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Preliminary Guidance: Nonprofit Security Grant Program FY 2020

JFNA Grant Guidance: THREAT CHRONOLOGY:

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

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

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

Recommendations (in order of priority):

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

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

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

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

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

THREAT CHRONOLOGY

I. Spotlight

House Judiciary Committee Oversight Hearing on the FBI

FBI Director Christopher Wray Testimony: The most persistent threats to the nation and to U.S. interests abroad are homegrown violent extremists (HVEs), domestic violent extremists, and foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs). The international terrorism threat to the U.S. has expanded from sophisticated, externally directed FTO plots to include individual attacks carried out by HVEs who are inspired by designated terrorist organizations. Threats from **ISIS, Al Qaeda, Iran and its proxy Hizballah are of top concern.** Domestic violent extremists collectively pose a steady threat of violence to the United States as well. The FBI is most concerned about lone offender attacks, primarily shootings, as they have served as the dominant lethal mode for domestic violent extremist attacks. More deaths were caused by domestic violent extremists than international terrorists in recent years. **The top threat we face from domestic violent extremists stems from those we now identify as racially/ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVEs).** RMVEs were the primary source of ideologically-motivated lethal incidents and violence in 2018 and 2019, and have been considered the most lethal of all domestic extremism movements since 2001.

During questioning, Director Wray told the House Judiciary Committee that **violent extremists motivated by race were now considered a “national threat priority” equivalent to foreign terrorist organizations such as ISIS.**

(Sources: Statement Before the House Judiciary Committee, Hearing on Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, February 5, 2020; Link: https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/fbi-oversight-020520?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=%5B785545%5D-%2Fnews%2Ftestimony%2Ffbi-oversight-020520; CBS News, February 5, 2020; Link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/racially-motivated-violent-extremism-isis-national-threat-priority-fbi-director-christopher-wray/>)

House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, & Recovery Hearing on the Importance of DHS Preparedness Grants

During this Subcommittee hearing on the federal emergency preparedness grant programs to the states, witness testimony focused on **the importance of FEMA’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program and the need for Congress to increase program funding to counter escalating risks to the nonprofit sector, and faith- and community-based organizations in particular.**

“I can tell you without equivocation that the [Nonprofit Security Grant Program] has placed the nonprofit, faith-based community in a better position to be safe and secure,” said **Michael Masters, CEO and national director of the Secure Community Network, the security arms of the Jewish Federation of North America** and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, testified. Masters noted that funding from the grant program for nonprofits has helped Jewish organizations undertake meaningful security assessments; beef up their security by installing various security measures, such as cameras, electronic door locks, panic buttons, etc.; and receive disaster training.

During prepared remarks, **Greg Kierce, director of the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security**, spoke about the Jersey City terror attack in which two people killed a police detective before barricading themselves in a kosher supermarket. There, they shot and killed three people, including

two Jews and a store employee, before they themselves were shot and killed by police. That attack and the [mass casualty machete] in Monsey, N.Y., a few weeks later “show how critical the need is here,” he said.

John Miller, deputy commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism at the New York City Police Department said Jewish communities need to be aware of and prepared for threats from these different groups be it Islamic extremists, white supremacists or others, which makes the need for specific security strategies crafted in cooperation with law enforcement and the implementation of those strategies even more important. Such efforts, however, can only happen if the funding is available. Miller noted that while \$60 million in nonprofit security grants were offered last year by the Federal government, there were more than \$170 million in requests.

In reaction, the Subcommittee’s **Ranking Republican, U.S. Rep. Peter King (R-NY)**, called for a bipartisan nationwide effort to expand funding for antiterrorism programs, and not just maintenance of current funding levels. “This is not an accounting issue, it’s a life or death issue and we have to face up to it,” King said.

Similarly, **the Subcommittee’s Chairman, U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ)**, remarked, “We are also reminded of homeland security needs by events like the Jersey City shooting at a Jewish grocery store last month that claimed the lives of four victims, including a police officer. The loss of one life is too many, and I can only imagine how this tragedy would have unfolded if Jersey City was not armed with the capabilities they were able to build with DHS preparedness grant funding,” said.

(Sources: Jewish News Syndicate, 01/10/20; Link: <https://www.jns.org/security-experts-urge-lawmakers-for-increased-security-funding-for-us-religious-institutions-nonprofits/>; Homeland Preparedness News, 01/09/20; Link: <https://homelandprepnews.com/countermeasures/42329-house-panel-seeks-restoration-of-homeland-security-grants/>)

II. Recent Risk Assessments of National Significance

Federal Joint Intelligence Bulletin: Domestic Violent Extremists¹

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security and National Counterterrorism Center assess Domestic Violent Extremists (DVEs) and Racially/Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs) will continue to pose a lethal threat to faith-based communities, particularly the Jewish community, in the Homeland and remain concerned about the difficulty of detecting lone offenders due to the individualized nature of the radicalization process. At least four incidents since October 2018 against Jewish communities underscore the increasingly lethal threat RMVEs and perpetrators of hate crimes pose to faith-based communities in the United States, particularly against soft targets such as religious and cultural facilities. In addition to violent attacks and plots, the FBI and law enforcement partners have investigated and arrested individuals who have vandalized or committed arson on property associated with Jewish institutions. In addition to the previous attacks, the FBI has arrested several individuals at various stages of plotting future attacks on Jewish communities. These events underscore the persistent threat of lethal violence and hate crimes against the Jewish community in the United States.

¹ JIB: *Continued Interest in Targeting Jewish Communities in the Homeland by Domestic Violent Extremists*, 3 January 2020 (IA-41058-20)

Lethal Incidents:

- On 29 December 2019, a New York-based individual allegedly attacked the home of a Hasidic rabbi in Monsey, New York, during a Hanukkah celebration, wounding five with an edged weapon. On 30 December, the individual was charged by complaint with five federal hate crimes offenses. The investigation is ongoing.
- On 10 December 2019, two individuals fatally shot a local law enforcement officer at a cemetery in Jersey City, New Jersey, and traveled to a nearby kosher supermarket where the subjects fired into the storefront with long-guns. The subjects then entered the supermarket, killing three individuals before barricading themselves inside, and engaging with the responding officers. The subjects were fatally wounded during the encounter.
- On 27 April 2019, a California-based individual allegedly attacked a synagogue in Poway, California, killing one person and injuring three others. The individual stated that among other events, he was mobilized to commit an attack following the October 2018 Pittsburgh-based synagogue attack. On 21 May, the individual was indicted on numerous federal and state charges, including federal hate crime charges, and is currently awaiting trial.
- On 27 October 2018, a Pennsylvania-based individual—who has been indicted for multiple federal charges, including violations of civil rights—allegedly shot and killed 11 worshippers at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and wounded two other congregants and four responding law enforcement officers, according to an indictment and DOJ press release. While inside the synagogue, the individual allegedly made statements indicating his desire to “kill Jews.” He is currently awaiting trial on hate crimes and other federal charges.

Vandalism/Arson

- Between 15 and 17 September 2019, a New Jersey-based member of an RMVE group allegedly directed members of the group to vandalize minority-owned properties and otherwise stated he considered conducting acts of violence against minorities, such as a “suicide bombing,” according to the criminal complaint. On 21 and 22 September, law enforcement officers discovered that synagogues in Michigan and Wisconsin had been vandalized. The FBI arrested the individual for conspiracy against civil rights on 13 November 2019.
- On 28 July 2018, an Indiana-based individual and a minor associate painted large Nazi symbols on the property of a synagogue in Carmel, Indiana, and burned the ground with a flammable mixture. The individuals intended to commit arson at the property by using homemade explosive devices but were deterred due to the synagogue’s security cameras and lights. The individual pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Disrupted Plots

- On 2 November 2019, a Colorado-based individual was charged with three federal counts—including hate crimes—regarding an alleged plot to attack a local synagogue using explosives with the intent to intimidate the local Jewish community.

- On 8 August 2019, a Nevada-based individual was charged with a federal firearms violation after a search of his residence revealed firearms and components of explosive devices. According to the federal complaint, the individual discussed committing an attack against a local synagogue.

Federal Joint Intelligence Bulletin: Iran, Proxies and Partners²

If the Government of Iran (GOI) were to perceive actions of the United States Government (USG) as acts of war or existential threats to the Iranian regime, the GOI could act directly or enlist the cooperation of proxies and partners, such as Lebanese Hizballah. Based on previously observed covert surveillance and possible pre-operational activity, the GOI or its violent extremist supporters could commit attacks in retribution, with little to no warning, against US-based Jewish individuals and interests among likely targets.

In recent years, the USG has arrested several individuals acting on behalf of either the GOI or Lebanese Hizballah who have conducted surveillance indicative of contingency planning for lethal attacks in the United States against facilities and individuals. In one instance, an agent of the GOI arrested in 2018 had conducted surveillance of a Hillel Center and the Rohr Chabad Center, Jewish institutions located in Chicago, including photographing the security features surrounding the Chabad Center.

III. Terrorism/VHE Reports of National Significance

National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium Intelligence Bulletin: Iran will almost certainly retaliate overseas against US and Israeli officials and interests following yesterday's airstrike in Baghdad against Qasim Suleimani, Commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force. Iran and Hizballah have hundreds of personnel throughout the world capable of plotting attacks, issuing anti-US and anti-Israeli propaganda, and fundraising. Official Iranian state media and public statements from Hizballah indicate a strong desire for retaliation. Arrests of Hizballah and Iranian operatives in recent years indicate the group is engaging in long-term operational planning, soliciting intelligence on potential targets. **In August 2018, a dual US-Iranian citizen and a US-based Iranian citizen were indicted, and in November and October 2019 pleaded guilty, for working on behalf of Iran to collect information on members of Congress and identifying multiple Jewish institutions. This and other examples highlight Iran and Iranian proxies use of surveillance and photography/videotaping to gather information on the United States to aid in future attacks.** (Source: January 2, 2020, Product No. 2020-01-006, NTIC SIN No. 2, 4, 5, HSEC No.7, 8)

New York City Police Department Weekly Terrorism Brief: Two assailants—identified as David Nathaniel Anderson and Francine Graham—carried out a mass shooting in Jersey City, New Jersey resulting in four fatalities, including a police officer at a cemetery and 3 civilians, during a **multi-hour firefight within a Jersey City Kosher Supermarket** – located approximately one mile from the cemetery. Civilians killed included 33-year-old female store owner Mindy Ferencz, 49-year-old male employee

² JIB: *Escalating Tensions Between the United States and Iran Pose Potential Threats to the Homeland*, 8 January 2020 (IA-41117-20)

Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, and 24-year-old male rabbinical student customer Moshe Deutsch. **The supermarket reportedly caters to members of the growing Satmar sect of Hasidism, an ultra-orthodox conservative Jewish faith community. Authorities believe the suspects targeted the supermarket.** The gunmen opened fire indiscriminately from inside the supermarket, including shots fired in the direction of a **Catholic elementary school** directly across the street. Three civilians inside the supermarket were killed and one was injured by the perpetrators during the shootout. Following the standoff, tactical units discovered an improvised explosive device inside the assailants' van. While a motive for the attack is still being investigated, open source reporting indicates that Anderson had connectivity to the Black Hebrew Israelite movement—a group that has no ties to mainstream Judaism—and reportedly posted numerous anti-Semitic and anti-law enforcement statements on social media. The investigation is ongoing; but law enforcement authorities are treating the incident an act of domestic terrorism. (Source: **NYPD Weekly Terrorism Brief, Issue 50, December 13, 2019**)

The Combating Terrorism Center, the United States Military Academy in West Point: On October 9, 2019, 27-year-old Stephan Balliet allegedly **attempted to forcibly enter the Jewish community center and synagogue in the eastern German town of Halle (Saale) and execute a mass shooting livestreamed online.** It is alleged that after failing to enter the building, he randomly shot a woman who happened to be passing by and moved to a Turkish restaurant as a secondary target, where he shot and killed a second victim. Balliet appears to be mainly a copycat attacker inspired by previous incidents involving the posting of a manifesto and online livestreaming, such as the shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, in March 2019; Poway, California, in April 2019; and El Paso, Texas, in August 2019. **The Halle attack reflects and evidences several trends, including the internationalization of right-wing terrorism and lone-actor terrorists fashioning their own weapons. The attack stood out because it was the first time a terrorist appears to have used homemade firearms.** In his confession, Balliet stated his motives were anti-Semitic in nature. According to his lawyer, Balliet blamed a Jewish conspiracy for his social and economic failure. In the first introductory remarks before starting his car to drive up to the synagogue, Balliet explained that he believed the Holocaust never happened.

(Source: CTC Sentinel, *The Halle, Germany, Synagogue Attack and the Evolution of the Far-Right Terror Threat*, DECEMBER 2019 · VOLUME 12, ISSUE 11; Link: [https://hsin.dhs.gov/ci/iir/TSAintel/Intelligence%20Products/\(U\)%20CTC-SENTINEL%20-%20Volume%2012%20Issue%2011%20-%2020191219.pdf](https://hsin.dhs.gov/ci/iir/TSAintel/Intelligence%20Products/(U)%20CTC-SENTINEL%20-%20Volume%2012%20Issue%2011%20-%2020191219.pdf))

FBI The Evolving and Persistent Terrorism Threat to the Homeland Lecture: Presenting at the Washington Institute's Counterterrorism Lecture Series, Matthew Alcoke, the FBI's Deputy Assistant Director for Counterterrorism described the FBI's work to mitigate the threat from Iranian supported groups who are plotting and conducting attacks in the homeland. According to Alcoke, the government of Iran aims to preserve its regime and export its Islamic revolution worldwide, through the use of its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force, its strategic partner Hezbollah, and its proxy groups positioned to harm U.S. interests in the Middle East. He stated, "The threat has also reached our shores. **Recently, two men pleaded guilty to conducting surveillance against Jewish and Israeli facilities and against Iranian dissidents in the U.S. at the direction of the government of Iran.**" He warned that **"Their violent determination persists."** The remarks touched on other concerns that also relate to Jewish communal/faith-based threats, summarized as: "These lone actors span our international and domestic terrorism cases, and include homegrown violent extremists, inspired by foreign terrorist organizations, and domestic violent extremists, inspired to commit violence in furtherance of domestic ideologies;" and "Today, as evidenced by recent attacks, the greatest threat we face in the homeland emanates from self-radicalized lone actors, of any ideology, who look to attack soft targets with easily accessible weapons."

(Source: Matthew Alcoke, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI, November 19, 2019, Washington Institute's Counterterrorism Lecture Series; Link: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/speeches/blue-evolving-and-persistent->

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FBI Lone Offender Terrorism Report: The threats we face from terrorism and targeted violence are rapidly evolving. We've seen a steady increase in the number of attacks and the array of attack methodologies, targets, and underlying motivations driving the attackers. Lone offender terrorism continues to pose a threat as violent ideological groups and terrorist organizations place emphasis on inspiring lone offender-style attacks. Additionally, individuals who view violence as an accessible and justified method for advancing their own ideological goals can independently mobilize toward violent action. **Based on findings from 52 attacks, lone offender attacks in the United States are particularly deadly, according to the FBI's The FBI's Behavioral Threat Assessment Center. Moreover, the primary targets of lone wolf attacks after federal government facilities and law enforcement personnel are religious centers and personnel.** (Source: FBI, November 13, 2019; Link: <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/lone-offender-terrorism-report-111319.pdf/view>)

National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium Intelligence Assessment: “[S]ingle-issue museums very likely will continue to be the targets of hate, or bias-related, crimes,” including institutions dedicated to victims of religious, racial, and other intolerance. The NTIC remains concerned that violent extremists could be influenced to target single-issue museums as a result of their perceived grievances with the particular subjects or populations being represented. By way of illustration: **“(U//FOUO) In June 2009, James Wenneker von Brunn, a White Supremacist Extremist and Holocaust denier, entered the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum with a rifle, fatally shooting a museum special police officer.”** The assessment added, “Smaller institutions may be at a higher risk of being targeted because criminal actors motivated by bias, bigotry, or extremist ideologies may perceive them as softer targets, with less security.” (Source: National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium Intelligence Consortium, November 13, 2019)

Note: The NTIC assessment has national implication as follows: While the focus of this assessment was the National Capitol Region, which is home to more than 170 public and private cultural institutions, we know from our own reporting that **Jewish/Holocaust-themed museums (and memorials) have been targeted** with violent and non-violent bias-related crimes and intimidation, nationally. Providing further context to the NTIC report, we know that the **first known attack from a returning ISIS fighter to the West (May 24, 2014) targeted the Jewish Museum of Belgium in Brussels, killing four people in an attack that lasted less than 90 seconds.**

FBI 2018 Hate Crimes Statistics: Statistically, very little changes in the reporting year-over-year. There were reported 1,550 religious bias offenses by law enforcement. **The Jewish community remains the number one target of faith-based hate crimes (58%), for the 22nd consecutive year. The Muslim community followed second with 14.5 percent of the incidents reported categorized as anti-Islamic.** (Source: FBI, November 12, 2019; Link: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/publications#Hate-Crime%20Statistics>)

FBI Director Christopher Wray Testimony: The FBI assesses Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs) are the greatest, most immediate terrorism threat to the homeland. Law enforcement face significant challenges in identifying and disrupting HVEs, due, in part, to their lack of a direct connection with an FTO, an ability to rapidly mobilize, and the use of encrypted communications. Prolific use of social media by FTOs has greatly enhanced their ability to disseminate messages and recruit, indoctrinate and instruct through online platforms motivate to carry out acts of terrorism. ISIS remains relentless and

ruthless in its campaign of violence against the West and has aggressively promoted its hateful message, attracting like-minded violent extremists. Al Qaeda also maintains its desire for large-scale, spectacular attacks. In addition to FTOs, domestic violent extremists collectively pose a steady threat of violence to the United States. **The underlying drivers for domestic violent extremism, including racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, remain constant.** The FBI is most concerned about lone offender attacks, primarily shootings, as they have served as the dominant lethal mode for domestic violent extremist attacks. More deaths were caused by domestic violent extremists than international terrorists in recent years.

(Sources: Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee on “Worldwide Threats,” November 5, 2019; Link: https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/worldwide-threats-110519?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=%5B765498%5D-%2Fnews%2Ftestimony%2Fworldwide-threats-110519. House Homeland Security Committee hearing on “Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland,” October 30, 2019; Link: https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/global-terrorism-threats-to-the-homeland-103019?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=%5B763937%5D-%2Fnews%2Ftestimony%2Fglobal-terrorism-threats-to-the-homeland-103019)

The US Department of State Country Reports on Terrorism 2018: Iran remains the world’s worst state sponsor of terrorism. The regime has spent nearly one billion dollars per year to support terrorist groups that serve as its proxies and expand its malign influence across the globe, including the international terrorist group Hezbollah. Hezbollah, designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on October 8, 1997, is a Lebanon-based radical Shia group that takes its ideological inspiration from the Iranian revolution and the teachings of the late Ayatollah Khomeini. The group generally follows the religious guidance of the Iranian Supreme Leader and is closely allied with Iran. Hezbollah and Iran often work together on shared initiatives, although Hizballah also acts independently in some cases. Hizballah is responsible for multiple large-scale terrorist attacks against US interests and persons, and is implicated, along with Iran, in the **1994 bombing of the Argentine-Israelite Mutual Association (Jewish community center)** in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In October 2014, Peruvian authorities arrested a Hizballah operative who had been planning to carry out attacks against Israeli and **Jewish targets**. In June 2017, two Hezbollah operatives were

arrested in the United States. (Source: Department of State, November 1, 2019; Link: <https://www.state.gov/reports/country-reports-on-terrorism-2018/>)

ADL Report: At least 12 white supremacists have been arrested for allegedly attacking, planning attacks against or threatening the Jewish community in the year since the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building in Pittsburgh, the Anti-Defamation League said in a new report. Since October 27, 2018, white supremacists have targeted Jewish institutions’ property on at least 50 occasions, the report said. Many apparently were inspired by previous attacks. “From the Poway synagogue attack to a religious service interrupted by shouts of ‘Heil Hitler,’ white supremacists have presented very real threats to Jews across the country,” according to the report, citing the ADL Center on Extremism research. In addition, **there have been at least 30 incidents in which individuals of unknown ideology committed arson, vandalism or distributed propaganda against Jewish institutions that was anti-Semitic or generally hateful, but not**

explicitly white supremacist in nature, the report said. (Source: ADL, October 18, 2019; Link: <https://www.adl.org/blog/one-year-after-the-tree-of-life-attack-american-jews-face-significant-threats>)

Secure Community Network Bulletin: Coinciding with National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the Secure Community Network issued a brief underscoring that, **“the size of many non-profit organizations, as well as the typically low-level of funding, create an assumption, often-times a correct one, that the organization is not properly secured and may be an easy target” of cyberattacks.** Examples of recent ransomware attacks include:

- April 2019: A Cleveland, Ohio church was targeted as cyber criminals impersonated business contractors providing services to the church.
- April 2019: A Massachusetts-based non-profit running a homeless shelter was the target of a ransomware attack.
- August 2019: A synagogue in Maitland, Florida was targeted in a ransomware attack.
- September 2019: A large Jewish Federation's IT system was infected with a crypto-virus.

Under NSGP, subgrantees may use resources to support “System, Information Technology Contingency Operations,” including back-up computer hardware, operating systems, data storage, and application software necessary to provide a working environment for contingency operations and for related cybersecurity planning and training. (*Secure Community Network Bulletin No. 77, October 2, 2019*)

911 Senate Hearing: Marking 18 years since 9/11, the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee held a field hearing yesterday morning on the State of Homeland Security after 9/11. The witnesses were three former Secretaries of the Department of Homeland Security: Michael Chertoff, Janet Napolitano and Jeh Johnson. **The Nonprofit Security Grant Program was the subject of Senator Maggie Hassan’s questioning of the witnesses.** Note: According to the 911 Commission Report (page 150), Khalid Sheikh Mohammed claimed that Bin Laden directed in early 2001, that his followers be “sent to the United States to case potential economic and ‘Jewish’ targets’ in New York City.” **Senator Hassan spoke highly of the program and acknowledged that more resources need to be brought to bear to respond to growing unmet needs. Secretaries Chertoff and Napolitano agreed on the importance of the program to help mitigate risks and underscored the significant challenges in securing such an open aspect of society. Secretary Johnson recommended that Congress consider increasing the program’s level of funding.** (Source: HSGAC Hearing, September 9, 2019, "18 Years Later: The State of Homeland Security after 9/11")

AMCHA Report on Antisemitic Harassment at Colleges and Universities: Colleges and universities revealed a 70% increase in incidents of Israel-related anti-Semitic harassment from 2017 to 2018. Findings included:

- Antisemitic acts involving the singling out of Jewish and pro-Israel students and groups for personal vilification more than doubled, with a tripling of expression falsely implying these students or groups are linked to “white supremacy.”
- Antisemitic acts involving the unfair treatment of Jewish and pro-Israel students or attempts to exclude them from campus activities more than doubled, with expression calling for the total boycott or exclusion of Zionist students or expression from campus life nearly tripling.
- Expression demonizing and delegitimizing Israel increased by 32%.
- Expression accusing Israel or Zionism of “white supremacy” more than doubling.
- Expression promoting or condoning terrorism against Israel increased by 67%.
- Expression promoting or condoning the elimination of Israel more than doubled.
- Expression openly acknowledging the opposition of an individual or group to Zionism, Israel’s founding ideology, increased more than three-fold.
- Expression by BDS supporters acknowledging that the goal of BDS is to bring about or facilitate the elimination of Israel as a Jewish state increased dramatically, from one incident in 2017 to 32 in 2018. (Source: AMCHA Initiative, *The Harassment of Jewish Students on U.S. Campuses: How Eliminationist Anti-Zionism and Academic BDS Incite Campus Antisemitism*, September 2019; Link: <https://amchainitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Eliminationist-Anti-Zionism-and-Academic-BDS-on-Campus-Report.pdf>)

ADL Report: White supremacists have committed at least 73 murders since the far-right rally two summers ago in Charlottesville, Virginia. According to the ADL, 39 of the killings were “clearly motivated by hateful, racist ideology.” The violence of the Unite the Right rally has led to an increase in white supremacist activity, according to the report, which is titled “Two Years Ago, They Marched in Charlottesville. Where Are They Now?” **Among those attacks were the shootings at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Poway Chabad and the recent attack at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.** According to the report, the recent attacks are part of a four-year resurgence in white supremacist activity

and activism driven in large part by the rise of the “alt right.” (Source: ADL, August 8, 2019; Link: <https://www.adl.org/blog/two-years-ago-they-marched-in-charlottesville-where-are-they-now>)

Community Security Trust Research Briefing: Hezbollah and Iran have been responsible for numerous anti-Jewish terrorist attacks worldwide. They are linked to some 50 incidents against Jewish communities and Israelis abroad. Hezbollah’s first known anti-Jewish attack in Europe was in July 1985. Hezbollah planted IEDs at the Great Synagogue in Copenhagen (and an American-linked target), injuring 22 and damaging a Jewish old age home. The most catastrophic attack was the July 1994 vehicle-borne suicide bombing at the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a sophisticated attack that was ordered by Iranian government leaders, coordinated by Iranian intelligence and executed by Hezbollah. In 2012 alone, Iran and Hezbollah were linked to incidents in India, Georgia, Thailand, Singapore, Cyprus, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and Kenya, all of which were directed at either Israeli interests abroad or Jewish communities. Many of these examples highlight one of the **primary features of Hezbollah and Iranian modus operandi: using trained operatives and/or local proxies to undertake hostile reconnaissance against Jewish individuals and community locations worldwide, including in the United States.** In August 2018, for example, the US government charged two Iranians with allegedly acting on behalf of the Iranian government and conducting hostile surveillance of Israeli and Jewish facilities. This reportedly involved undertaking hostile reconnaissance against Jewish religious and cultural centers in Chicago, such as taking photographs of the security around one of the buildings.

(Source: Community Security Trust, *Iran & Hizbollah’s Global Terrorism: Patterns & Methods*, July 29, 2019; Link: <https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/7/0/FINAL%20Hizbollah%20and%20Iran%20in%20the%20UK%20WEB.pdf>)

Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation: The most persistent threats to the nation and to U.S. interests abroad are homegrown violent extremists (HVEs), domestic terrorists, and foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs). The FBI assesses HVEs are the greatest terrorism threat to the homeland. These individuals are FTO-inspired individuals who are in the U.S., have been radicalized primarily in the U.S., and are not receiving individualized direction from FTOs. The FBI, along with their law enforcement partners, face significant challenges in identifying and disrupting HVEs. This is due, in part, to their lack of a direct connection with an FTO, an ability to rapidly mobilize, and the use of encrypted communications. **The underlying drivers for domestic violent extremism, including racism, anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia, remain constant.** The FBI is most concerned about lone offender attacks, primarily shootings, as they have served as the dominant lethal mode for domestic violent extremist attacks and anticipates that **racial minorities will continue to be significant targets** for many domestic violent extremists. (Source: Statement Before the Senate Judiciary Committee, July 23, 2019)

Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT): Houses of worship and other faith-based facilities will likely continue to be potential targets for terrorists and homegrown violent extremists (HVEs). Historically, terrorists have targeted and encouraged the targeting of religiously affiliated facilities, structures, events, people, and groups, and there have been a number of high-profile attacks and plots against religious facilities, both domestically and abroad. Terrorists may consider faith-based institutions

as potential targets for a variety of reasons, including their symbolism, perceived lack of security, direct encouragement from terrorists overseas, and violent extremist messaging glorifying recent attacks. Individual or small-group violent extremists using simple strategies, such as opportunistic attacks, have largely threatened or conducted attacks against temples, shrines, home congregations, and other religious sites in the Homeland. Terrorists favor soft targets and continue to call openly for attacks in the West through violent extremist publications and social media in multiple languages. **Public safety personnel are encouraged to look for and develop engagement opportunities or expand existing programs and relationships with religious communities within their jurisdictions.** (Sources: NCTC Counterterrorism Digest, 27 June - 3 July 2019; Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team, First Responder's Toolbox: "Threats Against Religious Facilities and Adherents Highlight Importance of Religious Community Outreach," June 28, 2019. JCAT is a collaboration by NCTC, DHS, the FBI, and state, local, tribal, and territorial government personnel to improve information sharing and enhance public safety.)

Combatting Terrorism Center at West Point Article: The time period of 2012-2019 has seen a number of deadly terrorist attacks and plots against Jews and Jewish targets in the United States, as **the US has become a new, emerging focal point of the extreme right-wing terror threat to Jews in the West.** During the last seven years, there have been three deadly terrorist attacks (i.e., 2014 Kansas Jewish Community Center Attack, 2018 Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre, 2019 Chabad of Poway Synagogue Shooting), and at least four thwarted plots against Jews in the US that were carried out by individuals motivated to attack explicitly Jewish targets by violent extreme right-wing ideology (specifically, the white supremacist/ neo-Nazi subset). **These findings do not mean there is not a jihadi threat to Jews in the United States (i.e., 2006 Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle shooting, and 2009 Riverdale Jewish Center Bomb Plot), and there are some common threads between Sunni jihadi ideology and extreme rightwing groups that sustain terrorist plotting against Jewish targets in the West.** Both ideologies derive from doctrinal manifestos that direct followers to target Jews, and both philosophies argue that their constituents are in a "cosmic war" with Jews that requires action from their adherents. Both jihadis and right-wing extremists use similar social media strategies to recruit and radicalize. And both are buoyed by a "copycat" effect where extensive media coverage of one attack against Jewish targets can inspire other alienated individuals to copy these actions and commit similar crimes.

(Sources: The CTC Sentinel, May/June 2019, Vol. 12, Issue 5, Terrorist Attacks Against Jewish Targets in the West (2012-2019): *The Atlantic Divide Between European and American Attackers*; Link: <https://ctc.usma.edu/app/uploads/2019/05/CTC-SENTINEL-052019.pdf>; NYT, May 20, 2009, *4 Accused of Bombing Plot at Bronx Synagogues*; Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/21/nyregion/21arrests.html>; Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 27, 2006, *Six shot, one killed at Seattle Jewish federation*; Link: <https://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Six-shot-one-killed-at-Seattle-Jewish-federation-1210235.php>)

CNN Research: The deadliest attack on Jews in American history appears to have triggered a spike in anti-Semitic searches on Google, exclusive research by CNN shows. In the hours and days after 11 people were slaughtered inside the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last October, so many people typed hateful language into Google that it produced the most anti-Semitic searches seen in the last 12 months. CNN's analysis did not include benign searches for information about the news but rather users seeking material for "Jews must die," "kill Jews," and "I hate Jews," among others, all of which were searched at alarmingly higher rates than normal. The research sampled mainstream and fringe responses online for a year from May 2018 to May 2019 to better understand how anti-Semitic views are shared and spread online, especially in the wake of the two synagogue attacks that struck fear into the hearts of American Jews. According to the findings, on sites like 4chan and 8chan, levels of extreme and violent anti-Semitism are often found daily. But **that amount of hatred soared even higher, with spikes in the number of anti-Jewish posts on 8chan's /pol/ board observed directly following the Tree of Life attack, the research found.** Many posts lamented "how few" Jews were killed in both Pittsburgh and Poway, reducing human lives to a "score." The concern among experts studying radicalization is how many people can begin by searching anti-Semitic phrases on a mainstream site

like Google but end up being drawn into places like 4chan and 8chan and other forums where white supremacists lurk, spewing hate. The impact of the forums and hate sites remains clear. On 8chan, a poster believed to be Earnest called alleged Pittsburgh shooter Robert Bowers a direct inspiration. According to Joanna Mendelson, a senior researcher for the ADL's Center on Extremism, "White supremacists are weaponizing hate." "They are using the internet to broadcast their message to global audiences. They are arming legions of trolls to push their message out across the internet, to the darkest corners and even mainstream platforms," she says. These "laboratories of hate" feed conspiracy theories and indoctrinate vulnerable people, especially young white men, she says. (Source: CNN, May 15, 2019; Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/15/us/anti-semitic-searches-pittsburgh-poway-shootings-soh/index.html>)

FBI Assistant Director for Counterterrorism Michael C. McGarrity Testimony: According to Mr. McGarrity's written statement, law enforcement faces significant challenges in identifying and disrupting homegrown violent extremists and domestic terrorists who seek to perform terrorist attacks within the United States. In this realm, lone offenders represent the dominant trend for lethal domestic terrorists. Frequently, these individuals act without a clear group affiliation or guidance, making them challenging to identify, investigate, and disrupt. This is due, in part, to **the ease of online self-radicalization to violence and the corresponding lack of direct connections between unknown radicalized violent extremists and known terrorists or foreign terrorist organizations, which shortens the window of opportunity for our investigative teams to identify and disrupt an individual before that individual decides to act.** With respect to targets of attack, Mr. McGarrity testified that: "We anticipate racial minorities, the United States government, and law enforcement will continue to be significant targets for many domestic terrorists;" and "Individuals adhering to racially motivated violent extremism ideology have been responsible for the most lethal incidents, [] and **the FBI assesses the threat of violence and lethality posed by racially motivated violent extremists will continue.**" He also testified that the FBI has 850 active investigations into domestic terrorism, up from last year. "The velocity in which we are working our cases, both on the domestic terrorism side and the international terrorism side, with homegrown violent extremists, that velocity is much quicker than it's ever been before."

(Sources: FBI, May 8, 2019; Link: https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/confronting-the-rise-of-domestic-terrorism-in-the-homeland?utm_campaign=email-lmmediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=%5B730089%5D-%2Fnews%2Ftestimony%2Fconfronting-the-rise-of-domestic-terrorism-in-the-homeland; Defense One, May 8, 2019)

Secure Community Network Situational Awareness Bulletin: ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi appears in a video for the first time in nearly five years. On April 29th, ISIS's al-Furqan Media Establishment publicly released an 18-minute video message. In this video statement, Baghdadi emphasizes that ISIS's fight is not over; praises the suicide bombings against luxury hotels and Christian churches in Sri Lanka on April 21st; and calls for additional operations. The FBI, DHS, and NCTC assess Baghdadi's appearance almost certainly will bolster the morale for ISIS's existing supporters around the world, including those in the United States, by indicating Baghdadi is alive and in control of the group as of late April 2019. (Source: Secure Community Network Bulletin No. 43, May 4, 2019.)

US National Counterterrorism Center's Counterterrorism Digest: On 27 April, the Chabad of Poway was scheduled to host a Passover holiday celebration, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Gunshots were heard at the synagogue at approximately 11:15 a.m., when John Earnest entered the Chabad yelling anti-Semitic slurs and opened fire, killing one and injuring three. Earnest fired eight to 10 rounds before his rifle jammed and then fled the scene. Prior to conducting the attack, Earnest reportedly posted a link on 8chan /pol/ to access the Facebook livestream of his attack as well as a pastebin—an online content hosting service—link to his alleged manifesto. **NCTC Assessment: San Diego synagogue attacker John T. Earnest mirrored New Zealand mosque attacker Brenton Tarrant's new messaging model – notable for its call**

to action, multi-pronged online dissemination, and potential for broad appeal—that has the ability to inspire others to replicate their attacks and messaging efforts:

- The open letter Earnest allegedly posted online moments before his attack noted the Christchurch attacks electrified him and motivated him to conduct violence immediately to “defend the white race” rather than merely continue his nonviolent online activities.
- Earnest stated his writings, example, and attacks were meant to inspire other white nationalists to conduct violence more so than seeking to achieve a “high score” of murders of Jews in this attack. He additionally encourages others like himself—lone white nationalists whose beliefs are not known even by most of their own close friends and family—to undertake similar attacks of any kind because Earnest assesses, like his own example with the arson attack, they would not likely be discovered by law enforcement.
- Earnest’s imitation of Tarrant’s writing style, publishing a manifesto prior to an attack, and his use of technology to disseminate his beliefs serve as an indicator that other violent extremists may attempt the same to inspire others to action. (Source: NCTC Counterterrorism Digest, 25 April - 1 May 2019)

ADL Annual Audit on Anti-Semitism: Last year saw the **third-highest number of anti-Semitic incidents since 1979**, according to a new report by the Anti-Defamation League. According to the ADL’s annual survey of incidents, 1,879 incidents were reported in 2018. Among the alarming trends reported:

- A dramatic increase in physical assaults, including the deadliest attack on Jews in US history.
- A wave of robocalls targeting Jewish schools, JCCs and synagogues.
- A significant number of incidents at K-12 schools and college campuses.

Of the reported incidents, 249 (13 percent) were attributable to known extremist groups or individuals inspired by extremist ideology. (Sources: ADL, April 30, 2019; Link: <https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/anti-semitic-incidents-remained-at-near-historic-levels-in-2018-assaults>; JTA, April 30, 2019)

PEW Research Center Study: The public sees widespread discrimination against several racial, ethnic and religious groups in the U.S. And while most of these views are little changed over the last several years, **the share of Americans saying Jews face discrimination in the U.S. has increased substantially since late 2016**. Today, 64% of Americans say Jews face at least some discrimination – a 20-percentage-point increase from 2016; the share saying Jews face “a lot” of discrimination has nearly doubled, from 13% to 24%. The survey by Pew Research Center, conducted March 20-25 among 1,503 adults. (Source: PEW Research Center, April 15, 2019; Link: <https://www.people-press.org/2019/04/15/sharp-rise-in-the-share-of-americans-saying-jews-face-discrimination/>)

FBI Director Wray Testimony: “The FBI assesses HVEs are the greatest terrorism threat to the homeland. These individuals are global jihad-inspired individuals who are in the U.S., have been radicalized primarily in the U.S., and are not receiving individualized direction from FTOs. We, along with our law enforcement partners, face significant challenges in identifying and disrupting HVEs.” Domestic extremist movements collectively pose a steady threat of violence ... to the United States. **The FBI is most concerned about lone offender attacks, primarily shootings, as they have served as the dominant mode for lethal domestic extremist violence.** We anticipate law enforcement, racial minorities, and the U.S. government will

continue to be significant targets for many domestic extremist movements.” (Source: FBI, April 4, 2019; Link: https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/fbi-budget-request-for-fiscal-year-2020?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=%5B723117%5D-%2Fnews%2Ftestimony%2Ffbi-budget-request-for-fiscal-year-2020)

Secure Community Network Situational Awareness Bulletin: According to a situational awareness bulletin prepared by Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC), Jihadists are threatening retaliation for the recent attacks at two mosques in New Zealand. Among the threats, on 15 March 2019, an ISIS spokesman called for retaliation over the mosque attacks in New Zealand. In a 44-minute audio recording, he stated, “The scenes of the massacres in the two mosques should wake up those who were fooled, and should incite the supporters of the caliphate to avenge their religion.” **Foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) are known to encourage followers to carry out attacks in America and against Jewish and Israeli interests. ISIS, in particular, encourages sympathizers to carry out simple attacks in their own communities using weapons, such as knives and vehicles, which are easy to acquire and require little to no specialized training.** (Source: Secure Community Network Bulletin No. 23, March 22, 2019)

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen Statement: According to Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, the primary terrorist threat to the United States continues to be from Islamist militants and those they inspire, and that threats posed by domestic terrorists are also real and serious dangers that cannot be ignored. Secretary Nielsen noted that **domestic terrorists “are using the same do-it-yourself, mass-murder tactics” that were implemented earlier this month in New Zealand against Muslim worshippers.** The Secretary referred to similar attacks that occurred in October at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, and in June 2015 against the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. In the wake of the New Zealand tragedy, Secretary Nielsen went on to say that **“we will NOT permit such hate in our homeland. There is no room in this great nation for violent groups who intimidate and coerce Americans because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, or creed.”** (Source: Secretary Nielsen Remarks on the State of Homeland Security, March 18, 2019; Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/03/18/secretary-nielsen-remarks-state-homeland-security-prepared-delivery>)

Joint Intelligence Bulletin: The FBI, DHS, and NCTC conclude that domestic actors will continue to pose a lethal threat to faith-based communities in the Homeland and they remain concerned about the difficulty of detecting US-based threat actors and HVEs. **Specific to the Jewish community, the FBI, DHS, and NCTC assess that the Islamic Republic of Iran and Hizballah have both demonstrated intent to target Jewish persons and Jewish interests in the Homeland, referencing Iranian-orchestrated surveillance of a synagogue in Chicago, IL. According to the JIB, recent HVE threats and attacks against Jewish communal institutions have occurred in Pittsburgh, PA, Toledo, OH, and Washington, DC.** In light of this threat, they advise government counterterrorism and law enforcement officials and private sector security partners responsible for securing faith-based communities to remain vigilant. (Source: Joint Intelligence Bulletin (IA-32337-19), February 22, 2019)

Worldwide Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community: The report includes a number of assessments that relate to Nonprofit Security. First, global jihadist in dozens of groups and countries threaten local and regional US interests, and some of these groups will remain intent on striking the US homeland. Prominent jihadist ideologues and media platforms continue to call for and justify efforts to attack the US homeland. Second, homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) are likely to present the most acute Sunni terrorist threat to the United States, and HVE activity almost certainly will have societal effects disproportionate to the casualties and damage it causes. Third, ISIS’s past actions and propaganda probably will inspire future HVE attacks, similar to the enduring influence of deceased al-Qa’ida ideologues, especially if ISIS continues to promote its violent message via social and mainstream media. (Note: Jewish communal institutions are often targets of these violent incitements.)

(Source: Director Daniel Coats, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, January 29, 2019;
Link: <https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/documents/os-dcoats-012919.pdf>)

Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center Report: The report, released on February 14, 2019 and commissioned by DHS, assesses current terrorism prevention efforts by DHS and its interagency partners. The report makes three points that pertain to Nonprofit Security. First, terrorism is a low-probability, but potentially high-impact event in the United States. Although terrorist attacks in the United States are rare, the consequences of even one attack conducted by a perpetrator that “slipped through the cracks” can be severe, as terrorist attacks have an outsized impact compared with other forms of violence. Second, terrorist incidents associated with both domestic and international terrorism have occurred in nearly every state. There does not seem to be a clear pattern for targets of terrorist attacks apart from clustering in large cities. Third, although attacks linked to right-wing extremism have been on the rise and have reportedly been more frequent than other forms of ideologically based violence in the years since 2016, data show that jihadist-inspired terrorist attacks in the United States have been more lethal than any other form of violent extremism. (Note: The expansion of NSGP to comprise NSGP-UA and NSGP-S appropriately recognizes the broad geographical scope of threats to the Nonprofit Sector (see below incident reports in Section IV)). (Source: HSOAC, *Practical Terrorism Prevention*, 02/14/19; Link: [file:///C:/Users/GOLDRO1D/Downloads/RAND_RR2647%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/GOLDRO1D/Downloads/RAND_RR2647%20(1).pdf).)

IV. Recent Joint Intelligence Bulletins

Over the past year, the FBI has investigated more than 100 threats to religious institutions. Moreover, since February of this year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and National Counter Terrorism Center have released the following Joint Intelligence Bulletins (JIBs), which assess that homegrown violent extremists, foreign terrorist organizations, and domestic hate groups will continue to pose a lethal threat to religious and cultural facilities at home, especially mass casualty attacks at large gatherings and soft targets, and will be difficult to detect before they act:

- **“Continued Interest in Targeting Faith-Based Communities in the Homeland”** (February 22, 2019/IA-32337-19). homegrown violent extremists, foreign terrorist organizations, and domestic hate groups will continue to pose a lethal threat to religious and cultural facilities at home.
- **“Upcoming Religious Holidays May Increase Violent Extremist Interest in Targeting Faith-Based Communities”** (April 17, 2019/IA-34090-19). The Jewish holiday of Passover took place between April 19th and 27th and Easter took place on April 21st this year;
- **“Sri Lankan Bombings Highlight Heightened Threat to Faith-Based Communities and Soft Targets amid Religious Holidays”** (April 23, 2019/IA-34316-19). The bombings took place on Easter Sunday;
- **“FBI Arrests California-Based Individual for Providing Material Support to Terrorists”** (April 29, 2019/IA-34434-19). Mark Steven Domingo allegedly received what he thought was a live bomb from an undercover police officer, expressed allegiance to ISIS, and considered various targets, including Jews and churches, according to the complaint;

- **“ISIS Leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi Appears in Video for the First Time in Nearly Five Years”** (May 2, 2019/IA-34521-19). Al-Baghdadi praised the suicide bombings against Christian churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on April 21st; and called for additional operations; and
- **“San Diego Synagogue Shooter Inspired by Attacks in New Zealand and Pittsburgh”** (May 3, 2019/IA-34535-19). The attack took place on the last day of Passover.
- **“FBI Arrests Pittsburgh-Based Individual for Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS and Distribution of Information Relating to Explosives, Destructive Devices, and Weapons of Mass Destruction”** (June 20, 2019/IA-35898-19). The FBI Pittsburgh JTTF arrested Mustafa Alowemer for attempting to carry out an improvised explosive device attack on the Legacy International Worship Center (church) in North Pittsburgh.
- **“Racially Motivated Attack on Synagogue in Halle, Germany, Continues Trend of Attacks against Religious Institutions”** (October 18, 2019/IA-39086-20). DHS, FBO, and NCTC remain concerned online sharing of live-streamed footage could amplify viewer reaction to the attack and possibly incite similar violence by those adhering to violent extremist ideologies in the United States and abroad. Attack details: The attacker appeared to be motivated by ideology consistent with US-based Racially Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs) who advocate for the superiority of the white race. The attacker **advocated anti-Semitic and anti-Islamic views similar to US-based RMVEs**. The manifesto indicated the attacker’s **primary objective was to kill Jewish people**. It appears the attacker also conducted at least some pre-operational planning to **include surveillance of the synagogue and research regarding his attack methods and reasons for selecting the synagogue as a target**, based on details in his manifesto. Outlook: **“The synagogue attack in Halle, Germany, underscores the continued threat to religious institutions...”**
- **“Continued Interest in Targeting Jewish Communities in the Homeland by Domestic Violent Extremists”** (3 January 2020 (IA-41058-20). Domestic Violent Extremists (DVEs) and Racially/Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs) will continue to pose a lethal threat to faith-based communities, **particularly the Jewish community**, in the Homeland and remain concerned about the difficulty of detecting lone offenders due to the individualized nature of the radicalization process.
- **“Escalating Tensions Between the United States and Iran Pose Potential Threats to the Homeland”** (8 January 2020 (IA-41117-20). In recent years, the USG has arrested several individuals acting on behalf of either the GOI or Lebanese Hizballah who have conducted surveillance indicative of contingency planning for lethal attacks in the United States against facilities and individuals, **including Jewish institutions**.

V. Recent Department of Justice Cases

Opelousas, Louisiana (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Western District of Louisiana): Holden Matthews, 22, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Lafayette to intentionally **setting fire to three Baptist churches because of the religious character of those buildings**. At the plea hearing, Matthews admitted that, between March 26 and April 4, 2019, he intentionally set fire to three Baptist churches with

predominantly African-American congregations. The fires completely destroyed each of the church buildings. Matthews admitted to setting the fires in an effort to raise his profile as a “Black Metal” musician by copying similar crimes committed in Norway in the 1990s. He further admitted that, after setting the third fire, he posted photographs and videos on Facebook that showed the first two churches burning. **(In February 2019, The New Yorker reported that “National Socialist black metal, which espouses neo-Nazi views and has been described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as aiming to recruit youth to white-supremacist causes.”)**

New York, New York, January 28, 2020 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of New York): A criminal complaint was unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn charging Tiffany Harris with committing **three separate anti-Semitic attacks against Orthodox Jewish women while they were walking on public streets** in Brooklyn, New York, during Hanukkah. In a statement, Richard P. Donoghue, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York remarked, “As alleged in the criminal complaint, the defendant attacked three women solely because they were Jewish, striking not only at the innocent victims, but also at our country’s founding principles of tolerance and respect for civil rights.”

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 24, 2020 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Western District of Pennsylvania): A criminal complaint has been filed in federal court against Dennis Alan Riggs, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. During the search, law enforcement located seven firearms and multiple rounds of ammunition. In addition, Agents found on his phone a video depicting Riggs wearing Nazi apparel, offering Nazi salutes and loading and unloading an AR-15 style rifle; a video of the 2019 Christchurch, New Zealand mosque shootings which killed 51; images of the defendant with firearms; and a photograph of Dylann Roof with his current Bureau of Prisons contact information. Roof was convicted in the 2015 massacre at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Riggs decorated his house with Nazi and Hitler posters and pictures; possessed numerous other weapons, knives and daggers; and had hundreds of bottles of liquor and alcohol. The government also presented evidence showing six of the seven guns found during the search were loaded. **“Riggs’s Nazi videos, photos and paraphernalia clearly show his obsession with hate-based violence. His cache of firearms clearly show his capability to act on that obsession,”** U.S. Attorney Brady said.

New York, New York, January 22, 2020 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York): Jesus Wilfredo Encarnacion pled guilty to attempting to provide material support to Lashkar e-Tayyiba (“LeT”), a Pakistan-based designated foreign terrorist organization responsible for multiple high-profile attacks, including the infamous Mumbai attacks in November 2008 **(where a Jewish education center and synagogue were targeted and six of its occupants, including 2 Americans and the rabbi and his pregnant wife were tortured and then executed)**. Over several months, Encarnacion discussed in an online group chat his desire and plans to join LeT overseas so that he could receive training and participate in violent acts of terrorism. discussed his desire and plans to join LeT overseas so that he could receive training and participate in violent acts of terrorism. **He further stated that he aspired to commit terrorist attacks (“a bombing and shooting”) in the United States.**

Greenbelt, Maryland, January 16, 2020 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Maryland): A federal criminal complaint has been filed charging three alleged members of the racially motivated violent extremist group “The Base” with transporting firearms (including a machine gun) and rounds of ammunition in interstate commerce and with intent to commit a felony offense. According to the criminal complaint, within The Base’s encrypted chat rooms, members have discussed, among other things, recruitment, creating a white ethno-state, **committing acts of violence against Jewish-**

Americans and other minority communities, the organization's military-style training camps, and ways to make improvised explosive devices.

Monsey, New York, December 30, 2019, (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York): **Grafton Thomas has been charged with five counts of obstructing the free exercise of religion in an attempt to kill, a federal hate crime, related to his machete attack during Hanukkah observances at a rabbi's home in Monsey, New York, on the night of December 28, 2019.** Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman said: "As alleged, Grafton Thomas targeted his victims in the midst of a religious ceremony, transforming a joyous Hanukkah celebration into a scene of carnage and pain..." According to the Complaint: On December 28, 2019, Thomas entered a Rabbi's home in Monsey, New York, which is adjacent to the Rabbi's synagogue, during observances related to the end of Shabbat and the seventh night of Hanukkah. Thomas declared to dozens of assembled congregants, "no one is leaving," and attacked the group with an 18-inch machete. At least five victims were hospitalized with serious injuries, including slash wounds, deep lacerations, a severed finger, and a skull fracture.

New York, New York, December 3, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York): **Ali Kourani was sentenced to 40 years in prison based on terrorism and other charges arising his illicit work as an operative for the Islamic Jihad Organization,** Hezbollah's external attack-planning component. After spending years conducting surveillance on the City's critical infrastructure, federal buildings, international airports, **and even daycare centers**, he is now the first Islamic Jihad Organization operative to be convicted and sentenced for his crimes against the United States. The evidence at trial showed that Kourani searched for suppliers who could provide weapons for such attacks, identified people who could be recruited or targeted for violence, and gathered information about and conducted surveillance of potential targets. FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: "Ali Kourani's arrest was a reminder to us all that New York City and its surrounding areas remain primary targets for those looking to conduct a violent attack against our way of life.

North Miami Beach, Florida, November 25, 2019 (Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs): Salman Rashid, 23, was arrested in South Florida based on a criminal complaint charging him with soliciting another person to commit a crime of violence. According to court documents, the FBI initiated an investigation of Rashid in approximately April 2018 after reviewing his public Facebook posts. In May 2019, and without provocation, Rashid solicited a confidential human source to contact members of ISIS and instruct those ISIS members to conduct a terrorist attack on Rashid's behalf. Throughout the summer and fall of 2019, **Rashid continued to instruct the confidential source regarding Rashid's requested attack, indicating an attack on a religious building would be suitable.** Based on Rashid's request, the FBI introduced an additional confidential human source, who held him/herself out to be a member of ISIS willing to conduct an attack. Eventually, Rashid chose two individuals to target affiliated with the Florida College System, from which he had been suspended or expelled.

Pueblos, Colorado, November 22, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado): **Richard Holzer, age 27, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Denver on three counts related to attempting to blow up a synagogue in Pueblo, Colorado.** Count One charges Holzer with intentionally attempting to obstruct persons in the enjoyment of their free exercise of religious beliefs, through force and the use and attempted use of explosives and fire. Count Two charges Holzer with attempted arson, and Count Three charges Holzer with using fire or an explosive device to commit a felony offense.

Portland, Oregon, November 18, 2019 and August 22, 2019 ((DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon): Vasily V. Barbiyeru, Jr., 24, of Newberg, Oregon, pleaded guilty to **one count of transmitting a**

threatening interstate communication -- threatening a school shooting at a nonprofit California College. According to court documents, on October 7, 2017, Barbiyeru sent a threatening email to several individuals and groups at Deep Springs College in Big Pine, California where he had been denied admission. Barbiyeru had previously sent threatening emails to the college's president and other associated persons. On November 18, 2019, Barbiyeru was sentenced to nine months in federal prison and three years' supervised release.

DeLand, Florida, November 7, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida): **Hanson Richard Larkin, 26, pled guilty to sending text messages threatening to kill Jews.** Larkin sent the following series of threatening text messages designed to coerce an individual to meet with him: (a) "...I bought a gun with my first paycheck If I don't meet you I will be forced to use it." (b) "I told you how much I hate Jews right?" (c) "If meeting me for five seconds is not worth the lives of multiple Jews than I have no other option." (d) "There's a chabad near me. And Amtrak has no security for weapon. Don't make me make a choice theyll regret." (e) "Ok so then we meet and no dead Jews?" The recipient took these threats seriously because of Larkin's frequent expressions of hatred for Jews, and contacted local law enforcement.

Nationwide, November 5, 2019 (DoJ/ U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Columbia/JTA): Ahmadreza Mohammadi-Doostdar, 39, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, and Majid Ghorbani, 60, an Iranian citizen and resident of California, entered pleas of guilty to charges stemming from their conduct conducting surveillance of and collecting identifying information about American citizens. **Their illegal activities included conducting surveillance of a synagogue in Chicago and Israeli targets in the U.S.** "The Iranian government thought it could get away with conducting surveillance on individuals in the United States by sending one of its agents here to task a permanent resident with conducting and collecting that surveillance," said Jessie K. Liu, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. "This case highlights our efforts to pursue those who threaten national security and disrupt foreign governments that target U.S. persons."

Pueblo, Colorado, November 4, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado): **Richard Holzer, 27, has been charged in a plot to blow up a synagogue in Pueblo, Colorado,** According to the affidavit in support of the criminal complaint, Holzer planned to destroy Temple Emanuel. **After visiting Temple Emanuel and observing Jewish congregants, Holzer, who self-identifies as a skinhead and a white supremacist, told undercover FBI agents that he wanted to do something that would tell Jewish people in the community that they are not welcome and they should leave or they will die.** The affidavit states that during a meeting with the undercover agents, Holzer repeatedly expressed his hatred of Jewish people and his support for a racial holy war. The affidavit notes that Holzer's actions meet the federal definition of domestic terrorism. On the evening of Nov. 1, 2019, Holzer allegedly met with undercover agents, who provided Holzer with inert explosive devices that had been fabricated by the FBI, including two pipe bombs and 14 sticks of dynamite. According to the affidavit, Holzer planned to detonate the explosives several hours later.

Brownsville, Texas, October 29, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas): A federal grand jury has indicted an 18-year-old resident of Harlingen for making threats to damage federal and religious buildings. Joel Hayden Schrimsher is charged in a six-count indictment, alleging he made threats through the internet to damage or destroy buildings and conveyed false or misleading information through the internet concerning those threats. **The indictment alleges Schrimsher made threats via his Twitter account indicating he intended to mail a bomb to the Federal Reserve, set a Mosque on fire and shoot at a Synagogue.**

Kent, Washington, October 18, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington): Chase Bliss Colasurdo, 27, was sentenced to five years in prison for making multiple online posts threatening members of President Trump's family and threatening to bomb synagogues. Despite his statements that he was not responsible for the posts, Colasurdo **continued to make threatening comments, specifically threats to members of the Jewish community.** In one post, he wrote it was time to start "bombing synagogues." Throughout April 2019, Colasurdo sent threatening email messages and online posts to media figures in Southern California **using anti-Semitic slurs and threats to kill.** As law enforcement continued to track his activity, it became clear he was purchasing various items related to firearms, such as a holster, bulletproof vest, and ammunition. **He was arrested after he attempted to purchase a firearm.** When law enforcement served search warrants at Colasurdo's apartment, **they recovered Nazi and Adolph Hitler related items, as well as ammunition, night vision goggles, and a gas mask.**

Silver Spring, Maryland, October 3, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland): The Coast Guard lieutenant who appeared to be planning a massive attack on politicians (including Senator and journalists pleaded guilty to federal drug and gun charges. Christopher Paul Hasson, of Silver Spring, Maryland, was found in possession of 15 guns, silencers, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and bottles of opioids. Also found were his writings and online research in support of his admitted white nationalism, some of it done from his computer at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington. Hasson's home computer contained emails with lines such as, "I am a long time White Nationalist," "I fully support the idea of a white homeland" and "I am dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on earth." **Prosecutors said Hasson spent hours searching for information on Adolf Hitler, Nazis and Jews,** and browsing the manifesto of devout white supremacist Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 77 people in Norway in 2011. **Hasson also did online searches for "how to rid the us of jews," according to prosecutors' briefs filed with the court.** While Hasson had not shared his writings, prosecutors recalled in case filings that similar manifestos from domestic terrorists in Pittsburgh (deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history), New Zealand (attack on two mosques) and Norway (attack on a summer youth camp) "also were unshared, private thoughts until those plans turned to action. . . . [Hasson] was going to murder many, and only the diligent work of federal law enforcement personnel prevented that from happening."

Youngstown, Ohio, August 29, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio): A Mahoning County man was charged in federal court with making **threats against a Jewish community center.** (Note: **The Center makes up a campus of several Jewish communal organizations and agencies, including the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation; Levy Gardens, an assisted-living facility; Heritage Manor, a nursing home; Akiva Academy, a Jewish day school; and Jewish Family Services.**) James P. Reardon, 20, of New Middletown, was charged in U.S. District Court with one count of transmitting threatening communications via interstate commerce. According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, an Instagram account belonging to Reardon shared a video that showed a man, who appears to Reardon, firing a weapon. Screams and sirens can be heard in the background of the video. The post was accompanied by a caption that read, "Police identified the Youngstown Jewish Family Community shooter as local white nationalist Seamus O'Reardon." (That is a Gaelic version of Reardon's name.) The video tagged the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. "In today's environment, shootings in public places, churches and schools have occurred too often," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Eric B. Smith. "Law enforcement must react swiftly to threats of violence. **This defendant's video demonstrated that he had access to weapons and he posed a threat to a Jewish community center. Law enforcement cannot wait to see if a shooting is going to occur, law enforcement must act quickly**

within the confines of the law to disrupt any potential violent act. The public is reminded – if you see something, say something.”

Toledo, Ohio, August 29, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Ohio): A Toledo woman, Elizabeth Lecron, 24, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to provide material support or resources to terrorists and one count transporting explosives in interstate commerce for her role in a conspiracy to use explosives to kill and injure others. Her co-conspirator, Vincent Armstrong, 23, pleaded guilty on August 8th, to one count of conspiracy to transport or receive an explosive with intent to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual, and maliciously damage or destroy by fire or explosive. **According to the Department of Justice, the two plotted to use an explosive device to kill others and destroy property in the Toledo area. They were reported to have been fascinated by the June 2015 mass shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, in which Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old white supremacist, murdered nine African Americans during a prayer service.** Law enforcement agents executed search warrants on Armstrong and Lecron’s house and vehicles, finding a duffel bag with a tactical vest with two loaded magazines for an AK-47, two loaded magazines for a pistol, a gas mask, printed instructions on how to construct various bombs, an AK-47, two shotguns, two handguns and ammunition.

Orlando, Florida, August 23, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Middle District of Florida): U.S. District Judge Carlos E. Mendoza sentenced Robert Pratersch (58, Kissimmee) to 15 months in federal prison for threatening a federal official and interstate transmission of a threat to injure. A federal jury had found Pratersch guilty on April 30, 2019. According to court documents, Pratersch left three threatening voicemail messages at the Office of Senator Bernie Sanders in Burlington, Vermont. These profanity-laced messages included **a threat to “behead” Senator Sanders, “ISIS-style,” and videotape the execution. The messages also included numerous anti-Semitic remarks directed at Senator Sanders.**

Baltimore, Maryland, August 15, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Maryland): A federal grand jury indicted Stephen Lyle Orback, age 64, on the federal charge of making threatening communications, specifically multiple telephone calls threatening a synagogue. According to the indictment, between May 12 and May 13, 2019, **Orback made multiple telephone calls to an employee of a synagogue in Owings Mills, Maryland, threatening to kill many members of that Jewish congregation.**

Las Vegas, Nevada, August 9, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Nevada): A southern Nevada man, who is employed as a security guard, was charged and arraigned in federal court in connection to bomb making materials found at his Las Vegas home, following an FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force investigation. Conor Climo, 23, of Las Vegas, Nevada, was charged by a criminal complaint with one count of possession of an unregistered firearm – namely, the component parts of a destructive device. **According to the criminal complaint, Climo was communicating with individuals who identified with a white supremacist extremist organization using the National Socialist Movement to promote their ideology. The complaint alleges that during encrypted online conversations throughout 2019, Climo would regularly use derogatory racial, anti-Semitic, and homosexual slurs and discussed attacking a Las Vegas synagogue and making Molotov Cocktails and improvised explosive devices.**

New York, New York, July 23, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York): The FBI charged Garrett Kelsey, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for making interstate threats against a Manhattan-based Jewish organization (“Victim Organization”). According to the Complaint: “In late May 2019, KELSEY made violent threats by phone and email to the Victim Organization. On May 23, Kelsey called

the Victim Organization and spoke briefly with one of its employees. A short time later, Kelsey called that employee's number back and left a voicemail for the Victim Organization stating, "My people have fucking slaughtered your fucking people before and we will do it again. And right now, you are giving us incentive to do that

. . . Filthy fucking Jews." "Later that same day, Kelsey sent the Victim Organization an email demanding that the Victim Organization remove a video about Nordic Neo-Nazis that the Victim Organization had uploaded to the Internet. Kelsey wrote: "Everywhere Jews go in the world they cause trouble. You have 3 days to remove this video and offer an apology to the Asatru community or we will be taking action against your organization full of degenerates." "Asatru" appears to have been a reference to a religious movement recently linked to anti-Semitic and other racist groups."

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 19, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania):

A federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment against Mustafa Mousab Alowemer, 21, of Pittsburgh, PA, in connection with his planned attack on a Christian church in Pittsburgh. The Indictment charges Alowemer with one count of attempting to provide material support and resources to ISIS, a designated foreign terrorist organization, and two counts of distributing information relating to an explosive, destructive device, or weapon of mass destruction. In furtherance of the plot to bomb the Church. According to the complaint, **in or around June 2019, Alowemer purchased several items with the belief that they were necessary to assemble a destructive device and with the intention that they be used to construct the explosives that would be detonated in the vicinity of the Church. Additionally, Alowemer possessed documents** including two printed copies of detailed Google satellite maps, which included hand-written markings identifying the Church and routes of arrival and escape. Alowemer also wrote and provided a 10-point handwritten plan outlining details related to his plot to personally deliver explosives in a backpack.

Eugene, Oregon, May 23, 2019 (DoJ/ U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon): Benjamin Jaramillo Hernandez, 69, of Eugene, Oregon, was sentenced today to 15 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for **committing a hate crime targeting St. Mary Catholic Church** in Eugene in September 2018 and illegally possessing ammunition. According to court documents, on Sept. 9, 2018, Hernandez was escorted from St. Mary property following an angry outburst during the sacrament of communion. Five days later, on September 14, a church employee reported to the Eugene Police Department that someone had dispensed pepper spray on the exterior door handles and through the mail slot of the St. Mary office front door. Employees reported burning sensations in their fingers and respiratory distress. A Eugene police officer and FBI agent identified Hernandez in church surveillance footage as the person responsible for both incidents. On Sept. 16, 2018, Hernandez was again spotted near St. Mary. A witness saw Hernandez across the street from the church when he stopped near the Eugene Public Library and shouted at the witness, "I've got something for you right here," while pointing to a bag he was carrying. A few days later, **on Sept. 20, St. Mary employees reported finding a threatening note and seven 10mm Sig hollow point bullets left in the office. The note threatened the church with "2 MP5s w/ 50 rounds each," a type of submachine gun. The note concluded: "Eugene is going on the [expletive] map."** A Eugene police officer again reviewed church surveillance footage and identified Hernandez as the individual who dropped off the note and bullets. St. Mary Catholic Church staff and parishioners have reported that Hernandez's threats have left staff and churchgoers physically injured, frightened, concerned about their own safety and unable to participate freely in the exercise of their religious beliefs.

Somerset County, New Jersey, May 22, 2019 DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey):

Jonathan Xie, 20, of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, was arrested for attempting to provide material support

to Hamas, lying on his application to enlist in the U.S. Army, and **making a threat against pro-Israel supporters.** In April 2019, Xie appeared in an Instagram Live video wearing a black ski mask and stated that he was against Zionism and the neo-liberal establishment. In the video, Xie displayed a Hamas flag and retrieved a handgun. He then **stated “I’m gonna go to the [expletive] pro-Israel march and I’m going to shoot everybody.”** In subsequent Instagram posts, Xie stated, “I want to shoot the pro-Israel demonstrators . . . you can get a gun and shoot your way through or use a vehicle and ram people . . . all you need is a gun or vehicle to go on a rampage . . . I do not care if security forces come after me, they will have to put a bullet in my head to stop me.” Xie is believed to have been targeting the 55th annual “5th Avenue Celebrate Israel Parade” that took place on June 2nd. **The parade is sponsored by UJA Federation of New York, our largest of 147 Jewish Federations, nationally, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. The Israel Parade is the largest gathering in the world in support of Israel and regularly draws more than 40 thousand people.**

Southern California, April 29, 2019 (DoJ): Mark Steven Domingo, 26, of Reseda, California, was arrested after he received what he thought was a live bomb, but in fact was an inert explosive device that was delivered by an undercover law enforcement officer as part of an investigation by the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force. Domingo, a former U.S. Army infantryman with combat experience in Afghanistan, faces federal charges in a terrorist plot in which he planned to detonate an improvised explosive device (IED) for the purpose of causing mass casualties. “Domingo, a former U.S. Army Infantryman, wanted to use improvised explosive devices against innocent civilians and he selected components that would make the bombs even more deadly to the victims he targeted,” said Assistant Attorney General Demers. “[H]e moved very quickly from talking about violence to mobilizing to commit such an attack,” said Assistant Director Michael McGarrity of the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division. In online posts and in conversations with an FBI source, Domingo expressed support for violent jihad, a desire to seek retribution for attacks against Muslims, and a willingness to become a martyr, according to the affidavit. **Domingo considered various attacks – including targeting Jews, churches, and police officers. During an April 3 meeting, Domingo allegedly expressed support for ISIS and said “if ISIS ‘came here,’ he would swear allegiance to ISIS,” according to the complaint.** (Link to DOJ Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-arrested-terror-plot-detonate-explosive-device-designed-kill-innocents>)

Lehighton, Pennsylvania, April 11, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney’s Office, Middle District of Pennsylvania): Corbin Kauffman, age 30, was charged with interstate transmission of threats to injure the person of another. According to the criminal complaint, Kauffman posted threatening images and messages on a website called Minds.com on March 7, 2019. It further alleges that Kauffman used various aliases online to post hundreds of anti-Semitic, anti-black, and anti-Muslim messages, images, and videos. Several of these posts included threats to various religious and racial groups, and one included a **digitally created image of Kauffman aiming an AR-15 rifle at a congregation of praying Jewish men.** Other posts allegedly expressed a desire to commit genocide and “hate crimes,” and called for or depicted images of the killing of Jewish people, black people, and Muslim people. **Kauffman also posted pictures of acts of vandalism he committed, including anti-Semitic graffiti at a public park, and the defacement of a display case at the Chabad Jewish Center in Ocean City, Maryland with white supremacist and anti-Semitic stickers.** Pennsylvanians know all too well how dangerous these kinds of white supremacist threats can be,” said United States Attorney David J. Freed. “The last thing we want is to see another tragedy like we saw at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, or at Al Noor Mosque in Christchurch, or at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. The maximum penalty under federal law for this offense is five years of imprisonment for each violation

Missoula, Montana, April 4, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Montana/NBC Montana): Fabjan Alameti, 21, was arrested at a Bozeman shooting range after having recently traveled to Montana from New York. He was charged with making false statements involving international terrorism and possession of a firearm by unlawful user of a controlled substance. **According to the Criminal Complaint, Alameti stated that he was planning to travel to Syria to fight with ISIS. He also stated, according to the Complaint, that he had been considering conducting an attack on a US government building, "Jewish temple," and US Army recruiting center.**

(Link to Criminal Complaint: https://www.scribd.com/document/404979690/Fabjan-Alameti-charging-documents#from_embed)

New York, New York, March 12, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York): Kim Anh Vo was arrested in Hephzibah, Georgia, and charged with conspiring to provide material support to ISIS, a designated foreign terrorist organization. In April 2016, VO joined the United Cyber Caliphate (the "UCC"), an online group that pledged allegiance to ISIS and committed to carrying out online attacks and cyber intrusions against Americans. Since that time, the UCC and its sub-groups have disseminated ISIS propaganda online, including "kill lists," which listed the names of individuals whom the group instructed their followers to kill. Between April 2016 and May 2017, VO worked on behalf of the UCC to recruit others to join the group including a recruit in Norway, who created a video **threatening a non-profit organization based in New York City**, which was formed to find and combat the online promotion of extremist ideologies. The video contained messages such as, "You messed with the Islamic State, SO EXPECT US SOON," followed by a scene displaying a photograph of the organization's chief executive officer and former U.S. Ambassador (the "CEO"), along with the words: "[CEO], we will get you."

Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, March 1, 2019 (DoJ): Chadwick Grubbs, 33, was sentenced to 36 months in prison for charges related to **threatening letters he wrote on three separate dates to the Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center (JCC)** in Whitefish Bay. Grubbs pleaded guilty to two counts of mailing threatening communications and one count of threatening to injure and destroy property by fire and an explosive. Information presented during the plea hearing established that Grubbs sent three letters to the JCC in which **he threatened to use firearms to cause "maximum carnage" and explosives to destroy the JCC. Grubbs used numbers and symbols associated with white supremacist ideology in the letters.**

Pembroke Pine, Florida, February 28, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida): Tayyab Tahir Ismail, 33, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, pled guilty to distributing information on the Internet on at least four occasions containing step-by-step instructions on how to construct a bomb and other explosives, with the intent that the information be used for and in furtherance of an activity that constitutes a federal crime of violence. During that time, Ismail was a member of various rooms within the platform and each of these rooms contained members who support violent jihad. **According to the FBI affidavit, Ismail was an associate of James Medina, who is serving a 25-year prison sentence for plotting to blow up a South Florida synagogue and Jewish school.**

Cleveland, Ohio, February 13, 2019 (DoJ/US Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio): A Maple Heights man was charged with attempting to provide material support to al Qaeda, as well as making threats against the President, the family of the President and false statements to law enforcement. Demetrius Nathaniel Pitts, aka Abdur Raheem Rafeeq, aka Salah ad-Deen Osama Waleed, 49, was arrested after allegedly planning a terrorist attack in Cleveland. According to an affidavit filed in the case, Pitts expressed anti-American sentiments and expressed a desire to recruit people to kill Americans. **Pitts did reconnaissance of possible targets in Cleveland, including a federal building, the Coast Guard station and St. John's Cathedral.**

Nationwide, February 12, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California): Federal authorities arrested one of two defendants charged in a federal indictment with making false threats of violent attacks at many locations, including schools. The two defendants allegedly are members of the Apophis Squad, a worldwide collective of computer hackers and swatters intent on using the internet to cause chaos. The collective caused disruptions by **making threatening phone calls, sending bogus reports of violent school attacks** via email, and launching distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks on websites. One of the defendants, Timothy Dalton Vaughn, 20, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, bragged

in an online forum that Apophis Squad had targeted over 2,000 schools in the United States.

Eugene, Oregon, February 12, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon): Benjamin Jaramillo Hernandez, 69, of Eugene, pleaded guilty today to a federal hate crime and illegal possession of ammunition charge arising from a series of progressively more **threatening and violent actions targeting St. Mary Catholic Church in Eugene** in September 2018. A Eugene police officer and FBI agent identified Hernandez in church surveillance footage as the person responsible for the threats.

Fort Worth, Texas, February 8, 2019 (DoJ/ U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas): Michael Kyle Sewell, 18, was charged with conspiring to provide material support and resources to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a Pakistani-based foreign terrorist organization. "Sewell allegedly recruited an individual to join Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a designated foreign terrorist organization. **LeT is a Pakistan-based designated foreign terrorist organization responsible for multiple high-profile attacks, including the infamous Mumbai attacks in November 2008. In that attack LeT chose as a high-value target Mumbai's Jewish community center, where its members tortured and executed the Center's directors Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg and four other Israeli and American visitors.**

New York, New York, February 8, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York): Jesus Wilfredo Encarnacion was arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport While Allegedly Attempting to Travel Overseas to Join Lashkar eTayyiba (LeT). LeT is a Pakistan-based designated foreign terrorist organization responsible for multiple high-profile attacks, including the infamous Mumbai attacks in November 2008. **In that attack LeT chose as a high-value target Mumbai's Jewish community center, where its members tortured and executed the Center's directors Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg and four other Israeli and American visitors.** FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: Organizations such as LeT "are using the internet and social media to appeal to the most barbaric impulses in people, and train them to kill." NYPD Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill said: "As alleged, Jesus Encarnacion had expressed his desire to commit a terrorist attack while living in New York City and never abandoned those plans. Allegedly, one of his stated motives for traveling overseas was to get the training and experience **he believed he needed to someday return to the United States and carry out attacks.**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 29, 2019 (DoJ/U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania): A federal grand jury sitting in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania charged a Pennsylvania man with additional federal hate crimes and firearms offenses for his conduct during the October 27, 2018 shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. According to the Superseding Indictment, on October 27, 2018, Bowers drove to the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, where members of the Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light Jewish congregations gathered to engage in religious worship. **Bowers entered the synagogue armed with multiple firearms, including three Glock .357 handguns and a Colt AR-15 rifle. While inside the Tree of**

Life Synagogue, Bowers opened fire, killing and injuring members of the three congregations, as well as injuring multiple responding police officers as they attempted to rescue surviving victims.

Garden City, Kansas, January 25, 2019 (DoJ, Office of Public Affairs): Three men who were convicted of **plotting to set off bombs in a Somali refugee community** were sentenced to at least 25 years in prison. Evidence presented at trial revealed that the defendants plotted, over the course of several months, to **attack an apartment complex that contained a mosque in Garden City, Kansas, where Muslim immigrants from Somalia lived and worshipped**. Evidence during trial established that the defendants held numerous meetings to plan the attack and took significant steps – including making and testing explosives – toward implementing their plan. “These defendants planned to ruthlessly bomb an apartment complex and kill innocent people, simply because of who they are and how they worship,” said FBI Director Wray. “Today, together with our law enforcement partners, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting all people in our communities from those who seek to terrorize and do harm.”

Bloomington, Minnesota, January 24, 2019 (DoJ/US Attorney’s Office, District of Minnesota): Michael McWhorter, 29, and Joe Morris, 23, both of Clarence, Illinois, pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a violent **multi-state crime spree that terrorized communities, including members of the Dar al-Farooq Islamic Center** in Minnesota. McWhorter, Morris, and co-defendant Michael Hari, 47, were federally indicted on **possession of a machine gun; conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats and violence (the Hobbs Act); and attempted arson**. “Every individual has the fundamental right to live life free from the threat of violence and discrimination, no matter who they are, what they believe, or where they worship,” said United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald.

Nationwide, January 23, 2019 (DoJ/US Attorney’s Office, Central District of California): Three men are charged with making false reports of explosives and armed individuals to generate a law enforcement response that was intended to harass and intimidate their targets and to evacuate public buildings. **False bomb threats were made at a high school in Gurnee, Illinois and a high school in Lee’s Summit, Missouri.**

Washington, DC, January 16, 2019 (JTA/SCN/; DoJ, US Attorney’s Office of the Northern District of Georgia): The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Atlanta Joint Terrorism Task Force (working closely with the US Secret Service) arrested Hasher Jallal Taheb for attempting to destroy the White House with an explosive and for targeting other Washington sites, **including blowing up a specific (unnamed) synagogue**. According to the complaint, Taheb planned to use semi-automatic rifles, explosives, and an AT-4 — a shoulder-fired anti-armor weapon, to carry out his attack/s. The investigation was initiated after law enforcement receives a tip from the community. The alleged activities of Taheb underscore the continued interest and willingness of U.S.-based violent extremists to conduct attacks in the Homeland on U.S. Government facilities as well as faith-based community targets.

VI. Chronology of Recent Threat Incidents Reported

(Includes a representation of international incidents reported)

Nationwide, February 12, 2020 (New York Times): According to a new ADL report, **the distribution of white supremacist propaganda on college and university campuses nearly doubled last year, to 630**

reported incidents from 320 in 2018. There were 410 reported incidents in the fall semester, more than double any previous college term since the organization began its tally in 2016.

Las Vegas, February 11, 2020 (JTA): Conor Climo, 23, pleaded guilty **to illegal possession of a firearm and components of a destructive device, related to charges that he planned to bomb a local synagogue.** Climo was having encrypted online conversations with individuals who identified with a white supremacist extremist organization, Feuerkrieg Division, an offshoot of the white supremacist extremist group Atomwaffen Division. At least one Atomwaffen member has been implicated in an allegedly anti-Semitic murder. According to the complaint, he discussed attacking a Las Vegas synagogue and making Molotov cocktails and improvised explosive devices.

Nationwide, February 5, 2020 (CBS News/House Judiciary Committee): During oral remarks, FBI Director Christopher Wray stated that **the FBI has elevated its assessment of the threat posed by racially motivated violent extremists in the U.S. to a "national threat priority" for fiscal year 2020.** He said the FBI is placing the risk of violence from such groups "on the same footing" as threats posed to the country by foreign terrorist organizations such as ISIS and its sympathizers. "Not only is the terror threat diverse — it's unrelenting," Wray remarked during the oversight hearing.

Great Britain, February 5, 2020 (JTA): The number of **anti-Semitic incidents documented in Britain increased for the fourth consecutive year** in 2019, reaching a record tally of 1,805 cases. Overall, the increase over 2018 was of 7%, but the **category of assault increased by 27% to 157 incidents**, according to a report by the Community Security Trust, a British Jewish watchdog group on anti-Semitism.

Nationwide, February 4, 2020 (Detroit Jewish News/Forward): Rabbis in Metro Detroit and across the country have reported that congregants are of receiving **"spoofed" emails with messages that appear to be from the rabbis but in fact contain scams.** The scam has reached communities from New York to Hawaii, with some incidents of congregants falling for the scheme. The scammers, pretending to be a rabbi, ask congregants to purchase gift cards, supposedly for charity. While the extent of the scam is not clear, several dozen synagogues were targeted in the most recent wave of the attack. The Secure Community Network (SCN), a national homeland security initiative of the Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, stated that **these recent incidents "demonstrate a continued interest by cybercriminals to target Jewish institutions, organizations and interests with cyberattacks.**

Flower Mound, Texas, February 3, 2020 (The Cross Timbers Gazette): The Flower Mound Police Department is investigating **anti-Semitic and profane graffiti**, including a swastika, found on the playground of Congregation Kol Ami, a reform synagogue.

Streatham, England, February 3, 2020 (The Jewish News): In another public place attack, apparent terrorist Sudesh Amman, stabbed two bystanders with a knife before being shot dead by police. **It has now emerged that Amman revealed his anti-Semitic contempt for Jews in social media exchanges with family members. In one, he claimed Muslims were being put in conditions "worse than concentration camps". In the same chain of messages, in an apparent reference to the Nazis' treatment of Jews, he expressed the belief that Jews were "doing worse" to Muslims.** The 20-year-old convicted extremist was under police surveillance before launching his attack and was found to be wearing a fake suicide vest after he was shot. He was jailed for possessing and distributing terrorist documents in December 2018 and had recently been freed from prison.

Las Vegas, Nevada, January 31, 2020 (Washington Post): A white supremacist will plead guilty to a federal weapons charge in a case alleging he planned to bomb a Las Vegas synagogue or shoot people in bars and restaurants, court records show.

Nationwide, January 29, 2020 (ADL): Amid the worst outbreak of anti-Semitic violence in **decades**, a new survey released from ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) found **more than half of American adults (61 percent) polled agree with at least one or more classic anti-Semitic stereotypes**. The Survey found that, over time, anti-Semitic attitudes have remained constant in America, with 11 percent of American adults – about **28 million people** – **harboring deeply ingrained anti-Semitic attitudes by agreeing with six or more common tropes about Jews covered in the survey**.

Chicago, Illinois, January 29, 2020 (Chicago Tribune): Chicago Police Department records show that **the number of hate crimes reported to Chicago officers reached its highest point in at least eight years in 2019**. There have been 551 hate crimes reported in the last eight years. About half involved assault or battery. African Americans, Jews or LGBT people were targeted in nearly three-quarters of the cases. **Jews also were the target of one of the most potentially destructive acts in May, when a man hurled Molotov cocktails at a North Side synagogue in an arson attempt that failed but was captured on security video**.

Nationwide, January 28, 2020 (Associated Press): Attorney General William Barr ordered **federal prosecutors across the U.S. to step up their efforts to combat anti-Semitic hate crimes**. Barr said he has been “extremely distressed by the upsurge in violence” in Jewish communities.

Albany, New York, January 27, 2020 (JTA/CBS 6 Albany/Columbia-Greene Media): An upstate New York woman was charged with a hate crime for throwing pieces of pork at a local synagogue. Tara Rios, 47, of Hudson, was charged with first-degree harassment as a hate crime. Rios threw a package of pork chops on its front steps of the synagogue. She later returned to the synagogue to photograph her actions, police said. **“These acts caused the membership of Congregation Anshe Emeth to be in reasonable fear of further anti-Semitic acts which could result in physical injury,”** according to the criminal complaint filed by state police.

Baltimore, Maryland, January 27, 2020 (JTA/WJZ – CBS local): **Two gunmen attempted to rob a worshipper inside a Baltimore synagogue after Friday night services** but were forced to flee after the intended victim fought back. The men entered the Khal Chassidim Synagogue and one of the suspects pointed a handgun at a congregant and tried to rob him, police said. The intended victim and a suspect then engaged in a “struggle,” which caused the would-be robbers to flee, according to police. **Photos of the men have been obtained from surveillance video**.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 26, 2020 (abcNews): **Dennis Alan Riggs, 50, was arrested after a raid on his Pittsburgh home for felony possession of firearms**. In his home, FBI agents seized a Ruger .223 caliber AR-15 style rifle; Ruger .22 caliber revolver; a .32 caliber revolver; two 38 caliber revolvers and two Harrington & Richardson shotguns. Agents also seized multiple rounds of ammunition and knives and daggers from the residence. Six of the seven seized guns were loaded, according to the criminal complaint. Federal agents also seized Riggs' cell phone, and on the device they allegedly found videos of Riggs wearing Nazi apparel, giving Nazi salutes and loading and unloading the AR-15 style rifle, according to the complaint. Also found on Riggs' phone were videos of the March 15, 2019, **attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand**, in which suspected white supremacist Brenton Tarrant, 29, killed 51 people and live-streamed the massacre on Facebook. Authorities said agents also found in

Riggs' residence a photograph of Dylann Roof, the white supremacist gunman convicted of carrying out the June 17, 2015, mass shooting at **Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina**, that left nine African American parishioners dead, according to the complaint. Riggs' home is about four miles from the **Tree of Life Synagogue**, where Robert Bowers allegedly shot 11 worshipers to death and injured seven others during an attack on October 27, 2018. **"Riggs's Nazi videos, photos and paraphernalia clearly show his obsession with hate-based violence. His cache of firearms clearly shows his capability to act on that obsession,"** Scott Brady, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, said in a statement.

France, January 26, 2020 (JTA): Most of the racist hate crimes documented in France last year were **anti-Semitic incidents directed at Jews -- who make up less than 1 percent of the country's population.** The French Interior Ministry published the data in a report that counted 687 anti-Semitic incidents last year from a total of 1,142 racist hate crimes. The 2019 figure constitutes **an increase of nearly 27 percent** from 541 such cases documented in 2018,

Los Angeles, California, January 22, 2020 (Los Angeles Daily News): LAPD officials reported a **10.3% increase in Los Angeles hate crimes in 2019**, from 292 reported in 2018 to 322 in 2019 — a jump they report amounted to 40% since 2016. **The highest number of reported hate crimes targeted the Jewish community, with incidents rising from 43 to 69 in 2019.**

Worldwide, January 21, 2020 (JTA): A week before International Holocaust Remembrance Day, **Pope Francis renewed his condemnation of anti-Semitism, decrying its "barbaric resurgence."** Francis was addressing a delegation from the Simon Wiesenthal Center that met with him at the Vatican. "If we lose our memory, we annihilate the future," the pope said. "May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned 75 years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be silent and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent." Francis said the world was witnessing a troubling resurgence of factionalism and populism, which provides a breeding ground for hatred. "Even recently, we have witnessed a barbaric resurgence of anti-Semitism," he said. **"I do not tire of firmly condemning every form of anti-Semitism."**

Richmond, Virginia, January 21, 2020 (CBS News): Three alleged **members of a white supremacist group "The Base" apparently hoped a gun rights rally in Richmond, Virginia, would spark a civil war,** according to court records. The three men — Brian Lemley, Jr., William Garfield Bilbrough IV and Canadian national Patrik Jordan Mathews — were arrested on federal firearms charges in the days before the rally, as part of a greater "domestic terrorism investigation." In surveilling these members, FBI agents found Base propaganda flyers, the parts needed to make an assault rifle, and videos created by members espousing violent, **anti-Semitic, and racist language.** Additionally, **members were heard talking to one another about the "need to claim my first victim," while discussing targeted acts of violence in Virginia.**

France, January 21, 2020 (JTA): In a survey about anti-Semitism in France, **nearly a quarter of 1,027 Jewish respondents said they had experienced a physical anti-Semitic assault.** The results of the survey, carried out this year by the IFOP for the American Jewish Committee, were published in Le Parisien. In addition to the 23 percent of respondents who said they had experienced an assault, **64 percent said they had experienced a non-physical anti-Semitic incident.**

Racine, Wisconsin, January 21, 2020 (JTA/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel): A Wisconsin man with Jordanian roots was arrested for vandalizing a synagogue as part of his involvement in a white

supremacist and neo-Nazi hate group known as The Base. **Barasneh is accused of spray-painting a swastika and other Nazi imagery, as well as the word “Jude,” German for Jew, on the building of the Beth Israel Sinai Congregation in Racine. He is charged in a federal criminal complaint with planning other acts of vandalism against minority residents with the hate group, which has been active in Wisconsin.**

Cary, North Carolina, January 20, 2020 (JTA/Raleigh News & Observer): William Warden, 21, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges for threatening a local synagogue. **Warden rang the doorbell of the Messianic Congregation Sha’arei Shalom in Cary. When a synagogue official remotely answered the bell, Warden made a “number of disparaging statements against the Jewish religion and people of the Jewish faith,” and threatened to damage the synagogue,** according to police. He reportedly said, in part, “Get out of the government, that’s how you can help me. ... Get out of Cary. ... And get out of our country.” **After the incident, the synagogue reportedly added more surveillance and locks to its doors.**

Lincoln, Nebraska, January 16, 2020 (JTA/KOLN’s 1011 NOW news): As reported, **a man sprayed a swastika and racial epithets in orange on the stairs and front door of a synagogue in Lincoln, then took a picture of his vandalism.** Surveillance video shows the vandal painting the door and steps of the South Street Temple before stepping back and taking a photo of his work. “F U Black Shirt” also was painted on the front doors. The Lincoln Police Department is investigating the incident as a hate crime.

Nationwide, January 16, 2020 (Jerusalem Post): The House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing on the recent spike in anti-Semitic attacks. Chairman of the subcommittee, Representative Max Rose (D-NY), called on federal government officials to protect Jewish individuals, communities and institutions from antisemitic violence, saying the government “must put forth comprehensive strategies to address it.” “We cannot forget that anti-Semitic violence in the United States is often linked to transnational networks of terrorism and hate, including global networks of white supremacist extremists in Europe and elsewhere,” he continued. “The government must prioritize understanding and combating these networks in order to prevent antisemitic and racist violence. **Witnesses called on Congress to increase federal resources for the Department of Homeland Security’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program.**

Trieste, Italy, January 16, 2020 (JTA): Police analyzed security videos to identify and arrest a man suspected of twice vandalizing the city’s synagogue. The suspect was accused of breaking two windows “for the purposes of ethnic-religious hatred,” police said. It was reported that **careful analysis of the video enabled police to identify the suspect, who reportedly punched out exterior windows at the synagogue.**

Trieste Police posted security videos on its Facebook page showing the man walking back and forth in front of the synagogue and jumping up on its wall. He also turns to the camera, makes the sign of the cross and mimics shooting a pistol. Local media reported that when police detained the man, he **shouted anti-Semitic invective at them, including “I would kill all Jews — If you were Jews and we were at war, I would kill you both.”**

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, January 15, 2020 (JTA): A box seemingly intended to resemble a homemade bomb was left outside a Dutch kosher restaurant where several anti-Semitic attacks have occurred. The cardboard box, which contained no explosives and bears the logo of the Heineken beer brand, was found outside the HaCarmel restaurant. It had masking tape fastening wires and a black electric trigger switch to its top. The police bomb disposal unit rushed to the scene and are examining the hoax bomb.

New York, New York, January 15, 2020 (The Hill/Fox News NY): Amidst the rash of anti-Semitic incidents across New York City, **the New York Police Department released security footage, which shows a man fashioning a swastika on a subway station elevator on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.**

Virginia, January 15, 2020 (JTA/FBI/Associated Press/New York Times): **John William Kirby Kelley of Vienna, 19, of Vienna, VA, has been charged with calling in false bomb threats and active shootings as part of a network of white supremacists.** The U.S. Department of Justice has charge him with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, specifically interstate threats to injure. Kelley is accused of being part of a network that “shared racist views” and had a “particular disdain for African Americans and Jewish people,” and targeted them in the swatting attacks, a practice in which fake emergencies are called in to authorities to draw a large law enforcement response, according to an FBI affidavit. **Among the targets were a historic black church in Alexandria, VA.** The FBI characterized the members of the swatting ring as neo-Nazi sympathizers and said they used racial slurs and anti-Semitic language in their discussions about potential targets.

New Jersey, January 14, 2020 (JTA/New York Times/Associated Press/NJ.Com): The two Jersey City kosher store shooters were carrying **a bomb in the van they were using that had enough firepower to kill or wound people in an area the size of five football fields** and had enough materials to make a second bomb. According to the U.S. attorney for New Jersey, the shooters planned even greater acts of violence on Jews and law enforcement. The pair reportedly purchased a cache of weapons and trained to use them in Ohio. Before the Jersey City attack, they researched another attack on **a Jewish community center in Bayonne**, officials said. Since their deaths, the shooters have been linked to shooting out the back window of the car of a “visibly Jewish” New Jersey driver. It was reported that a video from inside the market showed one of the shooters saying, “They stole our heritage, they stole our birthright, and they hired these guys to stop us.” They also **expressed hatred of Jews and law enforcement** in notes left at the grocery shooting scene and in online posts. Surveillance video also showed that the shooters had **driven past the market at least twice in the week before the shooting.**

Berlin, Germany, January 14, 2020 (JTA/Spiegel): German police raided suspected Islamists of Chechen origin across the country alleging that they were planning violent attacks, including on a **Berlin synagogue.** The alleged attackers, aged 23 to 28, are suspected of having scouted locations for a possible Islamist attack, according to a Berlin police statement. **It was reported that the police found a video of the synagogue in the suspects’ possession.**

New Jersey, January 13, 2020 (JTA): Based on preliminary figures, 944 bias incidents were reported in New Jersey in 2019, a 65 percent increase from the previous year. According to NJs Office of Attorney General, this is the largest number of reported bias crimes since 1996, and the largest year-over-year increase since bias reporting standards were implemented in 1991. **A New Jersey State Police report found that 172 anti-Jewish bias incidents were reported in 2018, which accounted for 86.4 percent of all bias incidents motivated by the victim's religion.** Figures by bias type are not yet available for 2019.

Paris, France, January 10, 2020 (JTA): Several hundred people attended a ceremony commemorating the **fifth anniversary of the murder of four Jews at a Paris kosher supermarket by a jihadist.** The 2015 attack at Hyper Cacher was one of the most traumatic events to befall the French Jewish community in recent years. Four people died in the attack -- Philippe Braham, Yohan Cohen, Yoav Hattab and Francois-Michel Saada

Wassenaar, The Netherlands, January 9, 2019 (JTA): Protestors at a rally in the Netherlands against the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani waved posters blaming Jews, a local watchdog group told police. At the demonstration in front of the American Embassy in Wassenaar, two women were photographed holding a poster reading “the makers of terrorism,” which featured a caricature of two men — one wearing an American flag and another dressed as a haredi Orthodox Jew — standing on the shoulders of a scarecrow labeled “terrorism.” The women were wearing black head coverings typical of observant Muslim women.

Berlin, Germany, January 8, 2020 (JTA): Two violent anti-Semitic incidents this week are under police investigation in Berlin. An unknown assailant punched a 30-year-old man in the face while making anti-Semitic insults, according to police. In the second case, five youths aged 12 to 15 attacked a 68-year-old man on his way to visit a Holocaust memorial. According to police investigators, the perpetrators repeatedly called the man "Jew" and grabbed him between the legs. Police also are investigating neo-Nazi graffiti found on a storefront, including the painted words "Heil Hitler" in large letters.

Monsey, New York, January 6, 2020 (JTA): A grand jury in Rockland County, New York, indicted the alleged Monsey stabber, Grafton Thomas, of **six counts of attempted murder in the second degree**, three counts of assault in the first degree, three counts of attempted assault in the first degree and two counts of burglary in the first degree. Thomas, 37, was arrested following the December 28th attack at the home of Rabbi Chaim Rottenberg. The stabbings also carry a federal hate crimes charge of obstruction of free exercise of religious beliefs involving an attempt to kill. In a criminal complaint, **FBI investigators state they found journal pages written by Thomas that "express anti-Semitic sentiments."**

New Hampshire, January 4, 2020 (NH Union Leader): “All hate crimes are hoaxes,” read the flyer distributed by a white supremacist group at Keene State College last March. A few months later, a Holocaust denial leaflet was discovered in the restroom of a Lebanon restaurant. A swastika and Jewish star were chalked on the street outside a Portsmouth eatery last September. **While New Hampshire has been spared the level of violence seen in other places, watchdog groups said the state is not immune from hate speech and incidents. Over the past two years, 20 anti-Semitic incidents in New Hampshire have been reported to the Anti-Defamation League. The organization also has compiled 29 incidents of white supremacist propaganda, including flyers distributed on numerous college campuses across the state.**

Nationwide, January 4, 2020 (abcNews): Jewish communities face an "enduring threat" in the wake of recent attacks across the country, federal authorities warned in a joint intelligence bulletin. The notice came a week after a man, who allegedly espoused anti-Semitic sentiments in journals, slashed five people with a machete at a Hanukkah celebration in a New York City suburb, according to officials. **The FBI, Department of Homeland Security and National Counterterrorism Center advised federal, state and local authorities "to remain vigilant in light of the enduring threat to Jewish communities posed by domestic violent extremists and perpetrators of hate crimes,"** according to the joint intelligence document. Four mass casualty attacks against Jewish communities, all of which have occurred since October 2018, were cited. **"We remain concerned that other U.S.-based individuals ... could become inspired by these attacks and carry out further violence against Jewish communities," the document read.** Authorities noted that most of the suspected attackers used "simple tactics and relatively easily obtainable weapons such as firearms and edged weapons, although some have sought to use explosive devices."

Nationwide, January 4/8, 2020 (National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin/FBI, DHS, NCTC Joint Intelligence Bulletin): The Department of Homeland Security updated its terrorism threat advisory system following the US airstrike targeting a top Iranian general and is warning of the potential for Iranian retaliation: The following warnings were included in the bulletin. On January 2, 2020, the United States carried out a lethal strike in Iraq killing Iranian IRGC-Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani while Soleimani was in Iraq. Iranian leadership and several affiliated violent extremist organizations publicly stated they intend to retaliate against the United States. Iran and its partners, such as Hizballah, have demonstrated the intent and capability to conduct operations in the United States. Previous homeland-based plots have included, among other things, scouting and planning against infrastructure targets and cyber enabled attacks against a range of U.S.-based targets. An attack in the homeland may come with little or no warning. [In a subsequent FBI, DHS, NCTC Joint Intelligence Bulletin that was published on January 8, 2020, it was assessed that US-based Jewish institutions could be possible targets or retaliation.]

(Source Links: https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/20_0104_ntas_bulletin.pdf)

New York, New York, January 2, 2019 (JTA/New York Post): Two men, one flashing a knife, threatened a Jewish teen in the Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn. The two men yelled “Hey Jew boy” at the teen as one pulled out the knife. There are two synagogues located within a block of where the incident occurred. A report detailing the incident was filed with police.

New York, New York, January 1, 2019 (JTA/CBS12): Two women yelled “F*** you Jew” and “I will kill you Jews” at a Hasidic man in Williamsburg, Brooklyn and shoved him to the ground when he tried to film their anti-Semitic tirade, according to law enforcement sources. The 22-year-old victim was approached by the women, ages 24 and 34. **The 24-year-old grabbed the victim’s cell phone and punched him in his throat and the 34-year-old made anti-Semitic remarks, according to the NYPD.**

West Virginia, December 31, 2019 (Associated Press): More than 30 West Virginia correctional academy trainees who were seen giving a Nazi salute in a class photo will be fired. West Virginia Governor Jim Justice said that he has approved the recommendations from a report by state investigators calling for the dismissal of the correctional officer trainees who participated in the photo. According to the report, the trainees regularly gave the Nazi salute “as a sign of respect” for their instructor in the weeks prior to the release of the photo.

DeKalb County, Georgia, December 31, 2019 (JTA/Atlanta Journal-Constitution): Flyers described by police as anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim were found on cars in a Georgia county that is home to a large Jewish community. The DeKalb County Police Department’s homeland security unit is investigating the incident. One of the flyers, bordered by swastikas, described the Holocaust as a “Jew lie” and included an illustration of a large-nosed rat wearing a kippah with a Star of David on its body. “There was no holocaust,” it says. “You odious creatures have been living on the invention of Nazi gas chambers, blackmailing and perpetrating this filthy extortion racket on humanity long enough.” The flyers also contained a quote attributed to Heinrich Himmler, architect of Adolf Hitler’s “Final Solution,” and the words “Hitler was right” written in Yiddish in the lower right-hand corner.

Trikala, Greece, December 31, 2019 (JTA): A newly renovated historic synagogue in Greece was vandalized with what the country’s Jewish umbrella organization called “abusive slogans of anti-Semitic hatred.” “Jewish snakes out” was among the slogans painted in bright blue on an outside wall of

the synagogue in Trikala, a city in northern Greece that once was home to one of the country's oldest Jewish communities.

Monsey, New York, December 30, 2019 (NYPD SHIELD): On December 28, a lone assailant, identified as 37-year-old Grafton E. Thomas of Greenwood Lake, New York, entered a Hanukkah celebration at a Hasidic Orthodox Jewish Rabbi's home in the Rockland County town of Monsey, and **carried out an edged weapon assault, leaving five people wounded.** The suspected assailant allegedly burst through the front door of the residence as a large group of roughly 100 guests and members of the Congregation Netzach Yisroel gathered to celebrate the seventh night of Hanukkah. The attacker covered his face with a scarf while wielding a large knife, described in media accounts as a machete, and stated "no one is leaving." The attacker then moved from room-to-room throughout the home and stabbed five people. Victims were hospitalized with injuries including a severed finger, slash wounds, deep lacerations, and a skull fracture. Congregants fought back against the assailant, chasing him out of the house. The suspect reportedly **attempted to run into the nearby synagogue** but the doors to the house of worship were closed. He then left the scene of the attack. A witness recorded the suspect's license plate number and was ultimately apprehended by NYPD officers approximately two hours after the incident roughly 35 miles away in New York City. According to open source reporting, law enforcement authorities **discovered handwritten journals in the suspect's home which contained anti-Semitic writings and imagery including a swastika as well as writings about Nazi culture, Adolf Hitler, and an apparent reference to the Black Hebrew Israelite movement.** Law enforcement investigations of his phone reportedly revealed that the suspect allegedly **searched for Jewish locations near him**, providing potential indicators of a motive and pre-attack planning. This latest attack on a Jewish residence in Monsey, New York occurred amid a spate of reported anti-Semitic incidents in New York City and the surrounding region. **According to the NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force, as of December 30, 2019, anti-Semitic incidents in New York City increased 23% in 2019, with 227 incidents recorded this year as compared to 185 incidents in 2018. Local media reports indicate that there have been at least 10 reportedly anti-Semitic incidents in New York and New Jersey during the 2019 holiday season.**

White Settlement, Texas, December 29, 2019 (The New York Times): A gunman opened fire at a church in Texas, killing two parishioners with a shotgun before a member of the church's volunteer security team fatally shot the gunman, the authorities said. About 250 people were inside the auditorium of the West Freeway Church of Christ, near Fort Worth, when the gunman began shooting just before communion, according to church officials. The gunman was "acting suspiciously" before the shooting and drew the attention of the church's volunteer security team. The shooting, which the authorities said lasted about six seconds, was captured on video. The FBI identified the man as a transient living in the area and said the investigation into a motive was continuing.

London, England, December 29, 2019 (JTA): Graffiti featuring a Star of David and "9 11" was painted on buildings on several streets in North London. The graffiti, discovered on a synagogue and store windows in Hampstead and Belsize Park, appear to refer to a conspiracy theory that Jewish people were responsible for the attack on the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York in 2001. **The neighborhoods in which the graffiti was painted are home to large Jewish populations.**

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 27, 2019 (NJ.com): A Jersey City man is accused of threatening to "bomb all of the Jews" in Jersey City less than a week after the deadly attack on a kosher grocery store in Greenville, according to court documents. Darryl Jacobs, 47, allegedly made the threat during a December 13 phone call with a county welfare worker and was arrested three days later. Police did not recover any explosives, but seized two cell phones, the criminal complaint states. **The defendant**

told the welfare employee, who did not know him, that he “was going to come down and bomb all the Jews in Jersey City,” according to the court document.

New York, New York, December 27, 2019 (JTA/ABC 7): A man entered the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarters located in Brooklyn and threatened to shoot up the place, according to reports. After approaching a congregant, the man reportedly left without further incident. The incident came only a few hours after an assault occurred on a Jewish woman a short distance from the Lubavitch headquarters.

New York, New York, December 27, 2019 (JTA/ABC): A Jewish woman was hit in the head while walking with her son in Brooklyn. According to reports, a 42-year-old woman shouted an anti-Semitic slur and then beat the 34-year-old mother with her bag.

New York, New York, December 26, 2019 (JTA/CNN/CBS NY): Jewish man wearing a yarmulke was physically and verbally assaulted in Manhattan. A Miami man was arrested and charged with assault as a hate crime for the attack. The alleged assailant, Steven Jorge, 28, reportedly punched the 65-year-old victim in the face, knocking him to the ground, and then kicked him repeatedly. He also allegedly yelled “F*** you, Jew” at the victim, who was looking at his cellphone when the attack began.

New York, New York, December 24, 2019 (New York Post): A 28-year-old man spewed anti-Semitic hate as he allegedly attacked an Orthodox Jewish man on the Upper East Side, police said. Police say Steven Jorge punched the 65-year-old and continued to attack the man while on the ground while yelling derogatory language. Jorge allegedly yelled “F-k you Jew bastard” before assaulting the man, who was wearing a black yarmulke. The 28-year-old was picked up by police later and charged with assault as a hate crime.

Chicago, Illinois, December 23, 2019 (JTA/Chicago Sun-Times): The Illinois Republican Party is ramping up efforts to make voters aware that a man who identifies as a neo-Nazi and Holocaust denier, is running for a Chicago-area congressional seat. Arthur Jones will appear on the ballot in the March primary. Jones is a former leader of the American Nazi Party and holds white supremacist views.

New York, New York, December 22, 2019 (JTA): A man broke into a Yeshiva University dormitory and set three separate fires using matches intended to light Hanukkah candles. Students were asleep in the building on Manhattan’s Upper West Side when the incident occurred. Peter Weyand, 33, was charged with arson, burglary with criminal intent, reckless endangerment of property, criminal mischief, criminal trespass and aggravated harassment. New York City Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro commented, “Attacking any religious institution is a serious crime and we have zero tolerance for acts of arson in this city,” Nigro said. “Thanks to the thorough investigative work of our fire marshals, a dangerous individual has been quickly apprehended.”

Newark, New Jersey, December 19, 2019 (NBC NY): Investigators are looking into whether a shooting at a Hasidic man driving near Newark Airport could be linked to the deadly shootout in Jersey City at a kosher supermarket. According to reports, the man someone fired a bullet into his car from a U-Haul van similar to the van used by the shooters in Jersey City.

Los Angeles, California, December 18, 2019 (JTA/LAist website): Three Los Angeles schools, two of them Jewish, were tagged with anti-Semitic graffiti days after a synagogue in Beverly Hills was found vandalized. A swastika and hateful messages including the phrase “time to pay” were found spray-painted at the American Jewish University in Bel Air and Milken Community High School, as well as the

non-Jewish Westwood Charter School, according to reports. **The Anti-Defamation League has reported that 36 such incidents occurred in Los Angeles in 2019.**

Bloomington, Indiana, December 16, 2019 (JTA): Three Jewish students at Indiana University trying to enter a fraternity party were physically assaulted and subjected to anti-Semitic slurs by members of the fraternity. The university in Bloomington said in a statement that it was “fully investigating” the incident, in which the Jewish students were attacked when attempting to enter the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house. They allegedly were set upon by a group of 11 fraternity members.

Keyport, New Jersey, December 15, 2015 (The Washington Post): The FBI arrested a New Jersey man on a weapons charge after investigators said they found a note with his phone number and the address of a family-owned pawnshop on one of the gunman who attacked a kosher grocery in Jersey City. **Searches of Ahmed A-Hady’s home and the store in Keyport, N.J., turned up a cache of ammunition and guns, including three “AR-15-style assault rifles” similar to one of the weapons used in the attack,** according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court. Officials did not definitively link A-Hady to the shooting but said the searches were “connected to one of the perpetrators.”

Beverly Hills, California, December 15, 2019 (JTA/Beverly Hills PD): A synagogue was vandalized in what police are investigating as a hate crime. According to a statement from the Beverly Hills Police Department, a suspect described as a white male entered the Nessah Synagogue, a Persian Jewish congregation, and vandalized the sanctuary. Photos of the damage posted to Twitter show a Torah scroll unrolled, crumpled and torn at the seams, as well as broken glass and a torn page from a prayerbook. The police statement said the vandal “moved throughout the sanctuary, heavily ransacking the interior.”

New Haven, Connecticut, December 13, 2019 (Yale News): Arrests have been made in connection with an incident in which anti-Semitic graffiti appeared at the entrance of Yale Law School. Yale Police arrested three individuals this week and a fourth arrest is pending. The individuals — who were not members of the Yale community — were charged with multiple crimes, including trespassing and committing a hate crime.

New York, New York, December 13, 2019 (Brooklyn Reader/Yeshiva World News): A man was arrested after he pointed a handgun at a Jewish man in the Borough Park neighborhood of Brooklyn. The NYPD Hate Crimes Unit has been requested to investigate the incident as a possible hate crime.

New York, New York, December 12, 2019 (1010 WINS): Graffiti reading "666" was found scrawled on the wall of a Chelsea synagogue. In a statement, Governor Andrew Cuomo called the act “despicable” and ordered the State Police Hate Crimes Task Force to assist in the investigation. He also ordered increased police presence at synagogues and other Jewish institutions across the state. **At a press conference, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea said that anti-Semitic hate crimes were up 22 percent in New York City this year.**

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 12, 2019 (JTA): New Jersey officials believe the two shooters at a kosher supermarket in Jersey City were motivated by bias against Jews and the police. “We believe that the suspects held views that reflected hatred of the Jewish people as well as a hatred of law enforcement,” the state’s attorney general, Gurbir Grewal, said at a news conference. Four people died in the attack Tuesday at the kosher store, in addition to the gunmen. “The evidence points towards acts of hate,” Grewal told reporters. “I can confirm that we are investigating this matter as potential acts of domestic terrorism, fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs.”

Jersey City, December 11, 2019 (NJ.com): Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop said y **that surveillance video of the violent gun battle that left six dead including two suspects shows the Kosher grocery store was targeted** in the city's burgeoning Jewish community. "Last night after extensive review of our (closed-circuit television system) it has now become clear from the cameras that these two individuals targeted the Kosher grocery.

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 11, 2019 (New York Post): One of the "Black Hebrew Israelite" killers who targeted a Jewish grocery store in Jersey City left behind a handwritten note that said, "I do this because my creator makes me do this and I hate who he hates," according to law enforcement sources. The message was found inside the stolen U-Haul van that David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50, drove to the Jersey City Kosher Supermarket, where they gunned down three people... **Anderson had posted anti-Jewish and anti-police messages to social media before the attack**, the sources said.

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 11, 2019 (The New York Times): At least once suspect in the kosher market attack has been linked to the Black Hebrew Israelites. **The Black Hebrew Israelites, which has no connection with mainstream Judaism, has been described as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a legal advocacy group that tracks such movements.** While the exact beliefs of the Black Hebrew Israelites vary among the groups associated with the movement, followers generally believe that the 12 tribes of Israel defined in the Old Testament are different ethnic groups, or nations, and that white people are not among them. **"They mostly trade in anti-Semitism,"** said Heidi Beirich, the director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. **"They view Jews as impostors."** She added that the movement has not been known for committing mass acts of violence. **(Note: Grafton E. Thomas, arrested in late December for the mass machete attack at a rabbi's home in Monsey, New York, also possessed handwritten journals, which contained anti-Semitic writings and an apparent reference to the Black Hebrew Israelite movement.)**

Jersey City, New Jersey, December 10, 2019 (New York City Police Department Weekly Terrorism Brief, Issue 50, December 13, 2019): Two assailants—identified as David Nathaniel Anderson and Francine Graham—carried out a mass shooting in Jersey City, New Jersey resulting in four fatalities, including a police officer at a cemetery and 3 civilians, during a multi-hour firefight within a Jersey City Kosher Supermarket – located approximately one mile from the cemetery. Civilians killed included 33-year-old female store owner Mindy Ferencz, 49-year-old male employee Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, and 24-year-old male rabbinical student customer Moshe Deutsch. **The supermarket reportedly caters to members of the growing Satmar sect of Hasidism, an ultra-orthodox conservative Jewish faith community. Authorities believe the suspects targeted the supermarket.** The gunmen opened fire indiscriminately from inside the supermarket, including shots fired in the direction of a **Catholic elementary school** directly across the street. Three civilians inside the supermarket were killed and one was injured by the perpetrators during the shootout. Following the standoff, tactical units discovered an improvised explosive device inside the assailants' van. While a motive for the attack is still being investigated, open source reporting indicates that Anderson had connectivity to the Black Hebrew Israelite movement—a group that has no ties to mainstream Judaism—and reportedly posted numerous anti-Semitic and anti-law enforcement statements on social media. The investigation is ongoing; however, at this time, law enforcement authorities are reportedly treating the incident an act of domestic terrorism.

New York, New York, December 10, 2019 (JTA): A rabbi who was harassed and threatened with physical

violence at a suburban New York Costco recorded the encounter, leading to the arrest of the aggressor.

The rabbi recorded Justin Pichizaca, 20, of Queens, twice making a move toward the rabbi to hit him and said "Record all you want because a Nazi is going to f***ing kill you." Pichizaca also threatened another Jewish customer, saying "I'm going out to get my gun and will come back to shoot you up."

Concord, California, December 9, 2019 (Jewish News of Northern California): A judge in Contra Costa County on Monday revoked bail for Ross Farca, the Concord man **accused of threatening to kill Jews**, less than two weeks after a federal magistrate judge did the same, ruling that Farca poses a "danger to the community" and ordering that the 24-year-old be held in federal custody without bail until further notice. Police in Concord arrested Farca on June 10 after the FBI informed them of threats against Jews posted on a gaming website. Farca was charged with making criminal threats and possessing an illegal assault weapon, and he was released on bail on the condition that he be subject to search and seizure by police at any time. U.S. Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim cited "concerning" behavior by Farca while on pretrial release in her decision to revoke bail, writing in a detention order signed Nov. 27 that "no conditions could be fashioned" to prevent danger to the community should he be released again. Farca reportedly used an encrypted email service to communicate with a "potential mass shooter" while on pretrial release, Kim wrote, despite police having confiscated multiple laptops and a computer tower at the time of his arrest. The interlocutor was described as a San Jose State University student facing charges similar to Farca's. Encryption was used "to evade detection by law enforcement," Kim wrote. "Specifically, the defendant made violent anti-Semitic statements online and demonstrated that he was inspired by recent domestic terrorists in the United States and abroad," she wrote. **The online posts linked to Farca mention wanting to find "high-value targets" and "target richness" for a mass shooting against Jews and plans to conserve ammo during the attack by using a weapon in "semi auto" and reloading from dead police officers. Officials say Farca assembled an assault weapon himself earlier this year.**

Glen Cove, New York, December 6, 2019 (Jewish News Syndicate): Racist graffiti was discovered at a New York Holocaust museum for the second time in two weeks. **The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in Glen Cove was defaced with swastikas and other vandalism.** The vandalism occurred 10 days after graffiti, including a racial smear, was discovered on the museum. Glen Cove police are investigating the vandalism.

Poway, California, December 5, 2019 (KPBS San Diego): A June 2nd, 2020, trial date was set for a 20-year-old nursing student accused of **opening fire at a Poway synagogue, killing one congregant and injuring several others**, and setting a fire at a mosque about a month earlier. John T. Earnest of Rancho Peñasquitos is charged with murder, attempted murder, arson and hate crime allegations for the April 27 shooting at Chabad of Poway and the March 24 blaze at the Dar-ul-Arqam Mosque, also known as the Islamic Center of Escondido.

Syracuse, New York, December 5, 2019 (Campus Security & Life/USA Today): Following weeks of turmoil over **racist and anti-Semitic incidents on campus**, administrators at Syracuse University have increased the amount of security patrols and surveillance cameras on campus as students return for the final weeks of the semester. Since Nov. 7, there have been at least a dozen instances of graffiti, racist targeting and other incidents that have been reported to Syracuse police. Administrators have indicated that there is a high risk of copycat incidents from people seeking to continue to stoke tensions on campus.

France, December 5, 2019 (JTA/France 24/Agence France-Presse): The French government said it will **establish a hate crimes office in the wake of the vandalization of more than 100 gravestones at a Jewish cemetery.** The vandalism, which included anti-Semitic imagery and text, was discovered at the Jewish near Strasbourg in eastern France, the AFP news agency reported. The office, which would be part of the gendarmerie, France's military police, will be charged with investigating all anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim and anti-Christian acts, French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said.

New York, New York, December 4 (The New York Times): A Lebanese immigrant named Ali Kourani told the F.B.I. that he was a sleeper agent for the terrorist organization Hizballah. **He professed to scouting targets in New York City for possible attacks, including, according to the Department of Justice, daycare centers. The plan, he told agents, was for him to become a suicide bomber.**

New York, New York, December 3, 2019 (JTA/COLLive News Services): Three teenagers **threw a rock at a school bus that was transporting children from a Jewish elementary school** in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Crown Heights. The rock cracked a window on the side of the bus. A second bus driver witnessed the attack and described the teenagers to police. The driver of the bus that came under attack filed a police report. Brooklyn, notably in Crown Heights, has seen a rash of attacks against identifiable Jews in recent months.

New York, New York, December 3, 2019 (COLLive News Services): A Jewish woman at a train station in Crown Heights was verbally attacked by a woman who hurled racist slurs and threatened her. The Jewish woman was approached by another woman who began hurling anti-Semitic remarks at her about her Jewish religion and her wig, worn for religious purposes. The woman then **threatened to throw the Jewish woman onto the tracks**, police said. the case was referred to hate crimes for investigation, police said.

Worldwide, December 3, 2019 (Independent): A man who carried out a campaign of bomb hoaxes against targets in the US, Canada and the UK has been jailed for more than four years. **Andreas Dowling, 24, made a total of 107 bomb hoaxes, claiming to have planted bombs containing dynamite, sarin gas and radiation at schools and police stations and shoot any survivors of these attacks with assault rifles.** Prosecutors said Dowling used sophisticated techniques, such as fake Twitter and email accounts and text to speech software, to hide his identity from law enforcement officials in the UK and North America.

McAdoo, Pennsylvania, (DoJ/US Attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania): Shawn Christy, age 28, of McAdoo, was convicted on twelve counts involving threats against the President of the United States and others, transmitting threatening communications, interstate transportation of stolen firearms, interstate transportation of firearms while charged with a felony offense, unlawful possession of a firearm as a fugitive and as a convicted felon, and other charges. **As an armed fugitive during a three-month manhunt Christy broke into a church in Maryland.**

Washington, DC, December 2, 2019 (The Washington Post): **A D.C. The Sixth & I Street Synagogue, a historic Jewish landmark, was a target of anti-Semitic graffiti,** an act of vandalism that the organization's rabbis said fit into a painful nationwide pattern of rising anti-Jewish crime. In a police report, officers described the vandalism as a suspected hate crime.

Suffolk, New York, December 2, 2019 (News 12 Long Island): **Two separate acts of vandalism happened at Jewish centers in Suffolk less than a week apart.** Police say a man broke into Temple Beth

El in Huntington Thanksgiving night. Once inside, alarms went off, but the suspect got away with \$500 stored in the rabbi's office. This crime comes on the heels of another one that happened less than a mile north at the Huntington Jewish Center. On November 22, police say two men shot at the building with a BB gun. Part of it was caught on security video. **"Two subjects actually passed the BB gun back and forth between themselves," said Detective Michael O'Callaghan. "Shot out the glass casing, covering a light and a window of the building also."**

Fairfax, Virginia, November 29, 2019 (Secure Community Network): The Pozez JCC received a **bomb threat**. Law enforcement is investigating. While it was determined the threat was not credible, it led to stepped up police presence at the JCC and nationally notification to Jewish communal agencies to review organizational security plans.

Sweden, November 28, 2019 (JTA): The Swedish city of Malmo will **allocate some \$2 million to initiatives to protect its Jewish community from anti-Semitism**. Malmo, a city where one third of the population is from Muslim countries, is home to several hundred Jews and has dozens of anti-Semitic incidents annually.

New York, New York, November 27, 2019 (New York Post): **A gang of five men assaulted two Jewish teens walking down the street in Brooklyn**, knocking a yarmulke off one of their heads, police said. The group approached a 14-year-old boy dressed in traditional Orthodox garb, smacking him with a blow to the head, officials said. The assailants then turned on a second boy, 15, and grabbed the hat off his head. The group fled, police said. No injuries were reported. The men were described in their late teens, all of them wearing dark hooded sweatshirts and one wore a ski mask, police said.

Pueblo, Colorado, November 26, 2019 (JTA): The white supremacist who allegedly **planned to blow up a synagogue** has pleaded not guilty to several hate crimes charges. Richard Holzer, 27, was charged in Denver federal court after being arrested for his plans to attack Temple Emanuel in Pueblo. The self-described "skinhead" and former Ku Klux Klan member has used Facebook to "promote white supremacy ideology and acts of violence." Holzer was taken into custody weeks later after receiving fake bombs from undercover agents who said they could blow up the synagogue. He admitted that he had planned to blow up the synagogue, even if there were people inside. Holzer was charged with attempting to obstruct the exercise of religion by force by using explosives and fire, attempted arson and using fire or an explosive device to commit a felony.

Australia, November 26, 2019 (JTA): There has been a **30 percent increase over the last year in serious anti-Semitic incidents in Australia**, according to the annual Report on Antisemitism in Australia. There were 368 recorded anti-Semitic incidents in Australia during the year ending on Sept. 30, 2019, according to the annual report, published by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, or ECAJ. Incidents logged included physical assaults, abuse and harassment, vandalism, graffiti, hate, and threats communicated directly by email, letters, telephone calls, posters, stickers and leaflets. The total figure is comprised of 225 attacks and 143 threats. "The overall number of anti-Semitic incidents continued at, and slightly exceeded, the unusually high number logged during 2018, which saw a 59 percent increase over the previous year," said Julie Nathan, the ECAJ's Research Director on Anti-Semitism.

Glen Cove, New York, November 26, 2019 (News 12 Long Island): Officials say four people were caught on video painting **racist messages at the Glen Cove Holocaust Museum**. Police say surveillance video shows the suspects entering the grounds. They're accused of defacing numerous signs with vulgar language as well as a brick wall in the Children's Memorial Garden. Officials at the center say, with a

great deal of effort, the graffiti may be able to be physically removed, but the hurt and fear will remain. Steven Markowitz, the chairman of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, says it's shocking that a place that teaches tolerance was targeted with racist graffiti.

New York, New York, November 25, 2019 (JTA/Yeshiva World News): A Hasidic Jewish man in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Williamsburg was the victim of an **unprovoked sucker punch in the face**. The attack was captured on video. The attacker was identified by the New York Police Department as Steven Sotomayor. The men did not exchange any words before the attack. The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force announced Friday that the attack was being investigating as an “anti-Semitic assault”.

Spring Valley, New York, November 20, 2019 (JTA/ The New York Times/Rockland/Westchester Journal News/Yeshiva World News): An **Orthodox man was stabbed multiple times on his walk to synagogue for morning prayers**. The man was approaching the synagogue, when at least one man got out of a car, began beating him and stabbed him. The victim was a 29-year-old teacher and father of four young children, the reported. The assailant fled the scene before police and first responders arrived, according to witnesses. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo implied in a tweet that the attack was anti-Semitic. The Ramapo Police Department said that there will be added police patrols in the area. The State Police Hate Crimes Task Force will assist in the investigation. The Anti-Defamation League is offering up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

Eastern Europe, November 19, 2019 (JTA/ADL): New research shows an **increase in anti-Semitic attitudes in Eastern European countries**. The Anti-Defamation League published the results of polling this year of about 9,000 people in 18 countries. Ukraine, Poland, Hungary and Russia showed major increases over 2017. In those countries, 46 percent up from 32 percent in 2017 in Ukraine, 48 percent up from 37 percent in 2017 in Poland, 42 percent up from 40 percent in 2017 in Hungary, and 31 percent up from 23 percent in 2015 in Russia of a total of 2,015 people polled. Outside Europe, a significant increase in the prevalence of anti-Semitism was recorded in Argentina, which rose from 24 percent in 2015 to 30 this year.

Augusta, Georgia, November 19, 2019 (JTA/CBS affiliate WRDW/ Augusta Chronicle): The Unitarian Universalist Church of Augusta was **vandalized with graffiti messages targeting the Jewish community** – a crossed-out Star of David and the words “God will not be mocked.” The church’s president, Andy Reese, reported that the church has **previously received bomb threats after working on special projects with the Jewish community**, but that this was the first time that the building has been vandalized. Georgia is one of four U.S. states without a hate-crime law. The Richmond County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the incident.

Gainesville, Georgia, November 19, 2019 (CNN): A **16-year-old white high school student is in custody after her plan to attack an historically black church in Gainesville, Georgia, with knives was foiled, police said Tuesday**. The Gainesville High School student had been planning the attack at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for several weeks, police said. She took significant steps, including researching black churches online and visiting Bethel AME once, police Chief Jay Parrish said. A student overheard the teenager talking about the alleged threat and alerted a school administrator, who in turn notified a school resource officer, Parrish said. The teenager was taken into custody. She faces a charge of criminal attempt to commit murder, police said. **The teenager targeted Bethel AME because of its African American congregants and small congregation**, according to the police. (Note: Georgia is one of four U.S. states without a hate-crime law.)

Nationwide, November 15, 2019 (Counterterrorism Weekly, US National Counterterrorism Center 14-20 November 2019): Federal authorities filed a criminal complaint against Richard Tobin, 18, accusing him of **orchestrating the vandalism of synagogues in Michigan and Wisconsin** on 21 and 22 September. According to the criminal complaint, Tobin allegedly directed members of a white supremacist organization, to paint the two synagogues with swastikas and other anti-Semitic symbols. The complaint further alleges that through “online platforms and encrypted online messaging applications and chat rooms”, the group had discussed “the recruitment of prospective members, the creation of a white ethno-state, acts of violence against minorities (including African-Americans and Jewish-Americans) ... and ways to make improvised explosive devices (‘IED’)”. He also allegedly **said he envisioned the synagogue attacks as part of a nationwide campaign he had dubbed “Operation Kristallnacht” — a reference to the organized ransacking of Jewish homes, schools, and hospitals by Nazi paramilitaries and civilians in Germany in 1938.** According to the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team: “As this New Jersey court case highlights, places of worship continue to be potential targets of terrorism. Religious services and events are publicized and are often open to the public, making them more vulnerable.”

New York, New York, November 14, 2019 (JTA/WCBS-TV/ Vos Iz Neias website): New York police have **arrested an 18-year-old Brooklyn male in connection with egg-throwing attacks on Jews in the borough. The city’s Hate Crimes Task Force took Mohib Hoque into custody.** He has been charged with three hate crimes, including assault, and reckless endangerment, according to the report. A mother and child walking in the Borough Park neighborhood were among those targeted as were worshippers leaving a synagogue. The building was hit by the eggs.

Great Barrington, Massachusetts, November 14, 2019 (JTA/The Berkshire Eagle): Police are investigating reports of threats against Jewish students at a middle school in western Massachusetts. It is the second report of anti-Semitism at a Massachusetts middle school in recent weeks. **A student had been telling Jewish students that he was going to “nuke the Jews,” and that “I have a list and you’re on it, and all the other Jewish kids are on it, too,” according to reports. Reports also say that students had made Nazi salutes and that swastikas have been carved in desks and drawn on bathroom walls at the school in recent years.** “We are very concerned by this and the unfortunate reminder that anti-Semitism and racism remain part of our community in South County and in our school,” Monument Valley principal Ben Doren wrote in a letter to parents.

Randers, Denmark, November 13, 2019 (JTA/The Local-Denmark/The Associated Press): Two men were arrested in connection with the **vandalism of more than 80 gravestones at a Jewish cemetery.** They are suspected of vandalism and could be charged under Denmark’s anti-racism laws, reported. One of the suspects is a member of a neo-Nazi group.

Nationwide, November 12, 2019 (Newsweek/JTA): Almost 60 percent of hate crimes based on religious bias were motivated by anti-Semitism, the FBI reported as part of its annual Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. A total of 896 anti-Jewish offenses were reported to local and federal law enforcement agencies, forming a data set that is ultimately collected and released by the bureau. Although thousands of agencies participate in the hate crimes reporting program, such participation is voluntary at the local level, meaning that the data underestimate the larger number of such crimes committed in smaller jurisdictions. **Hate crime murders totaled 24 — the highest number since the FBI began tracking statistics in 1991, according to the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL said that the high number was attributable to the 11 victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in October 2018.**

India, November 12, 2019 (JTA/Channel 12 Israel): Intelligence agencies in India have warned that Jewish institutions and Jewish tourists are under threat of terror attacks in the country. **Terrorist organizations in India associated with the global jihad movement plan to attack Jewish and Israeli targets, including synagogues in Kerala, in the country's south, and Chabad houses and other places where large numbers of Jews congregate.** The Mumbai Chabad House was attacked in November 2008 by a Pakistani Islamist group (LeT), who tortured and killed Chabad house directors Rabbi Gavriel and Rivkah Holtzberg and four other Jewish visitors to the building.

Europe, November 11, 2019 (The Jerusalem Post): A report on antisemitism released by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) has “consistently shown that few EU member states record antisemitic incidents in a way that allows them to collect adequate official data.” The report, entitled “Antisemitism: Overview of data available in the European Union 2008–2018,” explained that “the inadequate recording of hate crime incidents, including those of antisemitic nature, coupled with victims’ hesitance to report incidents to the authorities,” is contributing to the “gross under-reporting of the extent, nature and characteristics of the antisemitic incidents” happening in the EU. “It also **limits the ability of policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders at national and international levels to take measures and implement courses of action to combat antisemitism effectively and decisively, and to assess the effectiveness of existing policies,**” the FRA report stated. “Incidents that are not reported are not investigated or prosecuted, allowing offenders to think that they can carry out such attacks with impunity.”

Omaha, Nebraska, November 10, 2019 (Associated Press/Omaha World Herald): **Police say about 75 headstones have been toppled and more than \$50,000 in damage caused at a Jewish cemetery.** The vandalism was carried out at Temple Israel Cemetery in northeastern Omaha. The headstones had been pushed off their bases, and many were broken. Forensic investigators from the police department went to the cemetery to take photos and document the damage.

Hartford, Connecticut, November 8, 2019 (JTA/Jewish Journal/WTNH): **A gravesite at the Agudas Achim Cemetery was desecrated.** The body – buried for 70 years – was dug up, the remains were stolen and replaced with water and two dead chickens.

Tempe, Arizona, November 6, 2019 (JTA/Arizona Republic Daily): **Fliers bearing a swastika and a Star of David were discovered around the campus of Arizona State University.** Arizona State University Police, in conjunction with the Tempe Police, are investigating the incident. “Ensuring the safety and security of our students is our top priority, and the university undertakes extensive efforts to ensure student safety is not compromised....,” a university statement said.

Nationwide, November 6, 2019 (JTA/The Washington Post/DoJ): **Two men have pleaded guilty to spying for Iran on charges stemming in part from their surveillance of a synagogue in Chicago and Israeli targets in the U.S.** Ahmadreza Mohammadi-Doostdar, 39, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, and Majid Ghorbani, 60, an Iranian citizen and resident of California. Doostdar admitted to traveling to the United States from Iran three times to meet with Ghorbani and give him instructions from Iran.

Worldwide, November 5, 2019 (CNN) **The al Qaeda bomb maker who targeted the Jewish community is confirmed dead:** Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula terrorist Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri has been confirmed killed in a drone strike in 2017. A highly skilled bomb maker who built the explosives for several high-profile terrorist plots, Asiri was among the world’s most feared terrorist operatives. In one major plot in 2010, **Asiri designed explosive devices concealed in packages shipped on cargo planes and addressed to synagogues in Chicago, Illinois.** A U.S. official said that the devices found in the

packages were very sophisticated and could have exploded in flight, but it wasn't clear whether that was the intent. **The group's statement said the devices' designs "allow us the opportunity to detonate them in the air or after their arrival to their ultimate destination, and they are designed to pass through all detectors."** The packages were discovered thanks to a tip from Saudi Arabia. Saudi officials provided tracking numbers of the two packages bound for Jewish organizations in the United States, enabling quick tracing to the United Kingdom and Dubai, a source told CNN.

Philadelphia, November 5, 2019 (JTA/ABC 6/CBS local): Fliers described by local media as anti-Semitic and racist were placed on cars in parts of South Philadelphia. The page-long flier makes several false claims about the Jewish community and African Americans, according to reports. **"In general it profiles a really negative light on people of the Jewish faith, and their business dealings. It is anti-Semitic, and in my opinion it was trying to galvanize the African American community, to kind of be against the Jewish community,"** Betsy Oliphant Ross, who found one of the fliers, stated. Police reportedly are looking for video from security cameras in the area to try to find the person or persons who left the fliers.

Nationwide, November 5, 2019 (JTA): -- White supremacist Richard Spencer rails against Jews and blacks in an expletive-laden audio that was leaked online. The 2017 recording of Spencer, who is credited with coining the term "alt-right" and has tried to put a more palatable face on white nationalism, was uploaded by fellow alt-right leader Milo Yiannopoulos. Spencer's rant reportedly was at an emergency meeting on August 13, 2017, the day after the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where a counter protester was killed. **"We are coming back here like a hundred f**king times. I am so mad. I am so f**king mad at these people,"** he is heard saying in the 54-second recording. Later Spencer goes on to say: **"Little f**king kikes. They get ruled by people like me. Little f**king octoroons ... I f**king ... my ancestors f**king enslaved those little pieces of f**king shit. I rule the f**king world. Those pieces of f**king shit get ruled by people like me. They look up and see a face like mine looking down at them. That's how the f**king world works. We are going to destroy this f**king town."** Spencer, 41, is the president of the white nationalist National Policy Institute.

Worldwide, November 5, 2019 (Jerusalem Post): The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the operative branch of the World Zionist Organization, has begun upgrading security provisions for 50 Jewish institutions, such as synagogues, Jewish schools, and community centers, in 24 countries, following a spike in requests for assistance in the wake of increased antisemitic attacks around the world. There were several shooting attacks against Jewish institutions around the world over the last 12 months, from the Tree of Life congregation massacre in Pittsburgh in October 2018, to the Halle, Germany synagogue shooting in October 2019. These shootings were carried out by men with far-right or white supremacist beliefs.

New York, New York, November 4, 2019 (JTA/ Yeshiva World News): Several identifiably Jewish men and boys were attacked in a string of assaults in the Borough Park community on the same night. Three of the attacks involved the same passenger car. Surveillance cameras captured each incident, in which several men jump out of the car and chase Hasidic men and boys. In one incident, the passengers punched a Hasidic man after their vehicle pinned him against a parked car. Victims also were punched in two other incidents. **The number of hate crimes against Jews in New York City rose significantly over the first nine months of this year. The NYPD reported 311 total hate crimes through September, as opposed to 250 through the same period in 2018. Some 52 percent of the reported hate crimes, or 163, targeted Jews. Over the same period last year, the NYPD reported 108 anti-Semitic hate crimes.**

Boulder, Colorado, November 4, 2019 (JTA/The Daily Camera): A group of men who appeared to be posing as Jews handed out fliers promoting Holocaust denial and hung up cards bearing anti-Semitic canards on a pedestrian mall in Boulder. The fliers handed out claimed the Holocaust was “impossible.” The men, who wore large white kippahs and tallitot, or prayer shawls, also hung notes on index cards that claimed “Academia is dominated by Marxist Jews,” Jews run the porn industry” and “Jews ran the Atlantic slave trade.” **The men livestreamed their actions,** according to the report.

Sweden, November 4, 2019 (JTA): The number of anti-Semitic hate crimes recorded in Sweden rose to a record high last year, jumping 53 percent over the 2016 figures, government statistics show. The 2018 report, which the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention published, listed 280 anti-Semitic hate crimes that year compared to 182 in 2016 (Note: There was no report in 2017). The latest numbers are the highest on record since at least 2006, when the Council began collecting aggregated data. Anti-Semitic motives represented the largest increase from 2016 in hate crimes and was the largest hike in anti-Semitic crimes on record. The Jewish population of 20,000 comprises approximately 0.2 percent of Sweden’s population.

Pueblo, Colorado, November 4, 2019 (JTA): A white supremacist has been arrested for plotting to blow up a synagogue in Colorado. Richard Holzer, 27, was charged for planning to attack Temple Emanuel, a congregation in Pueblo of 35 families whose building dates to 1900. According to an affidavit describing the charges, Holzer is a self-described “skinhead” and former Ku Klux Klan member who has used Facebook to “promote white supremacy ideology and acts of violence.” **According to the criminal complaint, Holzer met with undercover FBI agents and “repeatedly affirmed that he was prepared to go through with the attack.”**

Seattle, Washington, November 2, 2019 (The Post Millennial): An antifa activist with a history of violence and threatening behavior has been arrested on a felony hate crime charge in Seattle for alleged anti-Semitic attacks. Jamal Oscar Williams, 44, is accused by state prosecutors in Washington state of hate crimes and criminal harassment against Schmuel Levitin, a rabbi, and Ephraim Block. According to court documents, Williams “maliciously and intentionally” followed, **threatened to kill and assaulted the men in multiple attacks** in October because of their perceived religion. Levitin and Block were operating a permitted religious booth for the Sukkot Jewish holiday in downtown Seattle on October 11 when Williams allegedly approached them and shouted: “Jews, Jews, Jews ... give me your money!” He then said he had a gun and was going to kill them. Both Levitin and Block have beards and payots, or sideburns, and were wearing yarmulkes. Levitin is a rabbi at the Chabad of Downtown Seattle. **Jamal Williams is known for his outspoken views on black nationalism.**

Nationwide: October 31, 2019 (Voice of America): The FBI says it is investigating more than 2,000 cases tied to groups designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organizations, a figure that reflects the persistent threat posed by outfits such as al-Qaida and Hezbollah. Out of about 5,000 terrorism cases under investigation, approximately 850 are focused on domestic terrorism such as far-right violence, while the rest have a nexus to international terrorism, the FBI said. FBI Director Christopher Wray first disclosed the top-line number of terrorism cases last October when he testified before the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security. **(Note: In that testimony, Wray stated that the underlying drivers for domestic violent extremism, including racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, remain constant.)** While the FBI recently elevated domestic terrorism to a “national threat priority,” Wray said homegrown violent extremists, or so-called “lone wolf actors,” pose “the greatest, most immediate terrorism threat to the homeland.” “These individuals are FTO-inspired individuals who are in

the U.S., have been radicalized primarily in the U.S., and are not receiving individualized direction from FTOs," Wray said, using an initialism for foreign terrorist organizations.

Nice, France, October 31, 2019 (the algemeiner): The mayor of Nice has strongly condemned rising antisemitism in his country following an incident at a Jewish school in which a man yelling antisemitic epithets tried to break into the building. Children were inside the school. According to local media reports, security guards at the school overcame the intruder and hauled him outside, where he carried on yelling threats and antisemitic invective. **Philippe Meyer — president of B'nai B'rith France — said on Twitter that the attempted attack on the school was a signal to French Jews that “the antisemitic threat does not weaken.”**

Nationwide, October 30, 2019 (JTA): The U.S. Senate has launched a Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism to coincide with the first anniversary of the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue building in Pittsburgh. Senators Jacky Rosen, D-NV, and James Lankford, R-OK, members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, are the co-chairs. They said the mission of the task force is to collaborate with law enforcement, federal agencies, state and local government, educators, advocates, clergy and other stakeholders to combat anti-Semitism. According to a CNN op-ed they wrote announcing the launch of the task force, they stated, **“In the United States, we’ve seen evidence that anti-Semitism and acts of hate are growing at an alarming rate. The State Department’s special envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism earlier this year called the rise in anti-Semitism worse than it has been in decades. And the impacts go far beyond the Jewish community alone.”** The same task force in the House of Representatives was reinstated in February.

Youngstown, Ohio, October 30, 2019 (JTA/NBC affiliate WFMY): An Ohio man facing federal charges for threatening a Jewish community center on social media must stay in jail as he awaits trial because he remains a threat to the community, a judge ruled. James Reardon, 20, of New Middletown was denied bail and will remain in Mahoning County jail. Reardon threatened the Youngstown JCC in mid-August with a video posted on Instagram. The Jewish community is not safe from Reardon, District Court Judge Patricia Gaughan, said in her ruling. **A search of his home found assault weapons, extra ammunition and a gas mask, as well as anti-Semitic and white nationalist propaganda.**

Nationwide, October 30, 2019 (Fox News): The Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) released the 96-page report titled “National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) and the Promotion of Hate and Anti-Semitism on the University Campus: The Threat to Academic Freedom.” **The report makes the case that NSJP “is a main driver of Jew-hatred on campus,” citing dozens of examples of alleged anti-Semitism involving the group’s members. The report said NSJP regularly featured and expressed support for convicted terrorists at its events and throughout its social media, adding that the group’s leaders and official university chapters allegedly have spread anti-Semitism on social media platforms and at their national conferences.** ISGAP has conducted scholarly research into the origins, processes and manifestations of global anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice, including racism. NSJP was founded in 2010 at a forum sponsored in part by the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) National Committee, a coalition that allegedly included several U.S.-designated terrorist organizations, according to ISGAP’s report. (Link: <https://isgap.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NSJP-2019-ISGAP-Report-Long-Version.pdf>)

Sacramento, California, October 30, 2019 (JTA): The state’s Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has launched an investigation to find out why was a Nazi flag hanging on the wall inside a California parole office. An anonymous video uploaded Saturday on Imgur, a video and photo sharing website similar to Instagram, shows a red Nazi flag with a black swastika in the center visible

through the window of a CDCR office in downtown Sacramento. The video also shows what appears to be a second flag, black with SS bolts, hanging below it. **The video had been viewed more than 23,000 times.** CDCR spokesperson confirmed that the flag had been hung in its state parole office. The Anti-Defamation League calls **the Nazi flag, which has been adopted by white supremacists across the globe, “one of the most potent hate symbols worldwide.”** It is banned in Germany.

Nationwide, October 27, 2019 (The Hill): Synagogues and other Jewish institutions across the U.S. have spent the past year implementing new security measures following the 2018 Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh that left 11 people dead. Jewish leaders say the October 27, 2018, mass shooting altered the Jewish community’s sense of safety and perceptions about the need for increased protection. The deadliest anti-Semitic attack in the U.S was not the only deadly incident in the past year; shooter killed one person and injured three others in April at the Chabad of Poway synagogue in California during a Passover service. One organization that has seen a measurable change since the Tree of Life shooting is the Secure Community Network (SCN) — a nonprofit dedicated to security initiatives for the U.S. Jewish community. **SCN has seen a significant increase in requests for security assessments and training in the wake of the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in the U.S. In the 10 months before the Tree of Life shooting, it received about 500 requests for assistance; in the subsequent 11, it received 3,000. The jump in demand corresponds with the jump in reported threats. The FBI reported a 37 percent increase in hate crimes against Jews from 2016 to 2017, the most recent data available.**

Seattle, Washington, October 27, 2019 (JTA/KIRO Channel 7): The Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle was vandalized with what it said was white supremacist graffiti. The spray-painted graffiti, described as “obscure white supremacist symbols,” was discovered as a teachers seminar was taking place, the center said. It is the first time in its 30-year history that the building has been targeted.

Bridgeport, Connecticut, October 25, 2019 (NBC CT): Bridgeport police will have extra patrols at a local synagogue after **two bomb threats were directed at Congregation B’NAI Israel.** The building was evacuated, including young children who were inside at the time. A K9 unit was called in to sweep the building and the Connecticut State Police Bomb Squad was placed on standby. Authorities said they didn't find any explosive devices. It was later determined that the calls were made from Florida by a 60-year old man. Judy Alerin, who is the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, said they were dismayed to hear what happened in Bridgeport and concerned about potential copy-cat crimes on this anniversary of the Tree of Life synagogue attack.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25, 2019 (JTA/KDKA 2 CBS local): Police officers involved in the response to last year’s attack on Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue, some still recovering from injuries they sustained, thanked the city’s Jewish community for its support. Pittsburgh Police Officer Dan Mead and SWAT Officers Anthony Burke and Timothy Matson are still in the process of recovering. “The Jewish Community’s support and the ways they have shown their appreciation — I’m not used to that,” Mead, who was shot in the hand, wrote. **Burke, who was also shot in the hand, wrote a note that read: “I would be remiss if I didn’t specifically thank the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh for their enormous and unparalleled support, without which the burden of everyday life would be unbearable. I sincerely cannot thank you enough.”**

Victoria, Australia, October 24, 2019 (JTA/The Age/The Daily Mail): A teenage boy who allegedly sent threatening messages to a Jewish boy who had been forced to kiss the shoe of a Muslim student and to his mother has been charged for the threats. **The boy, 16, was arrested by Victoria police and charged**

with stalking, harassing and threatening to kill the Jewish boy and his mother. The threats were sent after photos of the incident in which a 12-year-old Jewish student was forced in a public park to kneel to kiss the shoes of a Muslim classmate while being threatened by other older schoolboys, were splashed across the front pages of newspapers in Australia and around the world.

Budapest, Hungary, October 23, 2019 (JTA): The Aurora Jewish community and activism center in Budapest sustained damage in what its operators said was arson by neo-Nazis. Established in 2014 by Marom, which is affiliated with the Conservative/Masorti movement, Aurora has functioned as the headquarters of several additional groups, including the Roma Press Center, Budapest Pride (a gay rights organization), the Migszol refugee advocacy group and the Zold Pok agency for social activism. **In 2017, far-right activists filmed themselves placing posters reading “Stop operation Soros” on the message board of Aurora.**

East Lansing, Michigan, October 22, 2019 (Lansing State Journal): Police are searching for two men who destroyed the Sukkah at Michigan State Hillel (Jewish center). The Sukkah is a temporary structure (hut) built during the week-long Jewish holiday of Sukkot, that commemorates the years their ancestors spent in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. It is common for Jews to eat, sleep and otherwise spend time together in the sukkah.

Washington, DC, October 22, 2019 (The DC Post/DCist): The Washington Hebrew Congregation building was targeted by vandals, who painted graffiti on its walls bearing “anti-Israel and hate-filled messages,” according to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. The Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia has launched an investigation. It was further reported that the graffiti in question included “numerous anti-Semitic statements, profane language, and child-like drawings of male and female genitalia” and was drawn in black permanent marker on the building’s rear doors and bricks. Washington Hebrew Congregation was formed in 1852 and has a membership of 3,000.

Nationwide, October 21, 2019 (Time): At least 12 white supremacists have been arrested on allegations of plotting, threatening or carrying out anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S. since the massacre at a Pittsburgh synagogue nearly one year ago, according to the ADL. The Anti-Defamation League also counted at least 50 incidents in which white supremacists are accused of targeting Jewish institutions’ property since a gunman killed 11 worshippers at the Tree of Life synagogue on October 27, 2018. Those incidents include 12 cases of vandalism involving white supremacist symbols and 35 cases in which white supremacist propaganda was distributed. **The ADL said its nationwide count of anti-Semitic incidents remains near record levels.** It has counted 780 anti-Semitic incidents in the first six months of 2019, compared to 785 incidents during the same period in 2018. **The group said many of the cases it counted were inspired by previous white supremacist attacks.** The ADL also counted three additional 2019 cases in which individuals were arrested for targeting Jews but weren’t deemed to be white supremacists. **Two were motivated by Islamist extremist ideology, the organization said.**

Evesham, New Jersey, October 21, 2019 (Burlington County Times): According to the police, for the second time this month, an older white man was spotted placing anti-Semitic fliers onto vehicles parked in the township. Police said those fliers were printouts of hand-typed messages. **One of them reportedly had anti-Israel statements and the others were “anti-Jewish” in nature.**

Germany, October 18, 2019 (JTA/Der Spiegel): In the aftermath of the shooting outside a synagogue in the German city of Halle, local authorities are rethinking their approach to securing the country’s Jewish communities. Only the building’s heavy fortified doors prevented the gunman from entering the

synagogue on Yom Kippur. Some German states are now moving to ensure that situation isn't repeated. In the eastern state of Thuringia, authorities have agreed to post armed officers outside synagogues during services. In Hesse, security will be provided at every synagogue and Jewish institution during Jewish holidays, a police spokesman said. And in Bavaria, synagogues were added as stops to routine police patrols following the attack. **German Jewry's Values Initiative, a nonprofit that has positioned itself as a mainstream think tank for German Jewish communities, has called for police protection of "all synagogues, Jewish and Israeli institutions in Germany," charging that police had "misjudged" the threat facing smaller communities like Halle.** It also recommended improving police response time, noting that it took 16 minutes for officers to confront the shooter. German officials seem to agree. They were quick to condemn the October 9 attack and reassure the Jewish community of their support. Chancellor Angela Merkel attended a vigil in Berlin that day and told Jews in Halle that her government was committed "to do everything possible so that you can live safely." **Merkel said the attack "shows us that this is not so simple and that we must do even more."**

Seattle, Washington, October 18, 2019 (NBC News): Firearms belonging to the suspected leader of a neo-Nazi group who was thought to be preparing for a "race war" have been seized under a "red flag" law in Washington state, according to court documents. **Authorities removed five rifles, three pistols and other gun components** from Kaleb James Cole, 24, under a state law that allows authorities to take guns from people deemed to be a risk to themselves or others for up to a year, authorities said. Cole has not been charged with any crime. **Cole is a self-admitted member of the "Atomwaffen Division" — which the Southern Poverty Law Center says is a terroristic national socialist organization that believes in using violence for "apocalyptic, racial cleansing" — and is thought to be the leader of the Washington state chapter,** Seattle police said. Police believe Cole participated in recent firearm training and recruitment efforts at "hate camps," which officials say he helped organize. "It appears that he has gone from espousing hate to now taking active steps..." **Included with the police petition were a cellphone photo of Cole giving the Nazi salute, and another of him and another person standing in front of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.**

England, October 18, 2019 (JTA): The number of religion-based hate crimes against Jews in England and Wales nearly doubled last year, according to a government report. The data from a Home Office report lists 1,326 anti-Semitic incidents in 2018, or 18 percent of the overall number of hate crimes — almost twice as many as the 672 anti-Semitic incidents recorded in the previous year. Muslims were the most targeted group, followed by Jews. Muslims account for about 5 percent of the population in the United Kingdom, according to the Office for National Statistics, while Jews constitute about half a percent.

Modesto, California, October 16, 2019 (FOX40): Racist, antisemitic flyers have been popping up at religious and community centers and events in the Modesto area. **They have prompted concern that the intolerant images and language could turn into something much worse.** Mike Schiefelbein, the pastor at the College Avenue United Church of Christ in Modesto, never thought messages like loving your neighbor could be controversial. Anti-Semitic flyers were posted on his church and he believes his messages of tolerance may be why. But it was not an isolated incident. **Within the last eight weeks, flyers like the ones posted at the church have appeared at a congressman's town hall event, a local synagogue and at the Central Valley Pride Center.**

Brussels, Belgium, October 16, 2019 (JTA): Belgian police arrested a Muslim man who asked passersby on a Brussels street if they were Jewish while holding a knife and shouting about Allah. Police subdued the man after a search for his whereabouts. According to the Brussels Prosecutor's Office, **the suspect is**

believed to have committed attempted murder “with connection to his religious or philosophical convictions.”

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, October 15, 2019 (NBC 6): Sunny Isles Beach police have arrested a man who allegedly assaulted two people as they were leaving a prayer service from a local synagogue because of their Jewish faith, officials said. According to a police report, 66-year-old Larry Greene was arrested on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Greene approached the two victims as they were walking from prayer at a local synagogue, raising a knife over his head and yelling anti-Semitic remarks, the report said. **Greene lunged at one of the victims and threatened to kill them, while he continued to yell the anti-Semitic remarks** before officers were called to the scene. While detained, police said **Greene identified himself as a Black Israelite and referred to the victims as "fake Jews."**

Falmouth, Massachusetts, October 13, 2019 (SouthCoast Today): An Israeli flag defaced with white supremacist symbols was found in front of the Falmouth Jewish Congregation only hours after the holiest Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, ended. Falmouth police started an investigation and have increased patrols. Members of the congregation have expressed fear and concern following the incident. The flag was spray-painted in red with a swastika over the Star of David and with the numerals 14-88. The meaning of 14-88 is a combination of two popular white supremacist numeric symbols, according to the Anti-Defamation League. The first symbol, 14, is shorthand for the “14 Words” slogan: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.” The term reflects the primary white supremacist worldview in the late 20th and early 21st centuries that unless immediate action is taken, the white race is doomed to extinction by the alleged “rising tide of color” purportedly controlled and manipulated by Jews. The second symbol, 88, stands for “Heil Hitler,” where the H represents the 8th letter of the alphabet. **Acts of hate aimed at Jewish people and institutions in Massachusetts have hit all-time highs over the past two years, according to an audit by the Anti-Defamation League.** The organization recorded 144 anti-Semitic incidents in the state in 2018. Eighty-two of the incidents were acts of vandalism that conveyed anti-Semitic messages, while incidents of harassment totaled 59, according to the audit. **The monitoring of white supremacist activity in Massachusetts in the first eight months of this year has more than doubled what the Anti-Defamation League saw in 2018, according to Robert Trestan, director of the Anti-Defamation League in New England.** The incident at Falmouth Jewish Congregation is a combination of two acts of hate, Trestan said. The first is the desecration of the Israeli flag with white supremacist symbols and the second is going to the actual synagogue to deliver it, he said. “It’s really the second act that is very disturbing and scary,” Trestan said. **“It is an indicator that someone felt powerful enough to deliver a message of hate to a Jewish community.”**

Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 15, 2019 (CNN): Police are investigating after anti-Semitic posters were discovered on the door of the Temple Emanuel synagogue. One had a picture of Hitler with the words “Did you forget about me?” The other read, “A crusade against Semite led subhumans.” **The posters were credited to the Vorherrschaft Division, an extremist neo-Nazi group.** No arrests have been made so far and there are currently no definitive leads, Sgt. John Wittkowski with the Grand Rapids Police Department told CNN. The investigation is being handled by the major crimes detective unit.

Halle, Germany, October 11, 2019 (Fox News/ Reuters): The gunman accused of opening fire near a synagogue in eastern Germany has reportedly confessed to the deadly anti-Semitic crime. The assailant, a German identified by prosecutors only as 27-year-old Stephan B., shot and killed two bystanders in the eastern city of Halle after failing to force his way into the local synagogue, which had

up to 80 people inside celebrating Judaism's holiest day, Yom Kippur. **The suspect live-streamed the attack on a popular gaming site while ranting in English about Jews and denying the Holocaust. He also posted a so-called "manifesto" online before committing the murders.** After the attack, bullet holes were clearly visible on the small wooden door of the synagogue – the only barrier between the gunman and the worshippers inside. Prosecutors said it was only the man's poor aim and the unreliability of his firearms that saved nine other people from injury during the half-hour rampage. Prosecutors said Stephan B. confessed to being **inspired by right-wing extremism and anti-Semitism.** They said **he had planned a "massacre"** and had managed to amass at least nearly 9 pounds of explosives and four firearms. Unlike synagogues in many other German cities, the one in Halle didn't have police officers outside for Yom Kippur. **According to prosecutors, Stephan B. had told officials he also wanted to target mosques and kill Muslims. He also claimed he "wanted to create a worldwide effect" by emulating attackers such as the man who killed 51 people in mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand in March and by encouraging others to imitate his own actions in Halle, prosecutors said**

Worldwide, October 10, 2019 (JTA): The identity of the German synagogue attacker may have sounded familiar to American Jews, who have endured multiple attacks by far-right extremists over the past year. But the suspect's identity was more surprising for Jews in Western Europe. **The murder of two people in Halle on Yom Kippur was the first lethal anti-Semitic assault in decades in that region by a far-right extremist. Most of the terrorist attacks against Jews there over the past 30 years have been carried out by radical Muslims. In that sense, the Halle shooting represents a tragic milestone for Western Europe, where growing radicalization among both neo-Nazis and Islamists is leading to what some scholars on anti-Semitism are calling a "perfect storm" – violent anti-Semitism stemming from both the right and the left.** The German federal prosecution office called the attack an incident motivated by "extreme far-right and anti-Semitic" views. Highlighting the emergence of the double threat facing European Jews was an incident days earlier in Berlin, when a man wielding a knife was arrested while trying to climb the fence of a Berlin synagogue. He allegedly shouted "Allah hu akbar," Arabic for "God is the greatest."

Halle, Germany, October 10, 2019 (JTA/Associated Press): Germany's chief federal prosecutor said the alleged gunman who targeted a synagogue in the town of Halle was planning to carry out a "massacre" there. Peter Frank told reporters that the suspect, Stephan Balliet, **had nearly nine pounds of explosives in his car at the time of his capture.** The prosecutor said that he believed **the attacker livestreamed his attack, from a helmet camera, to encourage others to imitate him.** A manifesto believed to be written by Balliet was posted online before the shooting and distributed by sympathizers on the messaging app Telegram. **The manifesto said Balliet's objective was to "kill as many anti-whites as possible, Jews preferred."**

New York, New York, October 10, 2019 (JTA): A backpack was set alight and left on the steps of a Jewish center in Brooklyn on Yom Kippur. The New York City Fire Department extinguished the blaze. Police throughout New York had increased patrols around synagogues for the Yom Kippur holiday.

White Plains, New York, October 9, 2019 (ABC 7): Police in Westchester County are investigating acts of anti-Semitic vandalism at a Holocaust memorial on the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest of days in the Jewish faith. Authorities say hateful stickers and posters were discovered at the Garden of Remembrance, and police are stepping up patrols as a result. Anti-Semitic writing was found on a sign outside the garden, while other graffiti was found inside the park as well. According to county Executive George Latimer, "County police are actively investigating and reviewing video of the area." Additionally, Governor Andrew Cuomo said in a statement that he has directed the State Police Hate Crimes Task

Force to offer assistance to local authorities investigating the crime. **Anti-Semitic acts of vandalism and violence have been on the rise in the U.S. the last several years, including a shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue last year that killed 11 and a shooting at a California synagogue this year that killed one. Of the 1,749 victims of anti-religious hate crimes in 2017, 58.1% were victims of crimes motivated by the perpetrators' anti-Jewish bias, according to FBI statistics.**

Great Britain, October 9, 2019 (BBC News): Luke Hunter, 21, was charged with terrorism offenses. **He allegedly encouraged the murder of homosexuals, Jews, and non-white people.** Additionally, he reportedly shared a video of the Christchurch shooting. **He was accused of eight offenses, including encouragement of terrorism, and dissemination and collection of terrorist publications.**

New York, New York, October 7, 2019 (Times Union, Albany): There will be an increased State Police presence near synagogues and Jewish centers in New York this week in response to recent anti-Semitic activities. Governor Cuomo said in a press release the increased patrols are "to ensure this sacred day is not disturbed by anyone seeking to spread division or fear." A similar initiative was made last week "out of an abundance of caution" for the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Unfortunately, **"an attack against a Synagogue in Williamsburg over the Rosh Hashanah holiday, underscore the need to protect against anti-Semitism and hatred of all kinds,"** Cuomo added.

Berlin, Germany, October 7, 2019 (JTA): Police detained a knife-wielding Syrian refugee who had to be subdued by pepper spray by security guards outside a Berlin synagogue after he crossed its security barrier. According to a statement from the Prosecutor's Office, **two security guards drew guns on the man, a 23-year-old from Damascus, Syria, after he crossed the security barrier, but he did not respond to their order to drop his knife and continued mumbling in Arabic. Local media reported that he said "God is great" in Arabic, a phrase often used by Arab terrorists.** The investigation is ongoing, according to the state Prosecutor's Office, as they seek evidence for a motive.

Worldwide, October 6, 2019 (JTA/Channel 12 Israel/Times of India): Israeli security authorities are working with security authorities in India to prevent a possible terror attack on Jewish or Israeli targets on Yom Kippur. An alert of such an attack during the Jewish holidays was issued based on intelligence information received from the security agencies of other countries. **Security has been increased at the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, synagogues, Chabad buildings, and Jewish schools.** According to the information obtained by the security authorities in India, **the terrorist cell planning the attack is linked to al-Qaeda and other terrorist cells affiliated with the Islamic State, and it also plans to hit Israeli and Jewish community targets around the world.** In November 2008, The Mumbai Chabad House (Jewish community Center) was one of the sites attacked by a Pakistani Islamist group where Chabad house directors Rabbi Gavriel and Rivkah Holtzberg (pregnant) and four other Jewish visitors to the building were tortured and executed.

Poway, California, October 6, 2019 (JTA/ABC 10 News/Times of San Diego): The accused gunman in the deadly shooting at a San Diego-area synagogue pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder. The murder charge against John Earnest, 20, in the **shooting at the Chabad of Poway** has been classified as a hate crime. Lori Gilbert-Kaye, 60, was killed and three people were wounded, including an 8-year-old girl and the synagogue's rabbi, who lost a finger, in the April 27 shooting. **Earnest told a 911 operator in the moments after the attack that he did it to save white people from Jews.** At the same hearing, Earnest also pleaded not guilty to **arson charges for a fire a month earlier at a nearby mosque.**

New York, New York, October 4, 2019 (JTA): The number of hate crimes against Jews in New York City has risen significantly over the first nine months of this year. **The New York Police Department has reported 311 total hate crimes through September, as opposed to 250 reported through the same period in 2018,** according to Deputy Inspector Mark Molinari, who heads the department's Hate Crimes Task Force. Molinari said **52 percent of the reported hate crimes, or 163, have targeted Jews. Over the same period last year, the NYPD reported 108 anti-Semitic hate crimes.**

New York, New York, October 2, 2019 (JTA/WPIX-TV local): The windows of a synagogue in Brooklyn were broken during Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) services. **Video surveillance show people throwing milk crates at the Rivnitz synagogue in the Williamsburg neighborhood.** Police said they were searching for two females who were seen in the video. Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo both condemned the vandalism. "This is a shocking act of hate," de Blasio wrote on Twitter. "We WILL find the perpetrators and hold them responsible." Cuomo said in a statement that he was "disgusted and enraged" by the incident and that he was directing the State Police's hate crimes task force to work with the police on the investigation.

Whitefish, Montana, October 2, 2019 (JTA): Fliers bearing white nationalist language and hate speech were circulated to businesses in Whitefish, on the first day of the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. "The hate literature was not only offensive in relation to the Jewish holiday, but it is concerning as there is a recorded rise and mainstreaming of anti-Semitism in the United States, including the troll storm perpetrated from outside the community onto the Jewish people of Whitefish just two and a half years ago," Rachel Carroll Rivas of the Montana Human Rights Network said in a statement. **Similar fliers appeared in Helena, Montana, over the weekend.** Neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin launched a campaign in December 2016 against Jews in Whitefish in which he published personal details and photos of Jewish residents, including a child. The Jewish population of the city is about 60.

Youngstown, Ohio, September 27, 2019 (19 News Cleveland): A New Middletown man was indicted in federal court for using a firearm while making threats against a Jewish community center in Youngstown. James P. Reardon, 20, was indicted in U.S. District Court with one count of transmitting an interstate communication threat and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Reardon was arrested after a friend alerted police to his social media posts, which showed him holding an assault rifle with audio of gunshots, sirens and people screaming in the background. The video was tagged with a geolocation at the Youngstown Jewish Community Center. **Police obtained a search warrant for Reardon's New Middletown home, where officers found the weapons seen in the social media posts. In total, they found: AR-15 assault rifle; MP-40 submachine gun; Numerous Nazi World War II propaganda posters; Rifle bayonet; Hitler youth knife; and Vintage U.S. military equipment. Police say Reardon has a "storied past" of support for white nationalism.**

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, September 26, 2019 (Winston-Salem Journal): White supremacist propaganda was found at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and on an online blog naming the synagogue. The synagogue reported the matter to Winston-Salem police, the FBI, the Anti-Defamation League and the Secure Community Network. Police are aware of the incident and plan to increase their vigilance in protecting the congregants during the he High Holy Days.

Nationwide, September 25, 2019 (Cleveland Jewish News): According to John D. Cohen, senior expert on global threats at Argonne National Laboratory, the most prominent threat facing synagogues today has shifted from members of terrorist groups to independent actors who are emboldened by online messaging from such groups. Cohen spoke on a recent webinar designed to help synagogues prepare

for the High Holy Days and sponsored by the Secure Community Network. Cohen warned that the **foreign terrorist groups, which he described as Isis, Al Qaeda and their affiliates, “have used their social media platforms to call upon their adherents ... to conduct attacks against Israel and by extension the Jewish community in America and Europe,”** citing a videotaped message from Ayman al-Zawahiri that was released over the weekend of September 14-15 calling for attacks against Israel and the United States. Cohen said, “three areas that I would be most concerned about today would be, one: some kind of act of violence, ranging from a hate crime or a targeted attack against a Jewish facility by an individual who becomes inspired based on what they see online, and who conducts an attack independent of any domestic or foreign terrorist group, secondly, and I guess a subset of the first area, would be those who are specifically inspired by messaging placed online by foreign terrorist groups like Al Qaeda or Isis and its affiliates, and third should the circumstances with Iran escalate, particularly if they escalate to the point of (an) armed conflict, the community will have to be concerned about the potential for attacks by Iranian (operatives) such as Hezbollah or as we were concerned about in the past Iranian intelligence.”

Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, September 24, 2019 (DoJ/US Attorney’s Office, District of Minnesota): According to the criminal complaint student Ray Ghansham Persaud, 20, is **charged with making multiple hoax bomb threats against the University of St. Thomas's St. Paul Campus.** As a result, the University evacuated and closed its entire St. Paul campus, including a childcare center located in one of the buildings. The charges: Using an instrumentality of interstate commerce to make a threat to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual, and to damage or destroy any building, by means of fire and explosive, 1 count. The University of St. Thomas is a private, Roman Catholic, archdiocesan university.

Hancock, Michigan, September 23, 2019 (The Daily Mining Gazette): Police are investigating the recent **spray-painting of Nazi symbols on Temple Jacob. Multiple swastikas had been spray-painted on the synagogue, as well as the symbol of the SS, a Nazi paramilitary organization.** In a statement, Bucky Beach, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Houghton, noted the irony of the act occurring just before the annual Parade of Nations. Beach had been at the parade with Keweenaw Faiths United, an interfaith group that came out of discussions including members of Temple Jacob. The group formed in response to a series of bombings this year against Muslim and Jewish congregations.

Boston, Massachusetts, September 23, 2019 (Jewish News Syndicate/JTA): **A Boston-area synagogue has been vandalized with what appear to be swastikas.** Police in Sharon received a call from congregants at Temple Sinai about one marking near its entrance and two others on the property. Sharon is known for its sizable Jewish population. The New England chapter of the Anti-Defamation League condemned the markings. “Synagogues are increasingly becoming ground zero as anti-Semites continue sending messages of hatred to Jews,” said regional director Robert Trestan.

Worldwide, September 23, 2019 (Fox News): The United Nations Human Rights Council's special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Ahmed Shaheed, released the UN's first-ever report on antisemitism entitled, “Combating Antisemitism to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief.” **According to the report, the frequency of anti-Semitism appears to be increasing.** The special rapporteur recognized that the sources of anti-Semitism are varied and pointed out three main strains: “growing use of anti-Semitic tropes by white supremacists including neo-Nazis and members of radical Islamist groups”; an increase in “anti-Semitic narratives or tropes in the course of expressing anger at policies or practices of the government of Israel”; and the objectives, activities and effects of the Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement.” The report said that “anti-Semitic hate

speech is particularly prevalent online.” It also made mention of several exceptionally violent incidents that “have had an outsized impact on Jewish individuals’ sense of security in recent years,” including the 2018 attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and the 2019 attack at the Poway Chabad (synagogue) near San Diego, California. The special rapporteur also said he “received numerous accounts concerning vandalism and desecration of Jewish synagogues and cemeteries, as well as other recognizably Jewish sites.” And the report recounted that in the U.S. in 2017, 58 percent of religiously-motivated bias “were driven by antisemitic bias.” According to Anne Herzberg, legal adviser and U.N. liaison at NGO Monitor, “This report marks one of the first times the U.N. has addressed the issue of antisemitism in any detail.”

Racine, Wisconsin, September 22, 2019 (The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle): Antisemitic graffiti was discovered at Racine’s Beth Israel Sinai Congregation, including a pray-painted swastika, the word “Jude,” and three symbols that each appear to be a Nazi-style “S.” In response, the congregation will increase security.

White Plains, New York, September 20, 2019 (Bedford Daily Voice): A 44-year old man has been convicted of committing a hate crime after sending anti-Semitic emails to an elected official in Westchester. White Plains resident Timothy Goetze was found guilty of three counts of aggravated harassment, misdemeanors, for threats he made against Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and his family. Although the emails did not have Goetze’s name, an investigation determined that he was the sender. Among other things Goetze used profanities and directed numerous anti-Semitic slurs to Feiner. **The final sentence included the threat: “You better run and hide you stupid f--king jew (sic). We are coming for you and your family,” signed by “Anti-Zionist.”** The District Attorney noted that in court, Goetze’s only defense was on First Amendment free speech grounds. The court ruled against him, stating that the emails were not mainly political statements; rather **the content was largely a personal attack on Feiner and his family and constituted a “true threat.”**

Northridge, California, September 19, 2019 (Orange County Register): Police were investigating a message scrawled on the property of a Jewish temple as a possibly hate-motivated case of vandalism. No one had been arrested in this case. The Anti-Defamation League called the message left at the Northridge house of worship “blatantly anti-Semitic.” According to the police, it was not immediately clear if it is related to other instances of vandalism in the San Fernando Valley or elsewhere in Southern California.

Ukraine, September 19, 2019 (Jerusalem Post): Desecration of Holocaust memorials, Nazi salutes at a football game and threats against Jewish leaders – including newly elected President Volodymyr Zelensky and Jewish communal leader Eduard Dolinsky – are among some of the **anti-Semitic incidents that have taken place across the Ukraine in the last few weeks.** A Holocaust memorial was vandalized in Golovanevsk, commemorating the murder of some 900 Jews from the village between late 1941 and early 1942. At the end of last month, a third Holocaust memorial near the town of Vradievka in northwestern Ukraine was also vandalized. The site marks the area in which some 7,000 Jews were murdered in the fall of 1941. **Ukrainian Jewish Committee director-general Eduard Dolinsky remarked that anti-Semitic incidents are happening on a regular basis, but the number of recent events represents an escalation.** The Jewish Confederation of Ukraine said in a statement that it was deeply “alarmed by this repeated act of anti-Semitism. We urge the law enforcers to approach the issue of identifying the criminals as responsibly as possible. It is especially important to solve this case in the shortest possible time, since it is rare that antisemitic organizations stop at the desecration of monuments.”

Garden City, Idaho, September 18, 2019 (JTA/Idaho Press): Patrick Little, a known **white supremacist who espouses anti-Semitic views, is running for a City Council** seat in Garden City, Idaho, a Boise suburb. Little failed in a US Senate bid previously. Little told the Idaho Press that **“The only way to challenge Jewish power in this country now is with local elections** because it would have to be word of mouth. He also told the newspaper that the “top priority” of the Jewish people is to displace white people specifically, and that he believes Jews control the media, the entertainment industry and politics. Little was **endorsed by former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke** for his California Senate run. He moved in May to Garden City, a city of some 11,000 residents about a mile from Boise.

Charlottesville, Virginia, September 17, 2019 (Associated Press): A federal judge refused to free members of a white supremacist group on bond while they appeal their convictions for attacking protesters at a white nationalist rally in Virginia. U.S. District Judge Norman Moon ruled that **Rise Above Movement members Benjamin Daley, Michael Miselis and Thomas Gillen haven’t adequately shown that releasing them from custody wouldn’t pose a danger to others.** All three men pleaded guilty to riot conspiracy charges stemming from violence at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017. Prosecutors said **the group members’ hatred for Jews, blacks and feminists motivated them to attack counter protesters.** Daley, Miselis and Gillen flew from Los Angeles to Charlottesville on the eve of the rally and participated in a torch-lit march through the University of Virginia’s campus, **joining in chants such as “Blood and soil!” and “Jews will not replace us!”** Prosecutors also said the men engaged in other racist and anti-Semitic activity before the rally.

Las Vegas, Nevada, September 17, 2019 (ABC News): A former security guard accused of compiling bomb components and guns to kill people at a Las Vegas synagogue has been indicted on a federal firearm charge, court records show. Climo, 23, was arrested August 8 and remains in federal custody pending arraignment on a charge of possessing "firearms, specifically destructive devices" found at his home. "The defendant is a member of the Feuerkrieg Division of Atomwaffen, which is known as an organization that encourages, and may even commit, violent attacks on people of the Jewish religion, homosexuals, African Americans and federal infrastructures," Magistrate Judge Nancy Koppe wrote in Climo's detention order. **"The defendant had gathered component parts that can readily be assembled into a destructive device,"** Koppe said, and **"had very specific plans about attacking one specific synagogue near his house,"** including **"wanting to light an incendiary device and having others join him to shoot people as they came out of the synagogue."**

Jackson, New Jersey, September 17, 2019 (JTA/Asbury Park Press): Police charged a New Jersey teen with **harassment and bias intimidation after allegedly deliberately swerving his car – twice – at two Jewish men while the passengers in his car yelled antisemitic insults at them.** The men were standing near the curb in front of a home and had to jump out of the way, according to local police

Middlesex County, Massachusetts, September 17, 2019 (The Tufts Daily): **A Jewish student attending Tufts University found a swastika attached to the door of their dorm room,** an email from University President Anthony Monaco this morning said. “I condemn this cowardly act of hatred and ignorance. It is a direct attack on our Jewish community and an affront to our values as an institution,” the email read. “Any member of our community who is found to be responsible will face disciplinary sanctions consistent with our University policies against discrimination, bias, and hate,” Monaco’s email said.

Miami, Florida, September 16, 2019 (JTA): **A man arrested last month in the shooting of a 68-year-old man outside a synagogue in Miami, was charged with a hate crime.** Carlints St. Louis, 30, was arraigned last week in criminal court in Miami on charges that include one count of attempted first-degree murder

with a deadly weapon with prejudice; one count of discharging a firearm in a vehicle; and one count of battery of aggravated battery of a person 65 years of age or older. In late July, Yosef Lifshutz was shot six times in the leg as he stood outside the Young Israel of Greater Miami waiting for daily prayers to begin.

New York, New York, September 16, 2019 (The Jewish News/PIX11/New York Daily News): Police have arrested a man they accuse of beating a rabbi with a large rock in Brooklyn. Oniel Gilbourne, 26 was arrested on Thursday. He faces charges of assault as a hate crime and criminal possession of a weapon. Abraham Gopin, 64, a father of 10 and grandfather, was attacked on the morning of August 27 while jogging in Lincoln Terrace Park. **The assailant allegedly yelled a Jewish slur at him and threw a rock in his direction but missed. Gopin then confronted the rock thrower, who started punching him, and then hit him square in the face with a paving stone. He lost two front teeth and suffered a broken nose,** according to reports. Gopin, who is identifiably Jewish with a long beard and a kippah on his head, has told several New York news outlets that he thought the assailant wanted to kill him. As of Aug. 25, New York police were investigating 145 antisemitic crimes, most of them in Brooklyn, compared to 88 from the same time period last year.

Duluth, Minnesota, September 15, 2019 (Press Herald): A 117-year-old synagogue burned to the ground and police arrested a 36-year-old Minnesota man for allegedly setting the fire. Matthew J. Amiot was booked on first-degree arson. Six Torah scrolls – sacred Jewish texts handwritten on parchment paper – were destroyed along with the synagogue. Authorities have not determined the motive. Local police and fire departments and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have collaborated since Monday to determine the fire’s cause. The investigation is still ongoing.

Indianapolis, Indiana, September 15, 2019 (Jewish Journal/JTA): Flyers described as “anti-Semitic in nature” were posted on several Jewish institutions in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council said in a statement that **the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department was notified of the incident and that it had opened an investigation. The police are classifying it as a “bias crime,” according to the statement.**

Knoxville, Tennessee, September 12, 2019 Jewish Journal): Antisemitic graffiti was found on a symbolic rock at the University of Tennessee (UT) Knoxville on Sept. 11 accusing Jews of being responsible for the 9/11 terror attacks. Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Southeast Regional Director Allison Padilla-Goodman said in a Sept. 12 statement, “Instead of honoring the lives of those that were lost on that fateful day, someone chose to highlight hate. The Rock, which is meant to represent school pride and unification, has unfortunately, again, been used as a billboard for hate.” There were two instances of swastikas being drawn on the Rock in 2018, including one over the words “stronger than hate” which was painted in response to the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in October.

Los Angeles, California, September 12, 2019 (IsraelNationalNews.Com/CBS Los Angeles): A synagogue was defaced on the 18th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks with anti-Semitic graffiti. Rabbi Yonah Bookstein of the Babe Sale Congregation posted an image of the graffiti, which read “FREE PALESTINE.” Vandalism apparently waited for congregants to enter the synagogue and then spray-painted the walls outside. “It seems that the [perpetrators] waited for congregants to enter and then sprayed the [graffiti], so that when they come out they should see it”, Rabbi Bookstein was reported to have said.

DeLand, Florida, September 12, 2019 (JTA/Miami Herald/Daytona Beach News Journal): Hanson Larkin, 25, was **arrested by the FBI after he sent text messages to a friend threatening to shoot up a local synagogue and expressing his hatred of Jews.** He was charged with making threats using interstate communication. Among the messages cited in the complaint: "I bought a gun with my first paycheck If I don't meet you I will be forced to use it," and "If meeting me for five seconds is not worth the lives of multiple Jews then I have no other option." "There's a Chabad near me. And Amtrak has no security for weapons. Don't make me make a choice they'll regret," he also texted, referring to the shooting attack on the Chabad of Poway synagogue in California in April that left one woman dead and four injured. Larkin also suggested a possible target of a "Jewish house of worship located approximately 2.5 miles from his residence in DeLand.

Hamilton County, Ohio, September 10, 2019 (Cincinnati.Com): A man who has dual Russian and American citizenship is **wanted by the FBI after he didn't show up at a prison to begin serving his sentence for attacking a man he believed was Jewish.** Izmir Ali Koch, 34, was sentenced in July for beating the man outside a Cincinnati restaurant. But U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott allowed Koch, who was convicted of a federal hate crime charge, to self-surrender a month later at a federal prison in West Virginia. On the designated date, Aug. 16, Koch didn't show up to begin serving his 2½-year sentence. The attack outside the restaurant happened Feb. 4, 2017. **Koch had stepped outside with a group of friends and was yelling that he hated Jews, "wanted slaughter them," and then asked, "Who is a Jew?" to a crowd of people. The man who was attacked said he was Jewish** – even though he is not – and Koch ran up to him, punched him in the back of the head, sending him to the pavement, according to court documents. **The man suffered injuries including broken facial bones.** Two years after the attack, the man fears retaliation from Koch "and his associates," court document say.

Youngstown, Ohio, September 6, 2019 (WKBN 27 News): A New Middletown man was in federal court Friday answering to threat charges surrounding the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. Reardon is charged with transmitting threatening communications via interstate commerce. Prosecutors say Reardon posted a video on social media showing him shooting a semi-automatic rifle with sirens and screams in the background. The caption on the post read, "Police identified the Youngstown Jewish Family Community shooter as local white nationalist Seamus O'Reardon." The post tagged the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. **Police searched Reardon's home where several weapons were seized along with a gas mask, body armor and dozens of rounds of ammunition.**

College Park, Maryland, September 5, 2019 (Associated Press): Federal prosecutors recommended a 10-month prison sentence followed by 3 years of supervised release for a man whose relatives reported concerns about his behavior and far-right extremist rhetoric after last year's Pittsburgh synagogue massacre. Jeffrey Clark Jr. pleaded guilty to a federal gun charge in July. The FBI said Clark is a self-described white nationalist who followed Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect Robert Bowers on the Gab social media platform and referred to him as a "hero" in a post after the October shooting. Bowers spewed anti-Semitic hatred on his Gab account before killing 11 people and wounding seven inside the synagogue, authorities said.

Los Angeles, California, August 30, 2019 (Los Angeles Times): A Los Angeles man whose social media accounts had links to a neo-Nazi organization is facing hate crime charges after he yelled anti-Semitic slurs at a Jewish man and his infant and threatened to kill them. **Cameron Brunson Blake, 34, was charged with making criminal threats and vandalism of a religious property, which is a hate crime,** according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office. He carved an anti-Semitic slur into the doors of a synagogue, according to the district attorney's office. **Investigators found links on Blake's**

social media accounts to Atomwaffen Division, a neo-Nazi organization that has been linked to violence in California and other parts of the United States.

San Diego, August 29, 2019 (ABC 10 News San Diego): San Diego Police are also investigating the **discovery of bullet holes at the Temple Emanu-El in Del Cerro.** According to the ADL, 2018 saw a 27 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents throughout California.

High Point, North Carolina, August 28, 2019 (ABC News): Police arrested a North Carolina university student who admitted to planning a mass shooting at his school. Officers charged Paul Steber, a 19-year-old freshman at High Point University in North Carolina, with two felony counts of having a gun on campus and an additional count for making threats of mass violence. Steber allegedly had ammunition and two firearms -- a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and a double-barrel, 12-gauge shotgun -- in his dorm room when he was arrested. **He had been plotting the shooting since December and had studied previous shootings, including the 2015 church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, prosecutors revealed at a court hearing.** Steber, a Boston native, told authorities that he came to North Carolina because it was easier to gain access to guns, and said he intended to carry out a shooting by Christmas.

Bayside, Wisconsin, August 27, 2019 (WISN ABC 12): Court records reveal that **part of a threat against a Jewish center in Bayside was centered on race.** That threat was left in a voicemail at the Shul Center. Part of the threat included statements such as "You think you're so (expletive) tough." "I will destroy you. I will destroy you, individually. I will destroy you as a race." The investigation into the threatening voicemail is still ongoing.

Novato, California, August 27, 2019 (JTA): Anti-Semitic fliers saying that **Jews and Israel were behind the 9/11 attacks appeared in Northern California about 30 miles from San Francisco.** The fliers discovered last weekend in Novato, a city of about 52,000 in the North Bay area, were plastered on telephone poles, storefronts and a high school campus. They said Israelis were seen dancing on the site of the collapsed Twin Towers, that a Jewish-Israeli man made billions in insurance money and that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the attacks. At the bottom of the page it says, "Wake up USA!"

New York, New York, August 27, 2019 (JTA/Haaretz): **A 64-year-old rabbi was hit in the head by a stone brick thrown at him while walking** in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. It was reported that Rabbi Avraham Gopin was hospitalized with a **broken nose, missing teeth, stitches on his head and lacerations on his body.** Police are investigating the attack as a hate crime.

New York, New York, August 26, 2019 (JTA): **Graffiti was painted on the exterior of a historic yeshiva on Manhattan's Lower East Side.** The Mesivta Tiferes Yerushalayim building was vandalized possibly while students were inside. **The graffiti included what looks like a clown face, the word "evil," and a series of letters and numbers meant to look like a racial slur, police told the local media.** The New York Police Department's Hate Crimes Unit is investigating the graffiti as a "possible bias incident," Mayor Bill deBlasio said in a tweet. Mesivta Tiferes Yerushalayim is among the oldest existent yeshivas in the city.

Newtown, Connecticut, August 26, 2019 (JTA): **Anti-Semitic graffiti was painted on the exterior walls of the Congregation Adath Israel synagogue building** in Newtown. Police are investigating the incident as a hate crime.

Waltham, Massachusetts, August 22, 2019 (Associated Press): School safety officials are investigating after **photos of several students and professors were posted to the anti-Semitic website Vanguard**

News Network Forum, which promotes white nationalist views. The photos were posted in a thread containing hundreds of other images along with comments mocking the appearance of Jews. Brandeis is a private, nonsectarian university that was founded on Jewish values.

New Middleton, Ohio, August 20, 2019 (JTA): James Reardon Jr., 20, an Ohio man who identifies with the white nationalist movement, pleaded not guilty to charges related to threatening the Youngstown Jewish Community Center in a video posted on social media. **A search of his home found assault weapons, extra ammunition and a gas mask, as well as anti-Semitic and white nationalist propaganda.** Reardon attended the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017.

Nationwide, August 20, 2019 (JTA): Fake Twitter accounts impersonating Jews and promoting anti-Semitic conspiracy theories have proliferated following a post on the online messaging forum 4chan. The author of the post urges readers to "create a massive movement of fake Jewish profiles on Facebook, Twitter etc." The goal, according to the post, is to avoid censorship by social media companies and spread conspiracy theories about Jewish involvement in the slave trade, the global economy, mass media and the porn industry. Since then, Twitter users who track Jewish content have documented fake accounts created in recent days. **After the call went out on 4chan, a network of new Twitter accounts run by white supremacists pretending to be Jews popped up,"** according to Tablet writer Yair Rosenberg. "Often, they masquerade as Orthodox Jews, Israelis and/or Jewish leftists. They all follow each other and promote anti-Semitic and anti-Israel content," Rosenberg wrote.

Garden Grove, California, August 19, 2019 (JTA/Daily Beast): Students at a Southern California high school made a Nazi salute and sang a Nazi marching song at the start of an awards ceremony. The incident involved 10 members of the boys water polo team at Pacifica High School. **A video of the incident was posted to Instagram by one of the athletes and widely circulated among students at the high school.** The song was written by German composer Herms Niel and was played to inspire Nazi troops from around 1935 until 1945, according to the Daily Beast. In an interview with the news website, Peter Simi, a professor on extremism studies at Chapman University, noted that the song is obscure and wondered how the athletes learned about it. "It's not something you'd expect somebody to accidentally know about. There's some means by which they acquired knowledge about the song and associated Nazi issues," Simi said, possibly websites or web forums or other social media platforms where they're engaging with others informed on these issues.

Owings Mills, Maryland, August 16, 2019 (WTOP): A man is facing federal charges after making threatening phone calls to a synagogue in Baltimore County, Maryland, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. **A federal grand jury indicted 64-year-old Stephen Orback for allegedly threatening the Rosh Pina Messianic Congregation in Owings Mills.** According to the indictment, Orback made multiple phone calls to an employee of a synagogue, threatening to kill many members of that Messianic Jewish congregation.

Maitland, Florida, August 15, 2019 (WFTA 9 ABC): The Federal Bureau of Investigation has launched an investigation after cyberattackers targeted a Maitland synagogue for private information. Officials said hackers hit the computer network at Ohev Shalom with ransomware, using the malicious software to hold information hostage so that the synagogue would pay up. The FBI has been working to find who is responsible for the attack, and it is reported that the type of ransomware is "very new."

Seattle, Washington, August 14, 2019 (JTA/Patch.com): Neo-Nazis affiliated with the anti-Semitic Daily Stormer Book Club plastered racist fliers on three Seattle synagogues and at local churches. The fliers

were posted over the weekend by a masked man. “In a recent trend that we have observed across the country, these cowardly acts are meant to spread hateful and racist propaganda — sowing seeds of hate against our most vulnerable,” a representative of the local chapter of the Anti-Defamation League said. The Daily Stormer Book Club is affiliated with neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin, who was recently ordered to pay \$14 million to a Jewish woman in Montana he told readers of his Daily Stormer website to harass.

Lakewood, New Jersey, August 12, 2019 (JTA/ABC News): More than 100 car tires have been slashed in the heavily Jewish town of Lakewood. **Lakewood is the home to a large haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, Jewish community and one of the biggest yeshivas in the United States. Police are investigating the incidents as hate crimes.**

Venice, California, August 12, 2019 (Jewish Journal): **A Star of David and the word “Jude” was found etched onto the front door of Temple Mishkon Tephilo.** Rabbi Gabriel Botnick told the Journal in a phone interview that he received a voicemail from the police saying that a passerby had seen an unidentified person earlier in the day carve the marking onto the shul. “It’s somewhat typical in [Nazi] Germany and what people would do to Jewish businesses,” Botnick said, adding that this was the first time an act of anti-Semitism has occurred at Temple Mishkon Tephilo. Botnick said the temple is in contact with the police as well as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles Community Security Initiative for recommendations on how to respond to the vandalism.

New York, New York, August 12, 2019 (The Algemeiner): The Hate Crimes Unit of the New York City Police Department confirmed that it was **investigating three assaults on orthodox Jewish men that took place on their way to synagogue.** The men— aged 71, 67, and 56 — were separately assaulted in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. In all three cases, the men were punched in the face, ordered to give the attackers their money, and then had their pockets searched.

New York, New York, August 11, 2019 (NBC 4 New York): After allegedly attacking a 27-year-old Chassidic man, a Brooklyn man, 39-year-old Kenya Dean, was **arrested and charged with harassment, hate-crime assault, and criminal possession of a weapon. Dean also allegedly struck a 62-year-old man who witnessed the attack with a stick.**

Las Vegas, Nevada, August 9, 2019 (Las Vegas Review-Journal): A man authorities said discussed a Las Vegas attack on a synagogue is facing a federal weapons charge in connection with bomb-making materials found at his home, the Department of Justice said. A terrorism task force started investigating 23-year-old Conor Climo about four months ago after he started communicating with a white supremacist group that supports terrorism and other violent acts” by utilizing a “leaderless resistance” of “lone wolves,” according to a criminal complaint. In early 2017, he quoted Adolf Hitler on the social media site Quora, using a profile picture of an AR-15 style assault rifle. The criminal complaint alleged that during encrypted online conversations this spring with a confidential FBI informant, Climo discussed **attacking a**

Las Vegas synagogue and making Molotov cocktails and improvised explosive devices. His online conversations with an undercover FBI agent suggested that he also wanted to target the valley’s Anti-Defamation League. The complaint alleged that he discussed **attacking a synagogue near his home using an incendiary device combined with a “light infantry weapon attack” that included an escape route.** Prosecutors alleged Climo also tried unsuccessfully to recruit an individual for **“pre-attack surveillance” on a synagogue.**

Boulder, Colorado, August 8, 2019 (Denver Post): Federal agents have arrested a 29-year-old Boulder man on a pornography charge, and the U.S. attorney in Colorado said the arrest may have prevented a domestic terrorist attack because the man also is suspected of writing an online guide on how to **commit violent hate crimes against refugee centers, synagogues and mosques.** Wesley David Gilreath was charged with possession of child pornography, but federal law officers also arrested him in order to potentially stop a domestic terror attack, according to a statement by U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn. “He also had numerous white supremacist documents and paraphernalia. He had **posted a ‘hunters’ guide,’ which contained information about mosques and synagogues. He had other lists with local mosque and synagogue addresses.**”

Massachusetts, August 6, 2019 (FBI - Boston): The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Arlington Police Department, the Needham Police Department, and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal are releasing new videos and offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of the individual, or individuals, allegedly responsible for **at least three arsons at Chabad Centers in Arlington and Needham, Massachusetts.** On May 11, 2019, authorities were alerted to a fire at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life of Arlington-Belmont in Arlington. Five days later, on May 16, 2019, authorities were alerted to another fire at the same Chabad Center. Later that same evening, authorities responded to a fire at the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center in Needham.

Dayton, Ohio, August 6, 2019 (JTA/Medium): The **gunman who killed nine people in Dayton, Ohio, showed an ex-girlfriend a video of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting on their first date.** Betts opened fire outside a bar on August 4th, killing his sister and eight others before being shot dead by police. The woman who briefly dated Connor Betts, 24, earlier this year wrote that he kept a copy of the video on his phone.

Nationwide, August 5, 2019 (JTA): 8Chan, the conspiracy theory message board that featured the racist manifesto allegedly written by the El Paso shooter and also the anti-Semitic statement by the Poway synagogue shooter, has been dropped from its network. The Cloudflare digital security and infrastructure company terminated its services to what has become an electronic home for extremists. About 20 minutes before the attack in Texas, a four-page manifesto allegedly written by the shooter was posted on 8Chan. He wrote disparagingly about Hispanic immigration to the United States and in support of the Christchurch mosque shooter in New Zealand who also posted on 8Chan. **The Poway synagogue shooter had cited both the Christchurch mosque shooting and the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building in Pittsburgh as motivations for his attack.** Cloudflare Chief Executive Matthew Prince in a statement announcing the removal of 8Chan said he is concerned that it will have little effect.

Los Angeles, California, August 5, 2019 (JTA/Yeshiva World News): **Shots from a BB gun were fired at the Valley Village Community Kollel while it was in session.** No one was injured from the shots, but a car parked outside the building had a window shot out. Police officers who responded to the call swept a nearby building and took a man with a BB gun into custody. It is not clear if the kollel was intentionally targeted. A kollel is an institute for the advanced study of the Talmud and rabbinic literature.

Miami, Florida, August 5, 2019 (JTA/COLive/WPLG Local 10): **Swastikas were spray-painted on a Jewish-owned food truck in the Little Haiti neighborhood of Miami. It happened in the same week that a man was shot as he waited to enter a synagogue in Miami Beach, and another Florida synagogue received a package containing anti-Semitic and threatening objects.** A 69-year-old Jewish man was shot at least six times in the leg while standing outside the Young Israel of North Miami Beach.

The shooter is still at large, and police warn that he is "armed and dangerous." The Young Israel synagogue in Bal Harbour, Florida, received a suspicious package with anti-Semitic rhetoric. The package, delivered by USPS, contained a DVD, a photo of someone pointing a gun, and pages of anti-Semitic writing.

Poway, California, August 1, 2019 (JTA/Associated Press): The alleged **California synagogue gunman was inspired by New Zealand mosque shooter Brenton Tarrant, according to documents unsealed by the court.** The documents include social media posts showing that Earnest, 19, praised Tarrant's hate-filled writings, writing "I've only read a little but so far he's spot on with everything." Earnest also said that "I think it's important that everyone should read it," referring to Tarrant's racist "manifesto." Three weeks before the attack, Earnest opened an Amazon account and purchased items for the Poway attack, including an ammunition holder worn across the chest, a military-style duffel bag, an action camera and a tactical helmet. The day before the shooting, he bought, legally after obtaining a hunting license, a Smith & Wesson AR-15 rifle from a San Diego gun shop, according to federal charges. Earnest was found with five extra 10-round magazines for his rifle. He fired off eight to 10 rounds before the rifle either jammed or malfunctioned and congregants chased him outside.

United Kingdom, August 1, 2019 (JTA): A record number of nearly 900 anti-Semitic incidents have been recorded in the United Kingdom for the first six months of 2019, according to a report released by the Community Security Trust, or CST, which is British Jewry's largest watchdog on anti-Semitism. Almost two thirds of the 892 antisemitic incidents were recorded in Greater London and Greater Manchester, the two largest Jewish communities in the UK.

North Miami Beach, Florida, July 29, 2019 (JTA/VIN News/WSVN 7): A Jewish man was shot outside of a synagogue in North Miami Beach. The victim was shot several times in the leg, as he stood outside of the Young Israel of Greater Miami synagogue waiting for daily prayers to begin, according to multiple reports. Police told local media that a man got out of a black Chevrolet Impala and opened fire, striking the victim several times in the leg. The victim was identified as 69-year-old Warren Lipschutz. The car had circled the synagogue several times before the attack. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he underwent surgery and is in stable condition. Police are investigating the incident but have not yet categorized it as a hate crime, according to the report.

Nationwide, July 28, 2019 (JTA): Two CNN staff members have been found to have made antisemitic tweets in 2011. Karim Farid, who has a digital tech show on CNN Arabic, came under fire for Arabic tweets from 2011 where he tweeted "I love you Hitler, and praised the Nazi leader for "his determination to reach his goal." The tweets were uncovered a day after the resignation of Mohammed Elshamy, a 25-year-old former photojournalist with the Anadolu news agency, who worked at CNN headquarters in Atlanta. His tweets also from 2011 referred to "Zionist pigs" and praised a Palestinian terror attack.

Washington, DC, July 24, 2019 (Associated Press): A man whose relatives reported concerns about his behavior and far-right extremist rhetoric after last year's Pittsburgh synagogue massacre pleaded guilty to a federal gun charge. Jeffrey Clark Jr., 30, faces a maximum of 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of illegal possession of firearms by a person who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance. The FBI said Clark is a **self-described white nationalist who followed Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect Robert Bowers on the Gab social media platform and referred to him as a "hero" in a post after the Oct. 27, 2018, shooting.** Bowers spewed anti-Semitic hatred on his Gab account before killing 11 people inside the synagogue, authorities said. Relatives, who turned Clark in to Federal

officials, told the FBI that Clark defended Robert Bowers' killings at the Tree-of-Life Synagogue, and that **he and his brother, Edward Clark, had both fantasized about killing 'Jews and blacks.'**" Edward Clark killed himself within hours of the Pittsburgh attack.

Canada, July 24, 2019 (JTA): Canadian Jews for a third straight year were the most targeted minority group for hate crimes in the country. There were 345 incidents reported to police in 2018 according to Statistics Canada. The numbers show that hate crimes against Jews remain an "urgent concern," B'nai Brith Canada President Michael Mostyn said.

Nationwide, July 18, 2019 (JTA): US Senators Bob Menendez, D-N.J.; Marco Rubio, R-Fla.; Ben Cardin, D-MD; Ted Cruz, R-Texas; Tim Kaine, D-Va.; and Todd Young, R-Ind. introduced a resolution to remember the bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires in 1994 that left 85 people dead and hundreds more injured. The perpetrators have still not been brought to justice. Argentina is home to the largest Jewish population in South America, and the sixth largest in the world outside of Israel. **The resolution expresses concern over the influence of Iran's networks in the Western Hemisphere.**

Teaneck, New Jersey, July 16, 2019 (JTA/North Jersey.Com/WABC-TV): Township police are investigating an alleged hate crime incident outside of a synagogue in Teaneck. **Four adults reported to be riding in a silver Honda Accord drove passed the synagogue twice, taking videos, yelling anti-Semitic taunts and shooting water guns at congregants as they left the synagogue after evening Shabbat prayer service.**

Argentina, July 18, 2019 (JTA): Argentina listed Hezbollah as a terrorist group on the 25th anniversary of a deadly attack on Argentine Jews attributed to the Lebanon-based militia. Hezbollah, which has denied any involvement in the 1994 bombing on the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires, was placed on a national list that was created Wednesday specifically for the purpose of giving the government a legal framework to take hostile action against the group. The attack killed 85 and wounded hundreds.

Worldwide, July 17, 2019 (JTA): Jewish communities from New Zealand, the United States and Australia gave \$700,000 to the families of victims of the March attacks on two mosques in Christchurch where a total of 49 people were killed. **Members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a community victimized by a shooting at a suburban synagogue that killed 11 worshippers in October, were among the major donors.** "Our faith has a shared Abrahamic tradition, and Jews and Muslims have both suffered persecution and racism historically, and unfortunately still do today," Stephen Goodman of the New Zealand Jewish Council said. "The Jewish community, both in New Zealand and overseas, wanted the victims of the mosque attacks to know that we see them, we empathize with them, and we support them." The money is being distributed by the Christchurch Foundation.

Marblehead, Massachusetts, July 16, 2019 (JTA/Jewish Journal): **Two anti-Semitic fliers that deny the Holocaust were posted at a Massachusetts synagogue, with reports of similar incidents at synagogues in two other states.** The printed posters, attributed to the Daily Stormer Book Club, refer to the Holocaust as "Fake News. The people that lied about soap and lampshades are lying about gas chambers and ovens." It was reported that they were affixed to a "no parking" sign and the synagogue's main entrance sign. The ADL's Center on Extremism is aware of similar incidents at synagogues in Washington state and outside of Houston, Texas. In 2018, Massachusetts had a total of 144 anti-Semitic incidents, the ADL reported. It was the second highest year on record.

Los Angeles, California, July 16, 2019 (Jewish Journal): White paint was plastered on the Hebrew Discovery Center in Woodland Hills in an apparent act of vandalism. Rabbi Nathan Louie reported that the vandals, who have yet to be identified, threw the paint all over the entrance of the synagogue and were attempting to write something with the paint until passersby called the police and the vandals fled.

Worldwide, July 15, 2019 (JTA): Fathi Hammad, a senior Hamas official, has urged members of the Palestinian diaspora to kill Jews around the world. In a speech on Friday he states, "But our brothers [in the diaspora] are still preparing. They are trying to prepare. They are warming up. A long time has passed with them warming up. All of you 7 million Palestinians abroad, enough of the warming up. You have Jews everywhere and we must attack every Jew on the globe by way of slaughter and killing, if God permits. Enough of the warming up," he added. Hammad was a Hamas Cabinet minister until 2014.

Las Vegas, Nevada, July 14, 2019 (Las Vegas Review Journal): A 26-year-old man faces a hate crime charge after threatening his former employer, business and family, according to an arrest report. The Metropolitan Police Department **report accused Chad Edward of increasingly hostile, frequent and pointed threats toward his old employer, including threatening to "kill and burn all Jews" and "blow up" the business.** An employee reported to police that he overheard Edward pointedly tell the employer, "you and your family, I will blow you all up."

Worldwide, July 12, 2019 (JTA): Nathan Sales, the State Department counterterrorism coordinator, pledged to intensify pressure on Hezbollah and Iran to give up suspects in the deadly 1994 bombing attack on the Buenos Aires Jewish community center. The July 18, 1994 bombing of the AMIA center killed 85 and injured more than 300. Hezbollah and its Iranian backers have been widely implicated in the attack. Sales said that the United States would increase coordination with allies in the Western Hemisphere to frustrate terrorism by Hezbollah, which maintains an active presence in Latin America. Among the goals of the pressure is the eventual arrest of suspects believed responsible for the attacks, he said. "We will continue to increase the financial pressure and impose costs on the Iranian regime and its terrorist proxies," said Sales. Interpol has issued at least nine red notices, or arrest warrants, targeting Iranian and Hezbollah officials believed to have planned and carried out the attack.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 9, 2019 (Cincinnati.Com): Izmir Koch was sentenced to two and half years in prison for beating a man he believed was Jewish outside a Cincinnati restaurant in 2017. Koch, 34, was outside the restaurant on Feb. 4, 2017 yelling "I want to kill all of the Jews" and "I want to stab the Jews," according to prosecutors. After a man who had stepped outside the restaurant to smoke a cigarette said he was Jewish, Koch and his companions attacked him, court documents state. Prosecutors said the victim suffered a broken facial bone and bruised ribs. The victim was not Jewish, but had friends and family who were, officials said. Koch was convicted of violating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act and to making a false statement to the FBI.

Nationwide, July 8, 2019 (JTA): The U.S. Department of Justice is convening a "Summit on Combating Anti-Semitism" that will bring together Jewish community figures with "administration leadership."

The summit's agenda, to take place July 15, includes sessions on "combating anti-Semitism while respecting the First Amendment;" "anti-Semitism on campus;" and "prosecuting hate crimes;" and will be rounded out by a "fireside chat" with "administration leadership" on the topic. Participants are not listed on the agenda.

Devon, England, July 8, 2019 (JTA): The man who set fire to the 18th-century Exeter Synagogue in Devon, England one year ago has been ordered to remain hospitalized indefinitely. **Tristan Morgan, 52, attempted to burn down the historic synagogue on July 21, 2018, which was the Jewish holiday of Tisha B'Av. The crime was captured by a surveillance camera.** He reportedly told police at the time of his arrest, shortly after the attack: "Please tell me that synagogue is burning to the ground, if not, it's poor preparation." "Tristan Morgan's violence was partly driven by his hatred of Jewish people which was clear from the library of extremist literature he had," the Crown Prosecution Service said. He also composed folk songs encouraging violence against Jews. A police search of his home and car found 24 knives, a sword, hunting knife and the axe he used in the arson attack. His electronic devices contained anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi material, including documents about Holocaust denial, "ethnic cleansing," and supposed Jewish global power. The synagogue, the third oldest in the country, was dedicated in 1764.

California, July 5, 2019 (Jerusalem Post): Anti-Semitic hate crimes increased by 21 percent in California in 2018 from the previous year. The California Department of Justice found that there were 126 hate crimes motivated by anti-semitism in 2018, up from 104 incidents in 2017. There was a total of 201 hate crimes based on religion in 2018, down from 207 the previous year. The religion with the next highest incidence of hate-crimes were Muslims, with 28 incidents down from 46.

Asheville, North Carolina, July 4, 2019 (JTA): A North Carolina man charged with anonymously threatening to lynch a Muslim-American political candidate in Virginia also is accused of posting an anti-Semitic threat on a Florida synagogue's Facebook page. An FBI agent outlined those allegations against Joseph Cecil Vandevere, 52, in an affidavit unsealed before Vandevere's initial court appearance in Asheville. Investigators linked Vandevere to a threatening comment posted in February 2018 on the website of a synagogue in Plantation, Florida, the affidavit said. A rabbi at Ramat Shalom Synagogue contacted the FBI after somebody using the name Bob Smith posted a "disturbing" comment in response to the rabbi's post showing support for the Parkland, Florida, high school where a gunman killed 17 people earlier that month, the agent wrote. **According to reports, Vandevere called for "public arrests and executions" of "dual citizen Jews."**

Detroit, Michigan, July 2, 2019 (The Detroit Free Press): A Michigan woman is being brought up on hate crime charges after making 40 threatening phone calls to a local Jewish group over a loan. According to the report, 29-year-old April Marie Bennett was arrested for threatening employees of the Hebrew Free Loan of Metropolitan Detroit, **part of the local Jewish Federation**, after the group declined to give a loan to a non-Jewish man. Bennett, who is being charged with ethnic intimidation, was said to have called repeatedly, issuing threats against the association's African American employees. "A threat to our team members would never be acceptable but in this era, when you have things happening on college campuses and in houses of worship, it's particularly worrisome," stated the association's director.

Worldwide, July 1, 2019 (JTA): Twitter suspended the account of an Egyptian actor and writer Hesham Mansour for tweeting, "Now lets kill some Jews." Mansour's twitter feed has over 800,000 followers. In June the television actor tweeted "All negativity in the world, caused by jews. All terrorism in the world, caused by jews. All depression, darkness, also jews."

Baden-Württemberg, Germany, June 30, 2019 (The Jewish Voice/Jerusalem Post/ Schwarzwälder Bote): A Palestinian identified only as "Iyad B." in the media stands trial for the brutal murder of Michael Riecher, a German real estate investor whom the suspect reportedly referred to as a "rich Jew" who "annihilated [his] country." **A witness testified that the defendant's hatred of Jews was his motive for**

the murder, which occurred in November. Investigators identified Riecher's cause of death as strangulation. Though it is unclear if Riecher was even Jewish, he played a major role in renovating the sanctuary of a synagogue in Germany.

Charlottesville, Virginia, June 28, 2019 (US National Counterterrorism Center): On 28 June, James Alex Fields Jr. of Maumee, Ohio, was sentenced to life in prison on hate crime charges after he drove his car into a crowd of anti-racism protesters during the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville on 12 August 2017, killing Heather Heyer and injuring dozens. Fields also admitted that, prior to 12 August 2017, **he used social media accounts to express and promote white supremacist views; to express support for the social and racial policies of Adolf Hitler and Nazi-era Germany, including the Holocaust; and to espouse violence against African Americans, Jewish people, and members of other racial, ethnic, and religious groups he perceived to be non-white.**

Nationwide, June 27, 2019 (Associated Press/JTA): The amount of **white supremacist propaganda disseminated through college campuses rose seven percent this academic year**, according to the Anti-Defamation League. They report 313 cases of white supremacist fliers, stickers and posters on campuses in the 2018-2019 year, an increase from 292 during the previous year. Incidents occurred on 122 different campuses across 33 states and the District of Columbia. The greatest number of incidents this year took place in California, followed by Kentucky and Oklahoma. Some materials targeted minority groups, including Jews, African Americans, Muslims, immigrants and the LGBTQ community. Others included white supremacist language or referred to websites with such content.

Nationwide, June 26, 2019 (JTA): Nineteen percent of Americans think small business owners should be allowed to refuse service to Jews if doing so would violate their religious beliefs, a new poll shows. That is an increase from 2014, when 12 percent of respondents agreed with the statement, according to survey results published by the Public Religion Research Institute. The survey found increased support for business owners to refuse service to a number of other groups as well, including gays and lesbians, transgender people, atheists, Muslims and African Americans.

Worldwide, June 25, 2019 (JTA): The **United Nations said it will hold a global conference of terror victims while commemorating the 25th anniversary of the attack on the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.** The U.N. said the aim of the conference will be to come up with concrete recommendations on how member states can deal with terror. No one has been convicted in the AMIA bombing that left 85 people dead and hundreds wounded. Argentina and Israel have long pointed the finger at Tehran, implicating several former Iranian officials, and Hezbollah in the AMIA attack and also in the March 17, 1992 terrorist attack on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires that killed 29 and injured more than 200.

Charlottesville, Virginia, June 23, 2019 (JTA): The white supremacist who rammed his car into a group of counter-protesters at a far-right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer, has asked a federal district judge for mercy. Under a plea deal, prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty against Fields. He could face life in prison under federal sentencing guidelines. **Prosecutors in their sentencing memo noted years of documented racist and anti-Semitic behavior by Fields, which they said included keeping a picture of Adolf Hitler on his bedside table. They also report that he has shown no remorse for his actions and that a life sentence would deter others from similar actions.** A jury in Fields' state trial in December 2018 found him guilty of first-degree murder and nine lesser counts. The jury in the state conviction recommended life in prison plus 419 years. Sentencing on the state charges is scheduled for next month.

National, June 20, 2019 (FBI/JTA): The FBI convened a round table meeting of leaders of Muslim, Jewish and Christian groups to discuss means of preventing bias-based attacks on religious institutions. The event at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., appeared to be the first of its kind; the FBI has in the past convened similar forums for Jewish groups. There has been broader awareness of the danger facing faith groups with the deadly attacks over the last year on synagogues in the United States, mosques in New Zealand and churches in Sri Lanka. Based on increasing attacks, from the November 5, 2017 attack on a Baptist church in rural Sutherland Springs, Texas to the synagogue attacks in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018, and in Poway, California, April 27, 2019, “it’s becoming sadly common—worshippers gunned down during their religious services,” according to an FBI news release. In recognition of this growing concern, law enforcement and religious leaders met at FBI Headquarters to discuss these threats and how to protect religious institutions. “It was a conversation all parties wished wasn’t necessary,” states the release. Led by Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper of the FBI’s Office of Partner Engagement, FBI officials briefed attendees on topics like hate crime and terrorism threats and warning signs for shooters. **Michael Masters, executive director of the Secure Community Network, a security organization for Jewish institutions sponsored by The Jewish Federations of North America, said that active shooter training helped save lives at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last October, where a shooter killed 11 people. The Nonprofit Security Grant program supports preparedness training among other target hardening investments.** The goal of the meeting is to kick off a national community of interest of faith leaders, so law enforcement can share threat information widely. Federal law enforcement agencies have similar channels with local police, the private sector, and school security personnel. After recent attacks on houses of worship, the FBI wants to expand that information sharing to faith leaders, according to Assistant Director Sleeper.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 19, 2019 (CNN): Mustafa Mousab Alowemer, who was admitted into the country as a Syrian refugee in 2016, is **accused of planning to bomb a church in the name of ISIS.** According to the complaint, **Alowemer was motivated to detonate a device at the church "to support the cause of ISIS and to inspire other ISIS sympathizers in the United States to join together and commit similar acts."** Alowemer bought batteries, nails and other household materials that he planned to use to build an explosive device and he did surveillance of the target, the complaint says. The FBI began tracking one of Alowemer's social media accounts in April 2018. According to the complaint, he was a prolific consumer of online ISIS propaganda and communicated with another person who had pledged support to ISIS and was known to distribute bomb-making instructions online.

Nationwide, July 19, 2019 (Jerusalem Post/JTA): Elan Carr, the United States special envoy for monitoring and combating anti-Semitism, said that **armed guards should be posted at every synagogue, Jewish school and Jewish community center across the United States.** Carr, 50, a Hebrew-speaking former Los Angeles prosecutor and a U.S. Army veteran who served in Iraq, was appointed in February to be the State Department’s envoy for anti-Semitism.

Paris, France, June 19, 2019 (JTA/France Bleu): **A 79-year-old Jewish woman was wounded outside a Paris synagogue from a metal ball hurled at her head.** The victim of the attack in the French capital’s 11th district was taken to hospital with some cranial damage and loss of blood.

Berlin, Germany, June 19, 2019 (Times of Israel): A Jewish American tourist in Berlin was attacked and injured in an anti-Semitic attack, Berlin police said. The unnamed man, 23, was at a park where three men accosted him, police said in a statement. **“The 23-year-old suffered a hematoma on the eye due to the blows in the face,” police said. They said he was attacked “because of his Jewish faith,” and**

opened a hate crimes investigation. The attack was the third reported anti-Semitic incident in the past week in Germany. In Berlin, the number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in recent months to police is about 14 percent higher than last year.

Fort Myers, Florida, June 17, 2019 (JTA/Florida Department of Law Enforcement (June 14th)): A Florida man was arrested for threatening to kill minorities, including Jews. Joshua John Leff, 40, was arrested and charged with intimidation, sending written threats to kill and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. He made the threats on social media sites Bitchute and Gab, Agents served a search warrant at Leff's residence and found **guns, ammunition, handgun holsters and two .380 magazines**. In his posts he **praised several mass shooters, including John T. Earnest, the 19-year-old gunman accused of killing one and injuring three inside a synagogue in Poway, California in April. He said he wished they had killed more people.**

New York, New York, June 17, 2019 (COLLive): 2 Chasidic Jews were verbally attacked Sunday night by a man hurling anti-Semitic expletives, shouting "Hitler did not kill enough of you." According to the victim's, the unidentified man randomly approached them and shouted at them that: "Hitler didn't not, Hitler did not kill enough of f—ng all you," the man can be seen screaming in one video. "Hitler did not kill enough. He had the right to kill all because [inaudible] rat Jews. The rat Jews." The exchange was recorded on video. This is the third antisemitic incident involving remarks about Hitler in recent weeks in Crown Heights. **In May, the NYPD said hate crimes were up 67 percent in the first quarter of this year, with an 82 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents.**

Concord, California, June 16, 2019 (JTA/The Mercury News): A California man who **threatened in an online chatroom to kill Jews and to commit a mass shooting at a synagogue** was arrested. Ross Anthony Farca, 23, said in the chatroom on the video game platform Steam that he wanted to emulate the Poway synagogue shooter "except with a Nazi uniform on." He was arrested last week and charged with criminal threats and gun possession. Concord police said they **found an AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle with 13 magazines, a 3-foot sword, camouflage clothing, ammunition, and Nazi literature** during a search of his home. His screen name on Steam is "Adolf Hitler (((6 Million)))". "I would probably get a body count of like 30 kikes and then like five police officers because I would also decide to fight to the death," Farca said in a post, The Mercury News reported citing court records. In other posts, he allegedly discussed picking a "better target than some random synagogue," and referred to Jews as "subhumans."

Nationwide, June 14, 2019 (JTA): The Senate unanimously approved a resolution introduced by Senator Red Cruz (R-TX) and Tim Kaine (D-VA), condemning anti-Semitism, the latest congressional bid to address an issue. According to the resolution, **"Jews are the targets of the majority of hate crimes committed in the United States against any religious group, including attacks on houses of worship and Jewish community centers"** and for this and a litany of other stated acknowledgements of anti-Semitism in the country, the resolution resolves "That the United States Senate condemns and commits to combating all forms of anti-Semitism." William Daroff, the Washington director of the Jewish Federations of North America, lauded the passage. "By calling out the long history of discrimination and acts of hatred directed against the Jewish people," he said in a statement, "the Senate has taken a concrete step towards standing up for our community and fighting the scourge of anti-Semitism."

Charlotte, North Carolina, June 13, 2019 (Jewish News Syndicate/Army Times): The U.S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) has removed a cadet from her unit at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte for posting anti-Semitic, neo-Nazi and other racist messages on social media. "I actually don't

give a s*** about Jews getting shot up except insofar as it's going to make it a lot harder for a lot of white people to just exist," tweeted Martha Gerdes on Oct. 28, 2018, a day after 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh—the deadliest attack in U.S. Jewish history. Other tweets included "gas the kikes race war now" and "the only thing Hitler did wrong was making German National Socialism into his own cult of personality."

Seattle, Washington, June 12, 2019 (JTA/Middle East Media Research Institute): A Jewish candidate for Seattle City Council has been subjected to **anti-Semitic threats on the online message board 8Chan and on social media**. Ari Hoffman, a married father of three, is one of nearly 50 candidates for seven of the nine council seats. The original 8Chan post, identifies Hoffman and says he has an Israeli flag hanging outside his home. The post asks what should be done about him. At least **one comment called to kill Hoffman and to burn the flag. Another suggested throwing a Molotov cocktail at his home.**

Harlingen, Texas, June 11, 2019 (CBS 4 Valley Central/The Brownville Herald): The Harlingen Police Department arrested Joel Hayden Schrimsher, 18, for making terroristic threats on social media and components of explosives. Police say Schrimsher used **Twitter to make terroristic threats against mosques and synagogues**. In a search of his home police found chemical compounds commonly used as components of explosives. According to police, "the specific compounds, when properly combined, would create a substantial explosive if detonated."

Antwerp, Belgium, June 11, 2019 (JTA/Israeli National News 7): A man pretending to be Jewish **attempted to enter a synagogue armed with three knives, during the Jewish holiday of Shavuot**. He was stopped by security volunteers patrolling the area and was later arrested by police. The guards — members of the community's Shmira security service — had approached the man with some suspicion because they saw him arrive on a bicycle, a means of transportation that few observant Jews in Antwerp use on Jewish holidays.

Grenoble, France, June 11, 2019 (France 24/JTA/AFP): French police have smashed a **neo-Nazi cell accused of plotting attacks on Jewish or Muslim places of worship**, legal sources said. Five members of the group, who were "close in ideology to the neo-Nazi movement" were charged over the alleged plot, a source close to the investigation said. Anti-terrorism investigators took over the investigation in January and **charged the suspects with terror offences, including making and transporting explosive devices and being part of a terrorist conspiracy**. According to reports, **they planned to target the main umbrella group of French Jews, CRIF, during its annual dinner**. They also targeted a "house of worship," a police source told AFP. Muslim groups also were among the potential targets.

Charlotte, North Carolina, June 6, 2019 (NBC – WCNC local): **A threat against the Jewish Community Center was being investigated by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police.** Police were contacted after a report that someone threatened violence against the facility with a gun.

Washington State, June 5, 2019 (JTA): Dakota Reed, 20, who **pleaded guilty to threatening to kill Jews on Facebook was sentenced to one year in jail**. He was arrested in December after the Anti-Defamation League tipped off the FBI about social media posts threatening to kill Jews praying in a synagogue or kids in school. He was charged with two felonies. One year in prison is the maximum sentence allowed according to the charges. In his social media posts, Reed never named a particular person or place he would target, but indicated he would shoot up a synagogue in 2025. Reed also claimed to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan and said he wanted to emulate Dylann Roof, the white supremacist who killed nine

worshippers in a South Carolina church in 2015. Out on bond, Reed continued to post threats on social media.

Wilmette, Illinois, June 5, 2019 (The Wilmette Beacon): Authorities responded to a **bomb threat that “included anti-Semitic language and graffiti”** written in a bathroom stall at Wilmette Junior High School, according to the Wilmette Police Department. Earlier this school year it was reported that a parent of a WJHS student contacted the Wilmette Police Department on Sept. 16, 2018, after finding loaded firearms in the student’s bedroom. Officers secured the guns and transported the juvenile to a secure facility for treatment. During the investigation, police learned that the student had been experimenting with possible explosive devices.

Worldwide, June 5, 2019 (JTA): Argentina’s embassies in 20 cities around the world will mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires in a joint initiative with the World Jewish Congress. **The July 18, 1994 blast killed 85 people and injured more than 300. No one yet has been convicted of the bombing, though Argentina has long pointed the finger at Tehran, implicating several former Iranian officials, and Hezbollah in the AMIA attack.**

Worldwide, June 4, 2019 (The Middle East Media Research Institute): On May 20, 2019, an anti-Jewish thread was posted on the imaging board 8chan, titled “I’m done. I’m angry. Gas all kikes.” The post, which was uploaded to the page “/pol/ - Politically Incorrect,” is **another example of the hate speech and calls to action, namely to attack and kill Jews, on this platform.** The 8chan site has come to the attention of the public in the past three months, since New Zealand mosque shooter Brenton Tarrant and Poway, CA synagogue shooter John Earnest posted their manifestos on it right before they carried out their attacks. It is noteworthy that Earnest called Tarrant a direct inspiration for him.

Orange County, California, June 13 2019 (The Hill/Los Angeles Times): Nicholas Wesley Rose pleaded guilty to a **plot against an Orange County synagogue and two churches he perceived as tied to the Jewish community, including one felony count of carrying a loaded firearm not registered to him.** He allegedly kept a “kill list” of prominent Jewish people. Rose’s parents reported him to the police because of his increasingly violent anti-Semitic language and statement of his intent to “get a gun and kill some Jews.” Police found anti-Semitic and white supremacist literature, including a journal of such writings by Rose. He had also written notes on perceived negative characteristics of two area churches, which he found overly sympathetic to Jewish people, and internet searches relating to white supremacy and the effective range of a suppressed .22-caliber rifle. **Police found hundreds of rounds of .22-caliber ammunition in Rose’s car along with a sleeping bag and shovel.** The guilty plea comes two months after a gunman killed one and injured several more at a San Diego synagogue, and about eight months after a mass shooting at Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue, the deadliest anti-Semitic shooting in U.S. history.

San Francisco, California, June 2, 2019 (JTA/ Jewish News of Northern California): Residents that live on the same street as a Holocaust memorial received anti-Semitic hate mail including a reading list of Holocaust denial titles. The letters arrived at every home on San Francisco’s 34th Avenue. “It is hoped that you will all buy some of these books in this list and that you will realize that the Holocaust is a complete lie,” the letter said. The full-page, single-spaced letter was signed by the Barnes Review. The Barnes Review is a bi-monthly magazine founded in 1994 by Willis Carto’s Liberty Lobby and headquartered in Washington, D.C. **According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, The Barnes Review is “one of the most virulent anti-Semitic organizations around,”** and its journal and website are “dedicated to historical revisionism and Holocaust denial.”

Waycross, Georgia, May 31, 2019 (News 4 Georgia): Police are investigating after the only synagogue in the Waycross area was broken into and vandalized. Police discovered one of the side windows was broken and the side door was unsecured. Further investigation revealed several items in the kitchen had been thrown on the ground, and that a window in the men's bathroom and two windows in the kitchen had been broken. A police report shows a fire extinguisher had been discharged in the room where services are held, and a sterling silver topper to a menorah and an electric menorah were damaged. **"They found blood stains, footprints and handprints, according to a witness.**

Exeter, England, May 31, 2019 (Jewish News – Britain): A white nationalist in Devon admitted to setting fire to an historic Exeter synagogue in an arson attack last July. 52-year old Tristan Morgan plead guilty to a series of charges, including arson and encouraging terrorism. **He was arrested after breaking a window at the rear of the 18th century building – Britain's third oldest synagogue – before pouring fuel inside and using a match to ignite it.**

New York, New York, May 31, 2019 (New York Post): An anti-Semitic note was found on a billboard at the Brooklyn Jewish Children's, and police are now investigating it as a hate crime, police said. The post-it note with "Hitler is Coming" scrawled on it was found on a billboard that was designed for visitors to leave positive messages at the Crown Heights museum. Soon after the message was reported, Gov. Cuomo ordered the state police to assist the NYPD in their investigation. "We have zero tolerance for anti-Semitism, discrimination or hate of any kind in New York, and no person should ever feel threatened because of their religious beliefs," Cuomo said in a statement.

Kent, Washington, May 29, 2019 (Q 13 Fox Local): 27-year-old Chase Colasurdo, accused of making multiple threats to President Donald Trump's family and writing it was time to start "bombing synagogues" pled guilty in federal court. Investigators, who were monitoring Colasurdo, said **he made threatening comments toward the Jewish community as well as purchasing a holster, bulletproof vest and ammunition.** He also tried to purchase a gun but was denied due to a "flag entered by the U.S. Secret Service." When he was arrested in May, officers found Nazi memorabilia, ammunition, night vision goggles and a gas mask.

Germany, May 28, 2019 (Haaretz): German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed concerns over the country's rise in anti-Semitism, saying there is no Jewish institution in the country that does not need police protection. **"Unfortunately there is to this day not a single synagogue, not a single day care center for Jewish children, not a single school for Jewish children that does not need to be guarded by German policemen,"** Merkel said in an interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. The interview comes after Germany's anti-Semitism commissioner Felix Klein warned that Jews refrain from wearing skullcaps in public.

Nationwide, May 24, 2019 (The Hill): Assistant Director for Counterterrorism Michael McGarrity said at a House hearing in May that the FBI **has 850 open domestic terrorism investigations, 40 percent of which are cases of racially motivated violent extremism.** Recently, the United States has faced a number of domestic terror incidents, including an attack in Pittsburgh, where a gunman killed 11 people at a synagogue in October.

Sydney, Australia, May 24, 2019 (The Australian Jewish News): A convicted terrorist who stabbed a man in Sydney's south-west had **plans to kill Jewish students at the University of Sydney as a "revenge" attack, a court has heard.** Taking to the witness box, Ihsas Khan told a sentencing hearing

he had bought the knife used in the 2016 attack to target students wearing kippahs. **"I was planning on using it on Jewish students in the university to kill them. Just people wearing the Jewish head gear, the kippah," he said. "I was filled with hatred ... It was revenge for what was happening in Palestine."**

Nationwide, May 23, 2019 (The Times of Washington): The FBI has seen an increase in white supremacist terror suspects since the fall, a senior bureau counterterrorism official said. **One reason for the increase is a rise in plans for copycat and retaliation plots after a successful attack, the official said.** The recent arrest of U.S. Army veteran Mark Steven Domingo highlights a rise in revenge plots. The FBI arrested Domingo in April 2019 for allegedly receiving what he thought was a live bomb from an undercover police officer, for expressing allegiance to ISIS, and for considering various targets, including Jews and churches, according to the complaint.

New York, New York, May 23, 2019 (Jerusalem Post): Jonathan Xie, 20, of Basking Ridge, was arrested for **allegedly wanting to shoot a pro-Israel parade and bomb Trump Tower. The annual parade, which took place on June 2nd, begins on 5th Avenue and 57th Street in front of Trump Tower.** It regularly attracts a reported 40 thousand attendees. Xie also allegedly sent money to Hamas in the Gaza Strip, violating U.S. laws that ban funding designated terror groups. **The parade is co-sponsored by UJA Federation of New York, the largest of 147 Jewish Federations, nationally.**

Carmel, Indiana, May 21, 2019 (IndyStar): An Indiana man whose beliefs in Nazism and white supremacy motivated him to paint swastikas at a synagogue was sentenced to three years in prison for the hate crime, federal authorities said. Nolan Brewer, 21, of Eminence, Indiana, was sentenced for conspiring with his wife, Kyomi, a minor at the time, to violate the civil rights of the Jewish synagogue. Brewer and his wife painted Nazi flags and iron crosses on the walls of a trash enclosure at the synagogue. Prosecutors said evidence showed the vandalism was not a "spur-of-the-moment childhood prank," but rather an attack fueled by Nolan Brewer's beliefs in Nazism. He told investigators that he and his wife, a minor, targeted the synagogue because it was "full of ethnic Jews," authorities said. **The couple originally planned to torch the synagogue, according to federal officials.** They had intended to break in and set fire to it by igniting homemade "Drano bombs"—overpressure explosive devices made with Drano — and letting the explosion create and spread a fire throughout the synagogue. A witness testified that Brewer told her he and his wife got "spooked" by the synagogue's security cameras and lights, so they instead defaced the walls and burned the ground with homemade napalm.

Chicago, IL, May 19, 2019 (CBS 2 – Chicago/JTA): An unknown arsonist attempted twice to set on fire a synagogue building in downtown Chicago, while vandals smashed the windows of cars parked outside of a synagogue on the far north side of the city. Two attempts were made to set alight the Anshei Sholom B'nei Israel synagogue. At the scene, police, recovered what appeared to be the remains of Molotov cocktails -- broken glass bottles containing an unknown substance and charred towels that indicated an attempted arson. The synagogue's surveillance cameras filmed the arson attempts and Chicago police told local media that they have identified two suspects. Chicago police also are investigating a rash of vandalism early Sunday morning outside of at least one synagogue in the West Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. In response, Chicago police have ordered special attention to local Jewish organizations after multiple Chicago synagogues were recently targeted. According to CPD Chief Communications Officer Anthony Guglielmi, Supt. Anthony Riccio ordered the special attention at all Jewish schools, synagogues and businesses.

Arlington and Needham, MA, May 17, 2019 (JTA/MassLive.com): Massachusetts authorities are investigating three acts of arson at Jewish institutions in Arlington and Needham within the past

week. The home of Rabbi Avi Bukiet at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life Arlington-Belmont in Arlington was targeted by an arsonist on May 11 and again on Thursday, May 16th, while another fire was intentionally set at the Chabad Jewish Center in Needham about one hour later on May 16th. State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey's office described them as "arson fires." "Attacking any place of worship is a despicable act, but since these buildings are also family homes where children live, eat, and play, we consider the apparent attacks to be extremely serious," said Robert Trestan, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England. The center, the town's only synagogue, holds regular Shabbat services and has a children's school.

Germany, May 16, 2019 (JTA): There were **1,799 anti-Semitic hate crimes reported in Germany in 2018, amounting to a 20 percent increase.** Nearly 90 percent of the perpetrators had a right-wing extremist background. Anti-Semitic crime increased comprised nearly one quarter of total reported xenophobic incidents.

Bal Harbour, Florida, May 16, 2019 (JTA/Miami Herald): **A man was arrested for allegedly verbally threatening and spitting on elderly Jews as they walked home from synagogue.** Daniel Valerivich Starikov, 33, of Hollywood, Florida, was arrested on two charges of battery on persons 65 years or older, and three charges of assault while evidencing prejudice. Some or part of his actions were caught on surveillance cameras. Starikov approached one group of elderly Jews and slammed his fists together in a threatening gesture. "I'll show you," he told the group, according to a police report. "I'm going to shove my d--- down your throats. You Jews, I'm gonna get you." He approached a second group five minutes later and allegedly spat on them. The men in the groups were wearing kippas and one was dressed in Hasidic Jewish garb.

Poway, California, May 10, 2019 (JTA): **The gunman who killed a woman and wounded three others at the Chabad of Poway told a 911 dispatcher he had done it because "the Jewish people are destroying the white race."** Prosecutors described the call Tin announcing 109 hate crime and other charges against John T. Earnest, 19. A federal affidavit offered new details of the attack. It said Earnest legally bought the AR-15 style semi-automatic rifle from a licensed dealer in San Diego a day before the April 27 attack. After entering the synagogue and emptying one 10-round magazine, he stopped to reload, according to the affidavit. Several members of the congregation, including an off-duty Border Patrol agent, took advantage of the pause to chase Earnest from the synagogue. Earnest then called 911 from his car and told a dispatcher what he had done. He said he thought had killed some people, and the he did so because "I'm just trying to defend my nation from the Jewish people...They're destroying our people," according to the affidavit. He then told the dispatcher, "the Jewish people are destroying the white race."

Poway, CA, May 9, 2019 (DoJ): The **Department of Justice charged a California man, John T. Earnest, with federal hate crimes, including the murder of one person and the attempted murder of 53 others, for his actions during the April 27 shooting at the Chabad of Poway Synagogue in California.** Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney Robert S. Brewer, Jr. for the Southern District of California, and San Diego FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Suzanne Turner made the announcement. Specifically, **the complaint charges 109 hate crimes violations: 54 counts of obstruction of free exercise of religious beliefs using a dangerous weapon, resulting in death, bodily injury, and attempts to kill; 54 counts of violating the Mathew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and One count of damage to religious property by use of fire in relation to the attempted arson of the mosque.** "No one in this country should be subjected to violence, injury, or death for who they are or for their religious beliefs," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband for

the Civil Rights Division. "The Department will vigorously prosecute those who commit hate crimes and acts of domestic terrorism, and we will continue to work with our state and local partners to bring to justice anyone who violates the civil rights of Americans." "We will not allow our community members to be hunted in their houses of worship, where they should feel free and safe to exercise their right to practice their religion," said U.S. Attorney Robert S. Brewer, Jr. "Our actions today are inspired by our desire to achieve justice for all of the victims and their families." (Source: DoJ, May 9, 2019;

Link: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-charged-federal-hate-crimes-poway-synagogue-shooting>)

Russellville, Arkansas, Amy 9, 2019 (JTA): An Arkansas Holocaust commemoration was interrupted by white supremacists. Sir Beryl Wolfson, now 96 years old, witnessed the liberation of Holocaust concentration camps. From his wheelchair, adorned in a World War II Veteran cap and Star of David belt buckle, he shared his story at a Holocaust Remembrance Day event. The event was interrupted by **protesters bearing anti-Semitic signs, including one that read "The Holocaust didn't happen, but it should have."** Bearing Nazi flags, the protester's anti-Semitic signs also included one reading "YHWH has the oven preheated." The demonstrators were **affiliated with Shieldwall, a local white supremacist group.**

Miami Beach, FL, May 8, 2019 (CBS 4 – Miami): A Miami man was arrested after Miami Beach police said he **threatened to "explode the Jewish community."** Jorge Rucinqu, 26, reportedly made the threatening calls to the Bagel Time Cafe on Alton Road. "They received constant, just a berate of phone calls continuously, intimidating them, harassing them, threatening them," said Miami Beach Police Officer Ernesto Rodriguez. "And that's why they decided to stop taking the phone calls and call police." Investigators say Rucinqu admitted he **specifically targeted the Jewish community and did an online search with the key words Jew and Kosher.**

New York, New York, May 2, 2019 (JTA): In New York City, **more than half of all hate crimes reported in 2018 and so far in 2019 were anti-Jewish. According to Police Department figures,** of the 145 hate crimes reported in January through April 2019, 82 incidents – nearly 57 percent – were anti-Jewish. In 2018, there were 353 total hate crime complaints, up from 325 in 2017, and the NYPD made 149 arrests. Of these hate crimes, 186 – or nearly 53 percent – had anti-Jewish bias, up from 151 in 2017.

Nationwide, May 1, 2019 (JTA): President Donald Trump decried the rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes and referenced the shooting attacks on synagogues in Poway and Pittsburgh in a proclamation for **Jewish American Heritage Month**, dated April 30. Jewish American Heritage Month is marked in May. "All Americans bear a moral responsibility to stand alongside our Jewish communities and learn the lessons of tolerance that run through the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people -- both long ago and, sadly, in recent times, read the proclamation. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, in a statement marking Jewish American Heritage Month also noted the rise in anti-Semitism and made reference to the synagogue attacks. "As we mark Jewish American Heritage Month, we will **continue to work tirelessly to honor our nation's diversity, protect our Jewish communities and safeguard the right of every religion to practice their faith freely and proudly."**

Worldwide, May 1, 2019 (JTA): Eighty years after the beginning of World War II, anti-Semitism is being promoted actively by government officials in countries on three continents, scholars said. Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry singled out **officials in Venezuela, Turkey, Poland and Ukraine as promoters of hatred of Jews** in its just released annual report on the phenomenon.

Los Angeles, California, April 30, 2019 (JTA): A U.S. Army veteran was arrested for planning terror attacks in the Los Angeles area, including against Jews. Mark Domingo was arrested after he received what he thought was a bomb from an undercover federal officer. Officials from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI and Los Angeles Police Department reported that **Domingo discussed several types of attacks with an informant, including targeting Jews, churches and police officers, and that he wanted to kill Jews as they walked to synagogue.** Domingo, 26, who served in Afghanistan and converted to Islam, reportedly was driven by the desire to avenge the murders by a white supremacist gunman of Muslims while they prayed at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. **He had purchased several hundred nails to be used as shrapnel inside the bomb.**

Canada, April 29, 2019 (JTA): Anti-Semitic incidents in Canada rose to a record high for the third consecutive year, according to a newly released annual audit by B'nai Brith Canada. The audit showed 2,041 anti-Semitic incidents recorded last year in Canada – 16.5 percent more than the 1,752 incidents in 2017. “To put that in stark perspective, this represents the third straight record-breaking year for anti-Semitism in Canada, reflecting a ‘new normal’ regarding the landscape of anti-Semitism here,” said Ran Ukashi, director of B’nai Brith Canada’s League for Human Rights. The group said the surge was fueled by social media and was a worldwide trend.

Poway, California, April 28 – 30, 2019 (WP, April 30, 2019; NYT, April 29, 2019; LA Times, April 28, 2019; JTA, April 29, 2019): On the 60minth anniversary of the tree of Life Massacre in Pittsburgh, PA, **a white supremacist opened fire the Chabad synagogue in Poway, CA.** Using a semi-automatic rifle, the alleged 19-year old gunman, John Earnest, reportedly stormed into the High Holiday (Passover) service and began yelling anti-Semitic slurs. There were about 100 people inside at the time of the shooting, including many children. Earnest allegedly killed a 60-year old woman and injured 3 others, including the rabbi, and an 8-year-old girl who was hit with shrapnel in the face and leg. Apparently Earnest fired only eight to 10 of the roughly 60 bullets he had before his weapon jammed. He was taken into custody shortly after fleeing the synagogue. **Earnest was charged with one count of murder in the first degree and three counts of attempted murder in the first degree, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.** He was subsequently also charged with arson in connection with an attack last month on a mosque in nearby Escondido. A manifesto posted on 8Chan, a conspiracy theory message board has been attributed to Earnest, although authorities have yet to verify the posting's authenticity. In it, the writer says that he was inspired by the Tree of Life synagogue gunman in Pittsburgh along with the New Zealand mosque shooter. Authorities are working to determine whether state hate crimes laws can be applied and if he violated federal civil rights laws.

East Lansing, Michigan, April 26, 2019 (Detroit Jewish News/Lansing State Journal): A Jewish student intern at the Lester and Jewell Morris Hillel Jewish Student Center at Michigan State University reported **receiving anti-Semitic death threats via Facebook messages.** J East Lansing Police Department charged Jack Hurlbut, 19, of Eaton Rapids with ethnic intimidation, a felony punishable by up to two years in prison, and malicious use of telecommunications services. Since 2014, 160 people have been charged with ethnic intimidation in Michigan, according to the State Court Administrative Office.

Sri Lanka, April 22-23, 2019 (Times of Israel, April 22, 2019, New York Times, April 23, 2019): The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the Easter Sunday bombings at churches and hotels in Sri Lanka that killed more than 320 people and injured more than 500 wounded. The group's Amaq news agency called the bombers “Islamic State fighters.” The Sri Lankan government said the bombings might have been in retaliation for the killing of 50 people last month at mosques in New Zealand, and that two Islamist extremist groups might have been involved, although the sources for these linkages have not

been disclosed. The F.B.I. has reportedly joined the investigation. The investigation will likely look into the Sri Lanka government's apparent failure to act on warnings that terrorists were planning to attack churches just days prior to the attacks. **Eight apparently coordinated explosions targeted Easter worshipers and high-end hotels popular with international guests.** Sri Lanka has a small Christian minority, comprising just six percent of the country's 21 million citizens. The churches targeted included the historic St Anthony's Shrine in Colombo, where the blast blew out much of the roof. A second blast hit St Sebastian's Church during Easter Mass. A second blast hit St Sebastian's Church during Easter Mass. Later in the afternoon, two people died in a strike at a hotel in the south of Colombo, and a suicide bomber killed three police officers as they raided a house in a northern suburb of the city.

Dormont, Pennsylvania, April 22, 2019 (Pittsburgh Gazette): White supremacist Hardy Lloyd, 41, of Dormont, a borough in the Pittsburgh Metro Area, is returning to prison for violating probation terms that he could not access social media or communicate with anyone to promote terrorism. He was caught agitating in online posts for the murder of assault weapon ban supporters and **asking, "lone wolves" to attack "Jewhill."** **The reference appears to be to Squirrel Hill, the Pittsburgh neighborhood that is home to the Tree of Life synagogue, site of the massacre of 11 worshippers on Oct. 27.**

Washington State, April 22, 2019 (JTA/Herals.net): — A Washington state man out on bail after being charged with two felonies for posting plans on Facebook to commit a mass shooting against Jewish targets has posted more violent messages and threats against Jews. Dakota Reed, 20, had been out of jail on bond since December. But in the wake of the new social media posts he was jailed again. His new posts referred to killing the "ZOG," or Zionist Occupied Government, a far-right conspiracy theory that Jews control the U.S. government. In November, he threatened to shoot 30 Jews. Other posts referenced a plot to shoot up a synagogue in 2025.

Moscow, Russia, April 22, 2019 (JTA/AP): A fire broke out in a yeshiva in Moscow during the Passover seder (a holiday to celebrate and remember the historical exodus of Jewish slaves from Egypt). **The fire at the Torat Chaim yeshiva is believed to have been arson, since swastikas also were found drawn on the entrance to the yeshiva building.** About 60 students, rabbis and guests reportedly were in the building at the time of the fire to celebrate the seder.

Toulouse, France, April 21, 2019 (JTA): The **brother of the gunman who killed four (a teacher and three children) at a Jewish school in France in 2012 will spend 30 years in jail after being found guilty of being an accomplice** in the murders. Abdelkader Merah, 36, received the three-decade jail term from a Paris appeals court after being found guilty of complicity in the slayings by Mohammed Merah at the Toulouse school, as well as three soldiers.

Nashville, Tennessee, April 18, 2019 (JTA): A **swastika and anti-Semitic comments were drawn in the main library at Vanderbilt University.** A student discovered the graffiti on a study carrel and reported it to the campus police. The campus police have opened an investigation and said they will share information with the Metro Nashville Police Department, as well as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the FBI. "We wholeheartedly reject anti-Semitism and its symbols, and the abhorrent ideology associated with this act of vandalism has no place on our campus," the university said in a statement. "Vanderbilt does not tolerate language or actions that are bigoted or intended to intimidate anyone in our community. We remain deeply committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all."

New York, New York, April 17, 2019 (NBC 4 New York): A New Jersey man was taken into custody after he tried to walk into St. Patrick's Cathedral with two gasoline cans, two bottles of lighter fluid and two lighters, police said. Lamparello tried to walk into the cathedral with the items, but a security guard stopped him, according to NYPD's Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller. The guard notified two counterterrorism officers posted outside the cathedral about the incident as Lamparello tried to walk away. Police took Lamparello into custody soon after. At this time, investigators have not determined Lamparello's motive. Heightened security at St. Patrick's is normal, but the NYPD has ramped up its efforts at the cathedral since the recent fire that tore through Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Seville, Spain, April 17, 2019 (Daily Beast): A 23-year-old man has been arrested in Morocco, in a joint anti-terrorist operation with Spain, over an alleged plan to attack Spain's Holy Week festivities. The suspect's name is Zouhair el Bouhdidi and he is a student at the University of Seville. According to police sources in Spain, **the young man was preparing an imminent attack against the processions of Holy Week in Seville, one of the most important events of the Catholic calendar.** According to the newspaper El Confidencial, el Bouhdidi has already confessed to the Moroccan police his plans to commit a "large-scale massacre" in the Andalusian city. Spain's CNI (National Intelligence Center) is **investigating whether el Bouhdidi was inspired by, or connected to, a video that the Islamic State published in recent days,** in which they threatened to attack the religious celebrations of Holy Week in Spain. The video has been broadcast by several jihadist groups on Telegram

Berlin, Germany, April 17, 2019 (algemeiner): Violent anti-Semitic incidents in Berlin more than doubled during the last year, against the background of an overall increase in the number acts of Jew-hatred in the German capital, a report by a leading monitoring group. The report — published by Berlin's Research and Information Center on Anti-Semitism (RIAS) — recorded a total of 1,083 anti-Semitic incidents during 2018, compared to 951 the previous year.

United Kingdom, April 16, 2019 (Independent): Husnain Rashid was originally jailed for life with a minimum of 25 years for terrorist offences including preparing terrorist acts and encouraging attacks. Police said he attempted to inspire atrocities around the world "on a colossal scale", using encrypted messaging services to send out advice on using poisons, vehicles, weapons, bombs, chemicals and knives. But the Court of Appeal reduced the 32-year-old's sentence to 19 years. Prosecutors said a common theme of his communications was **to inspire and instruct "lone wolf" atrocities, creating an online library with the goal of helping others plan an attack. His list of suggested targets included British army bases, Jewish communities and government buildings.**

Nationwide, April 15, 2019 (PEW Research Center): A new PEW study reports that while the public's views on discrimination against several racial, ethnic and religious groups in the U.S have changed little over the last several years, **the share of Americans saying Jews face discrimination in the U.S. has increased substantially since late 2016. Today, 64% of Americans say Jews face at least some discrimination.**

Bourdon, France April 15, 2019 (JTA/French-language 20 Minutes news website): A 58-year-old man was stabbed 15 times in his stomach and face by an 18-year-old attacker who told witnesses that he "wanted to kill a Jew." The victim was saved by a friend, who was with him at the time of the assault, who came between the victim and the attacker. The National Bureau for Vigilance Against Anti-Semitism said in a statement that the crime is reminiscent of the attack on Sarah Halimi, a 66-year-old Jewish teacher and physician whom prosecutors say was murdered by her Muslim neighbor in April 2017 partly

because she was Jewish and the death of Mireille K., a Jewish woman whose body was found burnt and stabbed in her Paris apartment and whose neighbor had threatened to burn her.

Garden City, Kansas, April 12, 2019 (FBI): The FBI reported on recent convictions of Patrick Eugene Stein, Curtis Allen and Gavin Wright for conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and conspiring to violate the housing rights of their intended victims. According to the report, the Bureau was able to gather a trove of information showing the men weren't just "spewing hate speech," but had made concrete plans to put their words into action. It is reported that they carried out surveillance on potential targets and **decided**

on a specific apartment complex because they liked the fact that the complex housed a small mosque.

(Link:

https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/three-sentenced-in-plot-to-bomb-somali-immigrants-041219?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=fbi-top-stories&utm_content=%5B724536%5D-%2Fnews%2Fstories%2Fthree-sentenced-in-plot-to-bomb-somali-immigrants-041219)

San Diego, California, April 11, 2019 (FBI): The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and the Escondido Police Department (EPD) announced that a \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual(s) responsible for the **arson and vandalism, which occurred at an Escondido mosque**. On March 24th, an individual(s) set fire and vandalized the Dar-ul-Arqam Mosque, also known as Islamic Center of Escondido.

Several people were inside at the time of the fire.

(Link: https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/sandiego/news/press-releases/atf-and-fbi-offering-10000-reward-for-information-relating-to-arson-at-escondido-mosque?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=fbi-in-the-news&utm_content=%5B724339%5D-%2Fcontact-us%2Ffield-offices%2Fsandiego%2Fnews%2Fpress-releases%2Fatf-and-fbi-offering-10000-reward-for-information-relating-to-arson-at-escondido-mosque)

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, April 11, 2019 (JTA/ Daily Tar Heel): Several anti-Semitic fliers were found on bookshelves and tables in the library at the University of North Carolina. **The fliers include references to "an evil Jewish plot" and said "do everything you can to fight the silent covert Jewish attempt to enslave and kill good Americans,"** according to the UNC Hillel.

Denver, Colorado, April 11, 2019 (JTA/Denver Post): A swastika was burned into the asphalt near the playground of a Denver public elementary school. Gasoline was used to burn the anti-Semitic symbol at Ellis Elementary School. The vandalism is being investigated as a bias incident.

Nationwide, April 9, 2019 (CNN): YouTube was forced to disable comments on a livestream of a House Judiciary hearing on hate crimes and white nationalism on social media after it was flooded with racist and anti-Semitic comments. The comments were an illustration of one of the issues at hand: Silicon Valley's ongoing struggle to stop the spread of hate across its platforms. Among the witnesses was Anti-Defamation League senior vice president of policy Eileen Hershenov, who talked about the dangers of smaller platforms, which white supremacists have also been known to use. "These platforms are like round-the-clock digital white supremacist rallies, creating online communities that amplify their vitriolic fantasies," Hershenov said.

Nationwide, April 9, 2019 (The Washington Post/JFNA): Dozens of law enforcement and security officials and representatives of Jewish groups who gathered in Washington for a planning exercise detailing how they would respond to future attacks on Jewish facilities. The event comes at a fraught

moment, with the specter of recent bloodshed — including the massacre in Pittsburgh and the attacks last month on New Zealand mosques, among many others — looming large. In both incidents, authorities have said the suspected attackers espoused white-supremacist ideology. Among those involved in the exercise were officials with DHS, the FBI and local police departments, along with representatives of numerous Jewish organizations nationwide. Brad Orsini, director of community security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and a former FBI agent, discussed the active-shooter training done at Tree of Life and other places, saying: “The only thing we can really do is prepare.” **Note: Orsini conveyed that the only control we have is preparedness: assessing, planning, training and hardening. He acknowledged that at the time of the massacre, the synagogue did not have panic buttons or an alert system, but that Pittsburgh community is now addressing target hardening the best they can with the money they have.**

Monroe, Washington, April 8, 2019 (HeraldNet): Dakota Reed, 20, has been charged with two felonies for allegedly posting mass shooting. He wrote about a mass shooting plan to kill 30 Jews. He also wrote about “pulling a Dylann Roof,” referring to the white supremacist who killed nine people in a South Carolina church. Prosecutors believe Reed made a video introducing himself as Active Shooter 327. He showed off new sights on an AR-15 rifle, in a room full of white supremacist propaganda. He yelled, “(I’m) fixing to shoot up a (expletive) school,” charging papers say. **In other posts he asked himself why he needed guns. His reply was a cartoon of a Jewish man being executed with a bullet. He wrote he was saving up to buy guns and ammo to kill “(((rats)))”** Among anti-Semites, the echo symbol is a reference to Jews. He was arrested at his mother’s home, where twelve guns were recovered.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 7, 2019 (Jerusalem Post): Two people physically attacked worshipers leaving a Jewish center and synagogue and made anti-Semitic comments during their attack. Rabbi Uriel Husni, the head of the Mikdash Yosef Jewish center reported that the attack was staged by a man and a woman against worshipers leaving the center in the Palermo neighborhood of the city, as people were leaving following the end of the Friday night Shabbat service.

Worldwide, April 4, 2019 (New York Times): Swastikas daubed on a Jewish cemetery in France. An anti-Semitic political campaign by Hungary’s far-right government. Labour lawmakers in Britain quitting their party and citing ingrained anti-Semitism. A Belgian carnival float caricaturing Orthodox Jews sitting on bags of money. And that was just the past few months. **The accumulated incidents in Europe and the United States have highlighted how an ancient prejudice is surging in the 21st century** in both familiar and mutant ways, fusing ideologies that otherwise would have little overlap.

Izmir, Turkey, April 4, 2019 (JTA): A man threw a firebomb at the Beth Israel Synagogue. The unidentified attacker reportedly told police that he attacked the synagogue in order to protest Israel. Mustafa Yeneroğlu, the Istanbul lawmaker for the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, condemned the attack on social media, saying, “There is no difference between attacks targeting synagogues, churches and mosques; they all target social peace with their hate.”

United States, April 3, 2019 (New York Times): There were at least 38 attacks that targeted places of worship, like churches, synagogues and mosques across North America. Until last year, the deadliest of these attacks in the United States were a shooting at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin in 2012 (6 dead) and a shooting at a black church in South Carolina in 2015 (9 dead). **On October 27, 2018, 46-year-old Robert Gregory Bowers,[7][8] was arrested and charged with 63 federal crimes, for the mass shooting at the Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where eleven people were killed and seven were injured.** It was the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States.

New York, New York, April 2, 2019 (JTA): Polish nationalists protested in New York City against a bill designed to help Holocaust survivors and their descendants reclaim lost property in Poland. Hundreds of people participated in the protest in Foley Square **and some employed anti-Semitic rhetoric.**

Paris, April 2, 2019 (The ALEGMEINER/BFM TV): French media outlets revealed that a man who described himself as the “heir of Mohamed Merah” — **the Islamist terrorist who murdered three young children and a rabbi at a Jewish school in Toulouse in March 2012** — was arrested by security agents on suspicion of plotting his own terrorist attack against a school. The man was seized after trying to buy weapons. According to police, the man had been **planning an attack on children at a nursery school.** The Mohamed Merah attack: On March 19, 2012, Merah launched a gun attack on the Ozar Hatorah Jewish school in Toulouse, **murdering Rabbi Jonathan Sandler, who taught at the school, together with his two sons, six-year-old Aryeh and three-year-old Gabriel. Merah then grabbed another child, eight-year-old Miriam Monsonego, and shot her through the head before escaping.**

Australia, April 2, 2019 (Australian Jewish News): There were 343 recorded anti-Semitic incidents in Australia over the course of the past year, including one act of extreme violence, a stabbing in Melbourne during the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. There were also seven assaults reported, 290 incidents of abusive behavior, 21 cases of damage and desecration, 14 threats, and 10 instances of anti-Semitic literature being distributed. **Of the assaults, 4 targeted Jewish people walking to or from their synagogue.**

Nationwide, April 1, 2019 (The New Yorker): A category of emergency known as an Intentional Mass Casualty Event is now considered a public-health crisis. **In recent years, deadly attacks have occurred at schools, houses of worship and other public places and events.** They have involved guns, knives, trucks, and improvised explosive devices. According to the article, **“Much attention has been given to the rising frequency of mass shootings in the United States, but equally alarming is their worsening severity.”**

Las Vegas, April 1, 2019 (New York Post): The Los Angeles Jr. Kings suspended 15 players and three coaches following an incident in which a player on the 14U Bantam AAA team was captured on video appearing to do a Nazi salute while individuals laughed and could be heard making disparaging remarks toward Jews. **According to The Athletic, the 9-second clip includes what sounds like, “Are you a Nazi?” “F—k the Jews” and “F—king Jews.”** Team officials became aware of the video before the final game of a Las Vegas tournament in March and decided to suspend all those who attended and coached while the incident is investigated.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 1, 2019 (JTA/NBC News): White supremacist, racist and anti-Semitic graffiti was spray-painted on the outside of the Oklahoma Democratic Party headquarters. The messages were spray-painted in blue. **Among the messages were “Welcome to Germany” and “Gas the Jews,” as well as the number sequence 1488, which is a reference to Adolf Hitler. Other state agencies and non-profit groups are located in the building.**

Nationwide, March 28, 2019 (Secure Community Network): Former DHS Secretaries Michael Chertoff and Jeh Johnson will co-chair a new Community Safety and Security Task Force convened by ADL (the AntiDefamation League), a leading anti-hate organization, and the Secure Community Network (SCN), the homeland security and safety initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The task force will work to enhance the safety, security and resiliency of religious communities. **Following the October 27th attack on the**

Jewish community in Pittsburgh, the ADL and SCN came together to address hate, anti-Semitism and threats as well as violence targeted at the Jewish community in the United States. Given that many threats impact all faith-based institutions regardless of affiliation, and as seen in the tragic attack on the Muslim community in New Zealand, the Task Force will develop best practices that can enhance the safety, security, and resilience of all faith-based communities.

Williamson County, Texas, March 26, 2019 (KXAN NBC affiliate): The Williamson County Sheriff's Office announced it would be stepping up patrols around all synagogues after an area **Jewish synagogue reported that a white supremacist/Neo-Nazi group glued a propaganda poster to its main building.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, **Texas has the third-most hate groups in the country.**

New Zealand, March 27, 2019 (JTA): The chairman of the New Zealand's biggest mosque accused Israel's Mossad intelligence agency and "Zionist business houses" of being behind the terror attack on **two mosques in Christchurch.** He made these comments in a speech in Auckland that was livestreamed on Facebook. Bhamji was one of about 30 speakers at a rally for the victims of the mosque attacks that left 50 worshippers dead. The rally was sponsored by a group called Love Aotearoa Hate Racism. **New Zealand's Human Rights Commission tweeted: "Prejudice against Jewish people has no place in New Zealand. We must condemn racism, hate and anti-Semitism whenever we see it."** The New Zealand Jewish Community's spokeswoman, Juliet Moses, told the local news website Newshub: "These conspiracy theories are dangerous lies. They put the Jewish community at risk, at a time of heightened security concerns. Conspiracy theories – particularly the idea that Jews (whether through the Jewish state or otherwise) are a malevolent controlling force in the world – are at the very core of anti-Semitism."

Flagstaff, Arizona, March 26, 2019 (3TV/CBS 5): The Flagstaff Police Department is investigating a possible hate crime after the Chabad of Flagstaff was burglarized and damaged. Police say there was damage to multiple rooms within the building and several damaged power tools. **Vandals carved swastikas in the walls, smashed and dumped paint cans on the floors. The vandals also painted a swastika pattern in black on the windows of the synagogue, police said.**

Wisconsin, March 26, 2019 (The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle): Wisconsin is experiencing an "alarming" rise in anti-Semitic incidents, announced the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, as it released its 2018 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents in March of 2019. Mirroring the rise of white supremacy, racism and anti-Semitism in the U.S. and across the globe, new data shows an unprecedented number of local anti-Semitic incidents, according to the JCRC. It is the fifth consecutive year of increased incidents, with a 20 percent increase from 2017. "What's most alarming is the change in tenor and tone," said JCRC Chair Ann Jacobs. "The anti-Semitic incidents of 2018 were meaner, scarier, more personal and unsettling." The JCRC audit showed not only a 21 percent increase in overall anti-Semitic incidents, but a shocking 166 percent in incidence of vandalism, according to a press release.

San Diego, California, March 25, 2019 (San Diego Union-Tribune/KTLA 5 News): A recent leak of more than 200,000 online chat logs from a white supremacist group reveals how local members are targeting students on San Diego college campuses and trying to project a respectable image even as **the group's members privately espouse Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and racist views.** The group, called Identity Evropa, is nationally known for helping organize the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Va.,

Birmingham, England, March 22, 2019 (The Times): Counterterrorism police are investigating overnight attacks on **five mosques in Birmingham, which were targeted with sledgehammers.** The attackers

struck at the mosques in the space of a few hours. Forensic officers were scouring the scenes for clues and examining CCTV for possible suspects. The incidents came days after police assured local Muslims that there was "no increased threat to the people of the West Midlands" and vowed to step up security around places of worship in the wake of the terror attack in New Zealand.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 20, 2019 (JTA): The Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh has raised more than \$40,000 to support the victims and their families of the mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. The funds will be transferred to an organization authorized to provide support to the Christchurch families and community, according to the synagogue. **Fifty Muslim worshipers were killed and at least 20 injured following shootings at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques. In October, 11 worshippers were killed in the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building, home to three congregations, by a lone gunman. It was the deadliest attack on Jews in the United States.**

Worldwide, March 20, 2019 (FactCheck.org): According to a number of indicators, **white nationalism and white supremacy — and violence inspired by them — are on the rise, in the U.S. and around the world.** The Southern Poverty Law Center reports a dramatic increase in the number of white nationalist groups in the U.S., from 100 chapters in 2017 to 148 in 2018. The Anti-Defamation League reports a 182 percent increase in incidents of the distribution of white supremacist propaganda, and an increase in the number of rallies and demonstrations by white supremacy groups, from 76 in 2017 to 91 in 2018. A study by the Center for Strategic and International Studies found the number of terrorist attacks by far-right perpetrators quadrupled in the U.S. between 2016 and 2017, and that far-right attacks in Europe rose 43 percent over the same period.

Los Angeles, California, March 20, 2019 (The Algemeiner/Jerusalem Post): Anti-Semitic fliers were hung in several locations across Los Angeles, according to reports. "What is the difference between Crackheads and Jews?" read one flier. Another flier said, "The murder of innocent women and children by a Rothschild led Jewish Zionist armed militia to forcibly confiscate the Land of Palestine now known as Israel." Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the LA-based Simon Wiesenthal Center told the online news site that the language used on the fliers "indicate someone who has been absorbing new/old anti-Semitic tropes on social media." Earlier this month, swastikas and other symbols were drawn in blood near the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust.

Fall River, Massachusetts, March 20, 2019 (ABC News): A hate crime investigation is underway after **59 headstones were defaced and two were knocked over at a Jewish cemetery**, according to local police. A maintenance worker discovered gravestones damaged with swastikas and anti-Semitic messages, including "expel the Jew" and "Hitler was right," according to police.

Canada, March 20, 2019 (Canadian Jewish News): With the wounds of the New Zealand mosque massacre and the Pittsburgh synagogue shootings still raw, Canada has doubled funding to a program that defrays security costs for houses of worship, schools, and community buildings. The program began as a pilot project by the previous government. The program has helped synagogues, schools and other Jewish facilities pay for lighting, alarm systems, closed-circuit cameras, motion sensors and other security measures.

France, March 19, 2019 (JTA): **Nearly 90 percent of French Jewish students said they have experienced anti-Semitic abuse on campus, a poll found.** Nearly 20 percent of the 405 respondents in the Ifop survey said they have suffered an anti-Semitic physical assault at least once on campus. Of those, more than half reported suffering violence more than once.

Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15, 2019 (JTA): The Australian charged with participating in the March 15, 2019 killing of 49 worshippers at two New Zealand mosques said **his main inspiration was Oswald Mosley, the British fascist anti-Semite who was close to the Nazis**. Brenton Tarrant, 28, posted a 73-page manifesto on social media before the attacks in Christchurch. His overriding motive in carrying out the massacre is to remove non-Europeans from European lands. "I mostly agree with Sir Oswald Mosley's views and consider myself an Eco-fascist by nature," he wrote. Mosley was an anti-Semite who led a fascist movement and who sought to reconcile Britain and Nazi Germany before the war. Tarrant, an Australian, denies being an anti-Semite so long as Jews live in Israel. "A Jew living in Israel is no enemy of mine, so long as they do not seek to subvert or harm my people," he wrote. A similar view of Jews was held by Anders Behring Breivik, the white supremacist who killed 77 young people in Norway in 2011 and whom Tarrant names as a role model. Jewish groups, including the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, identified the attack as part of a growing threat from white supremacists. The ADL said that the attack underscores that **modern white supremacy is an international threat that knows no borders**.

Merlo, Argentina, March 14, 2019 (JTA): Argentina's federal police found **guns, ammunition, Nazi-themed books, Nazi propaganda and Nazi memorabilia including uniforms, as well as Italian fascist flags and Nazi brochures in the home of a father and son who allegedly threatened a Jewish umbrella group** on social media. DAIA (Delegación de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas) is the umbrella organization of Argentina's Jewish community. DAIA has been strongly involved in fighting antisemitism in Argentina, and claiming for justice in the 1994 AMIA Jewish Community Center bombing.

The Netherlands, March 11, 2019 (JTA): The Netherlands in 2018 saw a **19 percent increase in recorded anti-Semitic incidents** in 2018 to a record 230 cases, according to the Center for Information and Documentation.

Brussels, Belgium, March 7, 2019 (Wall Street Journal): A French-Algerian man and his accomplice were found guilty of shooting four people in the Jewish Museum of Brussels five years ago, the first verdict against a European who joined Islamic State in Syria and returned to stage terrorist attacks. A Belgian jury said Mehdi Nemmouche, a 33-year-old French national of Algerian descent, had shot and killed two Israeli tourists, an employee and a museum volunteer in fewer than two minutes in the May 2014 attack. Nemmouche's co-defendant, Nacer Bendrer, a 30-year-old Frenchman of Algerian descent, was convicted of supplying weapons to and helping Nemmouche carry out the attack. Both could be sentenced to life in prison. The two men met in prison in southern France in 2008.

Nationwide, March 5, 2019 (AP/Fox News): White supremacist groups in the U.S. tried to spread their propaganda at a record-setting rate last year, increasingly picking targets beyond college campuses, according to the Anti-Defamation League. ADL counted a 182 percent increase in propaganda incidents by white supremacists, from 421 such cases in 2017 to 1,187 in 2018. College campuses remained a primary target for hateful flyers, but the New York-based ADL said the number of off-campus propaganda incidents soared from 129 in 2017 to 868 last year.

Nassau County, New York, March 4, 2018 (ABC 7 local): Anti-Semitic graffiti has been found at a Jewish center on Long Island. A swastika and anti-Semitic words were scrawled on a painting inside a stairwell at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center in Searingtown.

Point Pleasant, New Jersey, March 2, 2019 (News 12 - New York tri-state area/United States District Court, District of New Jersey Criminal Complaint Magistrate. No. 17-807 1 (LDW) (May 4, 2017)): Gregory Lepsky, 22, of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, was **sentenced to 16 years in federal prison for plotting to use a pressure cooker to commit terrorism in New York City on behalf of ISIS.** During searches of computers and other digital evidence linked to Lepsky, law enforcement officers found evidence of Lepsky's plan to build and detonate a bomb as part of his support for ISIS. In addition to the various photographs and messages recovered from Lepsky's cell phone, the FBI reviewed the Internet search history from the phone. It revealed that Lepsky conducted internet searches, including many searches relating to ISIS propaganda, terrorist attacks, and Beheadings. Among them, **he searched "jews do control everything;" "anti semitic pictures;" "isis attack Israel;" and "books spreading hate against nonbelievers."**

Pembroke Pines, Florida, February 28, 2019 (CBS Miami): A Pembroke Pines man pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of posting detailed bomb-making instructions to online sites frequented by extremists who support violent jihad. **According to the FBI affidavit, Ismail was an associate of James Medina, who is serving a 25-year prison sentence for plotting to blow up a South Florida synagogue and Jewish school.** According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Tayyab Tahir Ismail, 33, pleaded guilty to Count 2 of an indictment that charged him with distributing information pertaining to explosives, destructive devices and weapons of mass destruction.

Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, February 28, 2019 (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel): An avowed white supremacist who **tried to mail threatening letters to the Jewish Community Center** in Whitefish Bay from an Oshkosh jail was sentenced to three years in federal prison. In the letters, Grubbs asserts that he is a violent white supremacist and brags that he's already been convicted of a hate crime. He says he has an associate and access to weaponry and "dirty bombs" and promises "maximum carnage."

Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 26, 2019 (JTA): The chief rabbi of Argentina was brutally assaulted by a gang who broke into his apartment. Rabbi Gabriel Davidovich was hospitalized with serious injuries, including nine broken ribs, according to reports. "We know that you are the AMIA (Jewish center) rabbi," the assailants shouted before beating Davidovich. At the same time of this incident, it was also reported that **nine gravestones were vandalized** in a Jewish cemetery in San Luis city, in northwest Argentina.

Sammamish, Washington, February 24, 2019 (AP/Seattle Times): Sammamish police are investigating racist and anti-Semitic graffiti found in the community in more than a dozen places in recent days. According to FBI data, hate crimes in Washington state increased by 32 percent in 2017. That's nearly double the national rate. In 2017, hate crimes in Seattle nearly doubled, with 234 reported incidents, compared to 118 reported incidents in 2016.

New York, New York, February 24, 2019 (JTA): Dozens of swastikas and anti-Semitic messages, including "Heil Hitler" and "No Jews Allowed," were drawn on a school playground in New York City. The NYPD's Hate Crimes Unit is investigating the incident.

Silver spring, Maryland, February 21, 2019 (CBS News): Christopher Paul Hasson, a 49-year-old Coast Guard lieutenant and self-professed white supremacist, was arrested as a domestic terrorist. According to reports, he was stockpiling weapons and ammunition in a plan to "murder innocent civilians on a scale rarely seen in this country," according to prosecutors. In early 2017, Hasson began studying a 1,500-page manifesto written by white nationalist extremist and mass murderer Anders Breivik. **The**

manifesto instructs would-be terrorists to attack soft targets such as nonprofit organizations. Prosecutors have said Hasson consulted the manifesto regularly.

Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 2019 (JTA): Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan blamed “the wicked Jews” for the crisis over anti-Semitism and the Women’s March. “The wicked Jews want to use me to break up the women’s movement,” Farrakhan stated during his address at the Nation of Islam’s Savior’s Day conference in Chicago. During his address, Farrakhan returned to anti-Semitic tropes and bashed Israel. There were several thousand people in attendance at the speech, which also was livestreamed. **Farrakhan was preceded by a known Holocaust denier Michael A. Hoffman II, who suggested that ancient Jewish texts are equivalent to teachings “from the church of Satan,” according to the ADL.**

Quatzenheim, France, February 19, 2019 (JTA/Associated Press): Almost 100 gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in France were discovered vandalized with swastikas hours before the start of marches against the recent rise in anti-Semitic attacks in the country. French police reported last week that anti-Semitic acts in France rose by 74 percent in 2018 over the previous year.

Missoula, Montana, February 19, 2019 (JTA/ NBC Montana): Anti-Semitic fliers appeared around the University of Montana campus for the fourth time since November. The fliers included an image of a disfigured member of the military with a quote from the late Sephardi Rabbi Ovadia Yosef that read “Goyim were born only to serve us,” NBC Montana reported. In January, white nationalist fliers were left on doorsteps in Missoula and surrounding areas. In November, white nationalist recruitment fliers were posted around the University of Montana campus.

Paris, France, February 19, 2019 (JTA/AFP news agency/Le Parisien newspaper): French police arrested two teenagers in a suburb of Paris on suspicion that they wounded a person while firing an air rifle at a synagogue on Shabbat. The two teenagers, who were being investigated as suspects in an anti-Semitic hate crime for the incident, wounded a passerby near the synagogue by shooting a lead projectile into his calf. They had staked out the synagogue from a balcony overlooking the building on Friday night, as worshipers began to gather there.

New York, New York, February 18, 2019 (The New York Jewish Week/NBC New York): New York City will bolster security at Brooklyn synagogues after an attack on a Chabad synagogue on Friday night. The large plate glass window in the Chabad building was smashed by vandals as Rabbi Menachem Heller, his wife, and nine children sat around the Shabbat table on Friday night. In recent weeks there have been several attacks on identifiably Jewish men in Brooklyn. The New York Police Department investigated 42 hate crimes through Feb. 4, compared with 19 at the same date last year. Most of those were anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Germany, February 13, 2019 (JTA/Tagesspiegel newspaper): Anti-Semitic crimes rose by 10 percent in Germany in 2018, with a 60 percent increase in violent crimes, according to a report released by the German parliament, the Bundestag. The latest numbers are not yet official, but they reflect a trend, and that’s alarming,” the council’s president, Josef Schuster, said in a statement. “What Jews had already felt subjectively has been confirmed by the statistics.” **Nationwide, there were 1,646 anti-Semitic crimes registered in 2018, up from 1,504 the previous year. Of these, 62 were violent attacks, up from 37 in 2017.**

Lima, Ohio, February 11, 2019 (JTA): A synagogue was shot up with what police describe as a BB or pellet gun. At least two dozen holes were discovered in the windows of Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek on Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath).

France, February 12, 2019 (JTA): Anti-Semitic acts in France rose by 74 percent last year. According to Interior Minister Christophe Castaner, the total of reported acts of anti-Semitism was 541 in 2018, up from 311 in 2017. Castaner on Monday night in Sainte-Genevieve-du-Bois near the memorial to Halimi, said that “anti-Semitism is spreading like poison,” and that the government will fight it.

Great Britain, February 7, 2019 (JTA): The number of anti-Semitic incidents recorded in the United Kingdom rose to 1,652 in 2018, marking a 16% increase and anew record for the third straight year. The cases were recorded in the annual report of the Community Security Trust, or CST, which is British Jewry’s largest watchdog on anti-Semitism. The number of incidents since 2013 has more than tripled from the 535 recorded that year.

White Sulphur Springs, New York, February 7, 2019 (JTA Rockland/Westchester Journal News): A yeshiva (school) in upstate New York was set on fire and swastikas were spray painted on the building. The incident occurred at the Yeshiva Yoreh Deah, located on a former. Two barns on the property of the yeshiva, which combines education and farming, were damaged and numerous swastikas were painted on the walls. The incident is being treated as a hate crime, according to state police spokesman Steven Nevel.

Roswell, Georgia, February 7, 2019 (JTA/Atlanta Jewish Times): Swastikas were spray-painted on the inside and outside of Central High, a suburban Atlanta public high school. Swastikas were found on a bus, the main building and entrance, a trailer for the band, signs, the weight room and the stadium areas.

Burlington, Vermont, February 6, 2019 (VTDigger): Three organizations, including the Ohavi Zedek synagogue, in Burlington were targeted by a white supremacist group which hung stickers and posters outside of those organizations. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, the Pride Center of Vermont and a third organization which asked the Burlington Police Department not to be named publicly reported finding the stickers and posters at their sites. The stickers included statements reading “Better Dead Than Red” and “America First” and listed the name of “Patriot Front,” a white supremacist group.

New York, New York, February 3, 2019 (JTA/the Post/Fox5 New York): Three men were charged with hate crimes for attacks on identifiably Jewish men in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. On one captured by a surveillance camera, three assailants knocked over a Hasidic Jewish man before punching and kicking him. The victim, 51, required hospitalization for his injuries. The NYPD told local media that anti-Semitic hate crimes in the city are rising. Last year at this time, 13 people were attacked. This year, the number increased to 20.

Los Angeles, California, February 1, 2019 (JTA/KCAL 9): Police are investigating who painted “f**king Jews” on the facade of a Los Angeles synagogue. Hate crimes against Jews in America rose by more than a third in 2017 and accounted for 58 percent of all religion-based hate crimes, according to data released in November by the FBI. The report noted a 23 percent increase in religion-based hate crimes in 2017 to 1,564, representing about 20 percent of all hate crimes.

Toledo, Ohio, January 31, 2019 (JTA/Associated Press/Cleveland Plain Dealer): The Ohio man arrested for planning an attack on a Toledo-area synagogue was indicted on a federal hate crimes charge. Damon Joseph, 21, of Holland, was indicted in U.S. District Court in Toledo with attempting to provide material support to ISIS. He told an undercover FBI agent that he was inspired by the gunman who

shot up a synagogue building in Pittsburgh, killing 11. Joseph faces life in prison. Joseph spent months talking about and planning a mass shooting of a Toledo-area synagogue and said he wanted to kill as many people as possible, including a rabbi. The FBI said Joseph was radicalized and went by the name Abdullah Ali Yusef.

Tarzana, California, January 31, 2019 (the Patch/KCAL9): Police were investigating an **act of anti-Semitic vandalism** at the Mishkan Torah synagogue. Hateful, profane graffiti was scrawled on the building.

New Jersey, January 29, 2019 (NorthJersey.com): The past year has seen a spate of attacks by domestic extremists acting on political or racial biases without influence from abroad, such as the deadly synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. But Americans shouldn't forget about the threat from homegrown extremists inspired by foreign terror groups like Islamic State, **who remain the top threat to New Jersey**, according to the State's newly released 2019 Terror Threat Assessment. "In the year ahead, homegrown violent extremists [inspired by foreign terror groups] will remain our most persistent adversary," said Jared Maples, according to the director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, which released the annual report. That's because these kinds of attacks are challenging "to detect and deter," Maples said in a statement. (Source: 2019 Terror Threat Assessment; Link: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/54d79f88e4b0db3478a04405/t/5c4f011df950b77130e3fab5/1548681505075/ThreatAssessment-Booklet-2019_Final.pdf)

Salinas, California, January 28, 2019 (JTA/KSBW local): A driver yelled obscenities and anti-Semitic remarks as about 100 members of the Church of Jesus Christ Temple Philadelphia walked to mark **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**. A man in a black SUV drove by and yelled obscenities and insults against the Jewish people, and then circled back to yell at the marchers again, according to reports.

Worldwide, January 27, 2019 (Times of Israel): According to a newly released report from Israel's Diaspora Affairs Ministry, **2018 was deadliest year for anti-Semitic violence since 1994**. From the Pittsburgh massacre to killings of a French Holocaust survivor and a US student, last year saw highest rates of lethal violence against Jews since the AMIA bombing. In 1994, a terrorist attack (allegedly carried out by Hezbollah and sponsored by Iran) on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina killed 85 people and injured hundreds.

Philippines, January 27, 2019 (New York Times): Two bombs exploded at a cathedral in the southern Philippines on Sunday, killing 20 people and wounding scores of others, officials said. The blasts occurred in the morning as people were gathered for Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Jolo, the capital of Sulu Province, said Col. Gerry Besana, a spokesman for the military. The bombs were believed to be homemade. In a series of bulletins shared in chat rooms on the app Telegram, **the Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack**.

Islamberg, New York, January 23, 2019 (ABC News): Four suspects are under arrest in upstate New York and charged with an alleged conspiracy to use improvised explosive devices and guns to attack an Islamic community. Authorities said that the suspects were engaged in a plot to attack Islamberg, New York — a Muslim enclave 50 miles northwest of Binghamton. The tiny town of about 200 people has long been the subject of unsupported claims of terrorist activity by right-wing media outlets and commentators.

Europe, January 22, 2019 (Times of Israel): European states must ensure Jewish people have a future on the continent, a senior EU official warned at the site of a notorious anti-Semitic attack. Justice Commissioner Vera Jourova appeared at the Jewish Museum in Brussels, where four people were shot dead in May 2014, to demand a bloc-wide action plan. In support of her argument, she cited figures showing that **90 percent of European Jews feel that anti-Semitism is rising**. As she was speaking, across the city in Brussels' main criminal court, alleged French jihadist Mehdi Nemmouche was on trial accused of the museum murders, which is **considered to be Europe's first attack carried out by an ISIS associated terrorist returning from the war in Syria**

Charleston, South Carolina, January 22, 2019 (JTA): Ten members of a Pittsburgh congregation who survived the October attack on their building, along with their rabbi, traveled to Charleston, South Carolina, to worship with the members of a church that suffered a similar shooting in June 2015. Eleven worshippers were killed in October in the Pittsburgh attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building, the deadliest on Jews in the United States. The New Light Congregation congregants came to Charleston to meet members of the Emanuel AME Church, where nine African-American worshippers were killed in an attack by a white supremacist gunman. The Rev. Eric S.C. Manning of the Emanuel Church -- the oldest African Methodist Episcopal church in the Southern United States -- had flown to Pittsburgh shortly after the shooting there to comfort synagogue members and the Jewish community. On Monday, the synagogue members walked in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in downtown Charleston.

Washington, DC, January 18, 2019 (ABC7): DC Police are investigating multiple anti-Semitic messages found spray painted at locations around the city as possible hate crimes. The messages read **"I Want Jexit"** which Jewish organizations say is an anti-Semitic term that is a play on "Brexit" to mean Jews must leave. Brexit is the abbreviation for Britain exiting the European Union. A police officer at the scene of the incident told ABC7 the message is "hateful."

Minnetonka, Minnesota, January 18, 2019 (NBC News): School administrators in a town outside Minneapolis are condemning as "anti-Semitic" and "outrageous" a social media post showing **two students giving a Nazi salute in front of a poster that appears to make light of Hitler and Nazis**. The two students from Minnetonka High School are pictured giving the Nazi salute while in front of an invitation to a dance that reads: "Sweethearts would be a Hit(ler) w/ you, and I could Nazi myself going w/ anyone else. Be Mein? Yes or Nein?." **It was widely reposted on Facebook**. The high school principal, Jeff Erickson, wrote in a statement to the school community that the "anti-Semitic media post...in no way aligns with our school's core values." The Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas released a statement saying they are "deeply disturbed by the egregious anti-Semitic image circulating on social media." The post by the Minnesota teens **comes only two months after a group of students in Wisconsin appeared to give a Nazi salute in a viral prom photo**.

Arnold, Maryland, January 17, 2019 (Capital Gazette): Severn River Middle School officials are investigating **anti-Semitic and violent statements** that were found written inside a boys' bathroom, according to a letter the school's principal sent families. School officials are reviewing hallway video camera footage in an attempt to identify potential suspects. This is the second bias-related incident at the Arnold school in just two months.

Workington, England, January 16, 2019 (BBC News): A white supremacist who **blamed Jews and non-white people for his failure to get a job** planned a "murderous mass attack" in his hometown,

according to prosecutors. Prosecutors told the court that Shane Fletcher, 21, wanted to emulate the Columbine School shooting and "take revenge on those he blamed for his unhappy life." He wanted to achieve notoriety by going on a killing spree before killing himself," according to prosecutors.

Canada, January 16, 2019 (The Globe and Mail): Canada's minister for public safety says right-wing, white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups are an increasing concern and threat to Canadians. **Ralph Goodale said the groups promote hate, which manifests itself in violent anti-Semitism or in other crimes.**

Newton, Massachusetts, January 13, 2019 (7 News Boston): Newton police are investigating after **messages of hate were found across the city. The flyers, which included racist caricatures and connected Jewish people to pedophilia,** were found at 4 locations around the city. The flyers left neighbors shocked and disgusted. In a statement, Anti-Defamation League New England Director Robert Trestan said, "It's a pretty vile image and description of the most classic anti-Semitic stereotypes, demonizing Jews and the Jewish religion."

France, January 10, 2019 (JTA): **Anti-Semitic incidents during protests by Yellow Vests have included signs and slogans describing French President Emmanuel Macron as a "whore of the Jews" and their "puppet."** The Yellow Vests protests began in reaction to a proposed green tax on fuel. There have been many cases of protesters performing the quasi-Nazi quenelle salute, which was created by the French comic Dieudonne M'bala M'bala. Dieudonne, a Holocaust denier who has been convicted of hate speech against Jews and others, now delivers his weekly hate sermons online on video platforms while wearing a yellow vest. These cases, as well as anti-Semitic graffiti and chants have been a feature of this movement since its inception, according to the National Bureau for Vigilance Against Anti-Semitism.

Nashville, Tennessee, January 8, 2018 (Vanderbilt News): Vanderbilt University Police responded to a report of **anti-Semitic vandalism in a classroom – a swastika carved into the back of a classroom chair.** In a statement on the issue, Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos said, "We wholeheartedly reject anti-Semitism and its symbols, such as the example found on Vanderbilt's campus today. The abhorrent ideology associated with this act of vandalism has no place here. We are investigating the incident and remain committed to building a safe and inclusive environment for all."

Berkeley, California, January 7, 2019 (JTA/Berkleyside): **A man brought a fake bomb with "anti-Jewish writings" on the package into the University of California, Berkeley, Police Department.** According to reports, during his arrest Michael Fleming, 48, made "racial slurs towards the Jewish Culture" and yelled anti-Jewish statements "consistent" with the wording on the package. A Nazi symbol also was drawn on the box, which included anti-Semitic statements and said "bomb inside." Fleming was charged with sending a false bomb designed to cause fear for one's safety.

Battle Creek, Michigan, January 7, 2019 (JTA): **Temple Bath-El was vandalized for the second time in two months.** A concrete carving of a menorah on the front of Temple was damaged with graffiti. A menorah is a widely used Jewish symbol that stands for light, wisdom, and Divine inspiration. In late November 2018, an unknown vandal took a hammer and chisel to the same concrete menorah, damaging the carving.

Melbourne, Australia, January 6, 2019 (JTA): A neo-Nazi group hung large stickers depicting swastikas at the entrance to a Jewish old-age home. The neo-Nazi Antipodian Resistance organization **posted the stickers of their logo, which bears a large swastika, at the entrance of the Emmy Monash Aged Care in**

Melbourne, home to elderly Jewish community members including Holocaust survivors, in the heartland of the Victorian Jewish community.

Lake Havasu City, Arizona, January 4, 2019 (JTA/Havasus News): According to the police at Lake Havasu City, which is located 180 miles northeast of Phoenix, **eight exterior light fixtures, a large sign and other fixtures surrounding the Temple Beth Shalom synagogue were damaged.** Police have no suspects at this time.

Ventura County, California, January 4, 2019 (Ventura County Star): A Ventura synagogue is the most recent local target of anti-Semitic vandalism. Ventura police are working to track down whoever **spray-painted swastika graffiti on the signboard in front of Temple Beth Torah.** Police are investigating the incident as a hate crime.

Cleveland, Ohio, January 2, 2019 (Fox News/Canary Mission/Cleveland.com): The Cleveland Clinic hospital has fired a resident after anti-Semitic comments and threats to give the Jewish people "the wrong meds" surfaced on social media. Lara Kollab was identified as the fired employee behind the comments. Kollab's anti-Semitic comments were first documented by Canary Mission, a group that examines social media accounts to find anti-Semitic and anti-Israel remarks. Her comments **also called for violence against Jews, spread anti-Semitism, trivialized the Holocaust, defended the terror organization Hamas and expressed support for terrorists on Twitter.**