began by asking "Can one be an anti-Zionist without being an anti-Semite?". Part of his answer was "In the past decade an alliance has been forged between the British far Left and local Islamists heavily permeated by adherents of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. The alliance draws

upon thousands and thousands of rank-and-filers from both segments to unite in protest rallies against Israel. One would normally have thought such an alliance highly improbable, for why would leftists who are ostensibly in favour of an enlightened democratic society devoid of religious bigotry, homophobia, sexism, the suppression of free speech and the general curtailment of personal liberty, throw in their lot with those harbouring directly opposite objectives? Above all, why would "progressives" join forces with organisations imbued with a form of anti-Semitism redolent of that of the most rabid neo-Nazis? Hamas habitually describes Jews as brothers of apes and pigs; Article 7 of its charter, after stating that "the Islamic Resistance Movement aspires to the realisation of Allah's promise, no matter how long that should take", goes on (quoting from the Koran) to explain that: "The Day of Judgement will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews. When the Jew will hide behind stones and trees, the stones and trees will say O Muslims, O Abdullah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him." Considering that British radicals, in allegedly opposing racism, so readily pounce upon anyone who as much as expresses a hint of disquiet about the country's burgeoning Islamists, it is outrageous that they not only turn a blind eye to Islamic anti-Jewish incitement but make common cause with its perpetrators. The more one ponders the seeming paradox of a radical left wing-Islamofascist alliance, the more one realises that it makes perfect sense. Putting aside the formal thematic programs of each group that would suggest irreconcilable differences, one can readily discern that in reality the two have much in common. They are both keen haters, jointly hating Western societies and America in particular. They both deride capitalism as evil, democracy as a sham, and globalisation as an extension of imperialism imperilling the Third World. Above all they both regard Israel as an abomination. Their union has given rise to a form of anti-Zionism that is noxious in the extreme in which Israel, in all seriousness, is labelled as a full-blown Nazi regime. In fact the Israelis are regarded as being worse than the Nazis, because as a people who have experienced the Holocaust they ought to know better than to visit similar tribulations on the Palestinians. For those not quite so misinformed as to accept the likening of Israel to Nazi Germany, the British anti-Zionist movement can be fairly protean. Instead of employing only the Nazi analogy, it also allows for the labelling of Israel as an apartheid state, which ties in well with Britain's popular campaign against the former white South African regime. By so doing, it is hoped that the previous and widespread revulsion felt against apartheid would be re-energised and directed to Israel. They might well succeed, but certainly not because Israel in any meaningful way practises apartheid. For it to do so Israeli Arabs would have to be disenfranchised and forbidden by law to enter Jewish buses, restaurants, cinemas, hospitals, universities and so on. Arabs would have to be excluded by law (as in the Apartheid Job Protection Act) from undertaking certain categories of work. They would not be able to reside in any Jewish residential areas. On demand by police officers they would have to present passes authorising them to be in a certain place at a certain time. Needless to say, absolutely none of that applies in Israel"; concluding "The adverse effects of anti-Zionism are considerable since its adherents relentlessly attempt to undermine Israel's existence by means of commercial, scientific or cultural boycotts and by campaigns denouncing Israel's right to defend itself on the grounds that Israel is illegitimate in the first place. Furthermore, a negative influence on diaspora Jewry is also brought to bear. After being unrelentingly assailed by anti-Zionist propaganda in the media and on university campuses, inevitably some Jews fall prey to the prevailing conventional wisdom. With Israel constantly being painted as inflicting terrible pain and suffering on defenceless Palestinians, many young Jews are loath to reveal their Jewishness lest they be viewed as accomplices of Israeli oppression. But by expressing their abhorrence of Israel and proclaiming from the rooftops that they are proud to be ashamed of Israel, they can safely acknowledge their Jewish ancestry without being socially ostracised. Sadly, they generally not only turn on Israel but find themselves estranged from the Jewish community at large."

6.2 *Far Left Media*

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:

- “En Passant” blog (16/1/12) featured an article “Why you should support the Palestinians”, which made reference to “the apartheid wall”, claimed “the treatment of the Palestinians by the Israeli state is deeply racist, even genocidal in intent”, and published comments such as “Why is it that Australia, Europe, America and many other countries, have many cultures working together with very little conflict? Yet Israel is at war with its own people and the Palesstinians. Could it be this religious concept of being “God’s chosen people?” The Muslims and the Catholics also do likewise. The elites in Israel of course see themselves as being more chosen than their lowly Jewish masses. They like Western despots, will send young men to die for a lie.” and “The genocide of the Palestinian people – the fact.”
- The Guardian (Communist Party of Australia) (15/2/12), published a feature which opined “War enthusiasm will rise to a fever pitch by March, when the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) holds its annual policy conference. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will, if past example holds, bring the crowd of 10,000 to its feet by depicting Iran as the new Nazi Germany and by coming very close to stating that only war can stop these new Nazis. Other speakers will say the same. The few who mention the idea of diplomacy will be met by stony silence.”
- Socialist Alternative (16/2/12) published a feature “Interview: Israeli apartheid in Hebron”.
- In an article on Hebron in Green Left Weekly (10/1/12), introduced with a recounting of a scene from fictional TV series “The Promise”, David Rowlands wrote “The all-encompassing hatred instilled in many of the settler children – ironically reminiscent of the malevolent swarms of Hitler Youth who tormented German Jewry for sport in the Third Reich – ensures the grotesque morally-inverted nightmare world of Hebron will continue.”
- In Green Left Weekly (31/3/12), Carlo Sands criticised Israel’s refusal to work with the United Nation’s Human Rights Council, writing sarcastically “Sure, Palestinians have lived on their land for centuries, but sometime back there were probably Jewish people on those spots – and anyway, God said the land belongs to Israel. You really have to wonder just who the held the UNHRC think they are – questioning God’s word. But if you think that’s bad, what on Earth are we to make of the impertinence of the Palestinians? They have the gall to live there for centuries, in flagrant violation of God’s will. It is fucking blasphemy.”
- Socialist Alternative (29/3/12) published an article “The case against Israel” which claimed “But perhaps worst of all is having to live under the constant domination of a military that is

so thoroughly racist that some of its soldiers designed and wore T-shirts encouraging snipers to target pregnant women. There is a word for the systematic discrimination and violence Arabs face in Palestine today. That word is apartheid.”, misrepresents Zionism by claiming it first emerged in the 19th century and was a consequence of fear of antisemitism, misrepresented the place of Jews and Islam and described the UN 1947 partition plan as “wide-scale) theft of land by Zionists and Israel’s War of Independence as “ethnic cleansing”. Its conclusion included “Unfortunately for the United States and Israel, the Palestinians would not just lie down and die. They continued to struggle for their rights, including the right for Palestinians expelled in 1948 and 1967 to return to their homelands. Two major rebellions, or intifadas, have take place as Palestinians in the Occupied Territories continue to resist. The response of Israel has been twofold. First they have entrenched Israel’s dominance in the Occupied Territories, creating “facts on the ground” by building illegal settlements, Jewish-only roads, and most recently the 8 metre high Apartheid Wall.”

- Green Left Weekly published a feature by Ben Lorber which accused Israel of “Apartheid policies” and “ethnic cleansing” (1/8/12).
- A speaker hosted by the Socialist Alliance and Resistance in Sydney claimed “Gaza is more than an open jail; it is an example of genocide against a people.” (Green Left Weekly 22/8/12).

7. CHURCHES

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

In some areas, there is residual supercessionism which leads to derogatory references to the Jewish religion. Anti-Jewish imagery in the Christian Testament is invoked, not always maliciously, as part of the language of some Churches. For example, a booklet published in 2011 to promote interfaith dialogue, by a church figure friendly to the Jewish community, contrasted the “hospitality” of Jesus with “those who seemed to be stricter followers of Jewish law” and included references which reinforced anti-Jewish stereotypes.

Controversy in Australia developed following a debate on ABC TV “Q and A” programme between Richard Dawkins and Cardinal George Pell (9/4/2012). The Cardinal, who has a long and constructive relationship with Jewish communities in Sydney and Melbourne made a number of comments which caused concern:

From the Q&A transcript -

Pell: “Normally if you want something done you go to a busy person because you know they’ll do it. And so for some extraordinary reason God chose the Jews. They weren’t intellectually the equal of either the Egyptians or the....Jones: “Intellectually?” Pell: “Morally...”

Jones: “How can you know intellectually?”

Pell: “Because you see the fruits of their civilization. Egypt was the great power for thousands of years before Christianity. Persia was a great power, Chaldea. The poor, the little Jewish people, they were originally shepherds. They were stuck, they are still stuck, between these great powers.”

Jones: “But that’s not a reflection of your intellectual capacity, is it, whether or not you’re a shepherd.” (Applause)

Pell: “Well, no it’s not. But it’s a recognition, a reflection, of your intellectual development. Like many people are very, very clever and not highly intellectual. But my point is....” Jones: “Can I just interrupt you there. Are you including Jesus in that, who obviously was Jewish and was of that community?” Pell: “Exactly.”

Jones: “So, intellectually, not up to it?” (Laughter, followed by applause)

Pell: “That’s a nice try, Tony. The people in terms of sophistication, the Psalms are remarkable. In terms of their buildings and that sort of thing, they don’t compare with the great powers. But Jesus came not as a philosopher to the elite. He came to the poor and the battlers, and for some reason he chose a very difficult...but actually they are now, intellectually elite, because over the centuries they have been pushed out of every other form of work. Jesus I think is the greatest, the son of God, but leaving that aside the greatest man that ever lived. So I’ve got a great admiration for the Jews but we don’t need to exaggerate their contribution in their early days.”

Later:

Pell: “Probably no people in history have been punished the way the Germans were. It’s a terrible mystery”.

Jones: “There would be a very strong argument that the Jews of Europe suffered worse than the Germans”.

Pell: “Yes, that might be right. Certainly, the suffering in both...with the Jews there was no reason why they should suffer”

In his apology, published in Catholic World News (13/11/12) Cardinal Pell stated: ““On ABC1’s “Q & A” program on Monday night, I tried to make a point about the unique place of the Jewish people in human history as the first to receive the revelation of the one true God, while I was being regularly interrupted and distracted by the chairman. “Why did the Lord choose the Jewish people and lead them to a Promised Land between the greatest military and cultural powers of the era? Human thinking assumes that if something needs to be done, you go to the powerful. But God did not choose Egypt or any of the Eastern nations, Assyria, Chaldea or Persia, the great powers of the day. Instead he went to a people who at the time of Abraham, were nomads and shepherds, making them over time a great nation. “Historically” or “culturally” unequal might have been more appropriate than “intellectually”. My reference to “morally” was interrupted, but as I would never describe the Jewish people at any stage as morally inferior to their pagan neighbours, I was attempting to establish a counter poise to my earlier comment when interrupted. I also made some remarks about the way the German people were punished for the Holocaust, which is a crime unique in history for the death and suffering it caused and its diabolical attempt to wipe out an entire people. At the back of my mind I was thinking about an answer the Jewish writer David Berlinski gave to atheist Sam Harris on why God did not prevent the Holocaust. Referring to the incredible destruction and loss of life that the Allies inflicted on Germany in the course of the war which Germany started, Berlinski observed that “if God did not protect his chosen people precisely as Harris might have wished, He did, in an access of his old accustomed vigor, smite their enemies, with generations to come in mourning or obsessed by shame.” This is not to deny the enormous sufferings that the Germans caused to the other peoples of Europe. But Berlinski’s thoughts point us to the mysterious ways in which great crimes are sometimes brought home to those who have committed them. My commitment to friendship with the Jewish community, and my esteem for the Jewish faith is a matter of public record, and the last thing I would want to do is give offence to either. This was certainly not my intention, and I am sorry that these points which I tried to make on Q&A on Monday did not come out as I would have preferred in the course of the discussion”.

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 antisemitic language and material in to religious discourse. One area in which antisemitic voices are heard emanating from Australian Church figures has been in discussions and deliberations concerning Israel. In public debate at Marrickville Council concerning the intended boycott of Israel, the language used by a local priest who participated in the debate had historic antisemitic resonances. Some Christian organisations have accepted, uncritically extreme anti-Israel propaganda presentations as long as these came from self-identifying Christians, even when there is reason to suspect an agenda steeped in prejudices.

Teresa Pirola, a Sydney-based educator, noted on CathBlog "We can rejoice in the bold leadership taken by the council fathers at Vatican II in re-setting the church's compass in relation to the Jewish people. But old attitudes die hard. Even today it is necessary to counter the residue of anti-Judaism in grassroots Christian consciousness. I see this first hand in some parish circles where the charge 'but the Jews killed Jesus' still holds sway, and the odd racial slur slips out as a 'joke'. It can be seen in some instances of mainstream gospel commentary where the 'loving and liberating' Jesus is simplistically cast as opposing his Jewish religion which is stereotypically portrayed as 'rigid and legalistic.' I have seen it in my own writing of years gone by, when my zeal for the gospel had not yet deeply assimilated the Council's teaching in *Nostra Aetate* 4. It will take time for Catholics to fully embrace this new awareness of Judaism as being 'intrinsic' to their faith tradition, just as it will take time to win the trust of the Jewish people after centuries of damage done through anti-Jewish 'displacement' theologies." (22/2/12).

It is a particularly sensitive matter when identifying Christians in Middle East debates include questionable and/or offensive religious rhetoric, selective use of Hebrew texts and overtly political agendas which do not receive scrutiny, and Jewish voices are strenuously belittled or dismissed.

To assist in understanding contemporary sources of antisemitism infiltrating Christian churches in Australia, extracts from these two articles are included:

1. “Resolution on the 2009 Kairos Document”, Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), Adopted by the Board of Trustees, April 15, 2010
2. Broadcasting a Lethal Narrative: The World Council of Churches and Israel

“Resolution on the 2009 Kairos Document”, Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), Adopted by the Board of Trustees, April 15, 2010

Source: <http://www.cicweb.ca/scene/2010/04/a-rebuttal-to-the-kairos-document>

“The ongoing struggle of Israelis and Palestinians to live side by side in the land sacred to both is one of the greatest tragedies of our time. People of good will, whatever their faith or background, have beheld twin horrors: Israel’s existential struggle in the face of massive invasions and years of indiscriminate bombings and murderous terrorism, along with the horrible suffering and indignities experienced on a daily basis by Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. Israel and the Palestinians desperately need a peaceful settlement that brings about an end to the occupation of Palestinians lands¹ and that provides dignity and self-rule to the Palestinians and security to Israelis in a Jewish and democratic state. Such a solution is a moral and practical necessity in the interest of all. This moment in history calls for sober, honest, and nuanced voices coming especially from involved religious leaders who understand the necessity of compromise and who can speak truth to power on both sides. The cause of peace is not served by pronouncements which vindicate one side while demonizing the other, but by the courage of moral clarity and respect for truth.

In December, 2009, a document known as “Kairos / A Moment of Truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering” was issued and signed by nine Palestinians members of the Christian Clergy and six Palestinian Christian laypersons.

A close reading of Kairos reveals that it is anything but a document based on truth. Careful consideration of what it says and what it does not say, of the history it paints and the history it obfuscates, and of the moral yardstick it applies to Israel yet compromises in the face of Palestinian violence, reveals a morally inconsistent and theologically suspect document that speaks only part of the truth, and not always that.

Sadly, this document also rejects or ignores more than a half a century of Jewish-Christian rapprochement and takes its place among other Christian documents which, throughout history, have intended to delegitimize the Jewish people’s continuing Covenant with God, particularly by arguing that our Covenant has been superseded by Jesus and Christianity. Too often, such Church documents have been utilized as pretexts for our persecution, our expulsion, and even our attempted annihilation. Since the Shoah and World War II, and particularly beginning with Vatican II, the Jewish people has come to expect better from our Christian brothers and sisters.

Like the Kairos authors, the Central Conference of American Rabbis is deeply concerned about the welfare of the Palestinian people, as our record indicates.² Our strenuous objections to Kairos do not diminish our commitment to a two-state solution as the only avenue to achieve a just and lasting

peace, preserving a secure Jewish State of Israel and facilitating for the first time the realization of the Palestinian people's nationhood. Among its many failings, Kairos:

1. Echoes supersessionist language of the Christian past, since rejected by most mainstream Christian denominations, referring to the Torah absent Christian revelation as, in the words of the Christian Scriptures, a dead letter.³
2. While opposing and negating the applicability of scriptural texts, historical presence, and theological discourse to justify the existence of a Jewish state,⁴ does exactly that in making its case for a Palestinian State.⁵
3. Consistently objects to "the Occupation" without making clear that it is referring exclusively to lands occupied by Israel and in dispute since the Six-Day War of 1967. Ultimately, the document becomes clear, altogether rejecting the very notion of a Jewish State.⁶
4. Insists that the root cause of Palestinian resistance – both violent and non-violent – is the "Occupation"•⁷ obfuscating the historical truth of the Arab world's militant rejection of the existence of a Jewish state pre-dating 1948, and the decades of war and terrorism, which, in 1967, prompted and necessitated the taking of the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan heights.
5. Purports to promote non-violent resistance as the only legitimate Christian response to the Israeli occupation, yet expresses "respect and "high esteem for those who have given their life for our nation"• thereby implicitly condoning, even praising, suicide bombers.⁸
6. Attempts to neutralize the concept of terrorism through the euphemistic reference to "terrorism"•⁹ implying that the deliberate Palestinian targeting of Israeli civilians with the aim of killing as many as possible in order to strike fear and terror is not terrorism at all, but a form of "legal resistance."•
7. Paints a compelling picture of the reality of Palestinians living under Israeli rule, but ignores the reality of Israelis forced to flee for their lives into bomb shelters, or in fear of being blown up while eating in a restaurant, celebrating a Passover Seder or dancing at a Bar Mitzvah Celebration.

The Kairos Document has been explicitly endorsed by a relative few Palestinian Christian leaders.¹⁰ However, the acceptance and endorsement of this document by certain other individuals and church groups with which we have enjoyed harmonious interfaith relations has been surprising, disturbing and profoundly disappointing. For the contemporary Christian to ascribe to this supercessionist document would be saying to their Jewish neighbors and friends – indeed to the world – that *Jt* Judaism has no validity as a covenant religion, that the pain and martyrdom endured by countless generations of Jews was for naught; that the world would have been better off without the religious, cultural, spiritual, social, scientific and educational contributions of Jewish people throughout ages; and that the God we worship and serve is no God at all. So many mainstream churches have rejected supersessionism, not only because of the centuries of persecution it has engendered, but because they believe it not to be true. In short, those who would associate themselves with this document and the religious foundation upon which it is based would be erasing years of Christian soul searching and repentance as if they had not been. We expect more from our interfaith partners. We are forced to wonder whether these Church organizations do not recognize the supersessionist and anti-Semitic nature of the Kairos document or whether they no longer care to share interfaith dialogue with us.

1 We define such "Palestinian lands" as land in Israel's hands since the Six-Day War of 1967 that was not part of Israel before that time and which has not been annexed by Israel. We also recognize that the exact boundaries of such land may be altered in the course of negotiations.

2 See "Where We Stand on Israel" 2002 and 2003; Resolution on Peace in Israel, 2001 *inter alia*; Resolution on Gaza and the West Bank, 2006; Resolution on Building a Defensive Barrier between Israel and Palestinian Communities, 2004; Resolution on Discriminatory Home Demolitions in Israel, 2005; and countless others.

3 Kairos 2.2.2

4 Kairos 2.2.2

- 5 *Kairos 2.3.1*
- 6 *Kairos 9.3*
- 7 *Kairos 1.4*
- 8 *Kairos 4.2.5*
- 9 *Kairos 4.3*
- 10 *On its website, the Kairos Document purports itself to be endorsed by thirteen Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem. And yet, that supposed statement of endorsement makes no allusion to the contents of the document nor does it endorse nor make reference to the contents of the Kairos document itself. It is instructive to note that the original Kairos document listed Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, head of the "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.," as one of the sixteen signers, the only one who held a position other than pastor at that time; but that Bishop Younan's name was subsequently removed from the list of signatories.*

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Broadcasting a Lethal Narrative: The World Council of Churches and Israel

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The WCC and Israel

“ A cursory examination of the WCC’s historical record indicates that the organization has not merely espoused an “equivocal” attitude toward Israel and a sympathetic attitude toward Palestinians. During times of conflict, WCC governing bodies, staffers, and activists have, to varying degrees, promoted a patently hostile attitude toward Israel and a permissive and appeasing attitude toward its enemies. Indeed, when looked at in total and in context, the WCC’s “witness” of the Arab-Israeli conflict passes the “3D Test” enunciated by Natan Sharansky in his 2004 essay about the new anti-Semitism.[19] To be precise, the WCC’s governing bodies, staffers, and activists have over the course of its history engaged in anti-Semitic discourse by demonizing Israel, applying a double standard to its actions, and in some instances delegitimizing the very notion of a Jewish state. In light of the WCC’s witness about the Middle East, it is necessary to consider adding yet another “D” to Sharansky’s test of anti-Semitism – downplaying or denying hostility toward the Jews and their state. The WCC has denounced anti-Semitism in the abstract but has offered little if any criticism of Muslim anti-Semitism, which has had such a lethal impact on life in the Middle East. Historically, not every part of the WCC has assailed Israel to the same extent.[20] WCC voting bodies such as its Assembly and Central Committee have used one standard to assess Israel’s actions and another to assess the actions of its adversaries, but do so in diplomatic and circumspect language. Individual bureaucrats and WCC activists, however, are much more likely to make use of demonizing and delegitimizing rhetoric toward Israel. In sum, the WCC institutions have broadcast a lethal narrative[21] that justifies continued violence against Israel and its citizens. Through a combination of default and design, the WCC behaves as an ideological adversary of the Jewish state and an ally of its adversaries in both the Middle East and the West. It also provides religious and intellectual cover for others to do the same. The WCC’s Founding and the Jewish People The Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, which did the preparatory work leading up to the WCC’s founding assembly in Amsterdam in 1948, struggled with issues related to the Jewish people.[22] At its meeting

in Geneva in 1946, the Provisional Committee passed two resolutions concerning the Holocaust. The first, written in response to the ouster of Christians of Jewish descent from German churches in the 1930s,[23] affirmed that “all Christians who have Jewish antecedents” should be “assured of a full share of the rights and duties pertaining to the fellowship and service of the Church.” The statement added that “Christians of Hebrew ancestry should be assured that the church will always be a refuge for them and that her ministries of both material and spiritual relief will be exercised on their behalf.”[24] The second resolution concerned the church’s relationship with Jews in General. It expressed the Provisional Committee’s “deep sense of horror at the unprecedented tragedy which has befallen the Jewish people” as a result “of the Nazi attempt to exterminate European Jewry.” The resolution also expressed its sympathy for the Jews who had survived the Holocaust, thanked those Christians who had given them shelter, and acknowledged that the church had failed “to overcome in the spirit of Christ those factors” that contributed to anti-Semitism. The resolution called on Christians to combat anti-Semitism by testifying that it violates “the spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ,” and by, among other things, supporting “efforts to find acceptable homes to [sic] Jews” who were displaced by the Holocaust.[25]

Sympathy but Not Sovereignty These expressions of remorse over the Holocaust and sympathy for the Jewish people did not translate into support for Jewish sovereignty when the WCC had its First Assembly in 1948, however. This gathering denounced anti-Semitism and admitted that the church had “helped to foster an image of the Jews as the sole enemies of Christ, which has contributed to anti-Semitism in the secular world.”[26] But when it came to Jewish sovereignty, the First Assembly balked, declaring: The establishment of the state “Israel” adds a political dimension to the Christian approach to the Jews and threatens to complicate anti-semitism with political fears and enmities. On the political aspects of the Palestine problem and the complex conflict of “rights” involved we do not undertake to express a judgment.[27] In response to the first sentence, Paul Merkley aptly noted that if it “means anything at all, it must be that Israel has only itself to blame if more ‘anti-Semitism’ should now appear in the world.”[28] The second sentence indicates that the destruction of European Jewry coupled with the threats by Arab leaders to finish the job in the Middle East was not enough to convince the WCC and its member churches that the Jewish people were entitled to a state of their own. The organization was willing to express sympathy for the Jews after the Holocaust, but was reluctant to acknowledge their right to self-determination. The text of this resolution clearly undermines Genizi’s assertion that the WCC has historically “supported the Jewish people and their right to a state of their own.” In 1948, when the cause of Jewish sovereignty was in most need of support, the WCC voted “present” and even blamed the state for future expressions of anti-Semitism. This indicates a circumspect but undeniable attempt to delegitimize the notion of Jewish sovereignty. Similar ambivalence was evident at the WCC’s Second Assembly. Held in 1954 in Evanston, Illinois, its theme was “Jesus Christ, Hope of the World.” Isaac Rottenberg reported that at this assembly [a] group of prominent theologians concluded that this would be an appropriate occasion to say something about Israel as a sign of God’s faithfulness in history and, therefore, in some sense, a source of hope. Their proposal was voted down after the Assembly had received a telegram from the Christian statesman Charles Malik in Lebanon, urging the delegates to say and do nothing that might give offense to Arab Christians.[29] To its credit, the WCC’s Central Committee was able to acknowledge Israeli fears in a statement issued a few months after the Six Day War, but even this failed to properly frame the issue. Meeting in Greece, the Central Committee adopted a statement that said in part: The present crisis has developed in part because the rest of the world has been insensitive to the fears of people in the Middle East; the fears of the people of the Arab nations because of the dynamism and possible expansion of Israel, and the fears of the people of Israel who have escaped from persecution on other continents only to be threatened, at least by word, with expulsion from their new home.[30] To begin with, Israeli Jews had not merely “escaped from persecution on other continents” but were victims of a ruthless genocide. “Persecution” simply does not do justice to this reality. Second, the statement falsely suggests that there was an equivalence between Arab and Israeli fears before the Six Day War. The notion that the Six Day War was rooted in Arab fears over Israel’s “possible expansion” ignores Arab leaders’ numerous calls for Israel’s destruction in the years and months leading to the war. Their statements do not reveal concern over Israel’s intentions but, rather, outrage over its existence. The war did not erupt because of Arab fears but because of Arab desires to destroy Israel, which, under any moral rubric, are unjust. Moreover, in its misplaced affirmation of Arab fears over the

“possible expansion of Israel,” the Central Committee ignored an important fact of Israeli politics: in the years before the Six Day War, Israeli leaders regarded the 1949 armistice lines as sacrosanct and had no designs on territory beyond them. Gershom Gorenberg points out that before the Six Day War, conquest was not “on the Israeli military agenda” and that a five-year development plan produced sometime in 1967 “presumed that Israel could ‘realize fully its national goals’ within the armistice lines.”[31] Gorenberg also notes that in the years before the Six Day War, “irredentism – claims to territory beyond the borders – receded from political debate” in Israel.[32] At the forefront of this trend was the ruling Mapai Party, but “even the militant Herut party of Menachem Begin, with its roots in the radical nationalism of the European right between the world wars, softened its irredentist claims in return for respectability.”[33] Gorenberg observes further that “the shift went beyond political platforms.” He continues: A growing number of Israelis had grown up or arrived in the country after independence. In the Hebrew literature created by young writers of that time, notes Israeli historian Anita Shapira, there was “no hankering for some ancient historical agenda with Biblical sites and vistas”[34] The following year, the WCC Assembly issued a bland statement that said the “menace of the situation in the Middle East shows no sign of abating.” It continued: The resolutions of the United Nations have not been implemented, the territorial integrity of the nations involved is not respected, occupation continues, no settlement is in sight and a new armament race is being mounted.[35] In 1946, the WCC Provisional Committee insisted that Jews who had converted to Christianity were entitled to the same rights as any other member of the Christian church. Twenty-two years later, however, the same body could not affirm in any meaningful way that the Jewish state, a member nation of the United Nations, had a right to be free of threats to destroy it”

The WCC and the Durban Conference

“The WCC’s response to the events at the UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance that took place in Durban, South Africa, in 2001 is a tour de force of intellectual and moral bankruptcy. In a press release issued on 7 September that year, the WCC’s delegation to the conference stated that it “celebrates that such a forum was held, because it falls within the WCC’s long-cherished tradition of giving space, and supporting victims [of racism] to speak publicly.” The delegation also reported that it “was greatly helped by the sensitive explanations and support of its Palestinian members.”[75] The statement failed to address the virulent anti-Semitism that was on display at the conference. Arab and Muslim extremists from the Middle East, along with their allies from the radical left in Europe and the United States, were able to convince the gathering to affirm an amalgam of ritualistic charges of genocide, racism, and ethnic cleansing targeted at Israel. Jews were singularly denied the right to participate in the proceedings at the conference because they could not be “objective.” The Jewish Center at the conference was closed because of threats of violence. Protesters carried signs stating that if Hitler had finished the job there would be no state of Israel and no Palestinian suffering.[76] During the conference a Jewish doctor was beaten by people wearing checkered keffiyehs – the symbol of the Palestinian cause – who said Jews were the cause of all the problems in the Middle East. A local Jewish leader attributed the attack to the atmosphere at the conference.[77] The WCC’s delegation commented on none of this, but merely remarked that there are some statements in the NGO forum document which are outside the WCC’s policy framework, and which the WCC cannot support, such as: equating Zionism with racism, describing Israel as an apartheid state, and the call for a general boycott of Israeli goods. This does not detract from the WCC’s support for the document as a whole.[78] The Durban Conference turned into an anti-Jewish hatefest, and the best the WCC’s delegation could do was say it disapproved some statements that were “outside the WCC’s policy framework.” The delegation also asserted that to focus on some sections of the NGO Forum document is disrespectful to all other sections, which cover a vast number of issues significant to the victims of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia. Those wide concerns are represented within the membership of the WCC delegation and cannot be ignored.[79] With this affirmation, the WCC’s delegation ignored a central aspect of the Durban conference: it ignored the mistreatment of religious and ethnic minorities in Muslim-majority countries of the Middle East. Walid Phares reports that at the conference, there were no representatives from Southern Sudan, Darfur, Kurds, Berbers, Copts, Assyrio-Chaldeans, Mauritanian blacks, Arabs in Iran, or other persecuted groups in the Arab and

Muslim world.... Discrimination against ethnic groups within the Arab and Muslim world wasn't even on the agenda. Organizers detailed past historical, and of course Western, racism, but didn't utter a single word on the present-day sufferings of hundreds of millions of disenfranchised peoples from the Atlas Mountains to the Himalayas.[80] The WC affirmed this distorted agenda before the conference started. In a background paper submitted to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on 15 August 2001, the WCC exhibited an exclusive focus on the impact of white colonialism on Third World peoples without acknowledging the impact Arab imperialism and expansionist Islam have had on minorities throughout the world. The backgrounder asserts that the "dominant source of this social ill [racism] is white racism against people of colour around the world." It also warns that the "role Christianity has played in denigrating and devaluing Indigenous contributions to the understanding of Christianity in the context of non-Western tradition has to be acknowledged." [81] The statement did allow that "religious intolerance and the political manipulation of religion and religious affiliation are on the rise in many parts of the world, and are increasingly a factor in national and international conflict," and that "certain religious teachings and practices contribute to and aggravate religious intolerance, as well as perpetuate cultural and racial discrimination." It even granted that "certain religious enterprises have been used as catalysts for colonization, slavery and apartheid." [82] It just didn't say where".

Divestment

In February 2005, the WCC's Central Committee expressed support for the divestment campaign in mainline American Protestant churches, which used a distorted historical narrative to justify singling Israel out for economic sanctions. After the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s General Assembly passed a divestment resolution that stated the occupation was at the root of violence against innocents on both sides of the conflict – as if anti-Semitic incitement in Palestinian society had nothing to do with the conflict [84] – the WCC's Central Committee issued a "minute" lauding the decision. "This action is commendable in both method and manner, uses criteria rooted in faith, and calls members to do the 'things that make for peace' (Luke 19:42)." [85] A few months later, after receiving harsh criticism from the Anti-Defamation League [86] and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, [87] the WCC issued an explanation [88] that tried to defend the Central Committee from charges of singling Israel out as a legitimate target for divestment. But the Central Committee had, in fact, done so by praising the PC(USA) for "initiating a process of phased selective divestment from multinational companies involved in the occupation," making no reference to divesting from companies that profit from Palestinian violence. In July 2005, the WCC issued a press release detailing a talk by WCC general secretary Rev. Samuel Kobia at the 2005 conference of the International Council of Christians and Jews in Chicago. Kobia quoted the WCC's 1948 Assembly statement regarding the Christian approach to the Jews and called anti-Semitism a "sin against God and man" and "absolutely irreconcilable with the practice of the Christian faith." Nevertheless, he warned that divestment should not be compared "with a call for boycott of Jewish goods and persons as in Germany in the 1930s." [89] As bothersome as it may be for proponents of BDS, the comparison between divestment and the boycott of Jewish goods is apt. Support for divestment was directed at Israel and no other country in the world, as if its actions were uniquely sinful and represented a singularly severe violation of international law. Kobia himself made this message explicit in a 2009 address to the WCC's Central Committee, stating that "Occupation along with the concomitant humiliation of a whole people for over six decades constitutes not just economic and political crimes but, like anti-Semitism, it is a sin against God." He continued: "We have already said since 1948 that anti-Semitism was a sin against God. Are we ready to say that occupation is also a sin against God?" [90] Kobia's remark that "We already said since 1948 that anti-Semitism was a sin against God" is illuminating. Notwithstanding the 1948 statement, anti-Semitism remains a problem particularly in the Middle East. Yet Kobia seems to think the WCC has done enough with its previous declarations and can now ignore the issue. And that is exactly what the WCC has done. While the organization has periodically issued warnings about anti-Semitism in a Christian and Western context, it has failed to address the problem as it pertains to the Middle East, where it is particularly severe as documented in a number of important texts. [91]

The WCC's Anti-Israeli Bureaucracy

“During and after the Second Intifada, the Central Committee made anti-Israeli activism part of the WCC’s bureaucracy by creating two organizations, the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine Israel (EAPPI) and the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF). Created by a vote of the WCC’s Executive Committee in 2001, the EAPPI provides an infrastructure for anti-Israeli activists in WCC member churches to visit Israel and the West Bank, document the impact of Israeli security measures on the Palestinians, and broadcast a one-sided narrative to Christians outside the Middle East. The PIEF, established in 2007, serves as a platform for high-profile church leaders from throughout the world to assail Israeli policies toward the Palestinians. The EAPPI is largely devoted to helping laypeople from WCC member churches engage in anti-Israeli activism. The PIEF, on the other hand, provides the clergy from WCC member churches with the materials they can use to assail Israel and its supporters on both a theological and liturgical level.

The EAPPI The EAPPI was created at the behest of church leaders in Jerusalem. This program, which was a central plank of the WCC’s Decade to Overcome Violence campaign,[96] has been a constant source of anti-Zionist propaganda. Operating in a manner similar to, and cooperating with, the Mennonite-founded and supported Christian Peacemaker Teams, EAPPI activists stand with Palestinians during confrontations with Israeli settlers and soldiers in the West Bank. They draw attention to Israeli misdeeds but offer little, if any, criticism of the acts of Palestinian terror groups.[97] A perusal of the EAPPI’s website provides all that is needed to discern the group’s anti-Israeli agenda, which is made explicit on its homepage: The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) brings internationals to the West Bank to experience life under occupation. Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) provide protective presence to vulnerable communities, monitor and report human rights abuses and support Palestinians and Israelis working together for peace. When they return home, EAs campaign for a just and peaceful resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through an end to the occupation, respect for international law and implementation of UN resolutions.[98] For the EAPPI, the cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict is rooted solely in the occupation. For its activists, accompanying the Palestinians provides an opportunity to gather images and testimony that portray Israel as solely at fault for the ongoing existence of the conflict.[99] The EAPPI has turned the tragic geography of the Arab-Israeli conflict into a theme park where wealthy Westerners can act out heroic fantasies and post the videos on the internet when they return home.[100] The group’s website pictures EAPPI activists standing heroically with rustic and beleaguered Palestinians who are waiting in line at checkpoints, watching forlornly as their homes are being demolished, or recovering from the effects of tear gas launched by Israeli soldiers at peaceful protests. EAPPI materials are not used to provide an accurate map, so to speak, of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but to excite the imaginations of its supporters and activists with a mythology that portrays innocent Palestinians suffering under the lash of the uniquely evil Jewish state. In a series of photos displayed on the EAPPI’s website,[101] an Israeli soldier is depicted as a Roman soldier menacing Mary and Joseph as they attempt to enter Bethlehem. Accompanying the photos is an article by EAPPI publicist Larry Fata, who reports that the confrontation was staged by the Civil Committee from the West Bank town of Sawahreh two days before Christmas in 2003. “The demonstration emanated from a simple question: Would Mary and Joseph have been able to get to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus had they been traveling today?” Fata continued: As the two approached the checkpoint, the idyllic Christmas-card scene was broken by the soldiers asking “Mary and Joseph” for IDs, by another soldier training a machine gun on us, and a third filming the whole proceeding, possibly for security purposes. The two soldiers manning the checkpoint took the whole event in their stride, asking the two actors in Arabic “You’re re-creating the Mary and Joseph scene?” One asked the two where they were from. As one observer in the crowd quipped “Nazareth!,” the two gave their true residences. This gave the answer to the basic question: Our Mary and Joseph could not cross.... Why couldn’t Mary and Joseph cross in the 21st century? Our Mary has an Israeli passport and therefore cannot legally enter Bethlehem, which is part of the West Bank. Citizens of the State of Israel are not allowed to enter the West Bank for “security” reasons. Our Joseph has a West Bank ID and, as such, could legally go from one West Bank town to another in this area, but he didn’t have it with him at the time. Therefore he couldn’t cross either.[102] The remainder of the article describes the impact of checkpoints on the West Bank Palestinians, and how

the presence of EAPPI activists “serves to lower the level of tension” at these checkpoints. To inoculate the EAPPI against anti-Israeli bias, Fata describes how the group’s activists work with Machsom Watch, an Israeli group that monitors the behavior of Israeli soldiers at the checkpoints. The mocking scare quotes Fata places around the word security in the above-quoted passage serve to make the Israelis look mean-spirited, foolish, and indifferent to the suffering that the checkpoints cause. In keeping with the sardonic tone of the article, published at the height of the Second Intifada, Fata does not mention the murderous campaign of suicide attacks that prompted Israel to impose security measures in the first place. For some reason, Fata, like other EAPPI activists, found this violence unremarkable. “ChainReaction” Between 2005 and 2007, EAPPI published on a quarterly basis ChainReaction, a decidedly anti-Zionist publication that portrayed Palestinian hostility toward Israel as justified and understandable and Israeli feelings of fear and hostility toward Palestinians as an irrational aftereffect of the Holocaust from which they refuse to recover. Palestinian terrorism during the Second Intifada is glossed over if mentioned at all, and usually it is not. The security barrier is depicted as a singular cause of Palestinian suffering, Palestinian children as victims of Israeli security measures, Palestinian women as mournful witnesses to their charges’ suffering, and Palestinian men as helpless but loving fathers unable to protect their innocent sons from being shot or imprisoned for unexplained reasons. Allegedly principled Jewish critics of Israel are constantly cited to lend an aura of credibility to this anti-Zionist fantasy, which at times traffics in naked indifference to the safety of Israeli Jews. For example, Rifat Odeh Kassis, the EAPPI’s international program coordinator and project manager, exhibited shocking callousness toward the Israelis who were forcibly removed from the Gaza Strip in 2005. In this regard, Kassis plays a role similar to that played by Ninan Koshy in the 1970s – a WCC bureaucrat who used the resources entrusted to him to demonize Israel and assail its legitimacy.[103] In an August 2005 editorial, Kassis wrote that he “like many people” was obliged to sit in front of the TV, from the 15th of August till the 12th of September, watching the drama series of the withdrawal of the settlers unfold – people who in simple terms were not supposed to be there in the first place; their presence in Gaza being contradictory to international law and considered a crime against humanity by many legal experts.[104] Calling the presence of Israeli Jews in Gaza a “crime against humanity” justifies violence against them pure and simple. In another editorial in 2007, Kassis assails Israel’s legitimacy. Writing that the 1947 UN partition plan was “a major injustice of the Palestinian people,” he asserts that the UN should instead have called for the creation of “one state where Jews and Arabs would each enjoy self-determination.”[105] Kassis, a Palestinian Christian, knows well how non-Muslim minorities are treated in Muslim-majority countries and that Jewish self-determination in a Muslim-majority state is simply an oxymoron. In this same paragraph, he states that the partition plan “intended the creation of two states for both nations, but...was never completely enacted.”[106] In his narrative, Kassis omits a crucial fact: the plan was not enacted because while Israel accepted it, the Arabs did not. This is basic history that any honest commentator would include. Kassis is not the only source of such commentary. One particularly egregious case, titled “40 Ways to End the Occupation,” appeared in the Summer 2007 issue of ChainReaction. In this article, inspired by Paul Simon’s “Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lover,” EAPPI activists list forty ways people can assail Israel. They call on people to “name the true adversary – supporters of the occupation,” “expose the occupation”, “expose the evil of the wall by painting on its mural,” “boycott settlement products,” and to support an “artistic and cultural boycott of Israel.” The article even calls on activists to break the law: “Hack (government) websites.”[107] In addition to ChainReaction, the EAPPI published other pamphlets that focused on Israeli policies (such as the building of the security barrier) without providing any context of Palestinian violence. In 2003, the EAPPI issued “Security or Segregation? The Humanitarian Consequences of Israel’s Wall of Separation,”[108] which described in detail the security barrier’s impact on Palestinians without offering any information about the terror attacks that preceded the barrier’s construction. The barrier, readers are told, confiscates Palestinian land, denies farmers access to their land, prevents Palestinians from getting to their jobs in Israel, and puts villages into a “no-man’s land between the wall and the Green Line.” The report also laments that the West Bank town of Qalqiliya is surrounded by a concrete wall and watchtowers; and gives detailed accounts of confrontations between Israeli contractors and soldiers and West Bank Palestinians. These are realities that would-be peacemakers must take into account when addressing the Arab-Israeli conflict. The barrier does have humanitarian consequences. So did the terror attacks that

prompted its construction. The barrier was not built in a vacuum but after a series of brutal suicide bombings, emanating from West Bank towns such as Qalqiliya, that killed hundreds of Israeli civilians during the Second Intifada, which began in September 2000. In the narrative offered by "Security or Segregation?," the only actions that have any moral consequences are Israeli actions. Palestinians are innocent victims who are always being acted upon, oppressed, and dictated to, and are never responsible for their own deeds. A similar narrative is presented by another booklet the EAPPI published in 2005. This one, titled "Sawahreh against the Wall: The Struggle of a Palestinian Village, Dealing with the Infringements on Freedom Brought About by Israel's Ever-Tightening Occupation," details the security barrier's impact on a town of approximately twenty-four thousand people. The previously mentioned Larry Fata wrote the introduction, which states:

The village of Sawahreh is literally and figuratively up against the Wall. Situated partly in East Jerusalem and partly in the West Bank, Sawahreh is indicative of all the daily obstacles that Palestinians must endure due to Israel's continuing Occupation. The coming "Separation Wall" is only the latest and most obvious symbol of the stranglehold the Occupation exerts on the Palestinian population. The route of the coming Wall, cutting right through Sawahreh, threatens to slice the village into three parts. The people of Sawahreh are protesting against the Wall while at the same time having their backs up against it. They are fighting for their very survival as a people and a culture as the government of Israel seeks to wall them in, suffocating their prospects for self-determination.[109] No real discussion of the security barrier can take place without an honest depiction of the collapse of the peace process, the violence of the Second Intifada, and the impact this violence had on Israeli society, particularly its impact on the credibility of the Israeli peace movement. A genuine attempt at understanding the security barrier would also require an effort to assess the motivation behind the terror attacks, particularly those perpetrated by Hamas, a group dedicated to Israel's destruction. Yet nowhere in either of these booklets, or in ChainReaction, does the EAPPI provide any information about any of these issues. While the EAPPI activists found numerous opportunities to speak with Palestinians whose lives were disrupted by the barrier, they did not even acknowledge the suffering endured by Israeli victims of suicide bombings. Their suffering is unremarkable, their stories simply not worth the time or effort to gather. Instead one is left with the impression that the Israeli people and their leaders are monsters who decided to build a barrier out of a desire to make Palestinians suffer. This is demonization pure and simple.

[18] CCAR resolution on the 2009 Kairos Document, Board of Trustees, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 15 April 2010, <http://data.ccar.org/cgi-bin/resodisp.pl?file=kairos&year=2010>, accessed 17 July 2011.

[19] Natan Sharansky, "3D Test of Anti-Semitism: Demonization, Double Standards, Delegitimization," *Jewish Political Studies Review* 16:3-4 (Fall 2004), www.jcpa.org/JCPA/Templates/showpage.asp?DBID=1&LNGID=1&TMID=84&FID=625, accessed 4 May 2011.

[20] It is important not to view the WCC as a monolithic body. As can be expected from any large organization with a number of moving parts, there is some "slippage" between the decisions made by the WCC's various decision-making bodies such as the Executive Committee, the Central Committee, the Assembly, the CCIA and the institutions they supervise such as the EAPPI and the PIEF. EAPPI materials, for example, are sometimes accompanied by a disclaimer that says they do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the WCC as a whole. Nevertheless, the WCC holds the copyright for these materials, which are produced and broadcast by WCC staffers and activists using WCC funds. Consequently, while it cannot be said that the WCC is speaking "ex cathedra" through the EAPPI or the PIEF, the organization's leaders do allow its staffers and activists to use WCC resources to assail Israel on a regular basis. The overall signal coming out of the WCC's decision-making bodies, its staffers, and the programs it supports is decidedly hostile to Israel. This hostility became much more pronounced after the start of the Second Intifada.

[21] The phrase "lethal narrative" was coined by Nidra Poller to describe the story told by Muslim extremists and their allies to justify violence against the West in general and Israel in particular. See Nidra Poller, "Lethal Narratives: Weapon of Mass Destruction in the War against the West," *New English Review*, June 2009, www.newenglishreview.org/custpage.cfm/fm/40822/sec_id/40822,

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These statements have not stopped the WCC from producing theological texts that include, in the words of Amy-Jill Levine, "anti-Jewish obscenities." Levine reports that "the WCC, along with Orbis Books, Fortress Press, numerous university presses, and others, also distributes the 'teaching of contempt' for Judaism and Jews. The organization's formal pronouncements stand in contradiction to what its press publishes and what its officers and clergy write." In her research, Levine discovered

new manifestations of old problems: a view of Judaism not only as misogynistic but also as filled with "taboos," particularly uninformed understandings of rabbinic literature, a version of multiculturalism that praises all distinct practices except for those associated with Judaism, and a theology that intimates the ancient heresy known as Marcionism by distinguishing the God of Judaism from the God of Jesus.

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*Levine also reports that, to its credit, the WCC has admitted the problem and taken steps to rectify it. She notes, however, that there is still a problem. "But, what is on the library shelves in Lagos and Lima, Nairobi and Nashville, remains fodder for anti-Judaism. In the summer of 2004, when I was living in a Maryknoll convent in the Philippines, I found such material easily available, waiting to infect another generation." See Anonymous, "Preaching and Teaching the New Testament: Promoting Anti-Judaism," *Anti-Defamation League*, 1 November 2007, www.adl.org/main_Interfaith/newtestament.htm, accessed 13 July 2011.*

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It is important to emphasise that the formal 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.



I have known Cardinal George Pell for a number of years, discussed Middle East politics over a kosher meal he arranged for me in his home, worked with him on a range of matters of Catholic-Jewish concern and had any disagreements treated respectfully and graciously. In that light, watching him on ABC television's Monday "Infotainment" program, "Q & A", was not a comfortable experience.

Cardinal Pell has a well-earned reputation for his actions in support of a positive and constructive Jewish-Catholic relationship. His "Q & A" comments regarding the Jews of Biblical times and the suffering of peoples in Europe - with the transcript of the program made freely available by the ABC - various responses and Cardinal Pell's apology, gained international currency. Personally, I find "Q & A" a frustrating program to watch, partly due to the mix of serious and facile questioning, but mainly as the veneer of serious examination does not hide the way so many complex matters are stripped of context and nuance.

Those who know nothing of Cardinal Pell except for the "Q & A" interview seemed to assume he was a person who holds Jews in contempt and is either ignorant of the Shoah, or, worse, is committed to minimising Jewish suffering and promoting a picture of Germans as those whose plight needs to be memorialised. Those who know of his record of comments and actions alternatively posited his actions, while positive, have come about despite his beliefs, or that the words he uttered were poorly chosen and/or stripped of necessary further explanation.

With few exceptions, the Christians I know who are active in Christian-Jewish understanding and education "heard" Cardinal Pell say that divine revelation was given to Jews as against more powerful contemporary empires, and that this was meant as a positive for Jews, and further that there had been divine retribution delivered to Germans after, and due to, the Shoah.

Obviously, both these understandings are debatable and contentious, and there is no shortage of scholars and theologians who will provide passionate contra-arguments. I do not believe they were in any way meant to defame, insult or belittle Jews, but they certainly should be front and centre of the next opportunity Jewish representatives (and others) have to converse with the Cardinal.

On "Q & A" the week after George Pell's appearance, the philosopher A. C. Grayling was asked a question concerning the announcement that Günter Grass was not permitted to come to Israel in the wake of (but not simply due to) Grass' pathetic pseudo-poetic polemic against Israel. The eminent thinker replied in a way which suggested he was so intellectually weak he could not differentiate between a racist, general boycott of a class of person based on nationality (the anti-Israel BDS), and a ruling against a specific individual based on that person's actions. One would hope that the philosopher would, if he had thought about it, not made such a comment, but "Q & A" rarely allows for reflection.

To return to Cardinal Pell, one international Jewish news service headlined its article "Australian Catholics [Mel Gibson and the Archbishop of Sydney] go wild".

Interestingly, when Mel Gibson's infamous film "The Passion of the Christ" was about to begin its Australian season, Cardinal Pell arranged for a dozen or so Jewish leaders to view the film so he could receive feedback. The film, full of gratuitous violence and dominated by a narrative which most Christians who commented seemed to find unhelpful for an appreciation of their faith, was not pleasant viewing and, in our collective view, not something which any person sympathetic to Jews should promote.

Cardinal Pell and his colleagues listened to our frank opinions and, under his leadership, sought ways of ensuring that what for some Christians would be spiritually uplifting did not harm Jewish-Christian relations.

That is why, when I have the opportunity to question Cardinal Pell about "Q & A", I don't expect the answers to reflect any hostility to Jews or Judaism.

8.0 ONLINE MEDIA

8.1 *General Issues*

In an environment where so much discourse takes place online and where virtually every interest group has online 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, online services are of concern for a number of reasons.

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

Antisemitic and threatening email is the most common means of antisemitic harassment in Australia. As more members of the Jewish community, including Holocaust survivors, established email accounts, the greater has been 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 internet has also been used as a means for racists to promote and purchase material such as neo-Nazi computer games.



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The importance of the results various search engines produce for keywords should not be underestimated. The results of searches for "Jew", for instance, will include helpful information but also overt antisemitism. The architecture of the internet can lead a person with genuine interest but no expertise to Holocaust denial rather than Holocaust history sites.

The Sydney Morning Herald editorialised "It might be dignifying it too much to call it a cultural war, but the blogosphere certainly includes opinion going far beyond political incorrectness into hate and vilification. Vic Alhadeff, an official of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, raised this in the Herald yesterday after a recent online torrent of anti-Semitic abuse most of us would have thought had been banished from public discourse. The heat of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations may well be leading to more intemperate remarks raising ethno-religious stereotypes. But a lot of bigots don't even need this prompt, as the postings on Channel Nine's website showed after a story on how orthodox Jews sought an eruv, a token fence around a neighbourhood, to help them observe the Sabbath. Jews are not alone, however, Online rants are not confined to obscure websites and ephemeral blogs, but swarming to the websites run by mainstream media companies", concluding " The blogosphere is coming under existing media law, witness the recent Federal Court ruling against Bolt under the Racial Discrimination At. Online comments are not immune from defamation law, however quickly retracted, as shown by the settlement paid by the critic Marieke Hardy this month and a case by the American Idol finalist Jason Castro against a "hate blogger". A big media company is more inviting for the costly business of a court action, but even individuals, traceably by their IP addresses, could become targets for "no win-no pay" legal bounty hunters, [NSW Jewish leader Vic] Alhadeff is not arguing for more regulation, just more effort by the mainstream media outfits to moderate what appears on their internet fringes - maybe emulating the New York Times model of "trusted commenters". Self-interest would suggest they take his advice." (29/12/11).

Time for blogosphere to exercise discipline
December 28, 2011 Vic Alhadeff

Some months ago, Channel Nine's A Current Affair featured a segment on the bid to erect an eruv in St Ives and the public debate that ensued.

As is standard practice for most media outlets, the program was uploaded onto A Current Affair's website, inviting viewers to voice opinions. Many did. And one of those gems mischievously misquoted the former US President John Kennedy declaring that Hitler would go down as one of the greatest men in history and should be exhumed.

In the context of a story on a Jewish issue, that sentiment could have but one implication - Hitler was right.

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies was alerted to the comment at 10.45pm. The board contacted A Current Affair, but no one was home. The post was removed at 9.20am the next day, by which time it had been up for 12 hours and read by hundreds.

Also on A Current Affair's website in response to an earlier segment were these posts: "The bosh [Germans] didn't finish the job", "Quick, hide your babies. The Jews are going to drain their blood and bake bread!", and "The Jews have to abide by the Australian way of life and respect that. Not good enough. Get out".

A recent article on New Matilda prompted comments that called for boycotts of the "evilly pro-Zionist Murdoch media" and "the evilly anti-Semitic ALP (aka the Apartheid Labor Party, Apartheid Israel-supporting Labor Party)". Furthermore, suggested the writer, "the racist Zionists and their supporters (such as Labor) should be sidelined from public life as have been like racists such as the Nazis, neo-Nazis, Apartheiders and KKK". And in response to an article I wrote on the ABC's Unleashed about the Vatican's reinstatement of a bishop who insisted there were no gas chambers in the Holocaust, a comment stated: "Let's not be too hard on Vic. He can only see things with his own eyes. He is a pure-bred from a sad lineage ... yet they still enjoy killing people."

The ease with which such comments make their way into the public domain is untenable and unacceptable - not just for the Jewish community but for all who value a tolerant society.

The majority of mainstream media apply rigorous standards in regard to printing letters and allowing callers to talkback radio to be put to air.

Not when it comes to the online world, however. For many outlets, there seems to be a parallel universe at work that repeatedly - albeit unintentionally - allows deeply offensive comments to see the light of day.

Comments can't be posted on mainstream media sites without a human accepting them and pressing a computer key. Most outlets assign staff to moderate comments and block those deemed unacceptable. In reality, however, comments continually make it to air that are highly objectionable.

Different parameters apply to Twitter and Facebook, whose raison d'etre is to enable people to commit thoughts to air without an intervening gatekeeper. Yet while the latter applies its own standards in regard to content and language, it too is accountable when it comes to such issues as vilification.

Some outlets are moving to remedy the problem. Two weeks ago, The New York Times introduced a pilot program for "trusted commenters". Readers with a history of exemplary comments are offered this status and their submissions are automatically accepted.

And in a highly commendable initiative, Australia's ninemsn, which has the digital rights to Channel Nine assets (including A Current Affair), intends to make it mandatory for those submitting comments to identify themselves - for news programs initially, and then for other sites.

This is a significant step towards discouraging those who take refuge in anonymity and is one which other outlets would do well to emulate. Self-regulation, both by media and internet service providers, is certainly the desirable way forward.

Clearly, there are no mainstream media in this country that are racist or anti-Semitic. Equally clearly, the standard of debate in the blogosphere is disturbingly lower than in the mainstream press, due overwhelmingly to lack of vigilance by media, rather than to any sinister motives.

Those who are inclined to act on racist sentiments are even more impelled to do so when they believe those sentiments are deemed acceptable. While the media landscape continues to expand, therefore, it is imperative for every outlet to apply the same discipline to every sector. Our society is otherwise at risk.

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The Online Hate Prevention Institute (OHPI) in Melbourne issued a report documenting serious racial hatred on YouTube. The authors noted "The primary aim of this report is to demonstrate and discuss the problem of multiple and severe instances of hate speech on the YouTube platform. Aspects of this analysis apply equally to other forms of social media content and to other platforms. The report both describes the problem and provides some recommendations to mitigate and control the problem. This report demonstrates how one user, with one account, was able to upload 1710 videos in a single day. The vast majority of these videos promoted online hate. While a direct outcome of this report has been the closure by YouTube of this hate-promoting account, our primary aim in producing this report is more general in nature. Through reports such as this one, OHPI brings an empirical research approach to the study of online hate. Our research enables better policies, procedures, software and educational responses to be developed to help combat the spread of online hate and to mitigate the damage such hate causes to the fabric of our society, including to both the mental and physical health of citizens." (1/8/12).

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 websites can be separated into a number of categories. Some 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. Others have the primary purpose of promoting an ideology or philosophy which is fundamentally antisemitic. 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.

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 emailed (always anonymously) slabs of anti-Jewish material downloaded from anti-Jewish websites.

In an unusual, but not unique, action, Hilda Schultheiss, claiming to be a Roma (Gypsy) living in Australia, established an antisemitic website designed to set Gypsies against Jews called "Truth Unveiled". A featured section called "Jews and the Roma", contained a number of antisemitic slurs and stereotypes, was added. (This site has changed names a number of times but still functions, with reduced content). It included a section <http://www.gypsyinfo.com/who-is-the-jobbik-party-.htm> in which everyone listed is described as being of "Jewish descent", a "Jewish man", "Jewish", even though they were members of antisemitic and anti-Romani Jobbik Party. Their alleged "Jewish" background was seen as the reason for their alleged offences, with the site's publisher adding the ridiculous claim "What is shocking is that the Jobbik party don't have any Hungarian members but only consist of people with Jewish blood." The site's arguments included: "The Jobbik party wowed to kill Gypsies, to make soap out of them! Does this sound familiar? Why would the Jews do the same as Hitler? This is curious..."; "Jews killing Gypsies. Ian Hancock helped to eliminate Gypsies from Gypsy Organizations and replaced them with Jews only."; "If you still don't think the Jobbik party consist of Jewish people, just look at the web, how every major Jewish news reporters backing up the Jobbik party, by supporting them with articles 'Gypsies are criminals'. Before the Jobbik Jewish Nazi party arrival it was forbidden to name a race with crime. Today it's not. The Jews opened it up so they can create a worldwide hatred against the Gypsies. No other race have this power, only the Jews."; "The Gypsies don't have anyone to defend them. This is a holocaust in the making, a holocaust which is run by the Jews." The page contained a graphic of Orthodox Jews <http://www.gypsyinfo.com/user/cimage/kudszi-jews-attacked-in-hungary.jpg> with the description "They have killed many Gypsies in Hungary".

Another individual, NSW-based Chris Roubis, maintains a website which contains a huge amount of extracts from, and links to, antisemitic material. Amongst items posted in the year in review were dozens under the heading "Jewish Organised Crime & Terrorism", with titles such as "the CIA Jewish hand behind the internet", "Why the Jews/Zionists are hated", "Secret hidden by Freemasons to Promote fake Jews", "Satanic Zionist Freemason 2012 Olympics" and "911 Cover Up". In the section "Zionist Governments", the items included "What the Jews did to the Germans", "Jew Gotta Friend at Google" and extracts from Adolph Hitler's comments on Jews".

Richard Ackland noted "What is alarming is the propensity for hateful and anonymous blogs to continue publishing after the online host would be aware of the content.", he noted "In this country, republishers can be liable for defamation when they have notice that what they are publishing is actionable." and "courts have ordered the identity be revealed of people who have made unpleasant comments on newspaper websites or on internet travel sites. It may not be a real identity but at least the IP addresses of the computers used to post the comments can be located." (Sydney Morning Herald, 30/12/11).

8.3 *Antisemitism on Australian Newsgroups and Forums*

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.

The material mentioned in this section is by no means comprehensive, but provides samples of the claims and comments made, across a number of platforms, regarding Jews and Judaism.

- In the OzPolitics Forum, "Aussie Skinhead" posted "Christianity, Judaism and Islam are three heads of the same beast. All three are alien to Europe civilizations. Christianity was imposed on Europe through force. They killed millions of "non-believers" who were Nordic Pagans. Not to mention that it was imposed on hundreds of millions of other peoples through out the world including Australian natives." And "Christianity is a religion that worships a Jew god. It slaughtered millions of Nordics for not believing in the Jew god. The Middle Eastern religion was used to get Whites involved in Middle Eastern conflicts. The childish arguments between the Middle Eastern tribes should not involve White People" (8/10/11)
- In the Ozpolitics Forum, "falah" posted " While Islam does not permit sex prior to puberty, the Jewish understanding of the Old Testament does permit sex with 3 year-olds! Numbers 31:17-18 - Quote: 17 Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, 18 but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man. ...and how do the Talmudic Rabbis interpret the words "girl who has never slept with a man"? Quote: Said Rabbi Joseph, "Come and take note: A girl three years and one day old is betrothed by intercourse. And if a Levir has had intercourse with her, he has acquired her....A girl three years and one day old is betrothed by intercourse. "A girl three years old may be betrothed through an act of sexual intercourse," the words of R. Meir.And sages say, "Three years and one day old." And if a Levir has had intercourse with her, he has acquired her. And they are liable on her account because of the law prohibiting intercourse with a married woman... The Tannaïtic Midrash Sifre to Numbers in §157 comments on the above quoted commandment of Moses to kill the Midianite women as well as the male children:. . . . According to the Tannaïte Rabbis, Moses therefore had ordered the Israelites to kill all women older than three years and a day, because they were "suitable for having sexual relations." (18/10/11)
- In the Ozpolitics Forum, "falah" posted the following cartoon in the post "Jewish Kids Face Abuse Epidemic" (13/12/11)



- In the Ozpolitics Forum ,”falah” posted “Israeli Jews don't enslave women, they kill them” 13/12/11
- In response to the news story “NYPD charge Jewish man with anti-Semitic threats” on Australian Identity forum “mutation” wrote “The Jews really need to grow a thicker skin when people give them. They need to get over people trying to kill them and more importantly they need to stop giving people a reason to kill them!” (21/1/12)
- In OzPolitics “falah” wrote “Does not Judaism encourage parasitic behaviour if it teaches that it is OK to steal from and cheat non-Jews? Not every Jew is a parasite. But is it their religion which has prevented them from having established an empire in the last 2000+ years? The Merchant of Venice is a Christian British portrayal of medieval Jews...and pretty tame compared to some of the stories about Jews drinking children's blood that were common in Europe at the time. I raised the issue of the Merchant of Venice to illustrate that there was a time when Christian Europeans disapproved of usury-based money lending. It is only since it has become widely accepted in Europe that Jews have managed to gain influence. If you have an issue with The Merchant of Venice, then I suggest you take it up with William Shakespeare.” (24/1/12)
- In OzPolitics “Jan” wrote “ You really should learn what a Jew IS and ISN'T. Learning that one lesson should show you how the Zionist Bankers have achieved owning the worlds wealth, and subjecting the other half of their persona, real Jews, (their safety cover), with conspiracy” , (29/1/12)
- In OzPolitics “Jan” wrote “By doing just what your doing ... loving them and hating Arabs. Hope you feel the same way when they have total control of Oz and you become the brunt of their jokes and experience their evil first hand” “Abu Rashid” claimed “After all, the "faceless men" who Abbot claims brought her to power was just Abbot's cowardly way of saying "Zionists". Clearly he didn't wanna utter the word, lest he end his political career. Obviously they have a lot more power here than any of these tools are smart enough to realise.” And “Jan” concluded “I recommend every Aussie familiarise themselves with religious history, and also with the Protocols of the 24 Elders of Zion ... a real eye opener and can be traced as actual events throughout modern history ... the Protocols were written over 100 years ago some say by Mayer Amschel Rothschild himself and I tend to believe it judging from his many quotes and actual history of his metioric rise in world banking. <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/przion1.htm> or the modern version. <http://www.iamthewitness.com/books/Protocols.in.Modern.English.htm> Evil is as Evil does. Despicable isn't a strong enough word describe the Israeli Zionists and Bankers and their many MEGA Corporations. (30/1/12)

- In OzPolitics “Jan” wrote “How about Judaism? Where's THEIR liberal values? Of course they're liberal in their war efforts, and liberal with their hate of all religions not Judaic, (even within their own religion Just ask a true Torah Jew about Zionism)” (1/2/12)
- In Ozpolitics “Martin Timothy” wrote “And despise schismatics, and false Moslems who fail to "cast truth" about equally .. 60,000 or so Jews failed to turn up for work at the WTC, 11 September 2001, whence allegedly hijacked aircraft, were flown into the World Trade Center in New York. Mossad agents filming the drama amid “evident Jewbilation,” and Put Options on airline stocks that made hundreds of millions traced to Mossad HQ in Yisrael says Jews did it.” (13/2/12)
- In OzPolitics “Jan” wrote “Whoops!! Y'mean they already own the world before Zionists completed their claim? And Zionists only killed thousands? Is that a tongue in cheek I see? Have you forgotten the 22 million Russians and the Czar and his family. Hey did you know that the 6 mill has been downgraded to 1.1 mill. The revisionists are finally achieving something. [video ‘Talmud Exposed (Part1)]” (6/2/12) ; “ Jews began their quest to dominate Australia from the landing of the first fleet.Today they dominate our government and the political system.But this FACT would elude Soren purely because he thinks them benevolent, and their banks beneficial to Australia (or himself personally).” (7/2/12); “ Here's some proof, (a few snippets from the full article), that zionist Jews consider themselves as the 'top of the heap' and keep all goyim at the bottom ... and destroys your statement about Muslims. <http://www.revisionisthistory.org/talmudtruth.html> To the Mishnah the rabbis later added the Gemara (rabbinical commentaries). Together these comprise the Talmud. There are two versions, the Jerusalem Talmud and the Babylonian Talmud. The Babylonian Talmud is regarded as the authoritative version: "The authority of the Babylonian Talmud is also greater than that of the Jerusalem Talmud. In cases of doubt the former is decisive." (R.C. Musaph-Andriese, From Torah to Kabbalah: A Basic Introduction to the Writings of Judaism, p. 40). This study is based on the Jewish-authorized Babylonian Talmud. We have published herein the authenticated sayings of the Jewish Talmud. Look them up for yourself. We publish the following irrefutable documentation in the hope of liberating all people, including Jewish people, from the corrosive delusions and racism of this Talmudic hate literature, which is the manual of Orthodox and Hasidic Jews the world over. The implementation by Jewish supremacists of Talmudic hate literature has caused untold suffering throughout history and now, in occupied Palestine, it is used as a justification for the mass murder of Palestinian civilians. The Talmud specifically defines all who are not Jews as non-human animals. . . . Sanhedrin 58b. If a heathen (gentile) hits a Jew, the gentile must be killed. . . .O.K. to Cheat Non-Jews . . .Jews May Steal from Non-Jews . . . What a Jew steals from a gentile he may keep. . .Non-Jewish Children are Sub-Human . . . Gentiles prefer sex with cows. 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....” (16/2/12)
- In OzPolitics “PoliticalPuppet” wrote “While the extermination of people in death camps was an occurrence there is no reason or evidence to believe so many Jews were killed. While Jews were killed and probably targeted the numbers would be nowhere near 6 million. Regardless of the fact, the holocaust has been used as an excuse by Israel the Jewish state to commit just as bad atrocities. The circle of hate goes on, and when we worry too much about the past we don't worry at all about what happens at present.. . . So where are the records that say they killed 6 million Jews? Israel is one of the principle controllers of the world monetary system that creates poverty around the world and in turn causes billions of people to starve to death.They have killed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. Continue to exploit workers around the world, particularly in African diamond mines where many thousands lose their lives. They have been doing their part to start or induce many wars around the world which kill millions of people. Likewise they are on the verge of destroying the entire planet with their nuclear arsenal..Shall I go on?” , “I am not arguing that a lot of jews died, but a lot of the

numbers were estimations and inaccurate. The monetary system is controlled by mostly Jewish families, the same ones who funded the Nazis actually. Of course they aren't going to talk about it on the news. They don't need a stock exchange because they control all the others in the world. HAHAAHA Israel can only be a vibrant economy because billions are in poverty, and their GDP is thanks to the monopoly it holds on certain industries. Are you really denying that Israel has killed thousands of Palestinians? They have been attacked in defence. And terrorist is just a label it doesn't change what it actually is. These people are defending themselves from Israeli aggression and oppression. Israel is the only one being aggressive in the situation. They have pushed Iran so far that it needs to defend itself or risk having its civilians slaughtered. " "falah" added "The newspapers in 1945 said that 5 million people were killed by the Nazis. This figure included Gypsies, homosexuals, communists, political enemies of the Nazis, and the mentally ill. Today the number is inflated to 6 million, and all the victims have somehow become Jews." (2/3/12)

- In OzPolitics "it_is_the_light" wrote "hitler was the illegitimate son of a Rothschild it is said, brought to power wanted to be "king of the world" he did some ethnic cleansing of inferior jews, this is called genocide,under the order and funded by elite jew bloodline and thus the genocide took place and the 'elite' jews got palestine..and still pretend to be a victim believe it or not Namaste" "PoliticalPuppet," added "Wouldn't surprise me, Regardless they were definitely funded by the Rothschild's" (4/3/12)
- In OzPolitics "falah" wrote "What do you with a Jewish tribe that breaks all its peace treaties and works plots and fights against the Muslims? If they had they had only kept peace with the Muslims, and held true to their peace treaties, the Muslims would not have had to fight them. That verse talks about the Jews - and speaking of Jews you sure sound like one; thinking you can pick and choose which of God's commands you can choose to obey. Your arrogance is astounding" (7/3/12)
- In OzPolitics "abu rashid" wrote "Herpes-death probe of bris baby [is title of media story, but abu rashid titles thread Disgusting Animals]" and "falah" Rabbis suck babies' penises? That is pretty sick. Sounds like pedophilia to me. I will never look at a rabbi the same way again. (8/3/12)
- Peter Coleman of Sydney, who has had a long association with far-right wing groups, sent an email to a South African collector of war "collectibles" which read "this old Jew subhuman is always sending out these lists, unless you have a vc to swap u don't even get a reply pity this old kike did not go up the chimney." (21/4/12).
- The administrator of a website for surfboarders wrote "I AM ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONCE TO EVERYONE THAT WISHES TO JOIN SURFVIDZ THAT IF YOU ARE JEWISH THEN YOU WILL BE BANNED IMMEDIATELY SO UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT JOINING THIS FACEBOOK BECAUSE YOU WILL BE BLOCKED AND DELETED IMMEDIATTELY JEWS FUKOFF AND DON'T COME NEAR THIS WEB PAGE (7/8/2012) .

On YouTube, the following took place: An item was published on Aug 5, 2012 " "Trespassing" on Australian Civil Liberties" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW41ckwqZGg> following the police crack down on a BDS protest in Australia last year. This 10.24 minute video, although published on TheRealNews Youtube channel, was produced by the Victorian Students for Palestine. This was acknowledged by Ridah Hassan who wrote on 6 Aug 2012, on the VSFP Facebook site at <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/60552120358/> "this is a great video on the max brenner court case, put together by members of SFP for the real news network" and linked to the "Trespassing" youtube. The video itself is not antisemitic. However, many comments on the youtube site are. Within

four days, this site had 1664 visitors. Comments included “One day the world will erase the jew cancer! FREE PALESTINE!!!” by “megatroll”[6-8-12]; “ We can only wish that Hitler or someone like him will return.” By “NotYetALemming “ ago [9-8-12]; “Let's hope so. Just look at how the Jews convinced Britian and the US to go to war against the man who was on to the Jews bullshit. And what did we get in return? Half of Europe was put under the Jew Bolshevik thumb where tens of millions were murdered by these ugly Jews. The other half of Europe as well as America was put under the psychological terrorism of the Jew.Keep spreading the word against the Jew cancer, bro or sis!” by NotYetALemming in reply to megatroll 9-8-12]; “8 of the top 10 richest people in Australia are Jewish, 5 of these 8 are proud, unabashed Zionists. In fact word in the bank and finance industry is that there are least 7 other ridiculously rich Jewish Australian citizens that are richer than the 8 that appear in the official Top 10 rich list but vehemently refuse to appear in the list, preferring anonymity. Only the finance industry and government officials know who they are.” By “wabfunk” [6-8-12]; “Shocking isn't it?. The sad thing is that majority of Australia's public are so oblivious to these glaring facts and therefore non-the-wiser to who is quietly pulling Government strings in the background. There's always been a significant Jewish presence in Aus but it was mostly in FINANCE, MEDIA & REAL ESTATE. Now, especially since 2008, they've weighed heavily into Aus POLITICS as most of them moved operations here to syphon their wealth into a relatively stable economy” by “wabfunk” [7-8-12]

Indymedia also hosted some offensive comments: “Re: Land made available to them by the nations of the world Oh the poor Jewish people got kicked out of Russia do you think it had anything to do with Jewish people like Yagoda killing 10,000,000 Christians ? the land that was made available to them was a deal cut with the English and the Jewish Rothschilds bank in the Balfour agreement I would hardly call that nations of the world.Israel was formed out of terrorist acts why do you want to change the history are you ashamed of how Israel was formed ?Israel bombed it's way into existence and that was right so when the Palestinians want their stolen land back why is it wrong to bomb Israel out of existence?May be if the Jewish people in Israel treated the Palestinians as humans things would be different.And may be if Israel and Mosad stuck to international law and stopped stealing other countries passports like Australian and Irish passports to commit murder attitudes might change.why is it right for Israel to have illegal nuclear weapons and then try and stop Iran from have nuclear to protect themselves from Israeli terrorists.Did you know that Israel was the first country to hi-jack a civilian air line in 1952 they wrote the book on terrorism and the world lets Israel the terrorist state have unchecked nuclear weapons how crazy is that. The bottom line here is Israelis are not a race they are a religion and no religion should be given land most Jews in Israel are of Russian and Polish stock they are not Arabs and if they behaved them selves they would not be chased away it is all about manners and Israel has none.You can keep playing the victim but we all know what you realy are Terrorists” By “Dave Kx “ (21/11/11); “Re: Don't be another brick in Israel's wall - International ... <https://www.codoh.com/donate/ahowyoucanhelp.php> - Why do you think this is so is it because you can not die from diesel fumes and people will find out the holocaust is a lie so much for freedom of speech” By “Paul W” (24/11/11); Re: Living off the spoils of our forefathers hard work Submitted by Tim G (not verified) on Tue, 10/01/2012 - 12:33am. [extract] "Media monopoly and control" Yeah those fucking Jew scum bags run that show or is that anti-semitic for telling the truth about those fore skin Chopping Terrorists or am I a holocaust denier? Racism exists in all of us, it is just a defensive move to something you aren't familiar with. what like marrying your cousin or chopping your foreskin off or stoning some sheila to death because she had a good root or maybe killing your daughter because she was not a Virgin when she gets married or may be because someone thinks I am not a chosen one and are just a Goy that I can be treated like shit ? This racist gig sounds like a good defensive system how do I become one?Or is it only Niggers,Gooks,Wogs,Curry Munchers, rag heads Oh and Jew cunts that can be racist?; “Re: Gerry Let them have it and we will be forever in you debt. Submitted by David G (not verified) on Thu, 08/03/2012 - 10:35pm. Lets call a spade a spade here forget about Zionists they are Jews ! there are 125,000 of them in Australia and our Government feel a need to keep them happy because of their money and power. We should run the Jew Bastards out of the country just like what they do to non Jewish in Israel the quicker the world is rid of these Jew bastards the better for peace in the world. Any one got a spare Gas chamber but this time lets do it for real. We should all treat the Jews in our country the way the Jews treat Christians in Israel”.

8.4 Facebook

The social media platform “Facebook” featured a number of times, in the period in review, in discussions or racism, including antisemitism. For example:

- A Facebook group was online in January 2012 with the subject "We Sydney-siders Hate Muslims, Jews and Black niggas".
- "VIRAL VIDEO SPARKS ANTI-SEMITIC VITRIOL (Australia) 10/2/2012 - Footage of Jewish Melburnian Yael Rothschild catching a T-shirt thrown into the crowd by Novak Djokovic at the final of the Australian Open has prompted an alarming outpouring of online anti-Semitism. The video went viral soon after it was broadcast on January 29, with angry posters on social networking sites accusing Rothschild of stealing the T-shirt from a young girl, Melissa Cook, who also tried to catch it. A Facebook page called "Yael Vi vat Rothschild - GIVE BACK the Shirt to Mellisa COOK", has been "liked" by 1184 people and attracted 331 comments, many of them viciously attacking Rothschild's Jewish heritage. The creator of the page apologised to Rothschild in a post, saying the page was never meant to "belittle" or "make fun" of Rothschild's religion, but at the time the AJN went to print the offending posts had not yet been removed. The page was just one of several similarly themed pages." (Australian Jewish News), 10/2/12).
- In an article Jewish Footy Abuse Probe, The Herald Sun reported “Young Jewish footballers taking part in a Melbourne Auskick clinic have been the victims of an anti-Semitic abuse posted online. The players are members of the Jewish Ajax Junior Football Club in Caulfield. The abuse occurred after photos of junior players taking part in a recent Auskick clinic were posted on Facebook. One photo stamped with the Auskick logo, which showed a young player wearing a skullcap, was copied and reposted with the Auskick logo reading Auschwitz. The boy’s family includes Holocaust survivors.” (17/5/12).
- Norrie Ross reported “Former high-flying Energy Watch founder Ben Polis admitted yesterday he is broke and for the first time apologised for racist Facebook rants that helped bring down the company”, noting “Mr Polis founded Energy Watch and quickly turned it into a multi-million dollar company, enjoying a lifestyle of fast cars and fancy apartments. It all came crashing down when Mr Polis was forced to resign as Energy Watch CEO after a series of Facebook comments against Aborigines, Jews, Muslims and women were made public.” (Herald Sun 29/6/12).
- A Jewish man from Melbourne who complained of racism on the internet was victimised in a series of short-lived Facebook pages, with titles such as “You Jews You Lose” and comments such as “I’m not even racist, I don’t care who kills the Jews” (20/8/12).
- Julian Lee, in a column in The Western Advocate wrote “The ABC is learning the perils of Facebook the hard way after two posts – one anti-Semitic, the other anti-American – attracted reader complaints. Both posts appears on ABC News’s Facebook page, which is one of 124 that the ABC lists as official Facebook pages. The anti-Semitic comment was posted by a third party on the Facebook page and was eventually removed because it breached the ABC’s terms of use and house rules. The user has since been blocked from posting anything further on the page.” (21/8/12).
- Kay Dibben reported “Australia’s Race Discrimination Commissioner wants an urgent national summit to address the harm being caused by hateful and racist comments on internet blogs and social media sites. “I’m quite upset by what has been happening in the past three weeks,” Commissioner Dr Helen Szoke said yesterday after complaints prompted Facebook on Friday to restrict Australian access to a new page called ‘Are Abos Scum?’ A Facebook

spokeswoman said while . . . the page did not violate the company's terms, local access had been restricted "out of respect for local laws". Ms Szoke said she also was disturbed by "really horrific" online anti-Jewish pages." (Queensland Sunday Mail, 16/9/12).

- The Australian Jewish News reported "Bowing to pressure from the Human Rights Commission, Facebook has agreed to block an anti-Semitic fan page that calls for the destruction of Israel and brands Jews as fodder for gas chambers and mass murder. "Controversial humour: Jewish Memes", which generated nearly 2000 "likes", included a picture of Anne Frank overlaid with the text "What's that burning? Oh, it's my family." Another image, which remains available on other Facebook pages, depicts a computer keyboard button labelled "Delete Israel" and the text: "The much needed button". The page was removed from view in Australia late last week after Facebook was contacted by the Human Rights Commission. Some images from the page, however, are still accessible in Australia and the page remains online overseas." (21/9/12).
- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, together with the Aboriginal Medical Service, formally complained about Facebook "Making Money out of Racism", to the Australian Human Rights Commission, following their lack of effective action against "memes" ridiculing the respective groups (25/9/12).

Editorial: Race Hate and the Law

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Our society is founded on principles of civility, tolerance and the opportunity for all people, regardless of religion or racial or ethnic origins, to contribute to their maximum potential. This is why it is of fundamental concern when Australia's laws against public expressions of racial hatred are being targeted by some for dilution or even repeal.

The federal Racial Hatred Act came into effect in 1996. This law was, and still is, an important response to damaging racist behaviour that frequently targets groups within the Australian community, such as Aborigines, Asians, Jews, Africans, various Muslim communities and others.

The key provisions on racial hatred were incorporated into the 1975 Racial Discrimination Act. Its section 18C now prohibits an action that is "reasonably likely, in all the circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group of people" and which is done because of their race, colour, or national or ethnic origin, as being a breach of that person or group's civil rights.

These federal provisions were introduced on a bipartisan basis, and have been upheld by the Federal Court. Corresponding state-level legislation has also largely had bipartisan support.

Further, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Australia is a party, obliges all its parties to adopt laws prohibiting "advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes discrimination, hostility or violence" (Article 20). In addition, most developed countries have adopted such laws, while remaining strong democracies with robust debate.

Nonetheless, some commentators believe that all racial hatred laws should be eliminated altogether, usually on purist "free speech" grounds. Free speech, of course, is fundamentally important to the functioning of a modern democracy, but this right has never been absolute. There have always been legitimate limits placed on it - from

defamation, to incitement, to false advertising regulations, to laws about perjury and other forms of lying to authorities, to shouting "fire" in a crowded theatre.

Racial vilification is a case where extreme forms of speech can strongly compromise other important human rights - including the right to live one's life free from harassment, intimidation and violence. Laws are therefore justified which, while calibrated to keep to an absolute minimum necessary restrictions on expression, also protect these other rights from extreme speech which threatens them.

In a recent lecture, Australian Opposition Leader Tony Abbott raised the possibility of repealing some or all of section 18C "in its present form", under a future Coalition government.

The shadow Attorney General, Senator George Brandis has since confirmed his party's stance by stressing that the intention is only to repeal section 18C in "its current form", thus further implying that some form of racial hatred legislation will be retained. He has not as yet indicated through what process the law might be reviewed and changed.

Senator Brandis has argued that section 18C confuses the censorship of opinions with the utterance of intimidating words but it is important that he clarifies his understanding of the distinction between the two concepts. To protect free expression of opinion, the legislation already provides exemptions for academic, artistic and scientific work, done reasonably and in good faith. It also exempts any statement, publication or discussion that is a fair or accurate report or a fair comment expressing a genuine belief, or done for any other genuine purpose in the public interest.

*The current apprehension about the law appears to stem in large part from the fear that a chilling effect on public discussion might be generated by Justice Bromberg's decision in the 2011 Federal Court case *Eatock v Bolt*. His Honour ruled the published opinions of Herald Sun columnist Andrew Bolt on Australian Aboriginal approaches to self-identification to be in breach of section 18C of the Act.*

However, other cases have uncontroversially demonstrated the value of 18C's provisions in combatting genuine racial hatred. In a series of cases in which the applicant was Jeremy Jones, AIJAC's Director of Community and International Affairs, acting for the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, a series of important principles were established. Newspapers were given guidelines on responsibility when publishing material from external sources which were recognised as racist. The Internet was found to be covered by Australian law. Holocaust denial was recognised as antisemitism. Most importantly, victims of harassment have had legal recourse.

As a matter of principle, a judicious review of the racial hatred provisions in the Racial Discrimination Act, which included thorough public consultation, might be timely. It could yield opportunities to improve on the current law and to examine the relevance of some academic analyses which have critiqued the current provisions for ambiguities and inconsistencies.

However, any attack on the principles underlying such laws is a serious error of political and moral judgement. Regardless of the merits or faults of the Federal Court's judgement in the Bolt case, it would be an overreaction to remove all protections from racial hate speech acts in Australia's multicultural society.

Similarly, the fate of this law should not be confused with the separate debate about media regulation. The two issues really have very little to do with each other - except in the minds of those whose primary political preoccupation is a campaign for absolute "free speech" at all costs.

The Leader of the Opposition and the shadow Attorney General have not yet clarified what they see as the best means for protecting the human rights of victims of racism. Their constructive, specific suggestions are keenly awaited. Our common objectives are, as always, to improve our legal standards so that the upshot will be strengthened, even more effective, legal means to address the genuine harm caused by public expressions which vilify, incite, intimidate or harass on the basis of racial or ethnic origins.

<http://www.aijac.org.au/news/article/editorial-race-hate-and-the-law>

9.0 ANTISEMITIC ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

9.1 Introduction

Australia is home 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 a number of 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 or political Islamist philosophies which also have promoted antisemitism. These groups continue to feed a steady stream of anti-Jewish propaganda to their followers.

The miniscule 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.



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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.

Dylan Welch reported "Fascist and nationalist extremist groups are active in and pose a threat to Australia, with the country's security agency saying there are legitimate concerns they may spawn a terrorist in the style of Norway's Anders Breivik. The assessment, in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's annual report to Parliament, also reveals Australia's right-wing extremists, much like the Islamic fundamentalists they loathe, draw inspiration from overseas via the internet. "There has been a persistent but small subculture of racist and nationalist extremists in Australia, forming groups, fragmenting, re-forming and often fighting amongst themselves," the report states. The appraisal also states there has been a recent rise in anarchist or "anti-fascist" groups, with the ideologically-opposed groups coming into conflict. "Where such confrontations have occurred, the 'anti-fascists' have outnumbered the nationalist and racist extremists and police intervention has been required," the report states in its "Australia's Security Environment" section."; noting "While the assessment does not suggest ASIO has uncovered right-extremists in Australia that mirror Breivik's murderous intentions, it reveals they rely on overseas connections and events to inform and motivate them. "[They] maintain links and draw inspiration from like-minded overseas extremists, and much of their rhetoric and activity is derivative, heavily influenced by developments overseas," it states. Websites such as stormfront.org - the web's most famous and ubiquitous white supremacist and neo-Nazi website - have numerous Australian members. However, the threat posed by Australian right-wing extremists seems to be limited, with such groups appearing to be interested only in "propaganda and engendering support". However, there is always the possibility of a lone actor or autonomous group inspired by a nationalist or racist extremist ideology engaging in violence as a means of provoking a wider response," the report says." (12/10/11).

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. The Australian Protectionist Party sought publicity, when it issued a call for the world to boycott South Africa, under the name of Andrew Phillips (12/9/12). The AAP changed the name of a Facebook page "Torpedo the Boats" after they had been represented as calling for the murder of asylum seekers (17/6/12). Their level of support was seen when it stood one candidate in the 2012 NSW Council elections, who received just over 0.5% of the vote. The Australia First Party stood 23 candidates in the 2012 NSW Council elections, with one candidate receiving close to 10% of the vote but all others well below 5%, with Maurice Giroto elected to Penrith Council. (8/9/12).

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.

Much of the far right's activity is conducted "under the radar", but between them, the various antisemitic organisations have:

- A 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
- A number of monthly and bi-monthly magazines some of which are available at news stands
- The ability to email large numbers of recipients, in addition to mass mailings and leafleting 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 addition to the far-right, there are 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.

This section of the report republishes samples of material which has been produced, published and disseminated within Australia during the period in review. It is a very small but representative sample of the arguments used by antisemitic groups and individuals seeking to incite anti-Jewish feeling. It is drawn from over four thousand pages of antisemitic material reviewed for this section of the analysis.

9.2 *The Australian League of Rights*

The Australian League of Rights, at one time accurately 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. The League has described Antony Loewenstein as "an Australian Jewish intellectual", promoting and advertising his book to readers and the Jewish born English-Israel antisemite Gilad Atzmon featured repeatedly in League's publication.

Examples of Australian League of Rights' propaganda campaigns in the period in review included:

- *On Target* (14/10/11, 4/11/11, 2/12/11) a promotion for the *Heritage Book* series, which included "The Wandering Who?" by Gilad Atzmon. Atzmon writes "Dear friends, this may well be one of the greatest days of my life. Just a few minutes ago, I saw (the) piece expressing unequivocal support from Professor John J. Mearsheimer, clearly one of the most distinguished scholars in our discourse and beyond. For years I have been subjected to smear campaigns. I obviously survived them all because those who read me grasped the humanist intent in my work. Professor Mearsheimer exposes the banality and crudeness of the Zionist tactics. He shows how Goldberg & Co forge sentences, take words out of context and attribute misleading meanings. I am afraid to advise my detractors that I am not alone at all. *The Tide Has Changed*. Price \$23.00 plus postage.", "The Controversy of Zion" by Douglass Reed. Price \$30.00 plus postage. Many are led to believe that Christianity stems from Judaism and this idea has been carefully fostered, even by those behind the pulpits. But is it truly so? In 1978 Douglas Reed's book "The Controversy of Zion" challenged that idea and set forth historical records and events as proof of his claim. Many Christians found it very difficult to accept what Reed wrote. I well remember one dear Christian lady who was a stalwart of the League of Rights being deeply offended by "The Controversy of Zion" and told me so in no uncertain terms. The real issue which set up violent antagonism between the Founder of Christianity and the Pharisees was made much clearer by Reed – religious information and interpretation acquired an extra dimension of interest and importance when set in a proper relationship with historical developments from the Babylonian Captivity and onwards to modern times.", "The Invention of the Jewish People" by Shlomo Sand. Price \$55.00 plus postage, hardback. Every Israeli school child is taught that the Jewish people arose in the Land of Israel and was exiled during the period of Roman rule in 70 CE, returning to their land after two millennia of exile. (Christians measure time from Christ and would write AD). Wrong says Shlomo Sand. "There never was a Jewish people, only a Jewish religion, and the exile never happened – hence no return." and "Jewish Supremacism" *My Awakening to the Jewish Question* by David Duke. Price \$50.00 plus postage. Hardback. David Duke maintains in this work that the unbridled power of the supremacists in both government and media is leading America and the rest of the world to a globalism that will eradicate human diversity and freedom." Many of the same titles were advertised by Veritas Books in *On Target* (20/1/12).
- *On Target* (9/10/11) published a letter written to *The Australian* by Nigel Jackson, replying to an article which opposed racist vilification laws but in doing so referred to "Holocaust deniers" as "moronic" and "idiotic", whereas Jackson alleged "the research findings of Robert Faurisson, German Rudolf Jurgen Graf and Carl Mathogne" cannot "justly be so disparaged".

- In a “defence” of Eric Butler against claims he was a traitor, Nigel Jackson wrote in *The New Times* (January 2012) “The attempts to depict Eric Butler as a traitor before and during World War Two are fundamentally flawed because they are working from a dualistic political model when in fact a triune model was operative. That is to say, it was not just a matter of whether you were loyal or a traitor and pro-Axis. There was a third party involved – and Butler and most social creditors saw that third party as a more dangerous enemy of Britain and its empire (including Australia) than the Axis group of Germany, Japan and their allies. The third party concerned was a network of international financiers, predominantly, if not wholly, Jewish” and “Butler summed the position up in that statement in June 1940 which was partially quoted above. Here it is in full: ‘Personally, I am British and am prepared to make a lot of sacrifices to help win this war for the British Empire, but for my part, I am not prepared to hand over the Empire to any group of international Jews after winning the military conflict.’”
- Peter Ewer wrote in *On Target* (13/1/12) “Each week I saw Gilad Atzmon’s “The Wandering Who? A Study of Jewish Identity Politics” advertised, but only recently have I got the book and read it. For everybody interested in the Middle East situation, this is a must-read. Written by a talented, sensitive and artistic Jew, this clearly written book explores the meaning of Jewish identity, because “Israel is the Jewish State...largely supported by world Jewry institutionally, financially and spiritually”. (p.15) Through examining literature, philosophy and politics, Atzmon conducts a destruction of the very idea of Jewishness as a socio-ontologic essence. He compares Zionist thought with radical lesbian separatism (pp.42-43). He speaks about how a vast array of Jewish groups hated him and he remarks that in a way he has united Jewry! Atzmon deconstructs anti-Semitism and the “dialectic of negation” (p.58). He reviews Otto Weininger’s “Sex and Character” (1903), a book almost universally hated, and finds that an author who “hates almost everything that fails to be Aryan masculinity”, “induces deep ideological, essentialist and metaphysical thinking”. (p.90). His critique is punctured by a sharp wit and clever verbal jokes. I dare not even summarise what Atzmon says about the Holocaust. For those who want to engulf controversy, with lively prose written with the mathematical precision of an internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist, novelist, and radical Jewish anti-Zionist, read this book. It is one of the best books I have read in recent times.”
- Betty Luks wrote in *On Target* (27/4/12) “Pell On the ‘Little Jewish People’ and German Suffering by Betty Luks: Oh my goodness. Cardinal Pell, what a load of trouble you have got yourself into this time! Cardinal George Pell during the ABC’s Q&A TV debate with atheist Richard Dawkins broke two taboos of our age. First, he said that “the little Jewish people” at the time of the Egyptian civilisation were shepherds who “weren’t intellectually the equal of (the Egyptians or Persians) – intellectually, morally...The poor – the little Jewish people...They’re still stuck between the great powers.” Later Cardinal Pell said that, “no people in history have been punished the way the Germans were.” Pell later apologised for this “Jewish low blow” as the *Sydney Morning Herald* (13 April, 2012) put it. In his apology he said that “historically” or “culturally” unequal may have been better terms than “intellectually”. He also said that he referred to the Germans to show the “mysterious way great crimes are punished.”” and “This incident illustrates that thought, which even accidentally, or from on-the-spot stress which turns out to be less than clear, may be pounded and pounded in the psycho-politically correct society. Some people would argue that the Germans have suffered more than any people in history, and also that the ancient Egyptians were intellectually superior to the ancient Jews. Pell, it seems does not hold to this view, nevertheless, these sorts of propositions are now totally out of intellectual bounds. Unless of course, one wanted to argue that Anglo-Saxons are the wickedest people ever to walk the face of the Earth. Then, expect the Establishment to give you a publishing contract and a juicy research grant!”

- New Times (May 2012) noted that two long-time League of Rights figures Ted Rock (21/4/12) and Jeremy Lee (28/4/12) passed away.
- On Target (11/5/12) included a call to support Brendon O’Connell, “the first and only man in Australia to have been incarcerated as a result of one of the (in his case W.A.’s) racist vilification legislation”. Amongst advocacy was a comment by “Professor Kevin MacDonald”: “As I write at the end of my brief, we need more people like him – people willing to be assertive and in-your-face about the outrages surrounding us. Most White Americans would rather munch on snack food while watching TV and then move away when the neighbourhood gets overrun by non-Whites. They cower in fear at the thought of offending the powers that be. Of course, Brendon is living proof that those fears are well founded.”
- In contrast to much else in ALR publications, Peter Ewer wrote in On Target Bulletin (25/5/12) “According to some internet sites, Saudi columnist Khaled Al-Ghanami has published an essay entitled “Liberalism – A Jewish Deception”. This essay says that Hitler’s comments about the Jews in *Mein Kampf* were correct and that calls for “freedom and equality are nothing but diabolical plots aimed at weakening the state, causing anarchy, undermining security and controlling the fate of nations.” The Jews are also blamed for the creation of economic liberalism, which has brought the world to the brink of collapse. Zionist-American interests are also seeking to undermine Arab states through the “liberal procession” of freedom, he tells fellow Arabs. The problem with all of this is immense, beginning with the drawing on Adolf Hitler for support. It is clear that people from all ethnic and racial groups are part of a controlling financial elite, which is not majority Jewish. The “freedom” movements in Arab states also seem to be achieving the opposite of liberalism, allowing fundamentalist Muslim regimes to be elected. Meanwhile, Iran charges ahead with nuclear weapons that could destroy Israel. Criticism of globalism, economic liberalism and the financial elites hardly commits one to embracing Hitlerism, which was just another form of globalism, of the Alexander the Great, Attila, Genghis Khan, school of Tyranny. Beware humanity; do not go there.”
- On Target (13/7/12) published a letter from G.W. Bettage of Devonport, Tasmania, which included “The Germans of today especially, have no more sovereignty or are independent, say, in any important matters concerning their country. It is not exactly a secret to many observers around the world, that Germans had been totally annihilated by May 1945, an *unconditional surrender* forced on them, and never since regained unconditional sovereignty!” and “The loss of lives of the Greek people, was estimated at 250,000, most of them in the winter of ‘1941-42. This was an atrocious example no one can deny. However, under the inhuman, vengeful “Morgenthau Plan for Germany” according to re-researchers like the Canadian James Bacque in his book “Crimes & Mercies,” some 9.3-13.7 million Germans, mostly civilians, were starved to death, after World War 2. This puts into perspective two viewpoints – one of a deliberate plan of genocidal dimensions, the other one of hard, but for combatants seemingly essential, war time measures that can be mitigated by civilised, humane policies, even in war. Of course such information, even if it was known by them, could hardly be revealed by tax-payer funded education or media establishments, could they? The Greek people’s economic situation today can hardly be blamed on the Germans, as well informed people, especially in League of Rights circles should know. Erie D Butler referred once to “crude anti-Germanism” in his lead article in the *New Times* of June 1997. Concerning Hitler’s folly of the proposed establishment of a United Europe, he said among other things: “Today’s Germany has been reduced to virtually an instrument of Zionist Jewish international policy.” Of course there is much (little or unpublished) evidence of numerous historical events pertaining to ‘world-revolutionary’ upheavals, especially the Asia/Russian revolution and their progenitor in the West, of which Douglas Reed of *The Controversy of Zion* fame called” “The Plan..., is the old one of world domination in a new form” and “the

money –power and the revolutionary-power have been set up and given sham but symbolic shapes ('Capitalism' or 'Communism') and sharply defined citadels" ('America' or 'Russia' [and now 'China'...ed])."

- On Target (27/7/12) included a copy of a letter to The Age by Nigel Jackson "Arresting a man aged 97 for alleged war crimes committed 68 years ago is itself a crime against humanity, a morally horrific act. Laszlo Csatory ('Nazi suspect arrested', 19/7) may be 'in good physical and mental state' for his age, but that is surely still not a state in which he can justifiably be submitted to such prolonged legal processes. And how can Hungary possibly provide a fair trial so long after the events, when all or almost all witnesses will be dead and the documentary trail corrupted during the years of communist rule? Nonagenarians, including Australia's Charles Zentai, whose case is still under consideration by the High Court, should be left alone and referred to the justice of God."
- On Target (3/8/12) published "As reported in *The October Observer*, 7 Jul 2011, Michael Danby, a Jewish MP in the Australian Parliament, has "enthusiastically agreed" to the idea of bringing to Australia thousands of Africans who have illegally immigrated to Israel...("Danny Danon: Send African Immigrants to Australia", *Jerusalem Post*. "The arrival of thousands of Muslim infiltrators to Israeli territory is a clear threat to the state's Jewish identity..." The implicit idea is that Australia, being a traditionally European society, has no identity at all except to abstract principles. So it's not surprising that Danby wholeheartedly agrees with the plan. Being a good Jew in Australia means being an enthusiastic cheerleader for non-White immigration – long the policy of the organized Jewish community in Australia and throughout the Jewish Diaspora in the West."
- On Target (17/8/12) ran an item from Press TV opposing anti-Assad forces in Syria.
- The Weekend Australian Magazine published a letter by Nigel Jackson, in which he wrote "I defend Eric Butler because he was a Christian advocate of Social Credit, who detested both communist and Nazi totalitarianism, and who had the courage to criticise the excessive influence in politics of a tiny minority of extremely wealthy Jewish bankers." (22/9/12).

Philip Adams wrote "The recent knuckle-rapping by Julian Disney at the Press Council does concern me. The censure was provoked by my column, published in April last year, on Australia's most odious anti-Semite, Eric Butler. Oddly enough, it's the second time the Council has had to adjudicate on Adams versus Butler – Eric dragged me before the umpire decades ago when I made the same accusations about his wartime treason. (Accusations? No. Stark, simple facts about Butler's pro-Hitler rantings and rabid anti-Semitism from the 1930s until his overdue demise in 2006, aged 90). On that previous occasion the Press Council showed him the door. This time, with the complaint coming from lifelong supporter Nigel Jackson (who's previously published glowing tributes to Butler in Fredrick Toben's Holocaust-denying journal), I got a formal tut-tut. How could I call Butler a traitor when he'd served in the Australian Army? The Press Council said I could call him a traitor "but this irrefutable and highly relevant fact (about his voluntary service record) should have been mentioned". My colleague, Christian Kerr (in *The Weekend Australia*, August 25) did a better job of researching that claim than Disney – it was pretty clear the Army gave Butler the posting to get him out of the country, where he was subverting the war effort." (Weekend Australian Magazine, 8/9/12).

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 have reported 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".

9.3 *Neo-Nazis and Far-right Wing Splinter Groups*

Small groups of neo-Nazis, sometimes including violent skinheads, have come to attention during the recent past in a number of cities. 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, a blog maintained by Jim Perren 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." In September 2008, the site linked to chapters from Adolf Hitler's *Main Kampf*. CNN was referred to as "Chosenite News Network", anti-racists are referred to as either Zionists or Zionist-controlled, promoted "Radio Free Australia" and a section was devoted to "Marxist Jews" who allegedly wield political power in Australia. Earlier, "Whitelaw Towers" Jim Perren wrote "This group FDB who are always playing the victim are the willing left hand of the Modern day Zionist Enforcer. The tactics they use do differ from the past but in the end they are still breaking the law just like the old days. Some of the tactics they use: Blackmail; False witness; Computer hacking; Intimidation; Racial Stereotyping; Threats of violence; Staling; Actual violence (well not of late but they did try it); Illegally collecting information on Australian Citizens (Sayanim). Yet to this day they openly boast on the FDB forum and other Anarchist sites with zero repercussions. This is when the Jeremy Jones types come into play. These Jews have been given the nod from the highest levels of our Government and Legal systems. Supported by a bias and corrupt media. Sorta makes the playing field a little uneven don't you think? These Jews who masquerade as Anarchists and or Communists act and behave like they are untouchable. In a way they are. But how successful would they be if they were to out themselves and let the real Left Wing movement know their true identity? In short not very successful at all. A change is on the way and they know it. Even the modern day left are aware of the Zionist program around the world. With the advent of the internet and news sources from Non Jewish controlled media the truth is slowly getting out." (11/5/09). In the period in review:

- Whitelaw Towers (2/12/11) published "Antisemitism Antischmemitism..." Anti-Semitism alive in Australian community - Barney Zwartz - November 28, 2011. Jeremy Jones claims Australians need to treat hate crimes seriously. JEWS in Australia faced 517 incidents of harassment or intimidation in the year to September 30, a 31 per cent rise from the year before, according to the Jewish community's annual report on anti-Semitism" - Oh my God! Build a wall! Call in the Riot Squad. "Put bluntly, in Australia this year, 10 times a week, every week, Jewish Australians were attacked or threatened," report author Jeremy Jones said yesterday.

Put bluntly, in Australia this year, a thousand times a week, genuine White European Australians were attacked or threatened. Your point? It is the 22nd year that Mr Jones, community affairs director for the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, has produced the report, which showed a 38 per cent increase over the average of the previous 21 years but an 80 per cent drop on the record tally (2009). So why the tears already? Between October 1, 2010, and September 30 this year, there were 17 physical assaults or property damage, 128 incidents of direct harassment and intimidation, five threatening phone calls, 301 emails, 48 incidents of anti-Jewish graffiti, and 18 other incidents. "17 physical assaults". WOW! Any decent pub or live entertainment venue in Sydney could top that in a single evening or weekend. The rest of the pathetic 'statistics' are worthy of similar contempt. They are comically insignificant. White European Australians, who do not have the wealth and privilege to live in the bolt hole, post code insularity of gated estates and exclusive enclaves are under CONSTANT assault by literal armies of Third World trash imported here for no good reason whatsoever other than to satisfy the sick social engineering agenda of Jones' fellow tribesmen who are Hell bent on dumbing down and 'genetically leveling' this once mighty nation. He can go and get fucked with a stale bagel with gefilte fish and cream cheese as far as your Old Uncle Victor is concerned. Mr Jones said the total did not include anti-Israel incidents or those where motivation was in doubt. "motivation was in doubt"????? While anti-Jewish violence had little public support, anti-Semitic comments "find comfortable hosts on the online sites of mainstream media outlets, including government-owned", he said. He said Australians needed to treat hate crimes seriously. Definition of 'hate crimes' is a hate crime by its own criteria. The property damage or injury might be slight, but the impact on the victim and the community might be significant. The media should not allow comments online that they would not print or broadcast. That'll be fixed soon enough with the new legislation you will lobby (read: whine and threaten) for. "It is time mainstream media and others grew up." Why not just tell them directly yourself Jez. After all, it's your tribe that friggin' OWNS ninety plus percent of it! "The online world can no longer be regarded as some sort of alternative reality," Mr Jones said. Tell that to any of the zillions of gamers, Facebook trolls and porno addicts fed their daily fix by your fellow, filth peddling tribesmen Jez. "Just as most church groups have managed to psychologically distance themselves from pseudo-Christian racists, mainstream Muslims, leftists, rightists and others need to identify racists as just that — bigots undeserving of a place." "Undeserving of a place" eh Jezza? You hateful, whining, neurotic, psychopathic little prick. So with typical Jew chutzpah locked into overdrive you presume to lecture OUR people, yet again, on not only what constitutes 'approved' Christians and consequent Christian behaviour but also on an 'appropriate' response to White self defence and suggest White Nationalists emulate the time honoured Jew role of wandering outcasts of no fixed address? There are herds of rhinoceros out there that dream of a hide that thick. Having long ago made his peace with the Master of the Universe (The Creator) and having put his affairs in order, your Old Uncle Victor reckons he's pretty well alert 24/7 and has several of his neighbours 'warned up' and 'clued in' as to 'the scene' and extremely vigilant and looking out for that old Mossad death squad snooping around, should you feel compelled to despatch them. Okay, so they missed the sly fuckers who stole his garbage at three in the morning but hey, MOST of the time they're on the job. And he'll give the same tips he gives every wannabe assassin. Come heavily armed and come in large numbers. There WILL be blood. Can't do fairer than that now can he? Bravado? Why not spin that old wheel and try yer luck? Shalom! Link: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/antisemitism-alive-in-australian-community-20111127-1o1ht.html> @ndy slackbastard says... antifa notes (november 28, 2011)/Posted on November 29, 2011 by @ndy/ In Australia, Jeremy Jones has released his annual report into anti-Semitism Down Under. Among many other highlights, (Peter Campbell and Jim Perren of) Whitelaw Towers blog gets a guernsey, (sic) as does Brendon O'Connell, Darryl Potts/KinkyBoy, Creatards, the keyboard warriors on Stormfront, and various other Jew-hating bigots. Oddly, Blood & Honour, Combat 18 and the Hammerskins don't appear in Jones' report. This is especially so given the exposure in March of a Melbourne Hammerskin (Kenneth Stewart) as a mercenary in Afghanistan and in January the alleged supply of information to Combat 18 by (former) WA policeman Robert David Critchley (currently on trial before his Honour Judge Stavrianou and a Jury in Perth). In Germany, meanwhile, former KKKlown and convicted fraud David Duke picked the wrogn (sic) week—"a week that Germany was reeling

over the news of a wave of immigrant shopkeeper killings by neo-Nazis". "a wave"? Wasn't it over about a decade? Is that a "wave"? –to blather about the Master Race, "Master Race"? When has David Duke ever used that term? and has allegedly been arrested for something-or-other. "Something or other"? "Something or other"? WHAT? Duke's crime is understood to more likely concern his bad politics than his bad facelift. Apparently @ndy 'slackbastard' is stamping his little feet, pursing his prissy little lips and kicking his morbidly obese cat with impotent rage at the sheer audacity, the audacity we tell you, of WLT inadvertently jaggng the sort of publicity money simply can't buy. UNlucky! For the Lefties that is. Oooer! What a scandal. It's also hilarious how @ndy posts a video of Woody Allen considering it's a photo finish between ol' Woody and fellow tribesman Roman Polanski on who's the biggest Paedo-Predator. **Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!** We'll be seeing quotes from Allen Ginsberg and links to **N.A.M.B.L.A.** on slackbastard's site next. **Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!** These pinko 'tards truly are the limit. Yet they presume to sit in judgment of US? WHAT a pack of spiteful criminal pervert hypocrites they are.

Posted by [Whitelaw Towers](#) at **6:39 PM**  ; **5 comments:** Anonymous said... Narcissist Barney's been spending far too much time in front of the semen and blood spattered mirror known as the Talmud. While peering into his mirror he occasionally catches a glimspe of others in the mirror who view his activities with complete and utter revulsion and disdain. Barney lashes out and labels them "anti-semites" and "haters" for this. They do not find his image as magnificent he does. His God, the image of himself, made Barney in his own image. And so it goes on, and on, and on, and..... **8:23 AM** ; Anonymous said... I get the feeling you don't like this jEreMy MoAns prik Mr Whitelaw. He comes across as the typical classroom suckhole, always polishing the apple of those who find his pleasuring pleasing.... A whining victim when his lies and mischief are exposed and a ruthless, shameless liar and bully when he feels he has a modicum of 'power' in the form of the ear of the jewpes. These "jews", the establishment and media lickspittles who comprise the kapocracy of this earth, are not and never have been the gentle giants they insunuate themselves to be. An amalgam of Grima WormTongue and Gollum, escapees from dark and demented domains are all they ever have and will be. **8:38 AM** ; Anonymous said... **<http://jewishnews.net.au/jntv/2011/11/29/report-finds-alarming-anti-semitism-spike/1812>** For the snake moans, we say this. Your religion has within it a construct know as 'Noachide Law'. Its forced imposition, with the death penalty advocated by the Rabbinate for all who refuse, requires that you and yours destroy all other religions, ideas, races, nations and peoples. On this basis alone, we oppose and reject you as a collective messiah. You are a fraud and pretender to all things that you claim entitlement. I challenge you and the jewish establishment to enunciate clearly to the public the tenets of Noachide Law and the future that the "Goyim" might expect while subjects to your historically tender mercies. As deceivers and authors of confusion, your reputation is consistent with the truth. Moans asserts cowardice in those who fight ideas that we feel to be lies and deceptions with our written truths. Unlike you Moans, we do not send orcs and goblins in the darkness pretending and masquerading as something else to visit the family homes of those we disagree with. Nor do we advocate genocide and murder as does your religion. **9:07 AM** ; Anonymous said... **<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JziE11E1zSY>** Jeremy says his bit. Buffalo Bill, one of the Many Wacky weirdos, predators and perpetrators resident at the persecution complexes of the BnaiBrith, wants his lotion back from the feminised and knickered Whiteys who've been using it to ease the pain and shame of being forced by fear of rebuke into believing the mind fuck. "It rubs the (multicultural, homosexual, feminising, appeaseant, inguiltifying, holocaustic and obsequious Noachide) lotion on its Kin." **9:55 AM** ; Anonymous said... **<http://irishsavant.blogspot.com/2010/12/our-most-improtant-issue-relations-with.html>**. An important essay on the motivations behind jeremy's moans. Conclusion.....The deconstruction of other peoples is judaism in practice. **11:37 AM** 

- Whitelaw Towers (20/10/11) published “The Jews in their own words...ctd...” - “Gilad Atzmon is one of those rarest of all birds—the sort of person who would be called a “self-hating Jew” by Jewish activists. Except that he doesn’t really hate himself and really doesn’t have much of a Jewish identity at all. . . . Atzmon fails to go beyond Zionism in his analysis of the Jewish left in the Diaspora in the West. The reality is that the Jewish left has been the most important force in the dissolution of the West as an ethno-cultural entity while tenaciously holding onto its own ethno-culture. The Jewish left has been the backbone of the left throughout the West since early in the 20th century, and it has been by far the most important component of the Jewish Diaspora community in Western nations throughout the 20th century into the 21st century. Prior to WWII, the Jewish left used its influence to support international socialism and the USSR where Jews had become a dominant elite, and since WWII it has had a critical influence promoting massive non-White immigration, multiculturalism, and the displacement of the traditional people and culture of the West. It is this assault by the Jewish tribalist left masquerading as enlightened universalists that was a major source of anti-Semitism during and preceding the National Socialist era in Germany. For example, in *Mein Kampf* Hitler wrote of the liberal Jew “while he seems to overflow with ‘enlightenment,’ ‘progress,’ ‘freedom,’ ‘humanity,’ etc., he himself practices the severest segregation of his race ” (see here, p. 150). Similarly, Atzmon notes “emancipated Jews insist on celebrating the fruits of enlightenment; they celebrate their right to determine who they are. On the other hand, Jewish politics is tribal, it is intolerant of Jewish dissidence or any form of self-determination that may oppose what it regards as Jewish political or tribal interests” (p. 105). The only “ethical” principle is what’s good for the Jews: “both Judaism and ‘Jewish ideology’ are devoid of universal ethics” (p. 113). Both the Israeli left (Matzpen) and the neocons (Wolfowitz) use Western rhetoric “to justify the Jewish right to self-determination and the destruction of Arab regional power and Islam. For the Matzpenist, to liberate Arabs is to turn them into Bolsheviks; the neocon is actually slightly more modest — all he wants is for Arabs to drink their Coca-Cola in a Westernised democratic society. . . . Another one of Atzmon’s blinders relates to the racial/ethnic component of Judaism. He notes some of the passages in the Old Testament where God commands slaughter and genocide, but fails to note in the same passages that the whole point of this violence is to prevent intermarriage with the victims. Dead people can’t be marriage partners; they can’t pollute the gene pool. Thus he quotes Deuteronomy 7: 1–2: “When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations . . . you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.” But he leaves out the next line: “You shall not make marriages with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons” (Deut. 7:3). For the Jews, the God of the Old Testament is nothing more or less than the racially pure Jewish gene pool. . . . Atzmon is at his best in dealing with the culture of the Holocaust. In Chapter 16 (“Trauma queen”) he dismisses the reality of Jewish Holocaust trauma among Jews who never actually went through the experience, noting that whatever feelings they have are manufactured by what he calls the “Pre-Traumatic Stress Syndrome” — where Jews are manipulated into feeling trauma by media images of imminent destruction and by being transported to Auschwitz for the purpose of “maturing into traumatised Jewish adults” (p. 131), thereby suppressing any possible empathy for the Palestinians. “The well-established Judeo-centric tendency to interpret almost any political and ideological criticism as a declaration of impending Judeocide is a severe form of collective Pre-TSS” (p. 131). There is always a “Shoah to come” (p. 132) lurking around the corner, likely to be set off by any criticism of Jews, no matter how rationally based (see also here, pp. 11–12). Atzmon notes that the Holocaust cult has all the features of a religion and none of the features of a historical narrative: It has priests (e.g., Simon Wiesenthal, Elie Wiesel, Deborah Lipstadt) and prophets (... those who warn of the Iranian Judeocide to come). It has commandments and dogmas (“Never Again”) and rituals (memorial days, pilgrimage to Auschwitz, etc). It has an established, esoteric symbolic order (kapos, gas chambers, chimneys...). It also has a temple, Yad Vashem, and shrines — Holocaust museums in capital cities worldwide. The Holocaust religion is also financed by a massive global financial

network This new religion is coherent enough to define its ‘antichrists’ (Holocaust deniers) and powerful enough to persecute them (through Holocaust-denial and hate-speech laws). (pp. 148–149) The Holocaust has therefore achieved “meta-historical status” — beyond factual inquiry, its “‘factuality’ sealed by draconian laws, and its reasoning secured by social and political institutions” (p. 149). It is a powerful political force on behalf of Jewish interests—e.g., it “is touted as a pretext for nuking Iran” (p. 152). . . . Atzmon makes the interesting point that the Holocaust religion is simply another version of age-old Jewish fear — the pre-traumatic stress syndrome discussed above. . . . I think that 65 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, we must be entitled to start asking questions [to ask the necessary questions]. We should ask for [some conclusive] historical evidence and arguments rather than follow a religious narrative that is sustained by political pressure and laws. We should strip the Holocaust [holocaust] of its Judeo-centric exceptional status and treat it as an historical chapter that belongs to a certain time and place. . . . Atzmon’s book would doubtless have gotten the silent treatment—a very common and effective Jewish strategy in dealing with uncomfortable realities. Immediately after the above passage, Atzmon truly crosses the line—to go where few, if any, Jews dare to go: 65 years after the liberation of Auschwitz we should be able to ask — why? Why were the Jews hated? Why did European people stand up against their neighbours? Why are the Jews hated in the Middle East, surely they had a chance to open a new page in their troubled history. ... Why did America tighten its immigration laws amid the growing danger to European Jews? We should also ask what purpose Holocaust denial laws serve? What is the Holocaust religion there to conceal? As long as we fail to ask questions, we will be subjected to Zionist lobbies and their plots. We will continue killing in the name of Jewish suffering. . . . While he has a few blinders of his own, the book is an invaluable account by someone who clearly understands the main symptoms of Jewish pathology.

- Whitelaw Towers (9/12/11) published “Jewish Aggression” : “Know thine enemy. A small extract from an extensive, three part study into the Jewish pathological condition and general socio-political neurosis entitled ‘Understanding Jewish Influence’ by Professor Kevin MacDonald, professor of psychology at California State University, Long Beach. Prof Mac knows the Zhids as well as they know us and that’s really saying something. Rarely does one encounter such consummate expertise in the study of the Jewish pathogen as his work on the loathsome Chosenites.
- Whitelaw Towers (19/12/11) published “Australia Calling, Brendon O’Connell, who will be next?”- Anonymous said... People like this are likely to believe that B O’c. should be gaoled because he might encourage dissent. We can deduce this because as a rabbi he teaches the talmud and has probably deemed himself fit, proper and of such ontological exceptionality to judge the gentiles and determine punishments should they transgress laws designed specifically for administering the servile lives of the ‘goyim’. What the rabbi won't tell you is that his religion has this legal plan for the goyim. It is an inclusive religion this 'judaism'. Unlike the universal and immutable physical laws fashioned by 'God' that affect and determine consistent outcomes for both jews and goyims alike, this judaism includes laws for the Goyim that are not universally applicable for jews and gentiles. This is because judaism declares that non-jews are not fully human and are without souls. They are thus denied the various licences, permissions and entitlements granted to the ‘jews’ and pertaining usually to ‘getting’ from the goyim. The name of the law that pertains to the not fully human, subhuman, soulless ‘goyim’ of this world is Noachide Law. Its relevance and import has been recognised in the US congress. To institute this law requires that the likes of this rabbi uncreate all that is before he can effect his second rate, no cigar creation and so claim that he and his are in fact “g_d”, the world his throne and the heads of the spittoon mouthed Noachide, his footstools. A consolation prize of smug self satisfaction is a rabbi’s reward as pretender to the throne of “God”. Brendon O’connell is in gaol because he will not be Noachide. Those are the facts of the matter. The court must decide whether it administers the law for the benefit of the truth and all in accordance with universal principles that recognise

the intrinsic value of all people, whether jew or gentile. It might also consider, if it is a true and transparent court, B O's responsibility to dissent vociferously should he choose to do so. In gaoling O'Connell it shames all gentiles and jews who in the past have discovered and sought to derail the same burgeoning totalitarian politico/religious organism discovered in different chameleonic disguise, but of the same cycloptic nature. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQYT3L30y7o>. In denying by legal means the traditional, peaceful and often humorous mechanism of increasing public awareness through soap box delivered free speech and edjumacation, the court facilitates this very totalitarianism. It makes perfect sense that those who desire to impose a totalitarian regime by means of stealth and duplicity want no public discussion of it while the legal corrals of those it seeks to control are built in the secrecy of a complete public ignorance . The jewish sannhedrin has declared the death penalty for those who refuse Noachidiocy. The court in which B O'c appeared seems to agree, at least to the extent that the dissenter should no longer be permitted to engage in public life.

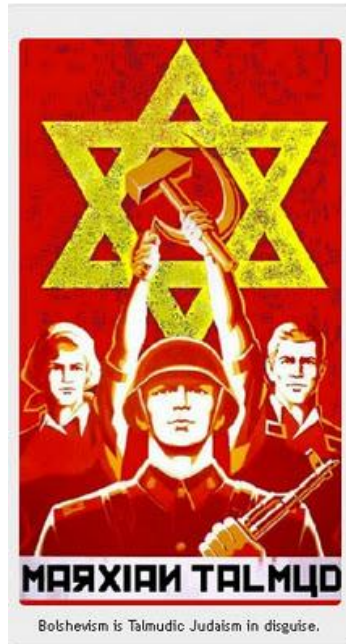
- Whitelaw Towers (6/1/12) published “The Jew World Order Is Upon Us, Beware!”



by ZionCrimeFactory

THE RULE OF the Talmudic Jew in modern times is nearly one of an absolute monarch of a country.

The Jews, through their complete domination of world finance and banking — through their malignant monopoly of the mass media of America, Britain, France, Canada and other Western powers — through their influential and vast network of subversive “lobby groups” — through their dominion over the courts and law profession in general — not to mention their pernicious presence inside the highest levels of government of the most powerful countries — have thus taken full control of the entire planet, as was foretold in ancient Jewish religious texts.



Even though anti-Semitism became a capital crime punishable by death after the revolution of 1917 (as you shall see), Jews now ludicrously assert that they were “persecuted.”

- Following a posting critical of Australia contributing towards the preservation of the site of Auschwitz, commentators on Whitelaw Towers (28/7/12) wrote "Is Gillard a kike? I always thought her nose looked tampered with, like she had a nose-job. A photo of her as a young girl shows a very different shaped nose, information on her background is pretty thin." and "The world needs to know the Jew Communists of the USSR genocided 62 million White people.
- On Whitelaw Towers (23/6/12) Whitelaw Towers wrote "This attitude to White Women is at the core of the Jewish owned and run Global Pornography industry, all the big porn barons, and many of the male stars are Jews as are the so-called 'White Slavers' of the sex slave trade. This explains the growing predominance of the sickest and most humiliating films depicting attractive White Women being treated like meat by brutal and ugly Levantine types and why the "Interracial" category is apparently the fastest growing sort of porn. The Jew is in ecstasy when he sees Negroes and Asians fornicating with White Women. Additionally, their fellow Jews produce endless 'Horror Porn' such as the 'Hostel' and 'Saw' series of movies where yet again, most of the victims seem to be attractive young White Women. Themes so recurrent, so formulaic, cannot simply be dismissed as purely coincidental. The Jew has created a market for this filth and is feeding the addict while laughing all the way to the bank. Jews never lose. They always win, on all levels. They peddle their Europhobia and blind hatred of the Goyim, make truckloads of shekels while they're doing it and get a bit of 'shiksa' on the side."
- In Whitelaw Towers (16/8/12) "Noachideous" wrote "Judaism is an appeal to the baseness in mankind such that they become no more than animals, as the jewish religion teaches that they are, with redemption only achievable as "noachides" It makes sense that because judaism teaches that Goy are mere beast, then it is impossible to lie to, or deceive animals and Truth is beyond their comprehension. It can be proven that the 6 million number of the holocaust is derived from the very important Kabbalistic number 42. This alone is enough to raise

suspicious in the mind of people who seek the unadulterated Truth that the numerology of the holocaust narrative is a fiction derived of religious belief."

Whitelaw Towers pages in the year in review carried this symbol:



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).

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.

Two websites on which a very large volume of overt antisemitic material was available during the period in review were the Freedom Liberation Movement and Ziopedia. The bizarre antisemitic site Rebel News/Ziopedia continued to be updated regularly with major antisemitic sub-directories such as “Holocaust” (promoting Holocaust denial), “Israel/Palestine” (promoting antisemitic books, such as “The Jewish Religion: Its Influence Today”, “Jewish History/Jewish Religion” and “The Talmud: Scalpel that bleeds the Mideast”) and “Ziopedia”, which claimed to be “a one-stop repository of information on zionism, its history, ideology, supporters and opponents”. Much of the material was on “the Holo-cult”. 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”. 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.” A posting “wikipeeks” on “Zionisation of Australia”, included comments such as “Blair, a so-called Peace Envoy to the Middle East, would only talk to his ‘paymasters’ in Tel Aviv, but ignored HAMAS, the democratically elected body in Gaza; the world’s biggest concentration camp. Which brings us to the point as to why he was in Australia; it was to collect his ‘thirty peaces of silver’ for ‘services rendered’ to the Zionist cause, from the Pratt Family (Visy) and the Zionist Lobby in Israeli occupied Melbourne.”; “Despite Australia suffering its worst disaster in 100 years, it is worth having a PEEK at the activities of some of the ‘Quislings’ masquerading as democratically elected members of the Australian Parliament in Canberra. Known as ‘The Enemy Within’, their ‘Dear Leader’ is The Hon Julia Gillard, Israel’s (Very Temporary) Chief Administrator.”; “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.” And “I have not yet heard a public statement from Israel’s Ex Chief Administrator in Australia, The Yarmulke wearing Christian Zionist, Mr Kevin 07 Rudd (Photo left on a recent visit to his ‘bosses’ in Israeli occupied Palestine.) The National Australian Zionist Institute”. (21/9/11).

The Canberra Times (24/9/12) carried an AAP report “An argument has erupted in Melbourne between men wearing SS Nazi insignias, young men draped in Australian flags, placard-waving atheists and a Muslim couple. The incident came as police in Melbourne and other cities around Australia came out in force yesterday to ensure there was no repeat of the street battle between Muslim protesters and authorities in Sydney last weekend” and “Some men on the library steps were dressed in T-shirts promoting the

Nationalist Alternative – a group devoted to reaffirming Australian culture and restoring the sovereignty and independence of the Australian nation, according to its website.”

The anarchist blog “slackbastard” reported “On Saturday, December 10 The Tote Hotel (Johnston St, Collingwood) played host to Hellraiser IV, an ‘extreme Melbourne metal showcase’ featuring Iconic Vivisect, Order of Orias, Sanguinary Misanthropy, The Seaford Monster and headliners Perseverance. ‘Hellraiser IV’ was organised by a local promoter called White Noise, an explicitly neo-Nazi record label and promotion that organised previous metal gigs (including Order of Orias and Sanguinary Misanthropy) and also manages the headline act, Perseverance, and released its first album, *The Fading Light* (2011). (14/12/11). Whitelaw Towers reported on a September 8, 2012, Blood & Honour and Southern Cross Hammerskins concert in Melbourne, noting “A success for the joint forces of B&H and SCHS, we are going from strength to strength in these dark days that are among us, giving hope to the White folk of today's sick society. A huge thank you and salute to Blood & Honour Australia, the Southern Cross Hammerskins for co-hosting the gig and also to their Prospects, Crew 38 and of course our sisterhood, WAU for making sure everything ran smoothly throughout the weekend, your hard work never goes amiss and it is greatly appreciated.” (25/9/12).

"Slackbastard" noted "the Hammered Festival is an annual gathering taking place in Queensland and now (2012) about to celebrate its third anniversary. (In its previous two years - 2011 and 2010 - the event was celebrated on the Gold Coast.) The Festival is organised by two local neo-Nazi skinhead (bonehead) associations: Blood & Honour Australia and the Southern Cross Hammerskins), "Women for Aryan Unity' (a tiny group of Aryan ladies dedicated to propagating neo-Nazism, wholesome diets, and collecting funds for imprisoned neo-Nazi terrorists) and 9% Productions (a local neo-Nazi online distro). This year's event is also intended to celebrate the Hammerskins 20th anniversary in Australia and, not coincidentally, takes place a day after Adolf Hitler's birthday (April 20, 1889). While advertised publicly on various neo-Nazi and White supremacist websites, entry to Hammered is by invitation-only, and the exact location of the event is nowhere advertised. This commitment to secrecy has some obvious and proximate reasons but is otherwise in accord with the more general outlook of the groups involved. Thus, there is no 'public face' to either B&H or SCHS, and both have a policy of non-cooperation with media. Further, the names of the bands to perform at the Festival have not been made public, and presumably won't be until after the event. Nevertheless, it seems likely that Melbourne bands Deaths Head/Ravenous and Waffenbruder, Brisbane band Open Season and an 'international' act will be among those who goose-step on stage. (NB. The forum.thiazinet site has probably the most comprehensive neo-Nazi discography online.)" observing "the aim of the Hammerskins as reported - 'To secure the existence of our people and a future for White children' - is a slogan widely-used by contemporary neo-Nazis and White supremacists and was coined by convicted and now thankfully dead US neo-Nazi terrorist David Lane. (As an aside, some of his ashes were distributed in Australia by neo-Nazis in Perth. See: nutzis are W E I R D : David Lane's Ashes, February 13, 2009). Lane belonged to a freedom-fighting terrorist group known as The Order and at the Festival the local branch of 'Women for Aryan Unity' will be collecting funds to donate to members of the group currently imprisoned by ZOG in the Jewnited States. Secondly, the YouTube channel referred to - genocidal88 - belongs to local Melbourne Hammerskin Jesse, singer-songwriter in both Deaths Head and Ravenous. Jesse's channel functions as a principal outlet for B&H and Hammerskin agitprop and was rendered 'private' only after the report in the Courier Mail was published. Some videos remain available elsewhere however, ... (The band featured, the Bully Boys, toured Australia in 2004)." (12/1/12).

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:

- "RoadTrain" submitted "As if we don't have enough problems already, Pastor Danny Naliah is promoting a new political party "Rise Up Australia", the banner on their site says it all and their press releases are full of pseudo Right Wing doubletalk. This type of activity is now the number one political threat to White identity, it's simply a complimentary tendency to the type of politics it purports to oppose, both sides have the same goal, total racial assimilation. This

is the same Pastor Naliah who suggested that the natural disasters of 2010 were God's vengeance upon the Australian Government for their criticism of Israel. These people are not Christians they are heretics and there is no such thing as God's nation, the whole Judeo Christian apocalyptic cult is headed for self destruction." to Stormfront Downunder (10/2/12).

- As a contribution to the anti-Israel boycott movement, "vikingpride1983" began a thread on Stormfront Downunder "The Jewish Boycott list." The included post read "Not sure if this list has been made in the past, but I figured a new one should be made up. Post the names of companies or business's that are owned/ran by Jews, supporting Israel or funding Mossad. And suggest we all boycott these companies. The main ones I can think of are: Max Brenner Seacret Coca Cola Nestle Estee Lauder Kit-Kat Magee Disney K-Mart Starbucks H&R Block Channel 7. I know there are hundreds. But let's try and post the ones that are in Australia." (18/2/12); "ClockworkViolence" added "www.kosher.org.au It seems they now charge people (surprise surprise) for their kosher product information, but it would probably be the most accurate list out there for Australia." (2/4/12) and "Zog have already tried to get me, the feds raided my house and I was aired on channel 7 twice. The next time they come after me whether it be the feds or the media I will be seeing my solicitor for harassment. They had nothing on me the first time and they'd be stupid to come after me again. It isnt a crime to spread the word on terrorism...I think the incident with Brendon O'connell goes a lot deeper than what we have been told, but thats my opinion." (3/4/12); "White Man 88" wrote "Do you know any jews? Jews hide what they do. I can tell you this quite unequivocally. They do not operate openly." "Whitelawtowers" added "Zionism turns its enemy against itself by deception and deceit. They never pull the trigger. Its last hurrah was during the Russian revolution. They got their hands very dirty trying to enslave Russia and it didn't work. They learnt from that mistake and have adapted. From the start the Zionist have laid a bet each way. The left and right are influenced by them. Every Jew works for the bandit state of Israel even if many of them dont even realize it. Every generation of Jew is born and raised to hate. On the left they hate and persecute anyone who is awake to the situation, they scream oh the Holofoax you are a racist anti semite. On the right they hate anyone who stands in the way of Zionism. All use antisemitism as a smoke screen. Its what they are taught. A conspiracy doesn't mean its not true. Sure we may have abused our power during our colonial times building our empires around the world. (Greedy stupid white people are just as bad as greedy stupid Jews) But it was also us who stopped the Slave trade a purely Non White and Jewish run business. A Slave trade run by Jews who employed Blacks to kidnap other blacks to supply White Europeans (greedy) with cheap labor. Much in the same way the Jews now tell the modern day white capitalist that for you to make money you must have cheap labor. To have cheap labor you must embrace multiculturalism and bring cheap non white labor to your country. The Left Wing Jew "remember the Holocaust dont let that happen to these poor Christian Black Africans, save them bring them to Australia. Remember you are white its your duty to do this after what you done 100 years ago". The right wing Jew "yes Mr President and chairmen of the board we can save you 30% off your current amount spent on wages last year if you bring these non whites in to do the unskilled labor. We can even arrange with my cousin Slommo to get the government to fund it with tax payers money. I can even have my brother in the High Court arrange things so we have laws that will prevent your ex employees from speaking out." You see in every instance the Jew adapts to the times. All they need is greedy and stupid people. That they know there is plenty of. Its not a matter of looking at something and trying to put the Jew in the picture. Its not a matter of looking at a world wide event and then trying to desperately place Jews at the top because you are a racist and you wish to prove a point. Anyone with an open mind can simply do the basic investigation and find the truth. Thankfully Jews don't even bother trying to hide anymore. They have the laws now to imprison anyone who dares speak out and point the accusing finger at them. Every Jew is a spy/agent for Israel. Some just don't know it. You want to bet the Jews? Start using your head. Before they put a plan in motion they have already got the outcome well and truly planned. They look back at time and see what the resistance last time was and base their counter actions on that. Its always the same. Im sure they have book on

how to do it. We must throw out our book and look at this from a position that they haven't planned for. When the wall starts to crumble nothing they will do will be able to stop it. Then and only then will the people of the world be able to choose their own destiny. Its called Victory Day." (3/4/12).

- A thread on Stormfront Downunder, begun by "Whitelawtowers" (5/3/12) was titled "The end of Free Speech in Australia is being legislated NOW! To protect the yiddish oligarchy's Climate Scam!". "NatMarsh" contributed "IF Jew-liar PM wins the next election, then I think it will justify an emergency situation and our actions would need to be a little more drastic. If she wants to throw away our legal democratic ideas, then we can play a different game as well. We may be small in number, but I bet there are many wonderful and entertaining games we can play." (13/3/12).
- Discussing the Human Rights Commission anti-racism campaign on Stormfront Downunder, "anglodane" wrote "All these words, 'extremists', 'racist behavior', 'extreme racists', are nothing but conditioning tools to make it illegal and unpopular to want to keep our way of life and not have our streets and neighborhoods flooded with criminals and alien cultures that are totally removed from us. This is the jew dream, to ;make us lose our way, our very identity so that they can destroy our nations and take over the rubble that they will create." (21/4/12).
- "Octopus7" wrote "Damn them! it's always all about them isn't it? "Oy vey we have suffered..oh the horrors..oh we must never forget"...Forget it already as most of us are sick of whining self pitying jews! yet we are supposed to not remember all the victims of jewish crimes, such as the Bolshevik revolution! So sick of them and their double standards...what a jew does best", in a discussion on Stormfront Downunder on the call to observe a minute's silence at the Olympics to remember the victims of the terrorist attack at the 1972 Olympic Games (25/7/12) "NordicTyr" added "I'll give these Jews a minutes worth of non-stop "Seig Heil"" (25/7/12).
- Regular Stormfront Downunder poster "aryan.aussie" included in his/her signature "We, the Jewish people, control America, and the Americans know it' - Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon...'juden naus" (jews out!)...." Another regular, "FolkishOrthodoxy", included in his/her signature "The Jews were behind all the persecutions of the Christians. They wandered through the country everywhere hating and undermining the Christian faith." - St. Justin Martyr, c.AD 116. "God hates the Jews forever..." - St.John Chrysostom, Adversus Judaeos. St.Gregory of Nyssa: "The Jews are a brood of vipers, haters of goodness..."
- In a discussion on Stormfront Downunder on abuse of tent embassy activists in Canberra on Australia Day, "AryanLass" wrote "Pull the other one, Jews. It's got bells on it." (13/2/12).

Whitelaw towers (6/10/11) published "Well if you haven't already heard or if you have not made arrangements to go its a little late. Once again Australian White Nationalists and National Socialists will be flying in from all parts of the country to attend the 2011 ISD in Victoria or the Sydney Forum 2011. So comrades enjoy what ever event you are traveling to and stay safe.



2011 Sydney Forum.

The 2011 Sydney Forum is THE Nationalist networking event of the year! Breaking all the rules of left and right.....this event will challenge your thinking and break the dogmas that imprison our existence....The forum is a two day event. Day one (Saturday 8th October) is the formal part of the forum, and which follows a set timetable. The main speakers will give their presentations, with question time and participation invited from the audience. Saturday night features a drinks/dinner function, which gives all speakers and participants a chance to socialise and get to know each other. Day two (Sunday 9th October) is the more 'political' and networking day which also has a social component and is being held at a different venue to day one. The second day has informal speakers, and offers a wide opportunity for purchase of materials, exchange of documents, ideas etc in a social atmosphere. There is also a time allocation on both days for Open Forum speaking. Each slot will be 15 minutes only (10 minutes for speaking; five minutes for questions). This part of the Sydney Forum requires participants to be brief and concise. Speakers: Alex Norwick – “Australia’s Ethos Is The Most Contemporary Manifestation Of The Eternal Indo-European Idea” Alex is the editor of Audacity! and a writer for the former Firemakers Journal of the Indo-European Renaissance Society. He will address the Forum on how the Australian Labour and radical national traditions arrived at a vision of an Australian society, very much in accord with the tribal and ethical principals of Indo European societies. . . . Jim Saleam “Neither Islam nor Israel: Against both Islamism and Zionism” A timely discussion into the attempt to hijack nationalist minded movements in Australia and overseas by Zionophile elements. Detailed, and with an Australian emphasis. “We must capture our own truth” Jim will speak on the need for history-writing to take place on every aspect of Australia’s patriotic struggle, history composed by participants. The alternative: the enemy writes our history to de-legitimise the various groups so they can be more easily organised against. John Bursill “ More Truth About September 1’ John will speak on his further discoveries into the events of September 11. After many years of research John is convinced that 9/11 was a psychological operation designed to promote a war agenda spelt out by the Neo-Cons around the Bush/Cheney Administration and specifically the “Project for the New American Century” in their manifesto “Rebuilding America’s Defenses”. It seems to John based on the evidence that 9/11 was perpetrated and/or covered up by elements within the United States Government, the Military Industrial Security Complex and with the assistance of individuals in the FBI and NIST (National Institute of Science and Technology). It also is blatantly obvious that the “9/11 Commission” was set up to fail as has been said by many of the commissioners and their chairmen Keen and Hamilton; this is completely unacceptable and is a slap in the face for the family members of the victims which include ten Australian’s families. Dennis McCormack “Immigration Wild: Where Is Australia Going?” Dennis is one of Australia’s community experts on immigration and since 1988 he has been a critic of every aspect of the program which is changing Australia’s physical environment as it has its demographics,

cultural patters and urban life. He was one of the founders of Australians Against Further Immigration and was an advisor to MP Graeme Campbell in the 1990's.

9.4 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 Jeremy Jones on behalf of 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 re-emerging established a website 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.



From Adelaide Institute Newsletter, April 2012

In the course of the period in review pdf versions of the Adelaide Institute Newsletter were added to the site. Some extracts follow:

- In Adelaide Institute Newsletter No 587 September 2011, Fredrick Toben wrote "Again, thank you to those individuals who made this victory against the Prime Ugly Holocaust believers possible. I would like to name you publicly but then were I to do that you would become a target of this Jewish pressure group. After all, we have enough examples of this happening to those who refuse to believe in their rubbish Holocaust that so defames the Germans and anyone of German descent. And still I hold to my maxim: Don't blame the Jews, blame those that bend to their pressure - but not I also have the evidence to prove how individual citizens, and some individuals in the judiciary, did not bend to Jewish pressure, which enable me to defeat the Lewis action and that made his prediction, albeit an expensive exercise for me, come to nothing. This is a victory for Revisionism and for those who refuse to believe in the rubbish that I call the Holocaust lie/mythology."
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No 588 September 2011 published a book review by Fredrick Toben which included "It does not surprise me then that the German National Socialists banned secrecy/exclusivity-obsessed Freemasonry as a foreign element within the German body politics. But there is another more fundamental matter they acted upon. On 21 April 1933, a day after Adolf Hitler's birthday, Germany outlawed kosher slaughter, thereby attacking to the core a fundamental Jewish religious observance, and Germans justifiably claimed that such barbaric practices are not to be tolerated nor conducted in the civilized German Reich. I find this historical fact helps in explaining why the Holocaust propaganda had to be developed against Germans: it deflects from this banning of kosher slaughter. The issue is currently alive in Australia on account of the ABC 4 Corners TV program that showed how cattle are killed in Indonesian slaughterhouses. Interestingly, Muslims agree to stun cattle prior to killing, something Jews refuse to do claiming their religion demands kosher practices be observed. Australians are currently still under the kosher slaughter spell and there is no heart within government nor in the Opposition to force the issue and to legislate on banning it outright. This is puzzling to anyone who watched the 2 June 2011 ABC TV 4 Corner's program because I would have thought that spell would have been broken by it - watching a cow standing last in line awaiting slaughter, shivering in fear as she observed her mates being mutilated on the killing floor. Still, there are individuals who claim the animal world is incapable of feeling emotions - it's just an animal - cattle! But that's the hallmark of Jewish religious thought - to divide the world into Jews and non-Jews/Goyim!" and "I call the Talmudic-Marxist dialectic a death because Marx himself claimed to have turned Hegel upside down. It was Hegel who regarded the highest form of human development to be from the material base to the spiritual - the symbolic pyramid where the Idea reigns supreme. Marx opposed any transcendence and advocated the dictatorship of the proletariat, and to this day you can see individuals, who are afflicted by such thought-structure, lacking any civilising virtues on account of their rejecting idealism. Hence for the Marxist the truth-concept has no existential value, does not exist. Truth is what you make it!"
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.590 October 2011, published an article by Fredrick Toben on Phillip Adams, which claimed "Phillip Adams never transcended his universal-atheistic-Marxist-radical Feminist-Global warming mindset and so for him the absolute bedrock of belief is made up of Adolf Hitler and the NAZIS. He hates anything that transcends his physical self - meaning anything of value such as truth, honour, justice, love, etc. and hates nationalism with a passion because, according to his belief system, it caused millions of Jews to be gassed - and for Adams there is nothing that equals things Jewish, which needs to be glorified as the pinnacle of absolute victimhood ..."
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.592 October 2011, opened with an article "Holocaust-Shoah and 9/11", which included "Anyone not liked and regarded by Jews as a threat to their base world-view defending is defamed as a: hater, Holocaust denier, anti-Semite, racist, Nazi, xenophobe, terrorist. Remember, those who use such labels to shut down a conversation are themselves prisoners of a mindset that fears truth and any other transcendental civilising values, which would require them to think things through and to give up huff-and-puff bully tactics or playing the victim when the battle-of-the-wills is against them. Anyone seeking to retain a civilized life-style where measures of autarky

have been achieved, and where liberation from things Jewish has occurred, will feel the blowtorch of smear tactics and legal persecution".

- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.594 October 2011, opened with letters from "Political Prisoner Brendon O'Connell" to Fredrick Toben. The letters included comments such as "Where is my "Freedom of Expression"? You can certainly "freely express" yourself with high powered firearms in this State and put holes in local Muslim Mosques but don't question Jewish racial and religious supremacism. Are we THAT blind? And now the media pushes the ridiculous line that the President of Iran was in one a plan to blow up the Saudi and Israeli Embassies in the US? This indicates the sheer desperation of the Israeli State and Jewish Zionist owners of the US to take out Iran as per "securing the Realm"; "The project For The New American Century", and "The Pentagon's New Map?", which all subtly and explicitly call for the "reshaping" of the Middle East to open them up to Western business interests, to exploit their resources and human labour, plus make the region safe for the criminal racist apartheid state of Israel. This appears to be their last dying chance to pull this off. Christmas 2011 will be very interesting if Jewish Zionist criminals stick to their true form and wait for the "Christian West" to begin the drunken orgy still called "Christmas" when people will be busy shopping and fornicating with their secretary at the local office party to worry about Israel lobbing nukes at Iran and killing a few million people. Of course, they had to - to stop "terrorism"; and "Now, Fredrick, the problem is NOT with the Jewish habit of "lying" because for a Jew there is no such thing. We have failed to grasp the ground from which the Jew is coming. This can be fixed by simple education. For a Jew there is no distinction between what is "potential" and what is "actual". In modern mental health terms this is known as 'delusion' - an inability to distinguish the "imagined" from the "real", where "feelings/intuition" are not balanced by "sensation/thinking", the "four functions", as espoused by the Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Gustav Jung and well accepted in Western intellectual circles. Along for the ride in this diagnosis is pathological narcissism whereby one cannot imagine other humans as separate, autonomous individuals with needs and imaginings of their own - separate from the needs/aspirations of the Jew." It also included Fredrick Toben's response from the 5th Palestine Intifada Conferences in Tehran and his recent email exchanges with supporters, one of whom wrote "My dear Fredrick, Thanks as always for your kindness to me and your dedication to our cause. I think that both of us are Tasmanian devils gnawing at the two legs of the Jewish Jabberwocky, which are, as you identify them, the holohoax and 9/11. Bon appetit!"
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.599 December 2011, opened with a "Memo From Fredrick Toben" which included "Dear Everyone - regarding the 9/11 and Holocaust-Shoah lies: 1. It is not a matter of attacking Israel/jews as such but of searching for the truth of a matter and name the names that constructed the lies that are then legally enshrined and defended/executed by individuals. 2. Such a quest does not rely on social approval or support, as some imply if their website attracts more attention than another's because it is an individual's social, moral and legal duty to pursue the truth of a matter. 3. It is an intellectually liberating, though often lonely, exercise to find the truth of a matter - because believing in lies perverts our understanding of our brief sojourn on this planet. 4. To particularize my concerns and that most critic shamefully avoid answering in their response to my assertions, an allegation has been made against Germans that during WWII its political leadership: 1. Exterminated 6 million Jew, 2. On a state executive order, 3. The murder weapon being mainly homicidal gas chambers. 5. If I directly ask anyone to comment on something, then I think I can expect a fearless response or, who or what do you fear? 6. What follows below are transcripts of a free speech seminar with four speakers - all of them avoid the Holocaust issue, and this indicates to me that it is this avoidance in focusing on the ideological construct that is holding the post-WWII together, which is actually contributing towards the global demise, in particular of the free-and-democratic-western world. 7. This is not a specific Jewish matter either but it helps to scapegoat by attracting the nonsense concept 'antisemite' or 'racist' thereby further deflecting from the fundamental values that are crushed through such physically staged events as 9/11, among others. 8. I don't know if you read my book Arbeit macht Frei: impertinent incarceration - but therein, I have a prisoner who bemoaned the fact that 'nobody likes me. I bend over - I suck cock. It not help.' I think of him when I hear anyone say their website is viewed by millions. I also think of our first webmaster who informed me in 1994 that he could manipulate the hit counter that he had attached to Adelaide Institute's

website. Now I am advised that there are individuals offering their services that guarantees anyone a 'positive image' when Googling their own name. This service comes with a price - it has to be maintained on a monthly basis, and at around \$1000 that's a lucrative business for those who still care to maintain a public profile, albeit a manipulated-spin-type. For me a questing for Truth is not a popularity contest because that would be crass materialism emerging out of the shadows where we can soon slip into hubris because the Internet is full of such fickle hot air."

- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.600 December 2011, opened with a "2011 Christmas Message from the Director of Adelaide Institute Mr Peter Hartung" which included "1. In 1933 when the National Socialists came to power, Germany was on the brink of total financial ruin. There were two basic solutions to this problem: either borrow money from International financiers - who mostly just happened to be Jewish, or print the money yourself. Having no Gold to speak of the new currency was based on the labour ability of the German people. One Mark was equal to one hour's work. Within a short few years the country prospered in a way that the World had never seen before. The International finance system was effectively exposed as being nothing more than a cheap fraud, and the mostly Jewish financiers were understandably outraged like rabid dogs and were later to force war on Germany. Thus, by a magnificent act of courage Hitler and Germany had destroyed the soul of the Talmudic Usury System, thereby liberating themselves from financial and materialistic enslavement where moral and intellectual values again flourished through creativity and innovations."
- The home page of the Adelaide Institute (25/11/11) included a section "Christmas Greetings - and Talmudic Filth".
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter no.603 January 2012, included a comment by Fredrick Toben saying Great Britain is "the new JEW Proxy"; an article on US policy towards Iran titled "Iran: The boys who cry 'Holocaust'"; and a feature by Gilad Atzmon.
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.605 February 2012, included a book review by Fredrick Toben which includes "It is such nonsense that enabled me to formulate a title for the paper I delivered at the 2006 Teheran Holocaust Conference: 'The Holocaust has no reality in space and time, only in memory'. But of course there is much more to this fiction that accuses Germans of a most heinous crime - because verbal representations are clearly found in Old Testament writings where it is stated the Hebrew God directs the slaughter of women and children, for example, of which since 1945 Jews and their proxies accuse Germans of having perpetrated on world Jewry. The Holocaust-Shoah's mythical mindset clearly has Old Testament precedents built into it, as well as homicidal thought patterns that are clearly evident in details Talmudic writings, which make up the ethical standards and moral guide of most Orthodox Jews. When American presidents unashamedly lie about their personal lives and promote matters Holocaust-Shoah, or embrace the 2003 Weapons of Mass Destruction - WMD lie, or worse still, vigorously condones the 9:11 lies, and then the Rosenblat lies are merely another example of a mindset that within our Western democracies even academics and lawmakers/politicians unashamedly embraced - and continue to embrace."; "The most comprehensively developed recent historical lie - the Holocaust-Shoah lie, which states that during World War Two Germans systematically exterminated European Jewry in homicidal gas chambers - still stands because it is set in legal concrete and it serves well those individuals who see Germans as a threat to their economic existence. However, since its formal legal protection began during the late 1970s and early 1980s massive cracks have appeared within its structure, and that is thanks to individuals such as Arthur Butz, Robert Faurisson, Germar Rudolf, Fred Leuchter, Willis Carto, Ernst Zundel, Michael Hoffman, among others. Of course, most recently, the notable Holocaust-Shoah scholars Carlo Mattogno, Jurgen Graf and Thomas Kuess, are now under attack in the latest works by Holocaust believers." and "Note that this emerging liberated German mindset is supposed to have committed the most horrendous crimes that make up the Holocaust-Shoah narrative. Germans opposed cruelty to animals and were in favour of living with nature as opposed to elevating themselves above nature. Thus such cruel pillars of the Jewish religion had to be outlawed - kosher slaughter, circumcision and other unnatural matters listed in Talmud."

- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.606 February 2012, was devoted to the subject of same-sex marriage, and included comments "All homosexuality is pornography. And all pornography - this is a well known fact - is Jewish. This will tell you why the behaviour of homosexuals and Jews is so similar. Which leads us to the the real point, and a solution to the problem - because it is a problem, and a big one - of homosexuality in the world."
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.620 (May 2012) contained a 15 page letter from Fredrick Toben to the Australian Human Rights Commission, which concluded "Truth is the foundation principle of our civilization. If, for example, an engineer constructs a bridge and during this process fabricates and falsifies data, then in time the structure will collapse. So, too, it is if a society loses the concept of truth as a foundation stone. How this mindset derives from the Talmudic-Marxist mindset where truth is considered to be a social construct, an opportunistic instrument with which dialectically to win an argument and by implication to encourage outright lying, will be revealed as nation states attempt to grapple with this directive. In this respect it will be interesting to watch how the Jewish state of Israel, the only "democracy" in the Middle East, handles its countless human rights violations by justifying the ethnic cleansing/extermination of the Palestinian people and the advocacy of attacking the Islamic Republic of Iran with reference to the Holocaust-Shoah, as did its prime Minister recently. This incessant use of the Holocaust-Shoah as a propaganda weapon for the racist state of Israel has become notable within the past couple of months at the same time as the Anglo-American-Zionist financial war machine's hyped rhetoric prepares to attack Iran. For a while to come I can see that, on account of the Holocaust-Shoah's propaganda value, the various states that have criminalized its open debate will continue to ensure that a belief in the official version of events is sustained for as long as practicable. Once the Holocaust-Shoah narrative has lost its usefulness, then it will be abandoned - and with it all those who have propagated it for decades."
- Adelaide Institute Newsletter No.632 (July 2012) included references to "Jew spew", "Jew-lover Franklin Delanor Roosevelt", a CIA agent dubbed a "kosher clown", the "HoloHoax", "the Holocaust Hoax" and a "scum-ridden Jewish shill".

The Adelaide Institute home-page published comments such as "Reminder - 27th January is the International Holocaust Day when all Gentiles are required to get on their hands and knees and bow before Yahweh, the Great Satanic God of the Jews, whose vileness knows no bounds."; labelled a photo of Orthodox Jews assembling a Chanukah Menorah "The Sons of Satan erect their alien totem at the Brandenburg Gate in the holy city of Germania in a concluding display of arrogance during the 2011 Aryan festival of Winter Solstice."; tagged a photo of concentration camp survivors "Unfortunate victims of a typhus epidemic - rebranded in the minds of the masses as victims of a Nazi extermination policy" (23/1/12) stated "We respect the Jews as the followers of Satan and we accept them in the certainty that we can redeem them as well as ourselves, by bringing the Truth into the world through our deeds. The Jews are in dire need of redemption, and they will one day be grateful to us!" and "So, we have here a very small but powerful minority group (representing approximately 0.6% of the population of Australia), who are able to greatly influence the introduction of new Laws into this country, and then use these Laws to pursue their own agendas, namely the protection by Law of the Holocaust Religion/Dogma, and the protection/promotion of the racist, homicidal, Zionist 'State' of Israel." (28/2/12, ??? "Further to his imprisonment in 2009 for the heinous crime of doubting the idiotic imaginary Jewish Holocaust: Dr Toben has been served with another legal demand for \$270,000 by the Talmudic Stephen Lewis, representative for the Jewish religion's Australian lobby group." (23/3/12), printed "Thanks to the terrible power of our International Banks, we have forced the Christians into wars without number. Wars have a special value for Jews, since Christians massacre each other and make more room for us Jews. Wars are the Jews' Harvest: The Jew banks grow fat on Christian wars. Over 100-million Christians have been swept off the face of the earth by wars, and the end is not yet." -- Rabbi Reichorn, speaking at the funeral of Grand Rabbi Simeon Ben-Iudah, 1869 (29/5/12) and published links to antisemitic books and publications such as "The Nonclass war", "The Rudolf Report", "The Secret Rabbinical Teaching Concerning Christians", "The Jewish Religion: Its Influence Today" and "The Holocaust LIE, made in America" (Throughout the period in review).

Fredrick Toben's "personal" website, "Toben.biz" included postings such as:

- "ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ATTEMPTS TO BLACKMAIL USA – wants to make Jewish State of Israel No. One in Middle East, which belongs to the Islamic Republic of IRAN. Here we see exemplified a madman's vision of fictional history because he will not admit that the HOLOCAUST-SHOAH IS A LIE.", "1. The Holocaust-Shoah is a massive historical lie – during World War Two Germans never gassed any body. 2. There were NO homicidal gas chambers at Auschwitz, nor anywhere else operated by Germans during World War Two. 3. The formulation in D., above, is that of then judge Catherine Branson – now President of the Australian Human Rights Commission who, when challenged by me in 2011 to advise me where TRUTH as a concept resides in her human rights legislation, could not give me a straight answer. Certainly, in the 16-year legal battle TRUTH was no defence. What mattered was protecting 'hurt feelings', which however did not even have to be verified by a medical certificate. Branson took it upon herself to decide whether my written material was 'likely to offend, insult', etc. 4. The six million Jew death number is a lie and there is a Holocaust-Shoah racket going on to this day, among others, in the form of reparations flowing from Germany to Israel. Also consider the fact that the US Holocaust Museum in Washington is a federally-funded institution! Think on these things. Fredrick Toben – 3.3.2012 – Adelaide – currently in Sydney, Australia." and "GERMANS NEVER SYSTEMATICALLY GASSED ANYONE IN HOMICIDAL GAS CHAMBERS DURING THE 1930s GERMANS ENACTED LAWS TO 1. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT = 1st green movement – living with nature 2. OUTLAW CRUELTY TO ANIMALS = kosher slaughter = attack on Jewish religion Think on these things, then think of the smear campaign against Germans for their cleanliness, inventiveness, hard work ... ARBETT MACHTFREE! HATERS, MATERIALISTS, LIARS AND SLAVES CANNOT COPE WITH SUCH VALUES/MINDSET BECAUSE THEY ARE DRIVEN BY ENVY, GREED, DEFICIENCY THINKING = self-consumption – playing the victim and being guilty GERMANS CELEBRATE PERSONAL FREEDOM GERMANS LIVE TO WORK SLAVES WORK TO LIVE Anyone who uses the following concepts to stifle/stop free expression is morally and intellectually bankrupt: hater Holocaust denier antisemite racist Nazi xenophobe" (8/3/12).
- "7-8 March 2012 Purim Has Matthias Chang got it right? Where is proof of the secret pact between the US and Israel? If true, then this is exactly what Jews are all about – so, don't bend to their pressure. But what about Mordechai Vanunu's revelations?" in an introduction to an article by Matthias Chang which included "One might ask, why would the US readily agree to be the bully for Israel? Simple! The Zionists and Israel's central bank (via the global network of Zionist controlled Too Big To Fall Global Banks) control the entire banking system in America and decides who will be the President of the US. This is the nuclear weapon of Israel, and not the uranium or plutonium nuclear weapons. The financial nuclear weapon of the Zionist is the fiat money system, which in turn is grounded on the petro-dollar system." (28/3/12).
- an updated opening: "The World remains silent as the Jewish State of Israel exterminates Palestinians - fear of the Antisemite/Holocaust denier/Racism label perverts those who already lack the moral and intellectual courage. 9:11 was an insider job that set the new Talmudic/Zionist dialectic declaring the Muslim world, the religion of Islam, a fountain of terrorism. World Zionism is inexorably moving towards a full flowering into the New World Order" (16/4/12).
- an updated opening: "30 April 2012 On this day Adolf Hitler committed suicide. Hitler's achievement has been perverted into nonsensical and fraudulent Holocaust-Shoah narratives. Remember Australia's Commonwealth Bank, then owned by the government, financed at 1 per cent without overseas borrowing, the construction of the railway line from the East coast to the West coast. Recently the Alice Springs to Darwin rail connection was constructed at around 9 per cent and overseas borrowing. Adolf Hitler's principle of AUTARKY challenged international financial predators and put them out of a job. They had once again to do real work because ARBREIT MACHT FREI! People were not motivated through envy or greed that class thinking/Marxism/Talmudism brings with it. Individuals were particularly lifted up and could developed their inner potential by drawing upon their German

monocultural/idealism. Think on these things! That kind of National Socialism, unfortunately, is for Germans only because Germans love to work and invent things - and Germans love personal and environmental cleanliness, and kindness to animals as was noted when anti-kosher slaughter laws were promulgated on 21 April 1936, a day after Hitler's Birthday. And remember, Hitler was the Father of the Greens movement! So, GERMANS, relax and don't feel guilty anymore for that which you did not do and you are honourable." (30/4/12).



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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).

On 27 August 2011, Toben alerted supporters that his YouTube account had been terminated as he had violated the Community Guidelines for the third time. The third offense was caused with a video "Talmudic inspired political action leads to Holocaust in Communist countries". On 29 August 2011 he posted an email with a banner "JewTube – Broadcasting deception" styled after YouTube – Broadcast Yourself".

9.5 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 online contains no material written later than 2005, but provides contact details for John Bennett and sells older editions of Your Rights.

9.6 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.

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. (Of interest, was the news report "Sydney society stockbroker admits \$3.9m fraud" April 5, 2011(SMH), which recorded that he had been defrauded of \$200,000 by a former school mate, while in the course of legal proceedings he continually told the court he could not afford the costs of photocopying material without making serious sacrifices.

- Bible Believers newsletter 708 (downloaded 28/10/11) included "Talmudic Jews are under the delusion they are Israelites regard non-Jews as insects to be culled with impunity, like human cattle, and whose possessions all belong to their master race. Contrary to Moses, they claim the boundaries of 'greater' Israel run from the river Nile to the river Euphrates, embracing most of Egypt's arable land, all of Jordan, Lebanon and Kuwait, parts of Turkey and much of Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iraq."
- Bible Believers newsletter 709 (downloaded 31/10/11) included "Comment: Jewish traitor, F.D. Roosevelt said, "If something happens in politics, you can bet it was planned that way"! Multiculturalism is multiracialism, miscegenation accursed of God, genocide to Adam's race, and along with homosexuality it is unnatural and the besetting sin of these last days designed to divide and conquer (Luke 17:28-30; colonies of the empire of the City of London are prosecuting the Yinon Plan to the letter, and the same thugs have planned and orchestrated all uprisings in recent years including Occupy Wall Street, Sydney, and other financial centers. The poachers have become the gamekeepers!"
- Bible Believers newsletter 711 (downloaded 18/4/11) included "During Christ's lifetime, no persons were described as "Jews" anywhere. This very important FACT is supported by sound theology, suppressed historical truth and science. When Jesus was in Judea, it was not the "homeland" of the ancestors of those who today style themselves as "Jews." Their ancestors never set-foot anywhere near Judea. They existed at that time in Asia, their true "homeland", and were known as Chazars or Turkish Mongols. Banned author Douglas Reed, in his superbly researched classic, "Controversy of Zion," writes: "No authority, Judaist or other, would support the claim to blood decent from Judah for the so-called Jews of today." In fact, the Palestinians would have more claim to the racial description, 'Semite', than any

within modern Jewry who are of Eastern-European stock and trace their lineage back to the ancient Asiatic kingdom of the Chazar."

- Bible Believers newsletter 712 (downloaded 30/11/11) included "If you follow the 'news' you will know "we" is the powerful rulers of the 'City of London' whose colonies include, the UK, US, Canada, Australia and other fifty other puppet nations and elements of the reviving Judaeo-Roman empire, to kill, rape and loot at her bidding. The identity, mindset and objectives of the Luciferan "we" is spelled out in The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion, and if you have any further doubt, study the Talmud."
- Bible Believers newsletter 714 (downloaded 16/12/11) included "Comment: "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad" (Euripides). And Jewish president Obama whom God set "at enmity" with the American people, is quite mad, and provoking the realization of Ezekiel 38-39."
- Bible Believers newsletter 718 (downloaded 10/2/12) included "Pope Benedict XVI denies Jesus is the Christ (Messiah). January 13, 2011 - Catholicism itself is HERESY, 1 John 2:22, "Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son." 11 John 1:7, "Many imposters have gone out into the world, who do not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Messiah in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist". Full story: youtube.com. Comment: This video is testimony of the league between Judaism and the Judaeo-Roman false church for the first half of the great tribulation coming to a town like yours ... soon (Daniel 9:27)."
- Bible Believers newsletter 720 (downloaded 10/2/12) included "The destruction of Adam's race by multiculturalism, particularly white Christian peoples, is a repetition of the original sin foretold by Jesus Messiah (Matthew 24:37; Genesis 6:1-4) and announced by Rabbi Emanuel Rabinovich before a special meeting of the Emergency Council of European Rabbis in Budapest on January 12, 1952 concerning progress towards their NWO. " . . . We will openly reveal our identity with the races of Asia and Africa. I can state with assurance that the last generation of which children is now being born. Our Control Commissions will, in the interests of peace and wiping out inter-racial tensions, forbid the whites to mate with whites. The white women must cohabit with members of the dark races, the white men with black women. Thus the white race will disappear, for mixing the dark with the white means the end of the white man, and our most dangerous enemy will become only a memory . . ." (Pawns in the Game by Captain William Guy Carr, p.104-106). Goyim are defenseless against this ongoing iniquity since governments worldwide have enacted racial hatred legislation that would criminalize not just physical acts of racial violence but indict anyone who made public statements that might cause offence to any minority such as homosexuals as a group, or the criminals executing this plan. This Machiavellian legislation in which truth is no defense was crafted by San Francisco lawyer Joseph Ribakoff for a competition sponsored by the ADL of B'nai B'rith. (He was subsequently suspended for misappropriating client funds)."
- Bible Believers newsletter 724 (downloaded 28/2/12) included "The thoroughly corrupt Allies whose leaders are mere puppets of the Jew's 'City of London' - particularly the United States which Brother Branham called "the prostitute of the nations" - betrayed Germany. Jewry bribed Britain with the promise of military and bankster support from her US colony when she was technically defeated in both World Wars. The first bribe required Britain to betray the Hebrew and Palestinian people and steal Palestine for the non-Semitic, anti-Semitic self-styled Jews: the Balfour Agreement. The second bribe was to make the world a safe place for Judaeo-Communism and to raise Jewish-controlled Magog to equilibrium with the United States of America. Now you know why the Lord admonished Brother Branham, "Watch Russia, watch Russia. Keep your eye on the King of the North." The king of the North is not occupied Russia or even a Russian but Gog, her Khazar chief prince (Ezekiel 38:2): Serpent's

seed. The demonic forces of Imperial Rome were loosed under the vindictive Armistice that ended World War I and guaranteed there would be a second world war. The Allies betrayed Germany and sold her to invasion and rape by the Jew's Weimar Republic: Jewry who had betrayed Germany in World War I. This caused the natural revival of the old Roman Empire of pagan Rome unleashed upon the Jews by the Jewish elite in World War II and their puppet dictators who sought to expect but not harm them as God had commanded Moses and the Israelites to exterminate their forefathers wherever they were found in the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 7:3)."

- Bible Believers newsletter 729 (downloaded 3/4/12) included "The Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations were important criminal developments of that time. Like its successor, the United Nations, the League was a device of the self-styled Jew to gain power over the Golim. Truly did Jesus state, "The love of money is the root of all evil." These organizations have united the nations against God. They have united East and West when Moses affirmed God has set "enmity" between them, and Daniel foretold "they will not cleave one to another." They have relit the time bomb of original sin by mixing diverse peoples, religions and cultures, "as it was in the days of Noah" to generate anarchy whereby they can divide, conquer and rule the world (Matthew 24:37; Feast of Trumpets, 20:155-209). Worldliness has eclipsed the S_O_N, so that the stars or ministers no longer declare "the Light of the World," but bring darkness upon the Moon or church. The Armistice betrayed by the Jew-controlled Allies, set the stage for the Jewish persecution planned by the Zionists whose Khazar forefathers became proselytes overnight when Talmudic Jews from Babylon converted the chagan Bulan. Together with the Edomite Jews they have been expelled from Britain and practically every European kingdom since their conversion in AD740. Their leaders made Germany's war reparations so severe, the spirit of the Holy Roman Empire revived "to slay the third part of men." So thorough was their deception of assuming Israel's identity, the persecution fell on them rather than the Israelites (who do not dwell in the Western world). I do not believe in the myth of six million self-styled Jews being gassed, or even a fraction of that number; there were no extermination gas chambers, and Jews were a minority of these who perished by disease and malnutrition caused by Allied bombing of supply lines toward war's end."
- Bible Believers Newsletter 739 (downloaded 13/6/12) included a brief Holocaust denial article "Holy Holyhoax, My Government wouldn't lie to Me".
- Bible Believers Newsletter 740 (downloaded 21/6/12) included "Daniel prophesied two thousand years of war between Imperial and Judaeo-Papal Rome and the Israelites, and between Israelites and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, commencing with their rejection of Messiah in Matthew 23 and His murder in Matthew 27. Ezekiel 38-39, Daniel 7-12, Zechariah 12-14 and Revelation 6-19 mention three principal battles in this war during Daniel's Seventieth Week, the "hot stage" of the present World War III between political Zion and political Islam and "the King of the North" at the outset. With Russia victorious the Judaeo-Roman false church in federation with all religions will halt hostilities by decree and restore peace. Confirming his authority as "the god of this age" (Matthew 4:8-9; John 12:31; II Corinthians 4:4; I John 5:19)
- Bible Believers Newsletter 742 (downloaded 29/6/12) included "The main figures in Putin's government are almost exclusively crypto-Jews. The core of this fifth column are Orthodox Jews, often known as the Hasidim. There are several strands of Hasidism, but the dominant sect is Chabad Lubavitch. Its essence is an aggressive, militant extremism in favor of Judaism based on grounds of the Talmud, a peculiar form of geopolitics states Rabbi Eduard Hodos head of the Kharkov Jewish community and supposedly staunch 'enemy' of the Chabad Lubavitch sect. He said the sinister workings of this sect, hidden from the Gentiles, were

known to him since the nineties when Chabad began a vigorous penetration of Russia. We remember how in 1968 its Zionist Masonic Lodge of Rome planned to reduce the human population by half, and "assigned" fifteen million to Poland. Meanwhile, Chabad Lubavitch calls for reducing the human population to 600 million non-Jews, while the total number of the Jewish Diaspora is officially estimated at around 13 million . . . Chabad Lubavitch has a secret influence in the super-elite "Committee of 300" through which to engineer the "Holocaust" of mankind. Genocidal, extremist ideologies, supported by the Chabad Jewish financiers and aggressive racist Zionism will be lethal for 99 percent of humanity. In outside talks with the Gentiles the Chabad mercifully increased the number of surviving Gentiles to one billion, but privately they say about 600 thousand Goyim, of whom only about twenty thousand should enjoy relative freedom, prosperity and a clean environment. Chabad is now the dominant force of the Jewish Diaspora on top of the pyramid of Jewish elites; Gentiles in general do not count."

- Bible Believers Newsletter 743 (downloaded 13/7/12) included "As to Pharisaic Talmudism in its present form, this is a rather late development, beginning in early medieval times, after the coming of the Khazars into Europe. Benjamin Freedman always called them "so-called and self-styled Jews." They are not the people seen in the Bible. They are not Semitic and certainly not Judean, but Judaism from AD1000 onward is almost entirely a Khazarian creation. Moreover, their ideology and their behavior are elitist and racist, just as we see in their apartheid minstate. Even with other Judaics, Khazar supremacism rules. This is emphatically why the Sephardim, the few remaining Karaites, Mountain Jews, Ethiopian Falashas, the Kai Feng of China, Torah True Jews and other Judaic minorities, do not get along very well with the snobby Ashkenazis, who act as if all the others are inferiors. Note that all the Judaic minorities mentioned are non-Talmudic sects. While treated a little better than Palestinians, they are definitely victims of prejudice and animosity in New Khazaria. Oops, I mean "Israel". Zionism has usurped and appropriated the Judaic religion for its own non-religious, basically atheistic, political ends. That being said, it does appear that the Talmud (extremist parts of which are openly anti-Christian as well as ethnocentric and racist) certainly seem agreeable with rather than disavowing such supremacist goals. Again, the voluminous contents of the Talmud are deceptive, diverse and obscure, requiring close examination, so we shall not go there in this exercise. The essentially atheistic Zionist founders and leaders use all of this to their advantage with unfortunate Jews who buy into the phony Pharisaic fairy tale that they are a speciall6y and divinely chosen folk . . . examining today's Khazarian Zionist threat . . . In regard to that, never forget that the Zionist statelet has weapons of mass destruction, aided abetted and tolerated by the various world powers . . . If Christians follow the examples of the peaceful Palestinian prophet called Jesus, why do they support Zionist aggression? Shouldn't they repudiate these classic Pharisees as did their Messiah/Saviour? But even more in light of current events and a collapsing economy, why are billions of dollars in American tax money used to support this radical regime? But I am sure all my readers know, such seemingly simple questions are not only unanswered, they are rarely even raised, and certainly not in Christian pulpits or the US Congress.
- Bible Believers Newsletter 753 (downloaded 13/9/12) included "The Jew Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Judaeo-Jesuits stated, ". . . I will believe that the white that I see is black if the hierarchical church so defines it," for of course the ends justify the means. The BIG LIE of 9/11, like so many BIG LIES such as the trinity, three holocausts (each of six-million so-called Jews claimed in just the twentieth century), the BP Gulf of Mexico disaster, the global warming/cooling/warming again/climate change hoax, and the casus belli for wars, have all been presented in speeches, learned papers, novels, movies, cartoons, etc., years ahead of those events.

9.7 *The LaRouche Cult*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"There is a CEC candidate running in North Queensland in the seat of Dawson who is already heavily advertising in the local media. I have had a look at the Australian Electoral Commission returns for 2002-

03 and they show the total returns to the CEC as \$1,462,703, while their media group, CEC services, had \$271,592. They are well financed and able to mount these campaigns.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.8 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."

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”

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".

9.9 *One Nation, The Strategy and Associated Movements*

The small political party, One Nation, has been a cause of ongoing 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 Online, 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.”

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 last bastion of this group. Age, ill-health and other factors meant the suspension/demise of the paper during the previous 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".

9.10 "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. Nexus (February/March 2011) which published a letter "Against Atheism & Zionism" signed "Ian C., UK" which argued "What is becoming more known is the crime against humanity that Zionists have perpetrated, and continue to perpetrate, by ethnically cleansing Palestine to achieve their mythical racial purity (akin to the Nazis)."

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.

- Nexus (October-November 2011) conspiracy theories included Islamophobia in USA was the product of an “interconnected” group from “the extreme right in the United States, as well as several Jewish family foundations that have supported right-wing and settler groups in Israel.”, and that “a global con” took place in Libya, claiming “The uprising in Libya is not so much a people’s revolution as a terrorist-led action that’s been in the making for three decades with the support of key western intelligence agencies and now NATO, in collusion with corporate and media interests.”
- Nexus (February-March 2012) published a feature article stating “Wall Street and London corporate-financier-funded NGOs and proxies along with NATO forces engineered the 2011 uprisings in the Middle East and have installed puppet leaders open to their agendas for economic and political control.”
- Nexus (June-July 2012) used Al-Manar News as its source to report “CIA AND MOSSAD REPORTEDLY BEHIND SYRIA BOMBINGS. The Turkish daily paper Aydinlik reported on Monday (7 May) that “CIA and Mossad agents have carried out – and (are) still [carrying out] – various attacks in several countries including Iraq, Pakistan and Libya”. The report makes it clear that the agents bombed mosques during the occupation of Iraq in order to incite Shi’ites against Sunnis and vice versa. “Those agents have achieved their goal where most of their operations were targeting Shi’ite and Sunni mosques. All bombings were declared suicide attacks, while the suicide bombers were announced killed, but the fact is contrary to what was claimed,” the daily added. The newspaper pointed out that CIA and Mossad are adopting the same method now in Syria in order to thwart the plan of the UN envoy to the country, Kofi Annan.”
- Hard Evidence (November-December 2011) published a brief item “Israel: God’s Chosen Rogues”, which claimed “There is no country in the world – perhaps in history – like Israel. It has done wonderful things like turning deserts into lush agricultural farms. It has also turned itself into a singularly evil State. Its resort to cruelty against Palestinians has few parallels in modern history. Its nuclear hypocrisy is unparalleled too.” and “The current Prime Minister of Israel happens to be the most rigidly hawkish in Israeli history. Benjamin Netanyahu, son of a Zionist extremist, considers himself a professional patriot and defender of Jews. He believes, like many of his countrymen, that Jews are God’s’ chosen children.”, as well as four other anti-Israel items. In addition, it published a long conspiracy theory article “Libya and the Big Lie: Using Human Rights Organisations to launch wars” and a short piece claiming “7/7 and 9/11 were inside jobs”.
- Hard Evidence (January-February 2012) published a feature depicting Iran as an innocent victim of Washington’s attempt to receive hegemony over the Middle East and Central Asia and to divert attention from “social devastation caused by US austerity agenda”. Another feature was headed “Arab Spring: Spontaneous Popular Uprising or US-NATO sponsored Psy Op?”
- Hard Evidence (July-August 2012) published an article “Bloodthinking Americans Remain Loyal to War Criminal” (referring to President Obama).

9.11 *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.

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 unmasks the Zionist J-w completely. There is no mistaking what you are seeing. If this caught on and people everywhere started confronted the lying Zionists, maybe we can save them from themselves, shame them into maybe waking up. At the least, it is a compelling warning to the "Goyim"." (14/5/09). Brendon O'Connell, facing criminal charges following his posting on YouTube of an incident where he harassed and vilified Jews, posted to the "Israellycool" website " I want to 'debate' you on issues regarding the founding of the Israeli state. The financing of Adolph Hitler by jews. The financing of Lenin and trotsky by jews. The worst mass killers in the Soviet Union being jews. Marx Engles and Hess being jews. The founding of Communist China by jews including the involvement of Sidney Rittenberg on half of Roosevelts jewish cabinet. Then we can move onto a whole host of issues including Michael Hoffmans new book Judaism Discovered" and we can talk about the homicidal maniacs of orthodox Judaism and we can especially talk about "Chabad Lubavich"." (13/8/09).

O'Connell received a three year sentence for breaking Western Australian anti-racism legislation for posting an antisemitic video on the internet in January 2011. Commenting on the Brendon O'Connell case, the "Modernity Blog" argued "I would hope that there should be clear blue water between Anti-Zionists and Far Right bigotry, but it's not so clean cut when you examine the issues and people around the Brendan O'Connell case. Firstly, he was arrested at a Friends of Palestine event against Israeli oranges in Perth. Secondly, I had looked for a notice or something on the web, supposing that Friends of Palestine in West Australia would want to distance themselves from O'Connell, and only if you really, really search can you find something: "Given members of Friends of Palestine WA are shown and identified in the video in question, we feel it is incumbent on you to point out to your readers that we as an organisation cannot be held responsible for the racist views expressed by a rogue individual who unfortunately happened to attend one of our protests. Furthermore, we feel it is incumbent on you to make it known to your readers that we are unequivocally opposed to the vile racist views expressed by Mr O'Connell in his execrable video." That's *after* the event, and Friends of Palestine in West Australia have an unforgivable taste for that nasty racist play, Seven Jewish Children. Thirdly, the picture is further confused when you look at O'Connell's main supporter, Jeff Kerr's MySpace page, you see plenty of "anti-Zionist links", for example, the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy, James Petras and palestineremembered.com Fourthly, there is nothing on the main Australians for Palestine site, but there is a certain shared taste for some web material, Alan Hart's, the well known racist, Steve Lendman, Jonathan Cook and Deir Yassin Remembered (which readers will remember is run by a Holocaust denier, Daniel A. McGowan)." (30/1/11).

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.

Brian McDermott's 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". After twelve years, in April 2010 the Hinterland Voice ceased publication in print form. 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). During the period in review, Free State Voice posted a series of overtly antisemitic articles and linked to anti-Jewish videos. The site promoted conspiracy theories on many issues, with Jews generally depicted as the group seeking to benefit from disinformation.

- "Free State Voice" (5/2/12) published an article "Israel Torture Palestinian Children with Electro-Shock", which in addition to repeating unsubstantiated accusations of "Israel's systematic, institutionalized use of torture of Palestinian children" also contained a promotion of Hamas, defending its attitude to Jews, women and "resistances".
- In "How Hitler defied the bankers" (Free State Voice (7/5/12) "Editor" wrote "When Hitler came to power, Germany was hopelessly broke. The Treaty of Versailles had imposed crushing reparations on the German people, demanding that Germans repay every nation's costs of the war. These costs totaled three times the value of all the property in Germany. Private currency speculators caused the German mark to plummet, precipitating one of the worst runaway inflations in modern times. A wheelbarrow full of 100 billion-mark banknotes could not buy a loaf of bread. A national treasury was empty. Countless homes and farms were lost to speculators and to private (Jewish controlled) banks. Germans lived in hovels. They were starving, Nothing like this had ever happened before - the total destruction of the national currency, plus the wiping out of people's savings and businesses. On top of this came a global depression. Germany had no choice but to succumb to debt slavery under international (mainly Jewish) bankers until 1933, when the National Socialists came to power. At that point the German government thwarted the international banking cartels by issuing its own money. World Jewry responded by declaring a global boycott against Germany." The Editor went on to claim "Hjalmar Schacht, a Rothschild agent who was temporarily head of the German central bank, summed it up thus...An American banker had commented, "Dr. Schacht, you should come to America. We've lots of money and that's real banking." Schacht replied, "You should come to Berlin. We don't have money. That's real banking." (Schacht, the Rothschild agent, actually supported the private international bankers against Germany, and

was rewarded by having all charges against him dropped at the Nuremberg trials.) This economic freedom made Hitler extremely popular with the German people. Germany was rescued from English economic theory, which says that all currency must be borrowed against the gold owned by a private and secretive banking cartel -- such as the Federal Reserve, or the Central Bank of Europe -- rather than issued by the government for the benefit of the people. Canadian researcher Dr. Henry Makow (who is Jewish himself) says the main reason why the bankers arranged for a world war against Germany was that Hitler sidestepped the bankers by creating his own money, thereby freeing the German people. Worse, this freedom and prosperity threatened to spread to other nations. Hitler had to be stopped! Makow quotes from the 1938 interrogation of C. G. Rakovsky, one of the founders of Soviet Bolshevism and a Trotsky intimate. Rakovsky was tried in show trials in the USSR under Stalin. According to Rakovsky, Hitler was at first funded by the international bankers, through the bankers agent Hjalmar Schacht. The bankers financed Hitler in order to control Stalin, who had usurped power from their agent Trotsky. Then Hitler became an even bigger threat than Stalin when Hitler started printing his own money."; "In Billions for the Bankers, Debts for the People (1984), Sheldon Emry commented: Germany issued debt-free and interest-free money from 1935 on, which accounts for Germany's startling rise from the depression to a world power in five years. The German government financed its entire operations from 1935 to 1945 without gold, and without debt. It took the entire Capitalist and Communist world to destroy the German revolution, and bring Europe back under the heel of the Bankers." These facts do not appear in any textbooks today, since Jews own most publishing companies. What does appear is the disastrous runaway inflation suffered in 1923 by the Weimar Republic, which governed Germany from 1919 to 1933. Today's textbooks use this inflation to twist truth into its opposite. They cite the radical devaluation of the German mark as an example of what goes wrong when governments print their own money, rather than borrow it from private cartels. In reality, the Weimar financial crisis began with the impossible reparations payments imposed at the Treaty of Versailles. Hjalmar Schacht the Rothschild agent who was currency commissioner for the Republic -- opposed letting the German government print its own money ..."; concluding "What causes hyper-inflation is uncontrolled speculation. When speculation is coupled with debt (owed to private banking cartels) the result is disaster. On the other hand, when a government issues currency in carefully measured ways, it causes supply and demand to increase together, leaving prices unaffected. Hence there is no inflation, no debt, no unemployment, and no need for income taxes. Naturally this terrifies the bankers, since it eliminates their powers. It also terrifies Jews, since their control of banking allows them to buy the media, the government, and everything else. Therefore, to those who delight in saying Jews financed Hitler, "I ask that they please look at all the facts."

- In "Vladimir Putin Nemesis of the New World Order" (Free State Voice, 13/6/12) "Editor" wrote "The point is that much of the humanity recognizes that the New World Order is the ultimate demonic force. It is on the path to establish planetary unification of despotism. Look to the Pepo Escobar video for context in Putin not part of the NWO, labelled evil by elites. The concerted effort from the "Sub Rosa" fraternity to use their intelligence community skills and nation regime change, poses the greatest danger to any government that defies the dictates or delays the designs of the master plan. Surely, it must be just a coincidence, that the unfolding of the NWO resembles segments in The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion. So how should one view Putin? The provocative Brother Nathanael (view his videos on BATR) provides this assessment about Putin some five years ago. Russia's President Vladimir Putin is an Orthodox Christian. Putin has publicly stated that he is a Christian - his continual Church appearances are proof of it. Recently the BBC published a major article complete with pictures of Vladimir Putin's Orthodox Christian affiliations here and here. Because the Jews fear Vladimir Putin they are now publishing anti-Putin articles in their Jewish-controlled Press in order to bias public opinion against him such as in a 2007 Wall Street Journal article, The Perils of Putinism. The trilateral Commission, The Council on Foreign Relations, and The Bilderberg Group, all have a lot in common - Jewish membership. These 3 Groups also share a hatred of nations that oppose their "multiculturalism" which

translates into "multi-religions" with no monolithic opposition against them. The example of the latest trumped up humanitarian excuse to intervene in Syria has all the signs for the next false flag drama. Brother Nathanael chimes in on the Putin Trumps Zionist Plan for Syria YouTube. The Moscow Times adds this evaluation in Putin Has a Responsibility to Protect Syrians. "Articulating his anti-intervention policy, President Vladimir Putin wrote in his Feb. 27 Moskovskiye Novosti article that the global community should not pick sides in the Syrian conflict and that the problem should be solved "without foreign intervention and should respect [Syria's] sovereignty. We are against accepting Security Council resolutions that would be interpreted as a green light toward military intervention in internal Syrian affairs." What's more, in his May 7 foreign policy decree, Putin wrote that Russia "will oppose attempts to use the concept of human rights as an instrument of political pressure and to intervene in the internal affairs of other countries."; "From a flagship NeoCon publication, World Net Daily, the Zionist smear advances against anyone who might defy or resist the New World Order false religion. Olivier Melnick writes in The Dejudatization of Jerusalem? "And now the world appears to be uniting as 20 countries are joining hands and marching toward Israel under the banner of the "Global march to Jerusalem" to "unoccupy" the city on March 30, 2012, as they all converge on the capital. A million people are expected to invade Israel's borders." Just imagine when the legions of the Russian Bear march into the region and cries of Armageddon pour out of the NWO controlled media. The unholy alliance of Israeli Zionist politics and perverted dispensational biblical scripture provides the satanic justification, the for the false claims, that GOD will save the New World Order heretics." concluding "The Putin administration is no Millennium Kingdom. Nevertheless, the continuous tribulations coming from the NWO dictators, the minions of the devil, are the cause of human suffering. Who is the true nemesis of the almighty? Political redemption through global governance is an absurd nightmare. Only the Second Coming can provide the salvation from the fiendish New World Order. Beware of false prophets and heretical doctrine. The demise of this world, rapidly headed for a cosmic collision, is inevitable. Most Americans continue to serve the principality of darkness. Know your enemy well, before you leap into the hell fires, out of ignorance. Will you stand against the New Wo4rld Order? Or will you, continue to accept the lies and evils that are continually committed in your name?"

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). New material posted in the period in review included:

- "Homosecuality and Jews" which argued "Homosexuals are not normal human beings in the same way that Jews are not normal citizens of any country in which they reside. Public acceptance of homosexuality has been used by the Jewish puppetmasters to destabilize societies they are plundering. All societies coalesce on the basis of protection of one's own children and

property. Homosexuals and Jews sabotage this life-sustaining coalescence as they are motivated by their own pathological and physiologically deviant propensities." "Coming on the heels of ten turbulent years of the totally Jewish Women's Liberation Movement, which exacerbated the deterioration of the American nuclear family, this gay pronouncement further loosened what religious types might call the bounds of decency, and boldly pushed homosexuality into the public limelight as something that deserved our tolerance and compassion." "The real question is why those effeminate males produce such a flamboyantly depraved culture, and the simple answer is that is because homosexuality is depraved, unnatural and irresponsible to the highest degree. It is probably the most potent weapon in the arsenal of the Jewish destabilization template, which has now destroyed most of the countries it has touched (and that's all of them). On a sociological level, the attempt to pretend homosexuals are normal has resulted in just what homosexual behavior always produces: • Unwanted sexual attacks on children and adults. • Accelerated deterioration of the nuclear family. • Skewing of discussions about anything because of having to recognize the gay perspective (which is strikingly like the Jewish perspective), and . . . Utter unreliability and untrustworthiness in any institution, organization, or business that employs gays, whose behavior, either in concealment or extravagant flaunting of their chosen attitude, always destabilizes any relationship with any member of the heterosexual majority. The answer you get when you protest these things is always "we must tolerate others who are different." The response to that should always be "I have no wish to recognize an obvious illness, a sickening deviation from normal behavior, as normal, because (1) it disgusts me, and (2) it is extraordinarily unhealthy and destructive behavior." Thus does a small percentage of psychological and physiological aberrants force the vast majority of ordinary heterosexuals to tolerate something that disgusts them, verifying Nietzsche's observation that the Jewish philosophy promotes disease and depravity as virtues, something we observe in today's slanted media almost every day.;"What got the big headlines was the Catholic priests with their hands down boys' pants, although the Jews milked that for all it was worth (almost as much as the Holocaust reparations scams, but that's another story). The aspect of this story never told is the covert effort to get gay Jews into Catholic seminaries.;"As Freud's master manipulations gave us a society ruled by pill pushing Jewish dissemblers forcing us to eat the feces of their own nihilistic projections, so Jewish controlled Washington has dispensed an endless array of drugs, weapons and mental constrictions on a populace that mostly has never cared about who is taking how much off the top as long as they have their sedatives and distractions secure and nearby.;"It's very interesting that during the past four decades mainstream media have shined a bright light on the heterosexual trysts of famous politicians and celebrities, from Monica Lewinsky to John Edwards. But the homosexual entanglements of presidents draw nary a raised eyebrow as they are kept secret by media moguls who only reveal secrets that suit them. Could be that most of the Jewish media moguls, like a significant number of famous politicians, are really closet homos." "Combine all these things with the Israeli worldwide sex slavery ring, stealing white girls from impoverished Slavic countries and putting them in brothels around the world; the demonic Talmudic suggestions that it is OK to have sex with children; and the societal push over the course of my lifetime to saturate the world's media with sexual images in order to sell things, and you have a vast substrate of sexual perversion that undermines societies everywhere in the world. The fabled Jewish fact manipulator Henry Makow, so popular on the false opposition websites for his ability to claim that good Jews are forever being victimized by bad Jews, recently postulated the disinfo theorem that "all pornography is gay", following the policy of the Sanhedrin and the Protocols of Zion to destabilize the heterosexual population. As usual, Makow, best known for his insistence that the Balfour Declaration that started World War I was a Christian idea and plot, deliberately got it backwards. The real lesson is this. All homosexuality is pornography. And all pornography — this is a well known fact — is Jewish. This will tell you why the behavior of homosexuals and Jews is so similar.;" and "Personally, sex without love is something I'd rather not have. But society, pretty much run completely by Jewish pornographers, has taught generations of humans that getting off is more important than getting home. Beyond the gay problem is a larger dilemma, one the Jews have exploited to destabilize societies everywhere. This is the real gay plague, and it's not limited to homosexuals." (9/1/12)

- "Fredrick Tobin and Jewish Hurt Feelings" which started with this cartoon:



then continued "Dr. Fredrick Töben wrote recently to update his legal battle with "the chosen ones". He is facing personal bankruptcy. "I am currently in Sydney preparing for the bankruptcy-creditor's petition that's facing me on 29 August 2012" . Commenting on the Hebrewhaha over the construction of an "eruv" and a comment made by a local councillor, Dr. Töben writes: "If the comment, "Jewish, non-profit? ... Come on" is labelled by VIC ALHADEFF as racist/anti-Semitic, then it's time to sue him for defamation."Regarding the threat of bankruptcy facing Töben, the chosen ones are trying to extract their standard pound of flesh from their unauthorized critics. Töben has dared criticize the behaviour of Jews, Judaism and the terrorist state of Israel in a way of which they do not approve. They say they "defend the right" of people such as Töben to "challenge, question, or even oppose" Jews, Judaism and the terrorist state of Israel, but only if their feelings are not hurt. They claim that they do not oppose what is being said, only the way in which it is said. Hence, they do not like the "tone" of the criticism, implying that it amounts to "racism". Oi ve. Of course, they fear a good sense of humour might undermine their criminal control of all levels of non-Jewish society world-wide. Being ridiculed and not taken seriously is the greatest insult. And as we know from Brendon's case it is now a more serious criminal offence to hurt a Jew's feelings pointing out his own behaviour than violent criminal acts, such as for example firing illegal firearms at civilian targets or rape. In short, the Jews allow and even "defend" the right of non-Jews to criticize them as long as they can decide in what manner such criticism is being put forward. If the Jews do not subjectively like what is being said they claim their feelings are hurt and that amounts to "racism", which is now a criminal offence punishable by many years in a maximum security prison. Anyone holding up a mirror to a Jew, to show him his own behaviour, is labelled an "anti-Semite" and hence a criminal, who is consequently blamed for the Jews' own behaviour." (2/9/12).

10.0 RESPONSES TO ANTISEMITISM

10.1 Introduction

A range of responses are necessary if a society is serious about limiting, let alone 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.

In a welcome discussion, the Federal Government appointed a Stand Alone Race Discrimination Commissioner to the Australian Human Rights Commission, on 5 September 2011.

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 and the 2011 Review Conference in New York, 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”

Additionally, a number of state parliaments are reviewing laws aimed at combating racist graffiti.

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.

During the period in review, racism in the sporting arena was the subject of general discussion. Officials of both Australian Rules football (“Abuse blights game”, Herald-Sun 16/6/12) and Rugby League (“No place for racism – ARLD, Sydney Morning Herald 16/6/12) responded strongly to requests of racial taunts in their games. Prior to the “State of Origin” Rugby League series it was reported “The Queensland Rugby League (QRL) and Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission are taking a coordinated, zero-tolerance approach to racism in the code, beginning with the finals in this year’s State of Origin series in Brisbane. Both organisations have called for the match to be a positive experience for all players and supporters and have stated that there should be no tolerance for racial vilification or racial hatred. “Unfortunately, there were reports of anti-social behaviour at the last origin game, with some members of the crowd being subjected to racist abuse.” Queensland Rugby League CEO Robert Moore said. “This is not something we want to see at the final match in this year’s Origin or any other rugby league match in Queensland.” “Racial vilification is against the law, and the QRL and the Anti-Discrimination Commission are working together to make sure the sporting arena is not a place where this type of conduct will be tolerated,” Queensland’s Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Kevin Cocks said. “We will be reminding all those who attend the State of Origin finals in Brisbane on Wednesday, that racial vilification is not a part of Queensland’s sporting culture, and that if anyone observes any anti-social conduct of this kind, they are encouraged to report it to stadium security immediately,” said Mr Moore. (3/7/12).

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. In March 2012, the 6th Dialogue took place in Semarang, Indonesia. The author of this report was an active participant as an Australian delegate and member of the Drafting Committee.

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 2012 Toben was declared bankrupt as a result of unpaid costs awarded against him in actions relating to the Act.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/immigration/inquiry-weighs-law-to-end-racial-vilification/story-fn9hmlgu-1226196066906>

Inquiry weighs law to end racial vilification

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A NEW "multicultural act" that would contain laws to curtail racial vilification is being considered by the government inquiry into the nation's acceptance of culturally diverse communities.

Labor MP Maria Vamvakinou, who chairs the inquiry, says the Australian system is failing to help new migrants and refugees at the front door, particularly by not providing adequate language tuition and failing to recognise migrants' qualifications. Ms Vamvakinou has also highlighted that her committee will not recommend laws that favour Muslims, saying all other migrant groups have had to fit into the Australian system.

In its submission to the parliamentary inquiry, the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils called for Muslims to be offered "legal pluralism". Ms Vamvakinou told *The Australian* her committee had received a strong push to create new laws that enshrine multiculturalism in the Australian system. "We've had submissions suggesting this, we are open-minded about it," she said.

"NSW and Victoria have a multiculturalism act. It would mean having some benchmark or measuring stick to see if you have properly integrated people."

Immigration Minister Chris Bowen announced a suite of changes to the government's multiculturalism strategy, including beefing up the Australian Multicultural Council, which will now act as a "champion for multiculturalism" and advise the government on how best to direct services to new migrants. The government will also establish a "national anti-racism and partnership strategy".

But Ms Vamvakinou said the committee had been overwhelmed by complaints that the system was not equipping new Australians with language skills and work that suited their qualifications. "There's a provision for 510 hours of English to be made available to people under the humanitarian program and there is a lot of concern that that is inadequate," she said. "On skills, there are a lot of people coming here under a skills program and when they get here they find that their degree or their trade is not recognised so they can't actually work in the areas that they were initially given a visa to (work in). This has come up enough times to warrant more investigation from the Department of Immigration." She said her committee would not give Muslims special treatment. "Previous generations of migrants have managed to absorb those issues without requiring any special attention," she said. "Without pre-empting the report, there is a strongly held view that the committee has, that multiculturalism is not about sharia law. "Our inquiry will make some fairly definitive response to sharia law. . . . There will not be any support for that kind of accommodation. We're a country that's got people coming here from all over the place, of all sorts of faiths and creeds, and there hasn't been any special accommodation (in) the law of the land for the others.

"Once you go down that path, you are starting to treat people differently and I would never support anything that perpetuated a certain attitude towards women."

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). The jailing of Brendon O'Connell for racist activity was under the W.A. Legislative.

In NSW, The Hon. Walt Secord MLC argued "NSW should become the first Australia State to have a specific offence for racist graffiti with suitably tough penalties. "I would like to see NSW become the first State in Australia to have such an offence on the books," Mr Secord said. "Daubing a racist slogan on a temple, church, synagogue, mosque or an Aboriginal sacred site is not expression, it is an outright offence – and has no place in this nation. "It is simply disgusting. "NSW judges should have the power to deem racist graffiti as an aggravated offence carrying tougher penalties for offenders." (7/3/12).

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 ...".

10.7.2 The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) 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.

In a judgement passed down in December 2010 ACMA noted that Al-Manar , broadcast by satellite into Australia, in a programme allegedly on Jerusalem "does not refer to facts and current events but instead responds with a long discourse about Jewish people over history, describing them using such language as: 'villains', 'fundamentalist' and 'extremists', responsible for the 'slaying of prophets' and 'accusing Virgin Mary [...] of committing adultery' those 'who want throughout their whole life' and 'deliberately offend and insult others'. No balancing or differing points of view are offered during the program. In fact, no real attempt is made to link this racially-based invective to the particular issue that was noted to be the subject of the program (namely, the excavation of the al-Aqsa Mosque), nor is any attempt made to draw out any of the range of complex historical and political issues surrounding the excavation. In describing Jewish people in the above manner, the Sheikh makes generalisations which (at best) conflate the actions of individuals collectively with Jewish people as a whole. These generalisations denigrate the entire group by claiming that all Jewish people share the same negative characteristics. In this regard, the ACMA considers that the program was likely to vilify Jewish people on the basis of ethnicity and religion. Further, given that no real attempt was made to link this discourse to the subject matter of the program (except other than a 'so what can we expect' inferential link), the overall context of the program and the statements made by the Sheikh were gratuitous."

10.7.3 Free TV (formerly 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. 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.

- A Sydney Cityrail employee was suspended for six months without pay for making antisemitic comments, but reinstated rather than being dismissed as he had trade union backing (Sun-Herald, 12/2/12).
- JTA carried a report that “A man in Melbourne accused of taunting his neighbours with anti-Semitic abuse was evicted from his apartment. Adam Schipkie, 28, was ordered by a government tribunal from his local council flat Thursday after residents, including some Holocaust survivors, complained. One man, a son of Auschwitz survivors who did not wish to be identified, said he worried about retaliation. “He knows where we live,” Melbourne’s Herald Sun quoted him as saying. Residents of the flat in Caulfield, a leafy suburb heavily populated with some of the city’s 50,000 Jews, said cars had been etched with swastikas. But Schipkie blamed his acquaintances and said they, not he, had struck fear into his neighbours.” (23/8/12).
- The Financial Review noted “Macquarie Group director Michael Hawker has apologised for comments last week in which he praised Adolf Hitler’s leadership vision. “These comments were insensitive and inappropriate and I apologise unreservedly for them and any offence or hurt they have caused,” he said.” (21/8/12).
- Katie Bice reported “A tax office employee who claimed he was subjected to anti-Semitic taunts at work has been granted compensation after a two-year fight. The Australian Taxation Office was criticised for its “flawed” investigation into Stephen Strelecky’s complaint. Mr Strelecky was working at the Box Hill office in October 2009 when he claimed a colleague racially taunted him. An investigation went unresolved until May 2010, when a report found no evidence the comments had been made and recommended mediation. A further report in August 2010 found the comments had “most likely” been made, but alleged Mr Strelecky had also potentially breached the code of conduct with “deliberate whistling” while walking by his colleague’s desk. Mr Strelecky’s first claim for compensation for stress leave was rejected. An appeal by a Comcare review officer found Mr Strelecky was “likely” to have

been subjected to anti-Semitic remarks, a significant factor in his developing a psychological condition.” (Herald Sun, 22/9/12).

The Last Word: Dangerous Ideas

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Jeremy Jones

It would be comforting to imagine that individuals who seek to cause harm to other individuals would be regarded as "dangerous."

It would be comforting to imagine that responsible, ethical people would do what they could to protect the intended victims of such "dangerous" people.

It would be comforting if the media and organised groups within civil society would respectively cast a spotlight on dangerous individuals and create a social environment which was unfriendly to those who intimidate, bully and constitute threats to others.

Sadly, it is often easier to find counter-examples rather than exemplars of decent, let alone admirable, behaviour.

In Burgas in Bulgaria, Israeli tourists and a Muslim Bulgarian bus-driver had their lives seized from them in July, as a direct consequence of the idea that it is legitimate to murder individuals due to their nationality, ethnicity or religion.

Dangerous, evil ideas led to an act which should have been adjudged unambiguously immoral, yet ambiguity was promoted by some "quality" media outlets, in the form of reporting and editorialising of this as having a context of war between states.

To suggest that a terrorist is justified or murders of holidaymakers can be rationalised this way is an idea almost as dangerous as the ideology which drives the murderers.

In Toulouse in France, in March, a callous killer took the lives of three children and a teacher, purely because they were Jewish.

Those of us who care about the moral fabric of society were initially heartened to hear and read voluminous commentary attacking the murderers and the prejudices which provided a grim logic to racist killers. However, when it was revealed that the racist was not a White Supremacist but a member of France's Arab/Muslim minority, the unity of integrity crumbled, with pathetic apologia drowning out principled stances against all murder-justifying ideologies. It is a dangerous idea that a person occupying a position of moral authority should not be subject to social censure when they display contempt for basic moral values. However, it is an idea which if not often openly articulated certainly has currency.

In Europe, basic rights to carry out religious practices which are premised on community building and compassion are under threat due to a combination of political cynicism, ignorance, moral confusion and feelings of (self-arrogated) cultural superiority. Those who express the idea that this is unproblematic are in no danger, although they present danger to the rights of others.

It would have been comforting to think that Richard Falk, one of the United Nations Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteurs, would have been turfed out of any responsible body for his past promotions of bigotry, but he is still there and has now stated his view that there is a malevolent international cabal called "the organised Jewish community". On his own blog, where he posted this, he provided a platform for someone to comment that "with the global economy teetering on the verge of toppling over like the inverse pyramid in the Star of David" the Book of Revelations was being revealed and Armageddon is around the corner and then added how much he appreciated such "illuminating and spiritually relevant comments." As Hillel Neuer of UN Watch pointed out, this came at a time Mr. Falk is providing an endorsement for a book denounced not only by mainstream figures but even high-profile anti-Zionist activists for its attacks on Israel, Jews and Judaism.

History shows that antisemitism is a dangerous idea, if not the single most dangerous idea of the past century, yet it is one which is tolerated, when not actually promoted, in far too many places and by far too many people.

In Sydney this September, the fourth annual "Festival of Dangerous Ideas" will be convened, with one session devoted to the defamation of both Israeli society and of the concept that the Jewish people, like other peoples, are entitled to self-determination.

Shamefully, rather than being a deconstruction of or expression of revulsion at this group defamation, the session amounts to a promotion of this "dangerous idea."

APPENDICES

Sample of Serious Attacks on Jewish Australians

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 2012. Please note this list is far from exhaustive.

It is extracted from a database, complete from October 1, 1989 to September 30, 2012, which includes:

- 598 incidents of property damage to buildings and/or physical assault of individuals
 - 1,346 incidents of harassment and intimidation not entailing physical contact
 - 686 records of telephone abuse and threats
 - 1,305 unique mailings of anti-Jewish material
 - 928 records of anti-Jewish graffiti, in most cases daubed on Jewish communal premises
 - 665 incidents listed as miscellaneous, which includes faxed, letterboxed and leafleted material, as well as stickers and posters, in public places
 - 3,439 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) and 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 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. (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 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).**

- **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 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 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).**
- A Jewish man outside an entertainment venue in Sydney was assaulted, with the attackers making antisemitic comments while physically assaulting him (11/11/10).
- Attempted arson at Jewish educational institution in Sydney, which failed when cigarette thrown into accelerant did not ignite fire (10/3/11).
- Window in synagogue in Sydney's north shore smashed by an object thrown through it (19/10/11).
- Attempted arson attempt at synagogue in Brisbane. The word "Satan" was also spray painted onto the synagogue wall (24/12/11).
- Two men approached congregants leaving synagogue in Sydney's eastern suburbs, making comments such as "fuck off you fucking Jews" and initiating a physical confrontation (14/4/12).
- People at Jewish Aged Institution in Sydney subjected to antisemitic abuse, including "Hitler should have finished the job" by driver of vehicle who also used his vehicle menacingly (14/6/12).

Anti-Semitism in Australia increases by 31%, study shows

Study director Jeremy Jones says Internet forums allow for proliferation of anti-Jew behavior, denies link between incidents of anti-Semitism to actions of Israel or behavior of Jews.

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Anti-Semitic violence in Australia has increased by 31% over the past year, a recent study that was presented Monday in Melbourne showed.

"This year, ten times a week, every week, Jewish Australians were attacked or threatened," said Jeremy Jones, the Director of Community Affairs for the Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council, who prepared the study.

Jones presented his findings, which included data from annual studies that he conducted over 22 years, at the Annual Meeting of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

The study evidenced a total of 517 attacks and acts of harassment that occurred between October 1, 2010 and September 30 this year; 38% above the average of the previous 21 years.

Jones said the overall increase was made up of rises and falls in anti-Semitism across the categories. While physical attacks increased only slightly and face-to-face harassment decreased by 20%, hate mail and graffiti was well up.

The study defined anti-Semitic attacks as any act of racist violence that includes physical contact against a person or Jewish communal property or face-to-face threats. The types of threats recorded in the study ranged from those made via email, mail, and faxes, to threats made by phone calls or on leaflets.

Jones highlighted the proliferation of anti-Semitism expressed over the Internet. He emphasized that there are organizations as well as individuals promoting anti-Semitism in Australia, who operate via online forums such as Facebook, Newsgroups and online clubs, in addition to various print mediums.

While there are few public supporters in Australia of anti-Jewish violence and physical harassment, comments of this sort flourish on the Internet sites of mainstream, including government-owned, media outlets, explained Jones. He asserts top-down initiatives must be taken to combat this trend.

"It is time mainstream media and others grew up – the online world can no longer be regarded as some sort of alternative reality," said Jones. "If a posting on your web-site would not be published in print or broadcast by you, don't provide it with an online platform and demean your brand."

Jones stipulated that the behavior of anti-Semites is not influenced by the actions of Jews, nor of Israel. "There is nothing to suggest (the increase) is related to attitudes to Israel, but maybe due to a series of issues in which Jews were visibly involved, such as the prominence of Jews promoting multiculturalism and anti-racism laws, the attempt by a local community to establish an Eruv and a debate on methods for humanely killing animals for human consumption," he told Haaretz.

But, he said, "Individuals with a certain mindset are opportunistic - if they think Israel can be exploited as a negative they do so, if not they find another pretext" like blaming Jews for whatever they see as public ills. As such, when there are particularly virulent or defamatory attacks on Israel in the government-owned media, certain anti-Semitic individuals see this as a weakening of mythical Jewish control over the government and therefore a signal that there is more freedom to harass or attack Jews, Jones explained.

Not included in the study were reports that may have been anti-Semitic but there was insufficient evidence to justify inclusion. Such incidents include when Jewish Australians were assaulted, harassed and abused in a manner or context where the "Jewishness" of the target was not clearly the motivation behind the offence. "A small minority of attacks on Israel or its alleged behavior were expressed in a manner which identified them as anti-Semitic, but in many other cases anti-Semitism was a possible, but not definite motive," said Jones.

The study showed 8,424 recorded incidents of anti-Semitism over the past 22 years. Jones described this figure as "disturbing", but emphasized that the incidents of anti-Semitism should be viewed in the context of the millions of positive or neutral interactions between Jews and non-Jews that took place over the same period. "The overwhelming majority of Jews in Australia never encounter physical manifestations of anti-Semitism," he said.

Jones told Haaretz that he believes anti-Semitism is less of an issue in Australia than in virtually any other country. This, he asserts, can be attributed to the fact that Jews have been part of mainstream life in Australia since the first days of colonization, have played active and important roles in politics and the military, and continue to be honored for contributions to Australia's arts, culture, science, education, business and more.

Race Relations in Contemporary Australia

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Presentation to the AGM of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Melbourne, Victoria

Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Helen Szoke

27 November 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to address this AGM. I am delighted to be here, and of course to take the opportunity to meet you all in my home town of Melbourne. I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, the people of the Kulin Nation, and to pay my respect to elders past and present. Over the past three months, I have had both the luxury and challenge of moving from my general human rights perspective to focus specifically on race and the human rights breaches that result from race. This has been an interesting time. I have left the comfort of a state jurisdiction with a long history of bi-partisan commitment to multiculturalism, a human rights act, a modernised equal opportunity act, and comprehensive vilification legislation, and now contemplate a broader, much more complex canvas with change afoot: the prospect and optimism of a clearly articulated multicultural policy for the nation.

I am in the process of visiting many parts of the country to engage with communities in different settings, of different ages and with different life experiences. I am also taking this time to visit the more remote communities, where the issues that face Aboriginal Australians are stark and challenging and the solutions elusive and disputed. At times, I am surprised by what I see. At others, I am deeply and disappointingly unsurprised. It gives me great pleasure to share my observations and reflections with this group because the Jewish community in Australia has made a significant contribution to our country's development and progress, yet still continues to experience discrimination and harassment. This puts your community in a powerful position to advocate for and shape the continued growth and development of multiculturalism, and ensure that existing protections against discrimination and harassment are reinforced and developed.

Today, I will talk to you about a range of facets of race relations in the Australian context.

- *I will discuss the fact that multiculturalism must acknowledge first and foremost the dispossession of our first nations people, Aboriginal Australians;*
- *I will take the long, historical view of race and how we view it in Australia – how the very development of our Constitution as a nation both reflected and skimmed over the early multi-racial aspect of this country;*
- *I will also reflect on why, when connection to culture, language and belief systems is a lifeline for people of different races and cultures, it is still so poorly understood in Australia, and why it must be advocated for and protected to build our future sense of being a multicultural country;*
- *And finally, I will discuss some of the current opportunities to patch the holes in the legal and social protection of racial equality and multiculturalism in Australia, and urge you to do your part in that work.*

So let me define my terms.....

What is Multiculturalism

The Oxford English Dictionary offers a broad definition of multiculturalism as the "characteristics of a multicultural society" and "the policy or process whereby the distinctive identities of the cultural groups within such a society are maintained or supported".

But arriving at a single definition of multiculturalism as it applies here, in 21st century Australia, is difficult and almost always coloured by the personal and cultural experiences of the individual. I see multiculturalism from a human rights perspective: as a critical policy framework consistent with human rights principles which promotes understanding, respect and friendship among racial and ethnic groups in Australia and combats the prejudices that lead to racial discrimination.

Former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma described it in these terms: Multiculturalism is also a set of norms or principles in which the human rights of all are respected, protected and promoted. In particular it resonates with a notion of equality which enables all Australians to participate fully in the social, cultural, economic and political life in Australia irrespective of race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Finally, multiculturalism, both as policy and ideal, supports the ideals of a democratic society in which every person is free and equal in dignity and rights.[1]

But as I mentioned in my introduction, embedding multiculturalism in the fabric of a society relies on the strength of the yarn with which it is knit. In Australia, that means giving as much regard to the culture, beliefs and rights of the first inhabitants of this country as we do to someone who arrived yesterday. I am continually horrified by how many discussions about social cohesion and multiculturalism overlook the importance of achieving true reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This is vital to achieving a harmonious multicultural society. The current process of considering constitutional reform to recognise our First Nations peoples is a big opportunity for Australia to right a century old wrong, and advance racial equality more broadly.

What do we do about racial equality?

The Jewish community has always played an important role in colonised Australia, and of course in the very formation of the Constitution of Australia. Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs (1855-1948), was part of those early constitutional debates, and then subsequently led an important role in the early life of federated Australia, filling the roles of governor-general, judge and politician. He and the other delegates who came together in this beautiful city for the Constitutional Convention in 1890's had their origins in many other parts of the world. But we should not forget that even at this stage of the birth of our Constitution, some groups were notably excluded: for example, Aboriginal Australians and the migrant workers who had come to Australia to benefit from the gold rush of the nineteenth century.

I mention this because, from our 2011 perspective, it's easy to forget how much of our colonised history comprised multicultural elements, and how these were used and abused, or simply neglected, in our yen for progress. First, we denied our own First Nations people recognition. Then, having been colonised by Europeans, we were settled by people from the Asian continent as the gold mines opened, and people of Muslim faith and of course Jewish faith, in addition to the various iterations of Christianity, who contributed to building our railways, taming our deserts and building our towns and cities. Despite the critical contribution they made to our development, we denied many of these groups recognition. That's why so few of their stories have made it into the historical narrative of our nationhood. While the early debate on the formation of a Constitution of Australia brought about an opportunity to enshrine the right to equality firmly in our value system in Australia, this opportunity was lost.

David Marr, in his Human Rights Oration delivered for the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission in 2010 reflected that the drafting of the Constitution proposed a range of inclusions. One option was to include: A guarantee for all time for the citizens of the Commonwealth that they shall be treated according to what we recognise to be the principles of justice and equality.

Marr describes the process in this way: The 42 delegates camped in the Legislative Assembly of the Melbourne parliament growled and sniped for an hour, broke for lunch and came back – clearly in a foul mood – to shred that rights initiative in less than 20 minutes. First went the notion that:

... a state shall not make or enforce any law abridging any privilege or immunity of citizens of the Commonwealth.

Then hacked down was:

... nor shall a state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

And finally by 23 votes to 19 the delegates ditched

... or deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws.[2]

This lost opportunity is now history. To some extent, we have since righted this omission with the passage of the discrimination and human rights legislation that has guided our country since the 1970's. We have also gone some way to righting it by becoming signatories to treaties and conventions at the international level.

So why do I mention these injustices of more than a 100 years standing today? I believe that these snippets of history demonstrate that combating discrimination and promoting equality requires vigilance, attention and constant renovation. They further demonstrate that these processes are often conservatively viewed. And if we need more recent evidence of this fact, we need only reflect on the disappointment that followed the national human rights consultation in 2009, in which a very modest human rights approach for us as a country could not be agreed. So what does this mean for us? Might we now finally have a real chance to enshrine multiculturalism, promote equality and enhance existing protections from racial discrimination at the systemic and community levels? I believe we do: there are currently opportunities where all these things are in play and are ready to be influenced.

How do we achieve racial equality?

One opportunity to achieve equality on the basis of race exists within the current process of consultation around constitutional reform. It is an oft forgotten fact that that the Australian Constitution does not recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In response to this glaring oversight, the Prime Minister has established an Expert Panel to lead a national conversation on constitutional recognition. The Australian Government, the Opposition, the Australian Greens and the Independent members of Parliament all support the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the Constitution. My colleague, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, is part of the Expert Panel which is putting together a discussion paper to help identify processes for how this constitutional reform may be pursued. Of course the Constitution which underpins our federal laws and institutions can only be changed by the people. This means that it requires a referendum and next year we will see the campaign to develop the case for this change to occur.[3] But constitutional change is a very hard thing to achieve in this country. An overwhelming majority of referenda put to the Australian people to date have failed. This time, it's vital that we help people understand that this is an issue for all Australians, not just Aboriginal Australians, just as multiculturalism is an issue for all Australians not just people from culturally different backgrounds. I commend the strong submission that has been made by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry in support of the constitutional recognition of Australian Aboriginal peoples, and implore you to continue to advocate, wherever possible, for its adoption.

The second opportunity arises in the area of law reform. You are all aware that we have in place at the Commonwealth level the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

The Racial Discrimination Act 1975 gives effect to Australia's obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Its major objectives are to:

- *promote equality before the law for all persons, regardless of their race, colour or national or ethnic origin, and*
- *make discrimination against people on the basis of their race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin unlawful.*

However, as I have already mentioned, there is no constitutional entrenchment of the principle of non-discrimination in Australia, nor is there a Bill of Rights. This means that the current process of consolidating all of the Commonwealth 'equality and human rights Acts', including the Racial Discrimination Act, is an important process that you need to be aware of and have input into.[4] This process seeks to gather community views on consolidating existing Commonwealth anti-discrimination law into a single Act – a task which is a key component of Australia's Human Rights Framework.[5] It is an opportunity to ensure that we have the best level of protection against discrimination – on all grounds – that is possible.

When I consider the Jewish community's particular experience of racial hatred and discrimination, here and abroad, I believe it is critical that you connect with this opportunity to ensure that it does not pass without the best possible protections in future a comprehensive Commonwealth law.

This is one area of lawmaking where personal experience is powerful and highly relevant. I am particularly aware of the experience of many Jewish people, of harassment at best and vilification and violence at worst, in public places. The infamous experience of Menachem Vorchheimer led, through his own tireless advocacy, to the development of changes to Victorian sentencing laws and to a deeper consideration of prejudice motivated crime.

And every visibly different group in our community has a similar tale of harm to tell. The work that the Australian Human Rights Commission has done with African communities,[6] is a case in point, and the African communities claim that their 'blackness' is often a barrier to their equal participation in various aspects of public life. This has also been the experience of the Commission's work with Muslim communities, where attacks and abuse occur daily in public places and where unconscious bias or institutional barriers prevent equal participation in the daily life of the community.[7] Clearly, the influence and advocacy of a few – particularly those with a strong and recognisable voice in our community, such as your membership – has the potential to benefit many who are already living among us, and those who have yet to arrive.

I am still in the process of developing the agenda for my role over the next five years, and have much still to consider, but I wanted to use the time today to focus on one aspect of the current debate about multiculturalism which I find quite astonishing.

Many of you will be aware of the Mapping Social Cohesion 2011 report sponsored by the Scanlon Foundation. Its main message – that all indicators demonstrate fragility in our social cohesion – is a critical message for us to hear.

While the report found that a majority of Australians viewed economic growth and the need to replenish an ageing population as a good reason for immigration, there was minimal support for investing in ethnic or migrant communities to ensure that they stay in touch with their cultural heritage. One of the many questions of the Scanlon research asked was whether it was better for immigrants to maintain their distinct customs and traditions.[8] It seems that too many Australians believe that, rather than cultivating this heritage, new arrivals should check their cultural luggage at the door. To me, this is a deeply unsatisfying one-sided take on identity. Under this model, to be 'Australian' requires the denial, rather than the acceptance, of the full spectrum of each person. Yet all who have arrived on these shores – whether in the last twenty, the last two hundred, or the last

20,000 years have brought different experiences, mindsets and customs with them. They did so while still taking advantage of the freedom and opportunities that this new land offered. We only have to look at the devastation that was wreaked on this nation's first peoples to understand what happens when language, history and custom is denied – the grief passed down through generations; the tragic loss of strength and self.

Yet, in a disturbing bookend to this proclivity for assimilation, we've assumed that Australian identity is an immutable fixture into which new arrivals must also be absorbed – with these individuals and their families adjusting, but the community remaining the same.

This is a theme which is well understood by the Jewish community in Australia, and one that has been explored in your own commissioned research on Jewish continuity and what is needed to protect your identity into the future.[9] As this report, prepared by Professor Andrew Markus, acknowledges:

Jewish Australians have a proud record of achievement, both in their contribution to Australian society and in their ability to nurture a thriving and diverse communal life.[10]

Why then have we not learnt the lessons of the past? Why do many Australians fail to recognise that the continued investment in the retention of these links is in fact an investment for us all? Why can we now finally accept that the 1950s wave of migration enhanced us in ways beyond economic development – in sport, in culture, in culinary pursuits, yet suspiciously deny that possibility to our more newly arrived communities from Africa, Burma, Afghanistan or Sri Lanka?

What is currently happening in this space?

What do we need to do to raise awareness of the value of strong cultural ties, and their nurturing effect on citizenship, and what barriers are there to achieving this? Happily, for the first time in a decade, we have a national recognition and commitment to multiculturalism. The People of Australia policy establishes multiculturalism as Australia's norm, and implicitly recognises that multiculturalism benefits us all. It makes the connection between our investment in excellent settlement services, our recognition of cultural diversity and country origins, and our multi-faith commitments, and the benefits of that investment and commitment to social cohesion, the development of citizenship and the future economic and social success of our pluralistic society. Once again, I would commend this organisation for its strong advocacy and support for a multicultural policy for Australia.

But we are not talking about change that can be achieved merely at the national policy level. It is change that can only be achieved when it filters through every level of society: through government at all levels, through the public institutions and systems, through smaller cultural, recreational or affinity networks, and on through the individuals that make up our community.

At a systemic level, the Australian Human Rights Commission is leading a partnership to develop a National Strategy to combat racism. The purpose of this strategy is to contribute to building a multicultural Australia where all people, can participate equally and thus contribute equally to the community as a whole. How, though, might an Anti-Racism Strategy be realised in the grass roots of the community? Should we ask government to direct existing funding to focus on prevention? Should we raise community awareness of the economic cost of racism, thus making a more pragmatic appeal? Should we utilize social media? Should we call on business to show leadership? Should we invite the media to commit to responsible reporting on issues of race? I'm certainly keen to hear your ideas and suggestions.

But whatever direction we take, we cannot let this particular moment pass. We must harness the opportunity that has been ignited – fuelling it in such a way that it becomes self-propelling, so that we do not lose the spark again. This means garnering support from right across the political spectrum; from business and community leaders; from those in high profile positions of all kinds.

It means encouraging those in leadership when they show strength; it means calling them on it when they don't. In thinking about the opportunities and the possibilities of activism for all of us, I am reminded of the comment made by Otto von Bismarck in nineteenth century Europe when he noted:

Laws are like sausages. It's better not to see them being made.

I would dissent from that view. We should be part of this production, so that we can really reassure ourselves about what we're getting when it lands on the plate.

I know that as I speak to you today there is no need for me to call you to action. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry is there already, knocking at the door of governments, and leading community debate. Rather, I see this as an opportunity to build a relationship and to extend the working relationship I have had with my Victorian colleagues, in order to work for racial equality for all Australians. And I look forward to doing that with your support, advice, influence and vast experience of all the benefits and challenges of retaining a strong cultural identity while participating fully in the life of this country.

Thank you.

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