Kantor Center & Database Bulletin
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Highlights from Our Database on Antisemitism & Racism

For further information on contemporary antisemitism and racism, please search our Database

♦ Jews in Finland Campaign to Raise Funds for Security
♦ Antisemitism and Bullying at Massachusetts School
♦ Antisemitic Graffiti Painted on High School Building in New Jersey
♦ Mass-Demonstration against Racism Held in Berlin
♦ German Right-Wing Party Creates ‘Jewish’ Organization
♦ Berlin Schools to Report Antisemitic Incidents to Police
♦ Antisemitic Statement by Leader of Brazilian Workers Party
♦ Controversial Speeches During Berlin Protest for Tolerance
♦ Nazis Protest in Berlin
♦ Swedish Politician Leaves Party over Antisemitic and Misogynist Statements
♦ UK: 727 Antisemitic Incidents Reported First Half of 2018
♦ Controversial Independence-Day March Held in Warsaw
♦ Ukrainian Official Dismissed for Public Antisemitic Remarks
♦ Holocaust Monument Desecrated in Romania
♦ Senior Swedish Physician Harasses Jewish Medical Staff
♦ Investigation Launched into Allegations of Antisemitism within Labour Party
♦ French Far-Right Essayist Sentenced for Provoking Racial Hatred
♦ Holocaust Memorial Desecrated in Belgium
♦ German Foundation Suspends Award to Women’s March Movement Due to Allegations of Antisemitism
Recent Publications on Antisemitism, Racism, Demography & Legislation

√ Books


Annegret Schüle and Tobias Sowade, Between Persecution and Participation Biography of a Bookkeeper at J. A. Topf & Söhne (Syracuse, 2018).

Deborah E. Lipstad, Antisemitism: Here and Now (NY, 2019).

Jewish Libya Memory and Identity in Text and Image, edited by Jacques Roumani, David Meghnagi, and Judith Roumani (Syracuse, 2018).

Yuli Kossharovsky, "We Are Jews Again": Jewish Activism in the Soviet Union, edited and with an Introduction by Ann Komaromi (Syracuse, 2018).

Monika Rice, "What! Still Alive?!": Jewish Survivors in Poland and Israel Remember Homecoming (Syracuse, 2018).

Waitman Wade Beorn, The Holocaust in Eastern Europe At the Epicenter of the Final Solution (London & NY, 2018).


By Sara J. Brenneis, Spaniards in Mauthausen: Representations of a Nazi Concentration Camp, 1940-2015 (Toronto & Buffalo, 2018).


*Jewish Libya Memory and Identity in Text and Image*, edited by Jacques Roumani, David Meghnagi, and Judith Roumani (Syracuse, 2018).

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√ **Articles**


“Whitewashing an Anti-Semitic Murderer” (Hungarian Spectrum, 13 October 2018).

Audrey Truschke, “Hindu nationalists increasingly use anti-Semitic slurs to target me – and that isn’t surprising” (Scroll.in, 13 November 2018).


Alan Johnson, “Why the Nazi Analogy and Holocaust Inversion are Antisemitic” (Fathom, August 2018).

David Bennun, “Contemporary anti-Semitism 101: a basic (as possible) ten-point explainer” (New Statesman, 26 July 2018).

Michel Gurfinkel, “Muslim Immigration and France’s Jewish Community” (Middle East Forum, 5 July 2018).


√ Book Reviews


Roland Clark on The Romanian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust by Ion Popa (Bloomington, 2017).


Darius Staliunas Holocaust Education in Lithuania: Community, Conflict, and the Making of Civil Society by Christine Beresniova (Lanham, MD, 2017).

Catherine Evtuhov Protestanten und Altgläubige—Juden und Muslime: Die ethnokonfessionelle Struktur der russländischen Unternehmerschaft vor 1914 by Dittmar Dahlmann, Klaus Heller, and Jurij A. Petrov, eds. (Essen, 2015).


Susan Miron on Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz by Omer Bartov (NY & London, 2019), Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-
Day Ukraine by Omer Bartov (Princeton, 2007), A City in Its Fullness by S. Y. Agnon (New Milford, CT, 2016), and Ancestral Tales: Reading the Buczacz Stories of S.Y. Agnon by Alan Mintz (Stanford, 2017).

√  Journals

Antisemitism Studies, Volume 2, Issue 2, Fall 2018


Jewish History: Special issue on 'Judeophobia and Islamophobia in France Before and After Charlie Hebdo and Hyper Cacher', Vol. 32, Issue 1, November 2018.


√  Reports


“Zionists Off Our Campus!”: Campus Anti-Semitism in 2017 (AMCHA, August 2018).

Antisemitism and Immigration in Western Europe Today Is there a connection? Findings and recommendations from a five-nation study (David Feldman, EVZ, April 2018).

Manifestations of anti-Semitism in Russia from January to June 2018 (SOVA, 1 August 2018).


√  Interviews


The Holocaust has become part of Ukraine’s history: Marianna Kiyanovska talks about “The Voices of Babyn Yar” (UJE, 1 June 2018).

Conferences and Workshops

- **Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization**, The Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, June 23–July 5, 2019.

- **Reflections on Holocaust Memory: An Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference**, Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 18 March 2019.


- **It happened here! Digital and shared: Holocaust history in public space**, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria, 1–2 April 2019.


Center's News and Events

- On 26 August a gala evening organized by the Canadian Friends of TAU was held in Montreal. The work of the Kantor Center team in monitoring and analyzing antisemitism was at center stage of the event.
On 8-9 October a seminar for judges and prosecutors was conducted in Vienna, as part of an ongoing effort to acquaint them with WWII and the Holocaust in general, and with Austria’s role in particular. Later, a lecture was delivered at the University of Vienna.

On 24 October Prof. Porat received a personal letter from the Chancellor of Austria, Mr. Sebastian Kurz, inviting her to a forthcoming conference in Vienna.

On 25 October Prof. Porat attended a dinner with the President of the Bundestag and the German Ambassador to Israel at the King David Hotel.

On 26 October Prof. Porat participated via Skype in the Holocaust and International Law conference held in Odessa.

On 29 October a conference dedicated to the French villagers of Chambon-Sur-Lignon, who hid and rescued thousands of Jews, including many intellectuals, was held at Tel Aviv University in cooperation with the Center.

On 29 October a group of 33 non-Jewish history teachers from France attended lectures on the Holocaust at TAU, hosted by the Kantor Center. This was the 5th group to come to Israel for a week of tours and studies.

On 19-20 November a conference organized by the EU in Vienna included a session on antisemitism, in which the authors of a catalogue of means to combat antisemitism, led by Dr. Moshe Kantor, presented the catalogue to the participants. On 21 November the catalogue was also presented to the media. This publication is a result of the February conference “An End to Antisemitism”, of which the Kantor Center was one of the organizers.

On 31 October the new German ambassador to Israel, Dr. Susanne Wasum-Rainer, visited the Center.

On 31 October Prof. Derek Penslar from the Harvard University visited the Center and talked about "Antisemitism and Zionism: Ideologies or Emotions?", stirring a lively discussion.

On 31 October Prof. Porat provided *The Economist* with information on the current state of antisemitism worldwide.

On 24 December Prof. Alvin Rosenfeld from Indiana University lectured on “The Pittsburgh Synagogue Killings: Causes, Context, and Consequences”.

On 6-9 December Prof. Lilach Lev Ari, Dr. Haim Fireberg and Dr. Adrian Gruszniewski visited Prague and participated in the planning of an Erasmus program proposal submission, with colleagues from three major European Universities. The preparations for this submission included a visit of Dr. Marcela Zoufalá and Prof. Jiří Holý to the Center on 17 December and their meeting with Dr. Moti Golani

We are proud to announce that our previous application for an Erasmus program was successfully confirmed.

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