

**Boston, MA, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency):** Star of David graffiti were spray-painted on two different apartment buildings in Boston's South End. Robert Trestan, executive director of the New England office of the ADL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "it (was) too early in the process (at the time) to call the incidents anti-Semitic," however, police responded quickly to investigate the suspicious incident.

**Salem, Massachusetts, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (The Enterprise):** A Zoom chat room during the first virtual Salem City Council meeting was virtually attacked with vulgar hate speech posted in the chat box. Posts in the thread included anti-Semitic, racist, and derogatory language aimed directly at members of the council. Police investigations returned an IP address connected to the electronic devices the perpetrators allegedly used to comment in the chat box. Local law enforcement could arrest and charge the perpetrators for "obscene and profane language in a public place" as well as "disturbing a public meeting." Salem No Place for Hate Committee Co-Chair Jeff Cohen condemned the hate speech by saying "this just shows how people will use online access to spread hate. Any type of hate speech made in person or online we all need to minimize and educate people about why this is not who we are."

**Bedford, Massachusetts, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Patch, Bedford):** Two incidents of racist and anti-Semitic graffiti were found in Bedford on the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup>. The graffiti was found on the back of a private building at Great Road Shopping Center and on a storage shed at Shawsheen Cemetery. Bedford police and the district attorney's office investigated surveillance camera footage from the areas. The Bedford Interfaith Clergy Network said incidents like the graffiti can add frustration to already uncertain times amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Brookline, Massachusetts, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (WCVB ABC News):** Brookline Police and ADL New England investigated a surveillance video showing a man writing anti-Semitic graffiti on the Chabad Center of Brookline in Russian. The man also drew a symbol which closely resembled a swastika. "This anti-semitic act represents a direct threat to the Jewish community and is a reminder that hate never rests, even in a pandemic," said Robert Trestan, the New England regional director of the ADL.

**Longmeadow, Massachusetts, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (TPM News):** A Massachusetts man was arrested on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> for allegedly attempting to blow up a Jewish assisted living facility with a gas canister, using a Christian pamphlet as a fuse. Said canister was discovered at the entrance of the facility, Ruth's House, located in Longmeadow, MA. There had been talking in extremist social media groups of a scheduled "jew killing day" at "Jew Nurse Home" scheduled for a day later. Someone had listed "that jew nursing home in longmeadow" as a potential target. [John Michael Rathbun, 36](#), was charged with attempted arson. U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling said in a statement that "in times of national crisis, hatred based on religion often blossoms into violence."

**Worcester, Massachusetts, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Telegram.com):** A break in at Temple Israel occurred on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The temple was closed since March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Video of the incident shows what appears to be three teenagers getting into the building. Though there was minimal damage and nothing appeared to be stolen, police said two windows were broken and it was unclear whether anything was taken from the building.

**Revere, Massachusetts, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (Boston Local 25 News):** A Revere man has been arrested and charged with a hate crime after police say he spray painted Nazi symbolism on a pedestrian vehicle as well as the words "White Power" on the ground nearby. ([Jason Pagliuca](#)) 38, was arraigned on

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> on charges of defacement of real or personal property and assault and battery or property damage for the purpose of intimidation. According to the Massachusetts chapter of the Council on American-Islamic relations, the owner of the spray-painted car belongs to a Muslim woman. Revere police say that thanks to help from the public, they were able to issue a search warrant for the perpetrator's home where they recovered evidence directly relating to the crime.

**Boston, Massachusetts, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (The Algemeiner):** Protesters gathered outside of a few different Jewish organizations in Boston including the JCRC for anti-Israel "Day of Rage" protests. Aryeh Tuchman, Associate Director of ADL's Center on Extremism, told The Algemeiner, "although many of the Day of Rage protesters focused on solidarity with Palestinians and legitimate criticism of Israeli policies, we are deeply concerned by numerous cases where Zionism was equated with racism or where Israel's right to exist was called into question."

**Westford, Massachusetts, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (The Lowell Sun):** On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Westford Police reported anti-Semitic vandalism occurring in the areas of Russells Way, Vineyard Road, Tyler Road, Christy Lane, Morrison Lane, Caldwell Drive and Danely Drive in Westford. These incidents were first examined on July 20<sup>th</sup> when anti-Semitic graffiti and the name "Samantha" were found repeatedly spray painted on cars, fences, and buildings in the Chelmsford area. The Westford Police posted security camera footage on their Facebook page of a possible suspect. The suspect is a white male with a blue shirt and dark shorts. In the footage, he runs across the street and graffiti tags a garage door before retreating.

**Worcester, Massachusetts, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (This Week in Worcester):** ([Kyle Wood, do we leave perpetrators anonymous?](#)) A man was arrested on charges of breaking into Temple Emmanuel Sinai Synagogue in Worcester as well as vandalism at the JCC nearby. The break in resulted in a broken window and other damage to the Temple. The man had previously been sighted kicking the Star of David on temple property, throwing a lawn sign, and screaming at parents and children in the JCC camp drop-off line.

**Great Barrington, Massachusetts, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (The Berkshire Eagle):** Police were notified that the words "Nazi Kyke" were found written in red marker on the side of the Macedonia Baptist Church on Rosseter Street. This happened directly before Yom Kippur. A police report from the incident Select Board Chair Stephen Bannon had this to say about the incident: "not only does Great Barrington not tolerate hateful speech, but especially at this time of such divisiveness in our nation, we stand especially united against bigotry."

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