

MODERN DAY EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITISM



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Hasidic Man Assaulted by 6 People in Brooklyn, NY



CASE STUDY

What happened: A group of six men approached a 21-year-old Hasidic man dressed in traditional garb, in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn. Without any prior interaction, they started attacking him, punching him, and kicking him. The man was dressed in Hasidic attire.

Why this is antisemitic: This attack occurred without provocation and was based solely on the man's appearance.

“The man was dressed in Hasidic attire.”

“Spreading hate speech about Jews is antisemitic.”

Antisemitic Fliers Distributed in Brigantine, NJ



CASE STUDY

What happened: Fliers with hateful messages about Jews were anonymously distributed in weighted plastic bags thrown onto front lawns throughout the town of Brigantine, NJ.

Why this is antisemitic: Spreading hate speech about Jews is antisemitic. It perpetuates existing antisemitic beliefs, fosters bigotry in people who may not have already held such beliefs, and creates a climate where Jews feel – perhaps justifiably – unsafe in their communities.

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“**She directed hate speech and threatened violence toward children.**”

21-Year-Old Woman Spat on 8-Year-Old Boy Outside of Synagogue



CASE STUDY

What happened: A 21-year-old woman was walking by a synagogue where there were three children (ages 2, 7, and 8) playing outside. The woman directed hateful comments to them, including, “Hitler should have killed them all.” When she started to walk away, in defense, the 8-year-old boy replied. After he did this, she turned back around, walked back to the children, and spat on him saying she would, “make sure we’ll get you all.”

Why this is antisemitic: The woman stated her support for the killing of Jews and for Hitler himself. She directed hate speech and threatened violence toward children based only on the fact that they are Jewish.

Jewish Teen Punched for Not Saying ‘Free Palestine’



CASE STUDY

What happened: An 18-year-old boy was walking home from school when he was approached by another teenage boy. The assailant saw the victim wearing traditional Jewish clothing, approached him and demanded that he say, “Free Palestine.” He punched him in the face when the boy refused.

Why this is antisemitic: This is antisemitic because the assailant was holding a Jewish person in Brooklyn responsible for the policies of the Israeli government and assaulted the victim for no other reason than he was Jewish.

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Johns Hopkins TA Posts Antisemitic Tweets



CASE STUDY

What happened: Two tweets from a Johns Hopkins University teaching assistant and graduate student, Rasha Anayah, read: “Ethical dilemma: if you have to grade a Zionist students exam, do you still give them all their points even though they support your ethnic cleansing? like idk” And: “Didn’t get pinned with an israeli or some bitch white boy to have to share my knowledge with. We had an undergrad in lab who had been on birthright and had one of the street signs to tel aviv on her laptop. it stabbed me every time she opened it. if i had been paired to one of them or one of these conceited white boys i would have lost it.”

Why this is antisemitic:

In both tweets, the teaching assistant:

- **Holds Jews collectively, and her student specifically, responsible for policies and actions of the State of Israel**
- **Accuses the Israeli government of ethnic cleansing, a policy of the Nazi regime**
- **Uses negative language to describe Jewish students**

“Only religious Jewish texts were violated.”

Torah Scroll Desecrated at a Vandalized GWU Frat House



CASE STUDY

What happened: A fraternity house at George Washington University was vandalized after Shabbat (a weekly religious observance in the Jewish faith), including the destruction of a Torah Scroll and other religious sacred objects, all while the Bible in the house remained unharmed.

Why this is antisemitic: The only frat house that was vandalized was the one that was predominantly Jewish and only religious Jewish texts were violated.

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“A swastika and “Heil Hitler” were scratched into a bathroom stall door.

Swastikas and Messages Praising Hitler Found at 2 High Schools in Georgia

What happened: A swastika and “Heil Hitler” were scratched into a bathroom stall door at a high school in Georgia. The week before, someone scrawled similar epithets into a bathroom door at a different high school in the same district. These high schools are only four miles apart.

Why this is antisemitic: The symbols and words used in both incidents support the acts and speech used in the Holocaust to perpetuate a deadly ideology and create a climate of fear for Jewish students.

Palestinian Activists at Emory University Placed Eviction Notices on the Doors of Jewish Students



CASE STUDY

What happened: At least 30 Jewish students with mezuzahs (Jewish religious talismans) on their doorways at Emory University in Georgia found letters of eviction on their front doors. These fliers were placed by a Palestinian activist group called Students for Justice in Palestine. The so called ‘eviction notices’ warned the students to leave the premises and to take all their belongings with them because anything they left behind would be destroyed. The notices ended with the statement, “This is intended to draw attention to the reality that Palestinians confront on a regular basis.”

Why this is antisemitic: The Palestinian student group placed blame on Jews as a whole for the actions of the Israeli government by targeting Jewish students who had nothing to do with the conflict in Israel. Jewish students were immediately concerned for their physical safety and their acceptance by the student body.