



## ACTIVITY REPORT

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This activity report provides information about major events, high-level meetings and activities organised or attended by the European Jewish Congress (EJC) between 2017 and 2019.

The report also includes op-eds written by Dr. Moshe Kantor, EJC President, during the course of these years. This document is not exhaustive, but rather intends to reflect the EJC's main objectives, and achievements, as well as campaigns driven by the EJC. In doing so this report summarises the EJC's endeavours for the wellbeing of European Jewry, the security of its affiliated Jewish communities and successful EU-Israel relations.

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# EJC in Action



Brussels | January 24, 2017

## General Assembly of the European Jewish Congress



The EJC held its General Assembly in Brussels, which was attended by over 30 Presidents and representatives of European Jewish communities. Dr. Moshe Kantor gave a summary of the EJC's activities in 2016, laying out main challenges and successes for European Jewry. Kantor particularly mentioned the growth of Islamic terrorism and extremism, the rise of the far-right and recent UNESCO resolutions, which were highly damaging for the Jewish people.

Positive developments were discussed including the adoption of the Working Definition of Antisemitism by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and the British Government as well as the development of the EJC Security and Crisis Centre (SACC by EJC).

Issues such as communal security, Holocaust restitution, Brexit, and the re-implementation of the working definition of Antisemitism at the European Union level were among the topics on the agenda.





A dinner was held with the participation of special guests of honour including the new Israeli Ambassador to the European Union and the first Israeli Ambassador to NATO, H.E. Aharon Leshno- Yaar, Israeli Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, H.E. Simona Frankel, other Ambassadors, film director Andrei Konchalovsky, Members of the European Parliament, the European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism, Katharina von Schnurbein, and other representatives of the European Commission.







Brussels | January 25, 2017

## International Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony

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The EJC in partnership with the newly elected President of the European Parliament, Antonio Tajani, organised the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony 2017.

As the event was devoted to restoring identities of the victims of the Shoah, the EJC produced a short biographical video about the German painter, Felix Nussbaum, which was shown during the ceremony.

Antonio Tajani opened the event, followed by an address by Dr. Moshe Kantor. UNESCO Ambassador for Holocaust Education, Beate Klarsfeld, and Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and ECTR Chairman, Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, were also among the speakers. During the ceremony, the “European Medal of Tolerance” was awarded to film director Andrei Konchalovsky for his latest Holocaust-drama “Paradise” and his cinematographic work against extremism and intolerance.

The ceremony featured a unique artistic performance by Maestro Vladimir Spivakov as soloist and conductor of the Moscow Virtuosi Orchestra. Holocaust survivors, EU leaders, Members of the European Parliament, Ambassadors, Presidents of Jewish communities from across Europe, religious leaders as well as renowned intellectuals attended the event.

(left)  
**Dr. Moshe Kantor**  
EJC President

(right)  
**Mr. Antonio Tajani**  
President of the  
European  
Parliament





(right)  
**ECTR Medal of Tolerance**  
bestowed upon Mr. Andrei  
Konchalovsky

(below)  
**Rt. Hon. Tony Blair**  
Former UK Prime Minister and  
Chairman of the European  
Council on Tolerance and  
Reconciliation (ECTR)



(top)  
**Ms. Beate Klarsfeld**  
UNESCO Honorary Ambassador  
and Special Advisor for Education  
about the History of the Holocaust

(middle)  
**Maestro Vladimir Spivakov**  
(violin)

(bottom)  
**Danielle Akta (Cello)**





Vatican | January 27, 2017

## Meeting with Pope Francis on International Holocaust Remembrance Day

An EJC delegation, headed by its President, Dr. Moshe Kantor, met with His Holiness, Pope Francis, at the Holy See. Kantor said that he considers the audience a gesture of brotherhood towards every Jew. He praised the Pope's visit to Auschwitz in 2016 and commended him for his strong moral approach against terrorism and extremism. The Pope and EJC representatives also spoke about interfaith work and building bridges between the two communities. "We need a reaffirmation of the principles that bind the three great monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, about what unites us and say a strong "no" to violence and hate, and "yes" to tolerance and reconciliation." Kantor said.





Brussels | March 21, 2017

## Ambassadorial Conference of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



The EJC participated in an “Ambassadorial Conference of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs” that took place in the European Parliament.

The conference was organised for Israeli Ambassadors in the EU Member States and was attended by Members of the European Parliament as well as representatives of Jewish and non-Jewish organisations working with the European Union institutions.

Panelists shared their views and experiences related to EU-Israel relations with the Ambassadors during the event.

In her remarks, EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO, Raya Kalenova, highlighted the close links between the EJC’s affiliated Jewish communities and the State of Israel. Moreover, she presented the EJC’s work and main challenges faced by European Jewry.

London | September 13, 2017

## Executive Meeting



The EJC Executive Committee discussed the following issues of concern and interests for the Jewish community:

- Strategy for the adoption of the European Parliament (EP) Resolution on combating antisemitism
- Assaults on religious rights and freedoms
- Reports on France, Hungary and UK
- Problematic situation in Poland regarding the controversial Holocaust bill



Brussels | November 10, 2017

## Annual meeting of community directors

The EJC gathered 25 community Presidents, Directors, officials, experts, in order to discuss:

- The role of communities in the adoption of the European Parliament Resolution on combating antisemitism
- The role community leaders can play in responding to security challenges
- The OSCE Practical Guide on Antisemitism

Participants attended a session of the European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism on antisemitism and had the opportunity to meet with several MEPs during an informal dinner.





Brussels | November 15, 2017

## European Report

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

*Antisemitism in Europe today: is it still a threat to free and open society?*

The EJC participated in the European Report, a political programme from inside the European Parliament which addresses issues concerning Europe and the Middle East.







Paris | November 21, 2017

## Meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron

An EJC delegation led by Dr. Moshe Kantor, met with French President Emmanuel Macron. The delegation included Francis Kalifat, President of the CRIF, and Raya Kalenova, EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO.

During the meeting, the delegation ensured President Macron that the EJC unanimously opposes any meetings or dealings with far-right and far-left political parties in Europe.

Dr. Moshe Kantor also called on the President to adopt the working definition of antisemitism.







Bratislava | December 7, 2017

## Seminar: The Holocaust and Extremism – have we really learnt from the past?

Organised by Comenius University, the seminar brought together academics and professionals. The EJC was represented by Public Affairs Officer, Benny Fischer.

Among topics discussed were the history of the Holocaust in Slovakia and Europe, reasons for the radicalisation of European society, and legal possibilities for combating extremism.

The importance of the topic was underlined by the presence of the President of the Slovak Republic, Andrej Kiska: “We should talk about the Holocaust and remind people of it, so that we never allow such a fate to become the future of our children.”





Brussels | December 8, 2017

## Conference on new antisemitism

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Raya Kalenova, EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO, spoke on behalf of the EJC at a conference on anti-Zionism as a new form of antisemitism in the European Parliament. The event was hosted by MEPs Peter Niedermüller (S&D/Hungary), Fulvio Martusciello (EPP/Italy) and Heinz K. Becker (EPP/Austria).



Brussels | December 14, 2017

## Meeting with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

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Following the wave of antisemitic attacks in Sweden, the EJC met with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven at its headquarters in Brussels.

During the meeting Raya Kalenova, EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO, welcomed the Swedish government's quick and decisive response, and in particular, noted the Prime Minister's unconditional denunciation of the attacks and statement in support of the Jewish community.

Prime Minister Löfven stated: "Antisemitism is a poison in our society. It is a priority to fight it. We will not stop at reinforcing security; we must also denounce those who seek to justify violence under any pretense."







Raya Kalenova also stated that “while some are trying to blame the US administration or the Israeli government for these attacks on Europe’s Jewish communities, this should be absolutely rejected. Victim blaming is unacceptable in any context.”

The EJC leadership, including Yohan Benizri, President of the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organisations (CCOJB), called on the Prime Minister to specifically address the pressing need for additional police resources, and to increase focus on democratic values in education for all sectors of the population, including migrant and refugee communities.

Brussels | January 23, 2018

## EJC hosts Knesset delegation led by Speaker Yuli-Yoel Edelstein







Brussels | January 24, 2018

## International Holocaust Commemoration Day Ceremony 2018

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY CEREMONY





(left top)  
**Mairead McGuinness**  
First Vice-President  
of the European  
Parliament



(left middle)  
**Yuli-Yoel Edelstein**  
Speaker of the  
Knesset

(left bottom)  
**Dr. Moshe Kantor**  
EJC President





Brussels | January 24, 2018

## EJC and European Commission host screening of film NANA

NANA is a feature-length documentary dealing with the important issue of transmitting the memory of the Shoah to the next generation.

Raya Kalenova and Katharina von Schnurbein opened the evening and welcomed all participants before the screening of the film in front of 300 visitors from Brussels' political sphere.

The screening was followed by a panel discussion with Frans Timmermans, FVP of the European Commission, historian Prof. Simon Schama, and producer and director of the film Serena Dykman. The discussion was moderated by Gillian Merron, Chief Executive of BoD.

**Ms. Raya Kalenova**

EJC Executive Vice-President  
and CEO





Rome | January 29, 2018

## OSCE Conference

'RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES INSTITUTIONS  
AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST  
ANTISEMITISM IN THE OSCE AREA'



The Conference was held on the 80th anniversary of the racial laws that were promulgated in Italy in 1938, and ahead of Italy assuming the Presidency of IHRA.

The Conference was held in cooperation with the Office for Democratic and Human Rights (ODIHR), the Center for Contemporary Jewish Documentation (CDEC) and the Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI).

Dr. Moshe Kantor delivered opening remarks and later met with Italian Foreign Affairs Minister Angelino Alfano.





**Dr. Moshe Kantor**, presents the Jerusalem Navigator award to the Italian Foreign Minister **Angelino Alfano** for “fighting against all forms of antisemitism, including anti-Zionism”.



**Dr. Moshe Kantor** presents the Golden Vision award to **Ambassador Ronald Lauder** “for devoting his life to the flourishing of Judaism, helping Jews reconnect with their roots and helping rebuild Jewish communities across the world.”





Vienna | February 19-22, 2018

## **An End to Antisemitism!**

CONFERENCE CO-ORGANISED  
BY THE EJC, VIENNA UNIVERSITY,  
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY AND NEW  
YORK UNIVERSITY







The conference “**An End to Antisemitism!**” was an unprecedented event that brought together over 150 speakers from North America, Israel, Latin America, Australia and various European countries. The opening of the conference was held in Vienna’s City Hall and was opened by **Heinz Engle**, Rector of the University of Vienna, French philosopher, **Bernard-Henri Lévy**, and **Dr. Moshe Kantor**, co-organiser of the event.

EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO **Raya Kalenova** addressed the conference during the leadership talk session alongside **Nathan Sharansky**, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, and **Katharina von Schnurbein**, European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism.



Brussels | February 27, 2018

## Combating BDS

MEPS AND EXPERTS DEBATE ROLE OF  
CULTURE AND EDUCATION IN COMBATING  
THE BDS MOVEMENT

The European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism (WGAS) organised a conference on “Culture and Education: bridges, not boycotts”. MEPs from all major political groups, experts, researchers and students discussed the need to understand the roots of BDS and develop better ways to fight it.





Jerusalem | March 21, 2018

## Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism (GFCA) 2018



EJC Executive Vice-President & CEO, Raya Kalenova, took part in a panel titled “The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and the working definition of antisemitism” – expanding the adoption and utilisation of an important policy tool.

Jerusalem | March 22, 2018

## EJC delegation and MEP Heinz K. Becker, Chair of the EP Working Group on Antisemitism, visit Israel





Brussels | March 28, 2018

## EJC remembers Mireille Knoll

CEREMONY IN FRONT OF THE FRENCH  
EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS



Tel Aviv | April 11, 2018

## Kantor Center Report on Antisemitism Worldwide

The “2017 annual report on antisemitism worldwide” was released during a press conference held on 11 April 2018 by the Kantor Center for Study of Contemporary European Jewry at Tel Aviv University in cooperation with the European Jewish Congress.







### **STATEMENT by the United States Bi-Partisan Taskforce for Combating Antisemitism on the findings of the Kantor Center Report**

“We are gravely concerned by the staggering increase in anti-Semitism across Europe as documented in the recent report by the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry at Tel Aviv University. It is inexcusable that Jews in Europe are living in fear of violence, harassment, and abuse in 2018 for no reason other than their faith. When widespread anti-Semitism goes unchecked in Europe, the results are heinous, sometimes even deadly, and we must redouble our efforts to reverse the trend of such bigotry.”



### **International Media Coverage**

(non-exhaustive)

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

FOX NEWS

ABC NEWS

YAHOO NEWS

THE DAILY MAIL

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

NATIONAL POST (CANADA)

DEUTSCHE WELLE



Washington | May 6-8, 2018

## ADL Leadership Summit 2018

The EJC actively participated in, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) annual National Leadership Summit, which took place in May 2018.

EJC Director of EU Affairs, Nuno Wahnnon Martins, took part in a panel titled “The face of Modern Antisemitism”, together with former U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, Ira Forman. The panel discussed current manifestations of antisemitism around the world including in the political sphere, as well as Jewish security and challenges to Jewish religious rights.

Furthermore, the EJC sent students from its affiliated communities to the annual **ADL First Responders programme**, which brings young European Jewish leaders to New York and Washington D.C. The seminar is developed by ADL professionals in order to help students combat all manifestations of antisemitism, bigotry and anti-Israel bias among their peers and in the public sphere. The programme included participation in the National Leadership Summit in Washington.



Brussels | May 15, 2018

## Roundtable discussion on antisemitism

A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE EJC AND THE  
BULGARIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATION



The roundtable on the adoption of the EP Resolution on combating antisemitism was chaired by the Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and newly appointed coordinator on combating antisemitism, Georg Georgiev, and consisted of two sessions:

- Exchange between national coordinators on antisemitism and Brussels based Jewish organisations
- Roundtable discussion between national coordinators, permanent representatives of EU and non-EU countries, Members of the EP-WGAS, European Commission and FRA representative and IHRA incoming chair and delegates





Brussels | May 16, 2018

## Major Jewish organisations and friends celebrate 70 years of Israel

In an unprecedented initiative, the EJC joined efforts with the World Jewish Congress (WJC), the European Leadership Network (ELNET), B'nai B'rith International (BBI), the American Jewish Committee (AJC), EJC's Belgian affiliate, the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organisations (CCOJB), the European Coalition for Israel (EC4I), and the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS), to celebrate the wonderful story of Israel and its remarkable achievements.

### INVITATION

**Celebrating 70 years of Israel**

**Dinner & Party**

*featuring Israeli singer*  
**Ester Rada**

**16 MAY 2018 - 19:00**

**Albert Hall – Roseland Room**  
(Complex, 649 Chaussée de Wavre, 1040 Bruxelles)

RSVP by email: [registration@israel70.eu](mailto:registration@israel70.eu)

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

B'NAI BRITH INTERNATIONAL

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF BELGIAN JEWISH ORGANISATIONS

EUROPEAN COALITION FOR ISRAEL

EUROPEAN UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS







Brussels | May 23, 2018

## Football unites, racism divides: No to Racism. No to Xenophobia. No to Antisemitism

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The EJC together with B'nai B'rith International (BBI), the EP-WGAS, the EP Sports Intergroup and the EP Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) organised a conference in order to address the issue of racism, xenophobia and antisemitism in football.

Among the participants were representatives of: Chelsea Foundation, UEFA, Borussia Dortmund, Royal Union Saint-Gilloise, Fare Network, Anne Frank House, ICCA, CST, journalists and numerous MEPs.









Terezin | June 4, 2018

## EJC unveils Terezin Monument in memory of those murdered at the concentration camp

The EJC unveiled a unique monument in memory of those incarcerated and murdered in the Terezin concentration camp and the victims of the Holocaust. The monument was unveiled by Dr. Moshe Kantor, President of the EJC, as an eternal memorial on behalf of the Jewish communities of Europe. The sculpture, created by prominent Czech artist Aleš Veselý is a construction that symbolises the Jewish experience throughout the ages: a history of violent persecutions, but also one of resilience and responsibility.



Speaking at the event were: Jan Roubínek, Director of the Terezin Memorial, Daniel Meron, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Czech Republic, Bodo Ramelow, Minister-President of Thuringia (Thüringen), Petr Papoušek, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and Holocaust survivor Doris Grozdanovičová. Officials from Czech Ministries of Culture and Foreign Affairs, diplomats, leaders and prominent members of the Czech Jewish Community as well as the executive members of the EJC and the World Jewish Congress (WJC), including presidents of Jewish communities worldwide, were in attendance.

The gift of the monument to the Terezin memorial is the culmination of a commitment made by the EJC and its President during The Fourth International “Let My People Live!” Forum held in Prague in 2015.







Prague | June 4, 2018

## Executive Committee Meeting in Prague

The EJC held its Executive Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic on 4 June 2018. With growing concerns over existing and upcoming restrictions to religious freedom in Europe, the EJC Executive unanimously approved a Resolution calling on the creation of an EJC Task Force aiming at addressing the state of Religious Rights from a Jewish perspective in Europe.

The Executive also discussed about:

- the challenges the Jewish street will face following the results of the 2019 European Elections
- the joint efforts of the Nordic Jewish Communities' Council of Presidents in opposing the legislative initiative to criminalise circumcision in Iceland
- the new European Union General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR') and its impact on Jewish communities and organisations, including practical suggestions on its application.

(top left)  
**Dr. Moshe Kantor,**  
EJC President, and  
**Ms. Marie van der Zyl,**  
President of the Board of Deputies  
of British Jews

(middle)  
**EJC Executive Committee**  
and WJC representatives  
supporting the EJC campaign  
**#NotInMyGame**



(bottom left)  
**Mr. Yohan Benizri,** President of  
the CCOJB, **Rabbi Yaakov D.**  
**Bleich,** EJC Treasurer, and **Dr.**  
**Herbert Winter,** President of the  
Swiss Jewish Community

(bottom right)  
**Dr. Ariel Muzicant,**  
EJC Vice-President in charge of  
security and crisis management



Prague | June 4, 2018

## Meeting with Czech President Miloš Zeman

On the occasion of an AIPAC Gala Dinner, EJC President Dr. Moshe Kantor was honoured to meet with Czech President Miloš Zeman. Amongst topics discussed was the Ceremony of Unveiling of the Terezin Monument that took place on Monday, 4 June 2018. This monument includes a big rock, generally referred to as the “Jewish Stone”. During the meeting, Dr. Kantor gave President Zeman a polished piece of this rock, as a symbolic gesture. President Zeman thanked the EJC for their long lasting friendship and reaffirmed his support for Czech Jewry, Europe’s Jewish communities and the Jewish State. EJC Executive Vice-President Raya Kalenova and Director of EU Affairs, Nuno Wahnnon Martins, were also part of the EJC delegation.



Prague | June 5, 2018

## EJC President addresses WJC Executive Committee Meeting in Prague







The EJC and its President Dr. Moshe Kantor attended the World Jewish Congress (WJC) Executive Committee Meeting that took place in Prague on 4 – 5 June 2018. Dr. Moshe Kantor addressed the WJC Executive Committee in his capacity as President of the European Jewish Congress and Chairman of WJC Policy Council. “We are witnessing a global process of radicalisation of the political spectrum and the rise of a triangle of extreme ideologies: the far right, the far left and radical Islam,” said Dr. Kantor.

During the Steering Committee meeting, Dr. Moshe Kantor met with Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, who expressed his support for the Jewish community in the Czech Republic and his delight in seeing the community strong once again.

Brussels | June 20, 2018

## EJC attends European Parliament event on the humanitarian case of Hadar Goldin



The EJC attended a joint event organised by the four major political groups in the European Parliament, on the humanitarian case of Lt. Hadar Goldin.

Goldin, of the IDF's Givati Brigade, was kidnapped and

murdered by Hamas on August 1, 2014, during Operation Protective Edge, two hours after the terrorist organisation had agreed to a UN-mandated humanitarian cease-fire. Hamas continues to hold his body today, presumably as a bargaining chip to extract political or military concessions in future conflicts with Israel.

The family of Lt. Goldin spoke emotionally about the grief caused by Hamas' conduct, which consciously and perfidiously denies the swift burial of Lt. Goldin, as required by Jewish tradition. They were joined by Prof. Irwin Cotler, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, an international law expert, who spoke in detail about the severe and systematic violations of international humanitarian law. Prof. Cotler recommended actions for the EU to take in this case. The event was co-hosted by MEP Bastiaan Belder (ECR/Netherlands), MEP Péter Niedermüller (S&D/Hungary), MEP Cristian Dan Preda (EPP/Romania), MEP Frédérique Ries (ALDE/Belgium) and MEP Anders Primdahl Vistisen (ECR/Denmark).



Jerusalem | June 20, 2018

## EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova joins panel at GC4I conference



EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova took part in a panel on defending Israel's legitimacy at the Global Coalition for Israel's (GC4I) conference held in Jerusalem. The panel brought together experts from four continents to share approaches and ways of thinking on combating attacks on the legitimacy of the Jewish state.

Ms. Kalenova was joined by Wendy Kahn, Director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, William Daroff, Senior Vice President for Public Policy of The Jewish Federations of North America and Tzahi Gavrieli, Director of the National Task Force for Countering Delegitimation at the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs. The panel was moderated by David Brog, Executive Director of the Maccabee Task Force. The GC4I conference is an initiative of the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy.





Vilnius | July 11, 2018

## EJC co-organises leadership conference with Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews



The European Jewish Congress (EJC), together with the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) and the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews organised a seminar titled "Youth and Religious Identity: Jews and Catholics in Conversation", which took place between July 1-5, 2018 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The Catholic-Jewish emerging leadership Conference brought together 20 young activists from all over the world. The seminar set out to build cross-communal bridges between Jews and Catholics, to address current challenges facing both communities and to identify new areas of cooperation. The event takes place on an annual basis and has brought together generations of community and interfaith activists.

Krakow - Auschwitz | September 2-4, 2018

## EJC joins an ALDE Group delegation to Krakow and Auschwitz



An EJC delegation joined the ALDE Group's mission to Krakow, visiting the Plaszow concentration camp, Hero Square and Auschwitz.

During a dinner organised by the EJC, testimonies of two Holocaust survivors were given. The group also met with members of the local Jewish community, namely President of the Union of Jewish Communities in Poland, Leslaw Piszewski, in order to learn about current Jewish affairs in the country.



Copenhagen | October 10, 2018

## EJC commemorates 75th Anniversary of the Rescue of Danish Jewry



The EJC, represented by its Executive Vice-President and CEO, Raya Kalenova and Director for EU Affairs, Nuno Wahnnon Martins, took part in the official commemoration ceremony of the 75th anniversary of October 1943, organised by the Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen in the fishing village of Gilleleje. More than 7000 Jews were rescued and sailed to safety in Sweden from this village 75 years ago.

The EJC joined the country's Prime Minister, President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, the President of the Jewish community in Denmark and other Jewish representatives, Holocaust survivors, members of resistance, in commemorating this powerful gesture of humanity and in honouring the memory of those righteous Danish people who helped their fellow Jews to escape death in 1943.

Later during the day, the EJC rejoiced with the local community in the reopening of the newly renovated synagogue in Copenhagen. In a moving ceremony, Raya Kalenova and Nuno Wahnnon joined the Crown Prince of Denmark, Frederik, Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and leaders of EJC affiliated Jewish communities from Scandinavia.





Minsk | October 22, 2018

## **EJC delegation commemorates liquidation of Minsk Ghetto**



An EJC delegation consisting of representatives and leaders of Europe's Jewish communities participated in the commemoration ceremony of the 75th anniversary of the liquidation of the Minsk Ghetto, organised by the Union of Belarusian Jewish Public Associations and Communities, the country's EJC affiliate. The ceremony took place at the city's "Yama" Memorial.

The EJC delegation was led by Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova, who addressed an audience, which included dignitaries, diplomats, survivors of the Ghetto, Righteous of the Nations and members of the Belarusian Jewish community. The commemoration ceremony was also addressed by Vladimir Makei, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Belarus; Sofa Landver, Israeli Minister of Aliyah and Absorption; H.E. Amb. Peter Dettmar, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Belarus; and Vladimir Chernitsky, President of the Union of Belarusian Jewish Public Associations and Communities.





Subsequently, the EJC Delegation attended an international round table discussion titled: “Tragedy of the Minsk Ghetto: Remembrance and lessons” at the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The round table focused on the international response to address contemporary manifestations of racism and antisemitism and other forms of intolerance, including measures to prevent the rise of extremist and xenophobic movements.

The day’s events concluded with a memorial evening at the Belarusian State Philharmonic, which was followed by a reception in honour of the survivors of the Ghetto and the Righteous of the Nations.



Paris | November 19, 2018

## Dr. Moshe Kantor addresses WJC Governing Board Meeting in Paris



Dr. Moshe Kantor addressed the Governing Board Meeting of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), in his capacity as EJC President and Chairman of the WJC Policy Council. The meeting was held in Paris on 18-19 November 2018 at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Dr. Kantor spoke of the current political challenges facing Europe today, and their effects on the Jewish street. Moreover, he set out a plan of action to overcome these challenges: “In the short term, the security of Jewish individuals and institutions is priority number one. This requires an irrevocable and tangible commitment to increasing financial support and operational capabilities. In the long term, however, a new thinking is required, and secure tolerance is a viable solution.”

The WJC Governing Board comprises nearly 150 Presidents of Jewish communities worldwide. They were joined by senior representatives of the international community and Israeli organisations, including Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog and UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay.





Vienna | November 20, 2018

## EJC addresses the Conference “European Values, the Rule of Law and Security”

Dr. Moshe Kantor spoke about some of the current challenges of fighting antisemitism and European values at a conference titled “European Values, the Rule of Law and Security”, organised by the Austrian Interior Ministry in the framework of the Austrian Presidency of the European Council.

“Our European system of values offers protection to radicals and extremists of different ideologies who want to destroy it,” Dr. Kantor said. “Across Europe, far right, far left and radical Islam co-exist in a mutually reinforcing relationship, where antisemitism is a uniting element. The consequence is a growing threat to Jewish communities and a growing sense of despair and pessimism about the future.”

The “Catalogue of Policies to Combat Antisemitism”, initiated and commissioned by European Jewish Congress President Dr. Moshe Kantor, was also presented at the conference. It is an intensive joint effort by senior experts and academics from the universities of Vienna, Tel Aviv and New York, to develop concrete policies to be undertaken by governments, public and private institutions, religious communities and those involved with combating hate online.







Vienna | November 20, 2018

## Gala Dinner with Austrian Federal Chancellor Sebastian Kurz

'NAVIGATOR TO JERUSALEM' PRIZE  
PRESENTED BY DR. MOSHE KANTOR TO  
CHANCELLOR KURZ

At a gala dinner co-hosted by the Chancellor and the EJC, Dr. Kantor awarded the 'Navigator to Jerusalem' prize to Chancellor Sebastian Kurz. Kurz was awarded with the prize for his commitment to the issues of antisemitism and Jewish security, and for ensuring these are among the priorities of his leadership. "Chancellor Kurz did not shy away from historical truth, and has proven to be a person of principles, vision and a true friend of the Jewish people." Dr. Kantor said. "We are delighted that Austria-Israel relations are blossoming today under the Chancellor's leadership, especially when he declared that Israel's security is a *raison d'être* for Austria. For these reasons, we are presenting the European Jewish Congress' Navigator to Jerusalem Prize."





Vienna | November 21, 2018

## EJC addresses the High Level Conference “Europe beyond antisemitism and anti-Zionism – Securing Jewish life in Europe”

Dr. Moshe Kantor addressed the conference “Europe beyond antisemitism and anti-Zionism – Securing Jewish life in Europe” hosted by the Austrian Federal Chancellery in Vienna and subsequently took part in a panel discussion alongside Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Manfred Weber MEP (EPP/Germany), DG Justice Commissioner Vera Jourova and AJC Executive Director David Harris. Chancellor Kurz concluded the conference with the following words: “I hope the definition of antisemitism and the conclusions presented at this conference, will ensure that Jews are able to live safely in Austria, Europe and elsewhere, and that is the only way we can live up to our Presidency of the European Council.”





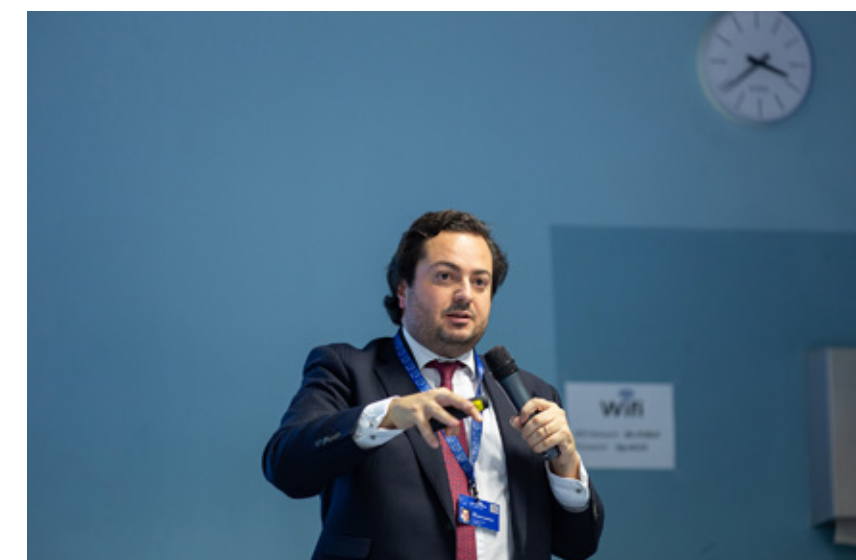
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## Executive Committee Meeting in Vienna

The European Jewish Congress held a meeting of its Executive Committee at the Maimonides-Zentrum of the Jewish Community of Vienna on November 21st, 2018. The meeting took place in the aftermath of two conferences and a gala-dinner organised in cooperation with the Austrian Presidency of the European Council and Federal Chancellor, Sebastian Kurz. Nuno Wahnon Martins, gave a thorough presentation on the Austrian Presidency's efforts to pass a declaration on combating antisemitism in the European Council.

EJC President, Dr. Moshe Kantor reminded the Executive of the necessity of communicating to governments that the rise of antisemitism and extremism is a pressing challenge not only for Jewish life in Europe, but also for society as a whole, and that operational support from governments for the security of Jewish communities is a necessity.

Members of the Executive exchanged best practices from their communities, with Marie van der Zyl, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addressing upcoming challenges for the Jewish community in the light of a fast approaching Brexit. Concluding the Executive Meeting, Yohan Benizri, President of the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organizations (CCOJB), was appointed EJC Vice-President by acclamation.





Brussels | December 2, 2018

## EJC joins celebration of 40th anniversary of EUJS



The EJC joined the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) in celebrating 40 years of peer-led Jewish student activism. Jewish leaders, Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and international NGOs, joined EUJS alumni and young Jewish students from across Europe at a gala dinner in Brussels on December 2nd 2018, the first night of Hanukkah, to celebrate 40 years of European Jewish student activism.

In her keynote speech at the gala, Ariella Woitchik, EJC Director of Legal and Public Affairs, acknowledged the important role of EUJS in empowering young Jewish voices and praised the EJC's partnership with the youth organisation.

The gala dinner was also addressed by David Harris, Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee, Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism, and MEP Heinz K Becker, Chair of the European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism.



Strasbourg | December 11, 2018

## FRA report on experiences of antisemitism presented at European Parliament

The European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism (WGAS), of which the European Jewish Congress acts as Secretariat, held a conference presenting the findings of the 2nd FRA Survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The report follows up on the first survey on perceptions of antisemitism conducted by the FRA in 2013, and was based on responses by over 16,000 Jews across 12 Member States of the European Union.

Among the speakers were: MEP Heinz K. Becker, Chair of WGAS, Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Scientific Advisor at the FRA, Michael Whine, MBE, an expert at the Security and Crisis Center (SACC) by EJC, and formerly the Government and International Affairs Director at the UK's Community Security Trust (CST), Mette Miriam Bentow, a member of the Jewish community of Copenhagen and a witness of the terrorist attack at the city's Synagogue in 2015, and Benjamin Nägele, Director of EU Affairs at B'nai B'rith International.

The conference took place just hours before the terrorist attack that was carried out at Strasbourg's Christmas market and took the lives of three people, wounding another twelve.

**THE FINDINGS OF THE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FRA**  
**SURVEY**

**ON DISCRIMINATION AND**  
**HATE CRIMES AGAINST JEWS\***

**TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2018**  
European Parliament - Room N3.1  
Strasbourg

**14:00 – 15:30**

Please register at: [info@ep-wgas.eu](mailto:info@ep-wgas.eu)

\*The Survey was conducted between May – July 2018 in 13 EU Member States where the majority of Jewish communities live in the EU.

HOSTED BY:

**MEP Heinz K Becker**  
*Chair of the EP Working Group on Antisemitism*

**MEP Helga Trüpel**  
**MEP Cecilia Wikström**  
**MEP Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar**  
*Vice-Chairs of the EP Working Group on Antisemitism*

SPEAKERS:

**Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos**  
*FRA's Scientific Adviser, responsible for the Survey*

**Mike Whine**  
*Security and Crisis Center by the European Jewish Congress (SACC by EJC)*

**Mette Miriam Bentow**  
*Witness of the antisemitic terrorist attack on the Synagogue of Copenhagen, 2015*

**Benjamin Nägele**  
*Director of EU Affairs, B'nai B'rith International*









Strasbourg | December 11, 2018

## EJC and European Parliament pay respects to Hadar Goldin

#BringHadarHome

Under the patronage of the European Parliament's Vice-President for Human Rights  
EP VP Pavel TELIČKA

Co-hosts  
MEP Bastiaan BELDER EP VP Ioan Mircea PAȘCU  
MEP Cristian Dan PREDA MEP Anders VISTISEN

in collaboration with  
the European Jewish Congress

have the honour of inviting you to

**EXHIBITION**  
**HADAR:**  
**THE FINAL PEACE**  
THE ARTWORK OF HADAR GOLDIN

**OPENING CEREMONY** followed by a  
**COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

**TUESDAY 11 December 2018, 4.30 pm**

European Parliament Strasbourg  
Gallery 'Entrance WIC Building'

Hadar Goldin was killed and his remains captured by Hamas during a humanitarian ceasefire in 2014. The exhibition expresses a hope to bring Hadar home to find peace among his family and loved ones.

As we celebrate International Human Rights Day, we invite you to discover Hadar's talent and beautiful paintings in the presence of his parents Prof. Simha Goldin and Dr. Leah Goldin.

RSVP by email at:  
bastiaan.belder@ep.europa.eu

"Indeed, make it so that each of our hearts will see the good in our friends, and not their faults, and that everyone should speak to his friend in a way that is righteous and acceptable before You. Amen." From Hadar's Sidur – Adraba Prayer

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The European Parliament paid respects to fallen soldier and terror victim, Lt. Hadar Goldin at the opening ceremony of the exhibition “Hadar Goldin: The Final Peace”, which was held in Strasbourg, in cooperation with the European Jewish Congress. The 23-year old Israeli Lieutenant Hadar Goldin was killed by Hamas two hours into a humanitarian ceasefire in 2014 and the terrorist organisation has ever since refused to return his remains for proper burial. Hadar’s parents, Leah and Simha Goldin, who travelled to Strasbourg for the opening ceremony, expressed appreciation for the strong support and continuous effort of the European Parliament for the case of their son and upholding universal humanitarian values.

The exhibition, featuring some 20 fine art pieces by Hadar Goldin, was held under the patronage of EP Vice-President for Human Rights MEP Pavel Telička, and co-hosted by MEP Bastiaan Belder, Vice-President MEP Ioan Pașcu, MEP Cristian Preda and MEP Anders Vistisen, in collaboration with the European Jewish Congress. The exhibition will travel onward across Europe, expressing a hope to bring Hadar home for final rest.



# Campaigns and Calls for Action



## ONLINE CAMPAIGN – #NotInMyGame

SAYING NO TO ANTISEMITISM IN FOOTBALL



The EJC developed an online campaign in order to raise awareness about antisemitism and racism in football.

#NotInMyGame is a campaign that aims to reclaim sports; a campaign that signals that there will never be room for hate in our public life. European Politicians and athletes from all over Europe have taken a stand and emphasised that racism, xenophobia and antisemitism will never be tolerated: #NotInMygame.

As part of the EJC campaign #NotInMyGame, footballers from Ligue 1 Italia and the Bundesliga sent video messages expressing their support for the initiative.

## MAPPING: Policy calls of the EP Resolution on antisemitism

In order to understand Jewish communities' priorities regarding measures to combat antisemitism outlined in the EP Resolution and to advocate more effectively with Member States for implementation, the EJC organised a mapping survey among affiliates.

Preliminary findings were presented to Permanent Representatives and experts.

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### Mapping questionnaire for EJC-affiliated Jewish communities on measures to combat antisemitism

This mapping effort seeks to provide a better understanding of the current situation regarding measures to combat antisemitism in Europe, building up on the European Parliament Resolution of 1 June 2017 on combatting antisemitism. The EJC's goal is to establish tailor-made plans of action for implementing the policy recommendations of this Resolution, according to each affiliate's priorities.

Please carefully read the [Resolution](#) and provide us with as much reliable information as possible.

Step 1 of 3

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#### Contact Details

Country \*

Name of Community / Organization \*

Contact Person \*

Address \*

Street Address

Phone \*

Email \*

#### 1. IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

[Working Definition of Antisemitism](#)

Has your country adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have organizations within your country adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No



## Second FRA Survey on antisemitism

EJC Vice-President in charge of Security, Dr. Ariel Muzicant and Public Affairs Officer, Benny Fischer, met with Prof. Michael O’Flaherty, Director of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency. The meeting aimed to coordinate actions in support of the second FRA survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews.

This unique survey measures perceptions of antisemitism by Jews, and with sufficient participation, has the potential to produce invaluable data, for instance on the extent to which antisemitic incidents are not (or no longer) being reported.

Subsequently, community Directors were briefed on the survey and a call for action was sent by the EJC to all 13 communities where the survey is taking place, asking for their support in disseminating it.



## Icelandic bill on criminalising Brit Milah

The EJC called on its affiliated members to take action regarding the anti-circumcision bill aiming at criminalising Brit Milah submitted on 30 January 2018 for voting and adoption by a Member of the Icelandic Parliament from the Progressive Party, Ms. Silja Dógg Gunnarsdóttir (member of the liberal group).

The EJC asked the communities to take the following steps:

- Request a meeting with the Ambassador of Iceland in their respective country
- Submit their concerns and arguments against the bill to the Standing Committee of the Parliament



## **EJC joins forces with major Jewish organisations and friends to oppose the entrance of BDS Co-Founder Omar Barghouti in the European Parliament**

The EJC together with WJC, B’nai B’rith International, ELNET, AJC, CCOJB, EUJS and the Jewish Community of Lisbon, wrote a letter to European Parliament President Antonio Tajani to ask not to allow the entrance to Omar Barghouti, Co-Founder of the BDS movement, in the European Parliament ahead of a conference on “Israeli Settlements in Palestine and the European Union.” The request was denied.

## **EJC calls on S&D political group and EP President Antonio Tajani to take disciplinary measures against MEP Ana Gomes**

During the conference “Israeli Settlements in Palestine and the European Union”, the host of the conference, MEP Ana Gomes, called Jewish organisations a “perverse lobby that tries to intimidate people”. The S&D Group distanced itself from the conference by removing their banner during the event.

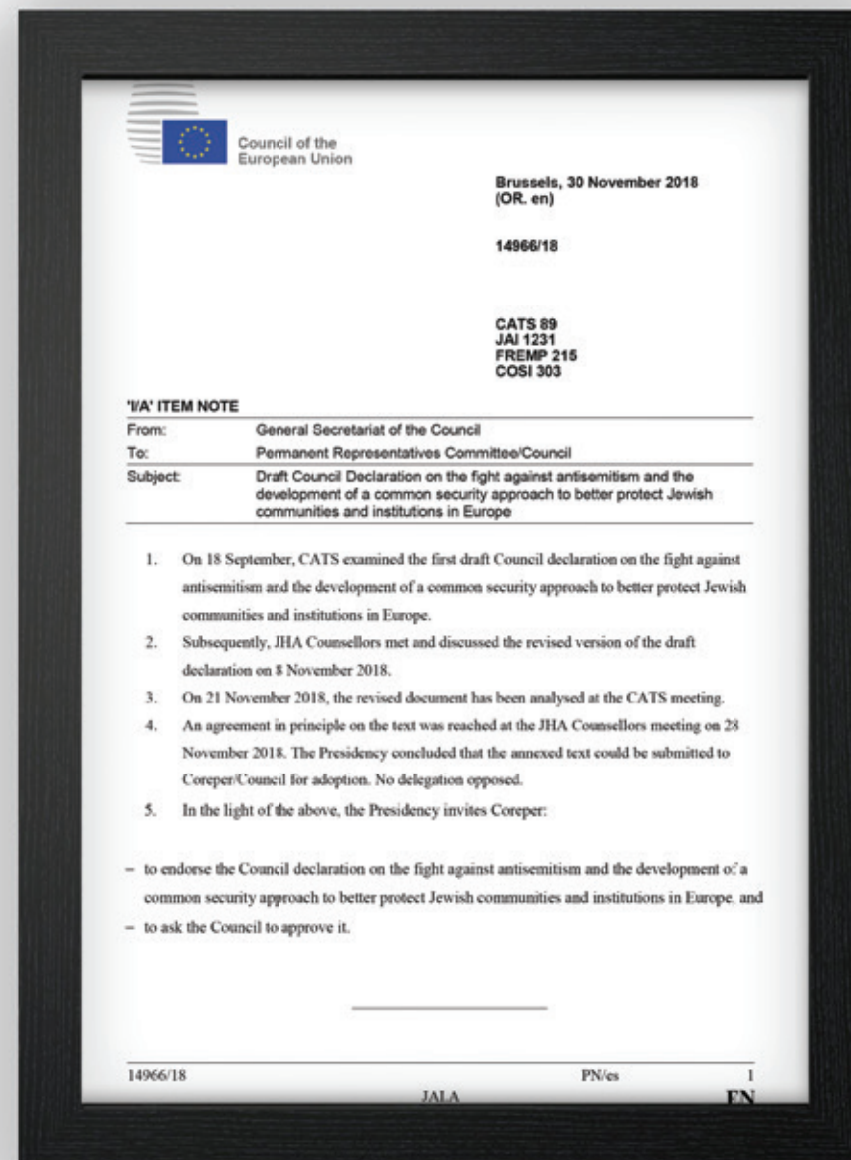
EJC and the above mentioned organisations wrote another letter to Mr. Tajani and to the S&D political group to take appropriate disciplinary measures against Ana Gomes for her antisemitic remarks.



# Declaration on Antisemitism adopted by JHA Council

The Jewish community achieved an unprecedented breakthrough by obtaining a declaration on combating antisemitism from the European Justice and Home Affairs Council, which was later reaffirmed in a conclusion by the Council of the European Union in December 2018. The adoption of this declaration has the potential to change the reality of Jewish communities on the ground throughout the continent.

This success is the outcome of months of highly effective cooperation between, the EJC, its affiliated Jewish communities and the EU institutions. With several calls for action, targeted advocacy, including countless meetings and exchanges, this outcome marks a paramount success for Jewish advocacy as a whole. For his leadership during the Austrian Council Presidency, EJC President Dr. Moshe Kantor, awarded Federal Chancellor Sebastian Kurz with the Navigator to Jerusalem. Furthermore, EJC Vice-President in charge of security, Dr. Ariel Muzicant, has to be complimented for his efforts in this context.



## Council Declaration on the fight against antisemitism and the development of a common security approach to better protect Jewish communities and institutions in Europe.

The Council of the European Union

CONSIDERING the determination of the European Union and its Member States to prevent and fight antisemitism as well as all forms of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance and discrimination,

HAVING REGARD to Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law,

HAVING REGARD to the Directive 2012/29/EU of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime,

HAVING REGARD to the Council conclusions of 6 December 2013 on combating hate crime in the European Union,

CONSIDERING the code of conduct agreed on 31 May 2016 by the Commission together with major IT Companies on fighting hate speech online,

HAVING REGARD to the establishment in June 2016 of the EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance and of the Subgroup on methodologies for recording and collecting data on hate crime coordinated by the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA),

RECALLING the importance of jointly implementing the conclusions from the Commission's first colloquium on fundamental rights on combating antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, as stressed in the Council conclusions of 9 June 2016 on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in 2015,

HAVING REGARD to the appointment in December 2015 of a Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism,

CONSIDERING that on 26 May 2016 the plenary of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) adopted a non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism,

CONSIDERING that on 1 June 2017 the European Parliament adopted a resolution on combating antisemitism,

OBSERVING for several years a worrying increase in the number of manifestations of hate speech, hate crimes, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in Europe affecting minorities and other vulnerable groups, including Jewish people, as recorded by those Member States who collect official data, as well as the second wave of the FRA survey on discrimination and hate crimes against Jewish people in the EU,

ACKNOWLEDGING that Jewish communities in some EU Member States feel particularly vulnerable to terrorist attacks following an increase in violent incidents and terrorist attacks in recent years,



EMPHASISING that these attacks and all kinds of harm against European Jewish citizens target the fundamental values and human rights that are at the heart of the European Union, as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU),

NOTING with strong concern that the situation for Jewish people has not substantially improved and that antisemitic hatred remains widespread as confirmed by the 2018 FRA report, as well as by the latest annual report of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) of June 2018,

AWARE of the fact that this growing antisemitism in all its forms remains a cause of great concern for Jewish people in many Member States,

STRESSES the fact that antisemitism, irrespective of which extremist political or religious direction, ideology or belief may stand behind it, affects Jewish peoples' safety, wellbeing and ability to express their identity however they may choose,

NOTING that antisemitism - including when disguised under the cover of political views – as well as Neo-Nazism are causing great concern to Jewish communities in several Member States,

NOTING that several EU Member States have taken measures – politically, financially and strategically – to protect their Jewish communities,

STRESSING that antisemitic hate speech online is having an impact on the sense of well-being of Jewish people in Europe and is enabling the dissemination of antisemitic propaganda and conspiracy theories including notions of Jewish control and Holocaust denial, both old and new, more widely,

RECOGNISING that freedom of expression as well as freedom of religion or belief constitute one of the essential foundations in the construction of pluralistic and inclusive societies,

RECOGNISING that Jewish citizens are, always have been and always will be, an integral and inseparable part of our European societies, as full citizens with a right to a sense of security and wellbeing,  
DETERMINED to ensure a future for Jewish people to live with the same sense of security and freedom as all other citizens in the European Union,

UNDERLINING that the security of Jewish people is an immediate necessity and requires timely action of the Member States and the EU institutions,

WELCOMING the important role that FRA fulfils in regularly providing survey data on antisemitism as well as in regular monitoring the availability of official criminal justice data, on racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerances, including on antisemitism, in all Member States,

WELCOMING the European Union acquiring the status of Permanent International Partnership, observer status without voting rights, with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) to ensure continuous remembrance of the Holocaust and to prevent and fight any form of antisemitism,

1. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to adopt and implement a holistic strategy to prevent and fight all forms of antisemitism as part of their strategies on preventing racism, xenophobia, radicalisation and violent extremism,

2. CALLS ON THE MEMBER STATES that have not done so yet to endorse the non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism employed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as a useful guidance tool in education and training, including for law enforcement authorities in their efforts to identify and investigate antisemitic attacks more efficiently and effectively,

3. CALLS ON THE MEMBER STATES in particular to increase their efforts to ensure security for Jewish communities, institutions and citizens,

4. CALLS ON THE MEMBER STATES to reinforce protection of Jewish communities and institutions as appropriate by seeking or enhancing cooperation between the local and/or national law enforcement authorities and the respective Jewish community based on established good practice in several EU Member States, as well as using this base for seeking new and innovative ways to further improve the cooperation,

5. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to provide for the financing and implement the necessary security measures of Jewish communities, institutions and citizens,

6. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to make use of the financial support provided by the European Union's financial instruments for the protection of public spaces,

7. CALLS ON THE MEMBER STATES to take appropriate measures against hate crimes and incitement to violence or hatred against Jewish people and to fully implement the Council Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law and the Council conclusions of 6 December 2013 on combating hate crime in the European Union, and ensure effective investigations and prosecution,

8. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to make use of the Key Guiding Principles of the EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance published in December 2017 in order to improve the recording of hate crime by law enforcement authorities,

9. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to participate in the ongoing training of national law enforcement and criminal justice authorities provided by the FRA and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in order to improve their ability to record and collect hate crime data, including on antisemitism, and support civil society organisations to complement the collection in order to better measure the extent of antisemitism affecting Jewish citizens,

10. REMINDS THE MEMBER STATES to promote common values and general principles of the European Union as stipulated in Article 2 TEU, through education and culture, in line with the Paris Declaration adopted 2015<sup>9</sup> and based on the Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching<sup>10</sup>, and in this context promote education on the Holocaust as well as on education on the role of Jewish institutions, communities, and citizens in today's Europe,

11. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to introduce training about all forms of intolerance, racism and hate crime, in particular antisemitic prejudices and hate crime into their school curricula, into vocational training such as for people working in the field of security and justice as well as into the curricula of integration courses,

12. INVITES THE MEMBER STATES to strengthen support for intercultural and interfaith work involving Jewish communities and institutions, and to encourage in particular the exchange between children and young people of different faiths and backgrounds, including through the use of European instruments such as E-Twinning and Erasmus+,

13. CALLS ON THE MEMBER STATES to emphasise the importance of Holocaust remembrance and education for all, as well as research. Without prejudice to national competence, this requires freedom of research, adequate curricula as well as adequate education and training on the Holocaust and antisemitism for teachers, people working in the field of security and justice and could be taken into consideration as part of general integration measures,

14. INVITES THE COMMISSION to present in the context of its overall strategy against racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, further measures combating and preventing all forms of antisemitism and to this end work closely with the Member States, including with regards to the protection of Jewish institutions, communities and citizens,

15. INVITES THE COMMISSION to continue focusing on antisemitism as part of the work of the EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance and to continue developing, in close consultation with the Member States and with the support of the FRA, EU standards for data collection and analysis regarding antisemitism and other forms of hate speech and discrimination within the European Union,

16. INVITES THE COMMISSION to pay particular attention to illegal antisemitic hate speech as a topic to be discussed within the Code of Conduct on combating hate speech online and to include also content that advocates antisemitic terrorist offences in the context of the EU Internet Forum. The European Internet Referral Unit at Europol should be fully used to detect and refer such terrorist content to the relevant Internet service providers,

17. WILL enhance coordination of the work of the Council in preventing and combating antisemitism, among other by exchanging best practices.

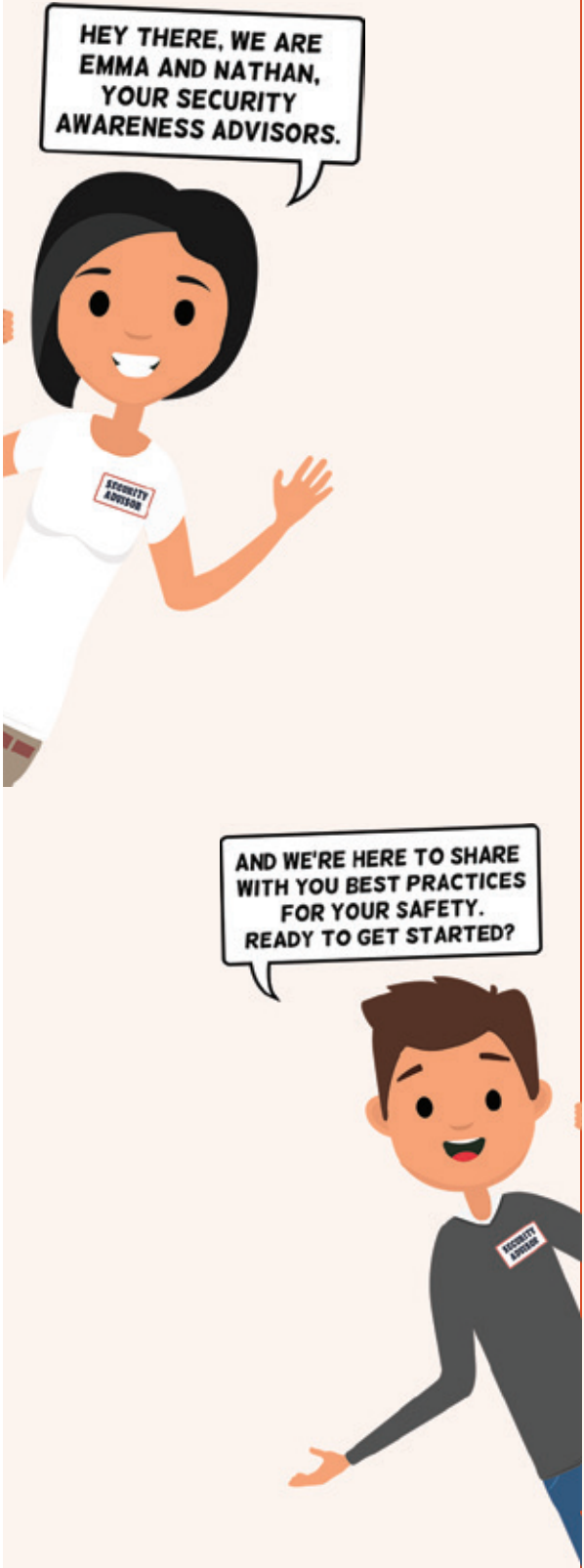


SACC by EJC launches campaign on emerging threats and how to deal with crises



The European Jewish Congress’ Security and Crisis Centre (SACC) released a series of ten videos called the Security Awareness Program (#TogetherWeAreSafer) that aims to educate and prepare the general public about emerging threats and how to deal with crises. The Security Awareness Program offers simple and thorough education on preparing people of all ages anywhere in the world for emergencies and crises. It includes ten instruction videos, each about one minute in length. Some of the videos include how to spot suspicious behavior or a suspicious object, how to deal with a car ramming or prevent a kidnapping.

Other videos educate about how to protect your data online and how to spot fake identities on social media platforms, how to give CPR and how to identify radicalization.



#TogetherWeAreSafer

Campaign Performance

Video 01

62.815

25.252

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Views

Video 02

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# EJC in the media



## EJC in the Media

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910<sup>K</sup>

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EJC

890<sup>+</sup>

Original articles

15/60

Languages / Countries

43K

**Approximately 40.000 people visited the new EJC website**  
(November 2017 - December 2018)



facebook

6,028

Total Facebook Page Likes as of today - Growth rate: 251%



Annual Facebook page likes 2017 - 2018

87,200

Average reach of Facebook page in December 2018



Post reach of Facebook page 2017 - 2018

twitter

3,187

Total Twitter Followers - Growth rate: 198%

218,000

Tweet Impressions (November 2018)





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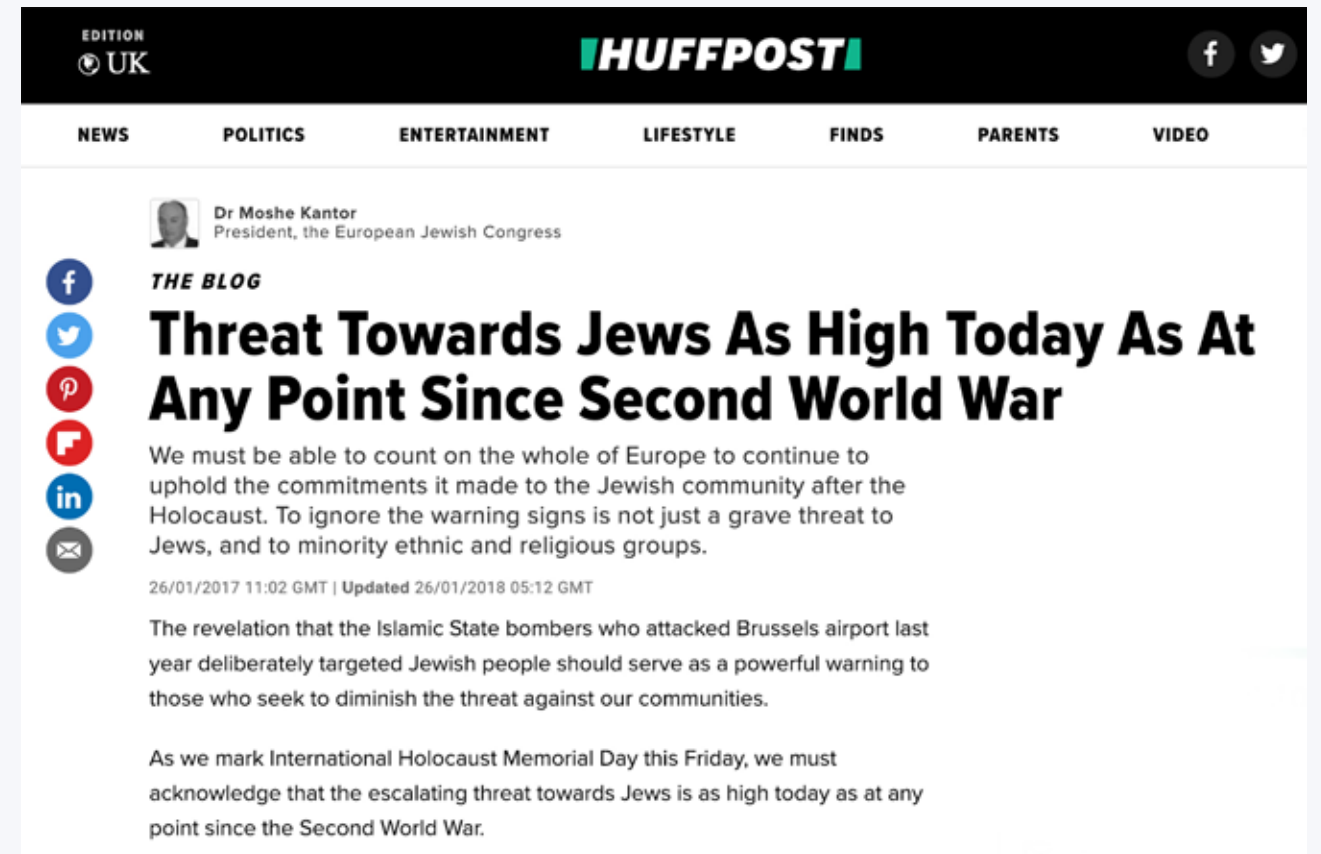
## Social media isn't doing enough to tackle anti-Semitism. Thankfully, Angela Merkel is stepping in

INDEPENDENT

January 26, 2017

## Threat Towards Jews As High Today As At Any Point Since Second World War

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## « Les réseaux sociaux doivent supprimer les messages haineux de leurs pages »

LE MONDE



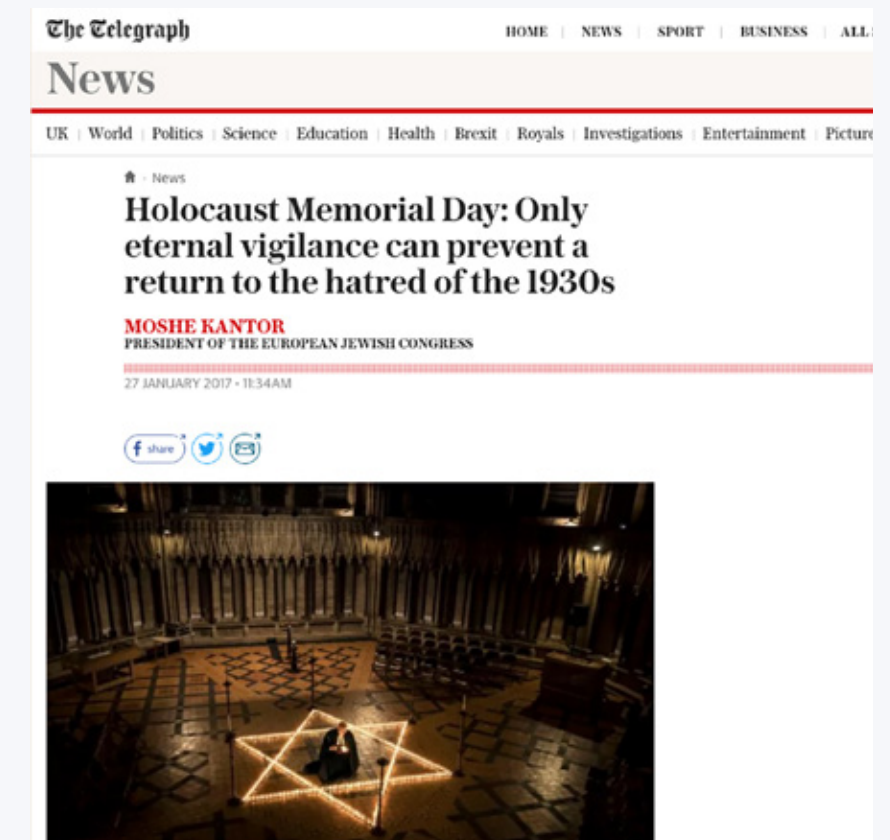
*“The Holocaust didn’t begin in the death camps. It began with words. It displayed the most destructive of human behaviour – indifference, ignorance and greed. The choices made by ordinary people contributed to the deaths of millions.”*

(Dr. Moshe Kantor)

January 27, 2017

## Holocaust Memorial Day: Only eternal vigilance can prevent a return to the hatred of the 1930s

THE TELEGRAPH





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## Why All Citizens Have A Duty To Combat Home-Grown Terrorism

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Why All Citizens Have A Duty To Combat Home-Grown Terrorism

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This, we now know, was not a crime committed by a radical who grew up in an atmosphere of hate amid the bombs and bullets of a far-away country ripped apart by war. This was a crime committed by a man who lived and worked in our society, who grew up here - and who was radicalised here.

Forbes

232 views | May 30, 2017, 07:00am

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Capital Flows Contributor

Guest commentary curated by Forbes Opinion. Avik Roy, Opinion Editor.

GUEST POST WRITTEN BY

Moshe Kantor

Dr. Kantor is the President of the European Jewish Congress.



December 19, 2017

## Last chance for Poland to return property to rightful owners.

By Raya Kalenova

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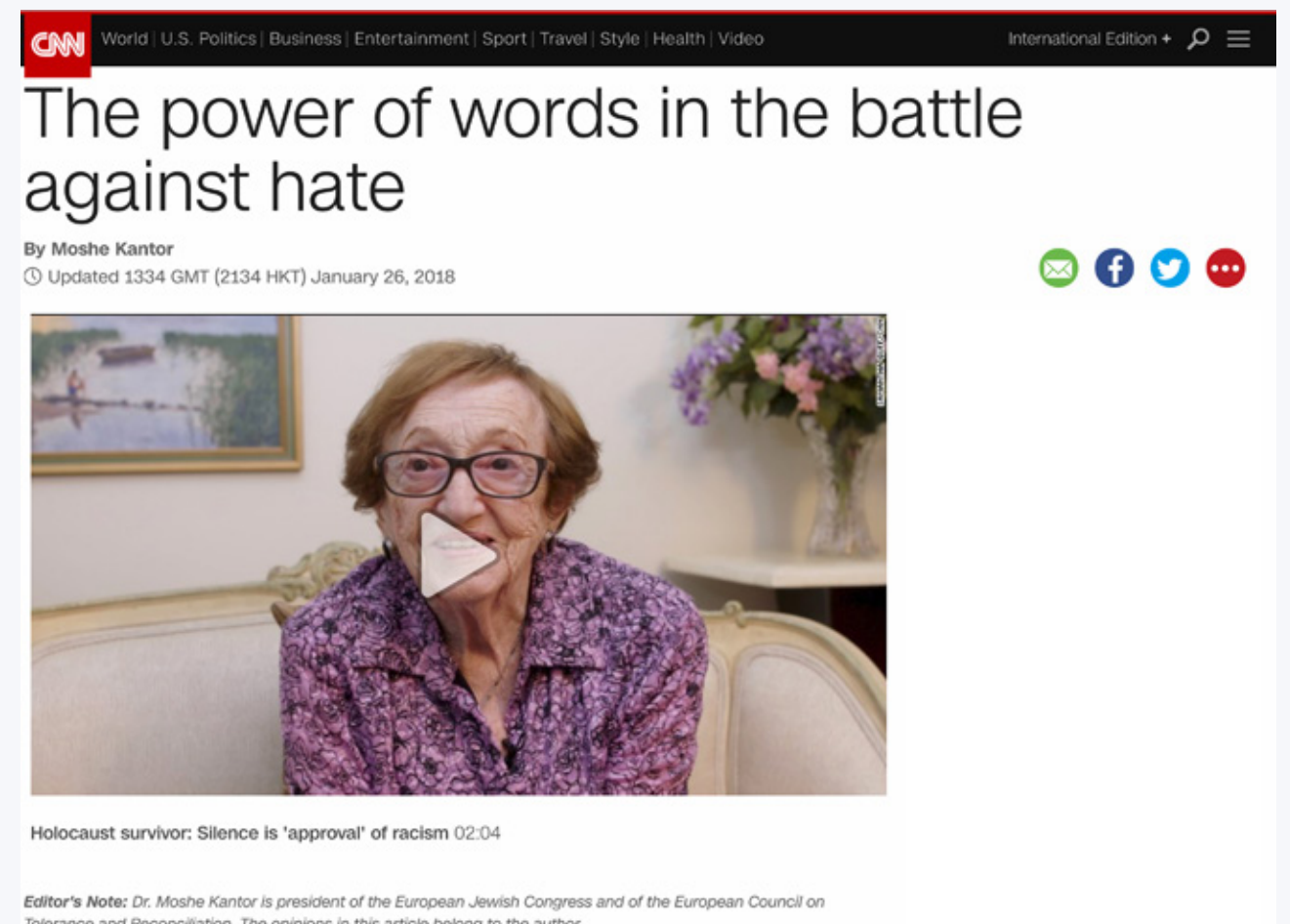


January 29, 2018

## The power of words in the battle against hate

By Dr. Moshe Kantor

**CNN**





March 13, 2018

## MEP Ana Gomes is calling Jewish organisations a 'perverse lobby'

By Raya Kalenova

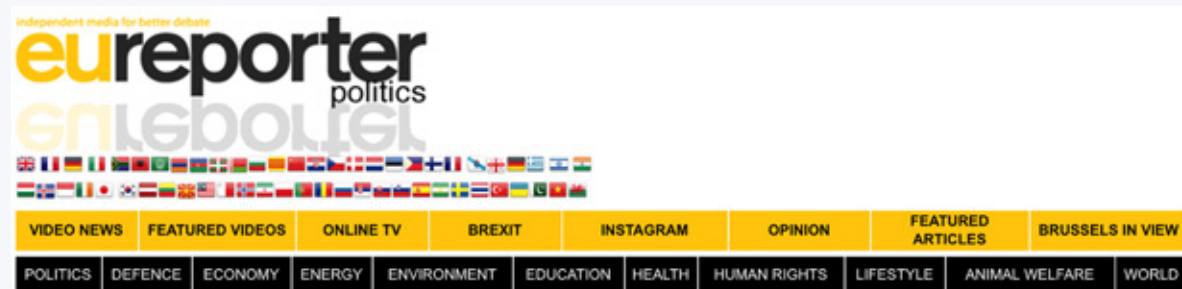
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March 30, 2018

## We cannot sit idly by and let antisemitism thrive

By Dr. Moshe Kantor

**THE TELEGRAPH**



### MEP Ana Gomes is calling #Jewish organisations a "perverse lobby"

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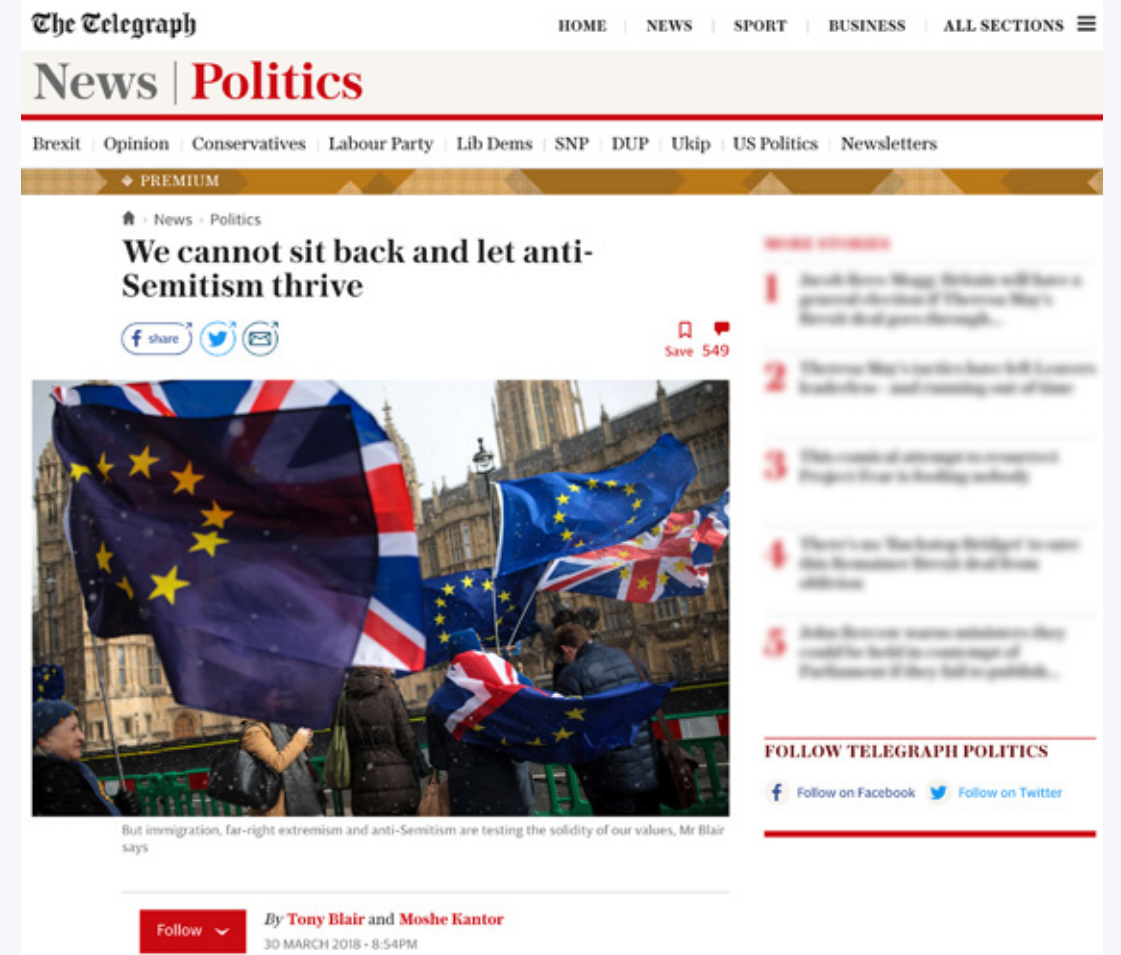


The European Parliament, the house of elected representatives of the European Union, holds a variety of events, some of them official, some of them private. Those events, which are privately organised by members, are linked to their respective political groups who will often have their banners present – writes Raya Kalenova, Executive Vice-President, European Jewish Congress (EJC)



It does not happen often that banners are removed by a political group in the middle of an event. This is exactly what happened recently at a private event of Ana Gomes MEP.

Ms. Gomes, a member for the S&D group, hosted a conference last week titled: "The Israeli settlements in Palestine and the European Union". Her guest of honour for this event was none other than Omar Barghout, one of the founders of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS).





May 7, 2018

## Leading the good fight against Antisemitism

By Dr. Moshe Kantor

WASHINGTON POST



### An Open Letter

## LEADING THE GOOD FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

By Dr. Moshe Kantor, President of the European Jewish Congress



Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and National Director of the ADL (l) and Dr. Moshe Kantor, EJC President

Today, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) launches its National Leadership Summit.

Antisemitism in a globalized world knows no geographical boundaries, so it is important that this topic is central at the ADL Summit. On behalf of 42 national Jewish communities across Europe, I commend the work of the ADL in fighting antisemitism and all forms of hate around the world.

These discussions could not be more timely. Across the Old Continent, as in the United States, we are witnessing the rise of antisemitism.

It is manifested in its sharpest form in parts of Western Europe – home to our largest communities - where violent attacks, most notably in France, mean that neither the public nor the private space are today safe for Jews.

We were reminded of this only a few weeks ago with the brutal murder of Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor, who was stabbed and burned in her own home in Paris. It is not the first murder of Jews in France in recent times, which have seen the shootings of Jewish schoolchildren, a massacre in a Jewish supermarket, the defenestration of a Jewish woman and the savage kidnapping and murder of a Jewish youth.

Tens of thousands of French Jews have voted with their feet, relocating either to other parts of the country, or abroad, because of antisemitism.

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In Germany, the mundane decision of wearing a yarmulke outside is now considered an act of high risk. In 2017, the country recorded 1453 antisemitic incidents, an average of four a day.

Across Europe, the extreme-right is marching down the streets and into our parliaments. The Holocaust is denied, minimized and relativized, even by some governing parties in Central and Eastern Europe.

In Britain, Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn, a man many see as a future British Prime Minister, has called the genocidal terrorists of Hamas and Hezbollah his "friends", and allowed antisemitism to fester in his party with various members denying the Shoah, preaching hatred against Jews and calling for the destruction of Israel.

Antisemitism, old and new, is clearly on the rise, at the highest political echelons, in religious institutions and on the streets. Even our homes are no longer safe.

This is the reality of Jewish existence in 2018 in Europe. It is the sign of a profound societal sickness.

We need our leaders to do their utmost to bring Jewish communal life back to normal. We welcome the acknowledgement of the problem and commitment to fighting it, notably by President Macron, Prime Minister May and Chancellor Merkel, but now we need further action, both from governments and from civil society.

We need an end to hate speech and incitement against Jews and other minorities. We need to strengthen the educational and legislative tools to fight hate, racism and antisemitism. We need a shift in society's way of thinking on these issues to return to our secure and democratic way of life.

With the recent rises in antisemitism on both sides of the Atlantic honestly and courageously charted by the ADL, this is a global phenomenon which requires global solutions.

We cannot fight antisemitism as if it is only a Jewish problem. Hatred and intolerance are society's problems, and together we must act and lead the good fight.

  
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## THE NEXT GENERATION SHOULD BE IMPARTED WITH ETHICAL VALUES TO SURVIVE

By Dr. Moshe Kantor, President of the European Jewish Congress,  
about the state of Antisemitism worldwide

British philosopher John Gray underlined the following contradiction in today's world: "Intellectual and scientific values accumulate in the world, meaning that they pass on from generation to generation, unlike ethical values that unfortunately do not have such a cumulative effect. That is why each generation should learn these values on its own, and if it does not, there is a possibility for a new catastrophe. This is true for the explosive nature of Antisemitism: everybody knows that the Shoah happened, but new generations are ethically uneducated. They are overloaded with information but lack ethical values."

Today is Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day - when Jews around the world remember those who perished in the Holocaust and the lessons that can be learned from the greatest industrial genocide in modern history.

Now that the numbers of Holocaust survivors are dwindling, the Shoah is becoming more abstract and distant, and the understanding of the hatred that brought about the attempted annihilation of the Jewish People becomes blurred, misconstrued and even abused.

Antisemitism has unfortunately become a political tool. Radicals from all sides remove taboos – Antisemitism becomes trivial, routine and normal, and when Jews justly complain, extremists on the Right and Left tell Jews that we are "weaponizing" Antisemitism.

This is a new form of a very old Antisemitism. Jews are perpetrators while anti-Semites are victims, a prejudice unique among prejudices in a world, which believes that it is more liberal and tolerant than its predecessor.

Many of us are products of the post-1989 world, meaning that we spent most of our adult years in a period dominated by the spread of democracy and the absence of the threat of global war.

However, in many parts of the world of the 21st century, the terror threat and violent Antisemitism forced Jews to isolate themselves and even to flee from some countries.

No Jewish community, anywhere in the world, and however strong and organised, not even the U.S., is now immune from Jew hatred.

The findings of the annual report on Antisemitism worldwide released yesterday by the Kantor Center in Tel Aviv University makes that clear.

While the number of anti-Semitic incidents, especially violent ones, has decreased worldwide in 2016, the enemies of the Jewish people have found new avenues to express their Antisemitism - with a significant increase of hate online and against less protected targets like cemeteries.

We see from the statistics a decrease in the number of violent anti-Semitic incidents, mostly in countries with large Jewish population.

Among the reasons for that decrease is the visibility of improved security measures to protect our populations, as well as Jewish areas and institutions.

These positive results, however, are counter-balanced by a sharp increase in anti-Semitic incidents in English-speaking countries, which have historically been more welcoming for Jews.

Most significantly, there was an alarming rise of 45% in anti-Semitic incidents in the United States on university campuses, where Jewish students are facing increasing hate and intolerance.

As Gray noted, while technology and scientific achievement progresses from generation to generation, values and ethics do not seem to advance in the same way.

Our statistics and analyses have demonstrated that self-labelling has become almost meaningless, as seemingly political opposites mirror each other in their language and opposition to Jews.

In fact, in the U.S., a Jewish college student is statistically more likely to be subjected to an anti-Semitic attack by someone who considers themselves part of the Left than by someone who considers themselves on the Right.

While this might seem strange to many, it should not as we are living in an age of many contradictions.

On the one hand, there is an evolution towards greater globalization. On the other hand, a rise in neo-Nationalism and Isolationism.

We live in an age when experts say our knowledge doubles itself every 14 months, but we are also living in a time where facts and information are considered subjective and suspect.

Parts of the far-Left of the political spectrum have begun to resemble the worldview of the far-Right, and vice-versa. In fact, we could argue that the political spectrum has become more cyclical than linear.

Never before so many people had access to health, clean water, education and jobs, yet more and more people are leaving their homes to build better lives elsewhere.

Moreover, we are witnessing an unprecedented fall in American and European living standards.

Most importantly, many of these trends are inter-related.

From the early 2000s, there has been a rise of populist and nationalist political movements, which seek a return of power to the nation-state and away from the post-World War II international institutions, such as the European Union.

These movements, fuelled by the global recession of 2008 and rising poverty, infuse populism, racism and Antisemitism. They use and abuse the economic situation, which has become one of the greatest challenges to global progress.

In light of current economic dynamics, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde noted, "Economic growth was too slow, for too long and for too few."

The GDP annual growth rate dramatically decreased in the US and Europe.

In other words, the social contract, which worked well for the past fifty years, is no longer in place.

We, as citizens of the industrialized world, believed that every new generation would live better than the previous one, and that children would live better than parents.

So it is not surprising that our societies are dominated by fear rather than values - fear of poverty, fear of migrants, fear for their lives amid terrorist attacks.

Our leaders need to quell these fears and not utilize them for political gain.

Governments around the world should invest in educating to greater tolerance and acceptance a fraction of what is invested in advancing our technologies.

We need to educate, especially our youth, in the values and rights of tolerance, democracy, shared responsibility and security. If values are not passed from generation to generation organically, our educational systems must impart them, especially at a time of recession and economic regression.

This should be the lesson of Yom HaShoah. We know that when economies stutter, values and ethics recede with them.

Let us be the generation that reverses this nefarious trend.

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