

Chag Purim Sameach



ANTI SEMITISM

Assaults, verbal abuse, and harassment: 'Alarming' rise of antisemitism in Australia



Defaced campaign posters of former federal treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Labor MP Josh Burns were some of the examples of antisemitism included in the Executive Council of Australian Jewry's latest report.

Source: Supplied / Executive Council of Australian Jewry

SBS NEWS

BY **JESSICA BAHR**

AUSTRALIA'S PEAK NATIONAL JEWISH BODY IS CALLING FOR ACTION TO TACKLE AN "ALARMING" RISE IN ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS.

KEY POINTS:

- **The Executive Council of Australian Jewry has released its annual report on antisemitism in Australia.**
- **The ECAJ and associated organisations logged 478 antisemitic incidents over a 12-month period.**
- **There was a 41.9 per cent increase in antisemitic incidents in Australia over the past two years.**

A group of Orthodox Jewish men were verbally abused and physically assaulted in Melbourne in February last year, with their religious skullcaps forcibly removed.

A woman punched, kicked and bit a Jewish man in May after she saw his Star of David necklace.

In June, a Jewish man in Bondi in Sydney's east was approached by a man and woman, who told him he "did not belong in the area" and was "destroying

the heritage", before taking his hat from his head and throwing it on the ground.

And these are not the only violent acts of antisemitism reported in Australia over the last year, with a new report indicating they are just the tip of the iceberg. Antisemitism on the rise in Australia There were 478 antisemitic incidents logged between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, according to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry's (ECAJ) annual report on Antisemitism in Australia released on Friday.

The ECAJ says this is an increase of almost 42 per cent over the past two years.

The report uses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism, which describes it as a "certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The incidents detailed in the report include physical assault, vandalism, verbal abuse, harassment and intimidation, hate messages, graffiti, and propaganda material such as banners, flags, leaflets, posters, and stickers.

Peter Wertheim, co-chair of the ECAJ, described the findings as concerning.

"The statistics are quite alarming," he told ABC News.

"It's not the sort of thing we expect in a country like Australia, where we're accustomed to think of as a peaceful and cohesive society."



This Nazi flag was flown outside a building overlooking a synagogue in Brisbane. Source: Supplied / Executive Council of Australian Jewry

Holocaust knowledge ‘diminishing’ in Australia

The report also detailed discourse and action within mainstream politics, media, society, education and COVID-19 antisemitism.

It said antisemitism had been either validated or not rejected in each of these sectors, including Nazi analogies by politicians, Facebook comments on news articles, display and promotion of Nazi memorabilia, and bullying or stereotyping of Jewish students in schools.

Mr Wertheim said education has a pivotal role to play in combating antisemitism and keeping the lessons of the Holocaust alive, with a recent report showing a decline in levels of awareness of the event that saw the genocide of millions of European Jews during World War Two.

“The level of historical knowledge and particularly knowledge of the Holocaust is diminishing,” he said.

“It really does underline the importance of museums and school education and university education and so on.”

Mr Wertheim said a “whole of government” approach was needed to address antisemitism.

“There has been work done in this area and it’s positive and a good start but it’s clearly not enough. It really isn’t attacking it in a systematic way,” he said.

“We have different branches of government doing different things, but there doesn’t seem to be a whole of government approach to dealing with systemic racism and more importantly with specific forms of racism like antisemitism.”



The report was released to coincide with International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

“Antisemitism is on the rise but it will not find a home here,” Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in a video posted to Twitter.

“Australia will always denounce it and reject it utterly, just as we do all forms of racism and prejudice. We owe it to our country, we owe it to our Jewish community, and we owe it to our survivors.

“They deserve nothing less.”

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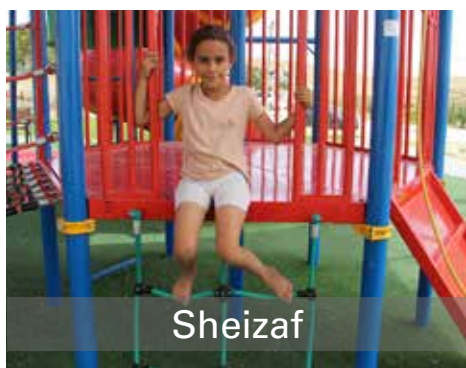
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OPINION

What is the price of a life? The prosecution of aged Nazi criminals raises unexpected ethical questions



Thomas Will is head of the Central Office of the State Justice Administrations for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes in Germany. (Photo by Sebastian Gollnow / picture alliance via Getty Images)

ABC RELIGION AND ETHICS

BY **DAVID J. WASSERSTEIN**

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JUST IN TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY, REUTERS HAS REPORTED THAT THOMAS WILL, GERMANY'S TOP NAZI-HUNTER, "IS HOPEFUL OF SECURING FURTHER CONVICTIONS OVER THE HOLOCAUST EVEN AS THE REMAINING SUSPECTS, MANY NOW IN THEIR LATE 90S, DIE.

" Germany has no statute of limitations for murder, he says — though only since 1979, and only after a remarkable amount of pressure, primarily to ensure that Nazi killers do not feel they can get away with their crimes. Even now, Will is handing over to local prosecutors five cases that he believes "still have a chance of going to trial".

Why the insistence on pressing ahead with such cases as long as the perpetrators are alive? Although ostensibly about punishing the wicked, this is rather for what may be termed social and educational reasons: not allowing Holocaust denial to gain a stronger foothold in society — especially, if amazingly, in Germany. It is about teaching the young — as well as the not-so-young — about the Holocaust and the evils of racial persecution and genocide.

It will take a long time, especially given the glacial pace at which German justice traditionally moves in these cases, for the accused even to be declared fit to stand trial. Then, if they are convicted — which, with all the resources and evidence on hand when their trials occur, is still far from certain — any punishment they receive will be minimal, taking into account their ages and health more than the gravity of the crimes themselves. And beyond all that, when they committed their crimes, they were in legal terms "juveniles", and are now so old that they may hardly be able to comprehend, much less suffer from, any punishment they receive.

In what is probably the most recent case, and certainly one of the last, Irmgard Furchner, a 97-year-old woman in a wheelchair wearing a cream-coloured winter coat and beret (though why, I wonder, should we care about what a Nazi criminal wears?), was convicted of aiding and abetting the murder of 10,505 people and attempting the murder of five. She worked as a secretary in a concentration camp. Her punishment for preparing the paperwork for the transport of these people to their deaths was a two-year suspended sentence.

The punishments meted out are meaningless. No one needs a calculator to work out the value, in terms of penalty, of a life lost to these criminals.

Furchner's 10,505 lives were worth two years, suspended. Two years is 730 days, or almost exactly one hour and forty minutes per life, suspended. And of course, because she is now 97, she is unlikely to survive for the two years of her sentence. The obscene inconsequentiality of such punishments needs no comment.

Their ages mean that these criminals were born in around 1927. Those born after that would not have been old enough by 1945 to be criminally liable as adults — scarcely even as juveniles — for their actions. Those born before that date are far too old and infirm even to stand trial today. Any surviving war criminal must be well into his (or, as not only German men were war criminals, her) nineties, aged now 95 and up. And although Furchner and others were certainly part of the Nazi killing machine, the real killers — as distinct from secretaries typing out orders to dispatch their fellow-humans to the gas chambers — are all dead or have got away scot-free.

Statistics on the extremely aged are not easy to come by. About 7.3 per cent of Germany's population of 86 million is over 80 years old. That is some 5.6 million men and women, which sounds like a lot. But the over-90s come to only some 981,000. Germans aged over 100 are far fewer, at a mere 20,000. Death comes faster and faster at those ages. The old die. That's what they do. Therefore, those 95 and up — which is to say, those born in 1927 or earlier, those old enough to have been killers — cannot be very many.

As I said, Thomas Will's office is sending those five cases to court. Why bother? Punishments at the levels we see are not the point. Indeed, they are so trifling that in themselves they constitute an argument against even trying the culprits. Education, obviously, is the point. Now that task is aided by International Holocaust Remembrance Day, with annual ceremonies all over the world, both in culprit countries and in those that helped to defeat the Germans, alongside lectures and teaching about the Holocaust in schools and colleges — all this is further supported by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, together with other museums and monuments and institutions in a great variety of countries.

Yet Western countries, in particular, are still finding it necessary, almost eighty years after the liberation of Auschwitz, to labour to root out the poison of anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial from politics and society. France and the UK, together with the United States — home to the largest community of Jews outside Israel — as well as Russia, all of them countries that took the lead in the fight against wartime Germany, are home to frighteningly large and open anti-Semitic movements, impervious to the lessons taught by those who laid down their lives in the generations of their own parents and grandparents.

Education, teaching the lessons of the Holocaust, may be missing the point. Murdering one person can get you as much as twenty years imprisonment. But murdering 10,505 — Jews, or Roma, or homosexuals, or any others of those the Germans deemed subhuman — and then evading capture for eighty years gets you just that slap on the wrist of a 97-year-old woman in a wheelchair, wearing that cream-coloured winter coat. Surely a human life is worth more than an hour and forty minutes, suspended.

POINT OF VIEW

Why?



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BY RABBI JEREMY ROSEN

Rabbi Jeremy Rosen lives in New York. He was born in Manchester. His writings are concerned with religion, culture, history and current affairs – anything he finds interesting or relevant. They are designed to entertain and to stimulate. Disagreement is always welcome.

Innocent worshippers were shot outside a synagogue. Children were mowed down intentionally at a bus stop in Jerusalem. Seven people were shot in Monterey. Nineteen people were killed in storms in California. A hundred dead in mudslides in Peru. Over 40,000 and rising innocent humans were killed in Turkey and Syria by the earthquake and thousands more are left starving, freezing, and shelterless. Where was God in all this?

Not to mention all those horrible things that human beings have always done to each other all over the world. I am still traumatized by the very idea of the Holocaust and that anyone could take so many babies and blow their brains out or smash them against walls in cold blood the way so many Europeans did not so long ago. It could easily have been me. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya are abandoned and neglected and no one seems to care. Money is squandered on arms and terrorism instead of humanitarianism. An evil man like Vladimir Putin thinks nothing of sending torrents of missiles upon innocent civilians simply because he wants something the victims do not. All the daily crises around the world with millions suffering.

If you are a rationalist, you will say that the natural world functions according to its own rules. Volcanos and earthquakes are simply the physical movements of the earth's crust. They don't intend to kill anyone. But if we are in the way we will get hurt. Floods have always happened. Avalanches engulf skiers, and we catch diseases, and we die. If we don't look

where we are going, we may get run over, or if we go to a crowded rock concert, we may catch Covid.

If disasters, whether man-made or natural, are punishments from God then what did children in the Holocaust or Rwanda or Aceh do to deserve it? If God does control the world, then punish the baddies or protect the good. Is all this God's fault if as the Talmud says not a blade of grass moves on this earth unless God wills it?

The problem comes when you have to deal with Torah texts that appear to get God to conform to human standards, such as Abraham saying, 'Won't the Judge of all humanity be humane?' Or Moses saying "God is just and forgiving" or indeed God Himself saying He rewards the good and punishes the bad? One answer the rabbis gave was simply 'Not in this world.' You can take it or leave it. The whole point of God is as something not human that does not conform to our limited minds.

How often are we told that if we suffer it is because we must have done something to deserve it? Or that God works in mysterious ways? Or that we all have predestined life spans and if a child dies it is because it fulfilled some important role and who knows whether a short good might not be better than a long and bad one? Attempts to explain often fall flat. Even Hillel and Shammai concluded that life is so tough it would have been better not to have been born!

Yet when bad things happen people often ask why did this happen to me? Me? Not him or Her? But they don't ask why they have been so fortunate to have had a roof over their head, food on their table, a car to drive, and fine vacations. A spot on our nose hurts more than someone else's broken leg. What people want and need is comfort. Love and concern. These are emotional responses, not rational ones.

There is a very different way of looking at this. The mystical tradition sees things in a non-rational way and finds comfort in other ways. Just as some people are brighter than others or more emotional or spiritual, so in religious matters, some find comfort in simple faith and some in pseudo-rational explanations, and some in hocus pocus. The placebo effect is very powerful and often helpful. But it is not rational.

The role of God for the mystic is not to solve our problems, a cookie store, a slot machine, or Superman. A mystical or non-rational dimension compares God to love. It is an experience that gives strength and emotional support. I don't turn to God to solve my problems or answer why. I simply experience loving energy that is, rather than does. I accept forces beyond my control and focus on what I can affect. Some mystics claimed that you need to fight God, argue, and accuse and the very anger is at least a connection, an engagement. There is the famous myth of the rabbis in Auschwitz convening a court to try God and found Him guilty, but then got up to pray. God can be a kind of emotional punching bag. As well as comfort even in the darkest hour.

When someone is in pain and asks 'Why?' they don't necessarily want a rational answer. They want to be comforted and not necessarily with words.

My favorite opinion in the Mishna (Pirkei Avot 4:19) is that of Rabbi Yannai who said, "We can't explain why good people suffer and bad people flourish." At least he doesn't try to palm us off with answers that do not satisfy. I am suspicious of those who claim to know

how God works. But I do think providing comfort is crucial. One can love someone madly and yet not understand them completely. The love remains despite the disappointment.

The Torah keeps on repeating the need for love and respect. Rules and warnings help with the disciplines and structures we need in life. But it is passion and love and helping others that can help us cope. Emotional intelligence matters just as much as intellectual. God falls within those parameters rather than philosophy (with apologies to Maimonides). Most of us just seek comfort. A hug rather than a sermon.

I have just read a book by an important rabbi and philosopher Sam Lebens "A Guide for the Jewish Undecided: A Philosopher Makes the Case for Orthodox Judaism." I expected better. He uses a variation of Pascal's wager to persuade us to consider believing in God. Blaise Pascal was a seventeenth-century French theologian and mathematician who argued that a rational person should believe in God. Because if God does not exist, such a person will not lose very much. Whereas if God does exist, he stands to receive infinite gains in the next world and avoid hell. So, if it's a fifty-fifty chance of God existing why not go for it? What have you got to lose? Sounds like a commercial. And even if you are willing to act on speculation, this still does not tell me that God exists or how God thinks or works.

Much as I love philosophy, when it comes to God it is a very weak tool. I don't turn to God to solve my problems or answer why. I turn to God to feel things I might not otherwise and experience something that is, rather than something that does what I think it ought to.

ASK THE RABBI

Ghosts



RABBI RAYMOND APPLE

Rabbi Raymond Apple was for many years Australia's highest profile rabbi and the leading spokesman on Judaism. After serving congregations in London, Rabbi Apple was chief minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney, for 32 years. He also held many public roles, particularly in the fields of chaplaincy, interfaith dialogue and Freemasonry, and is the recipient of several national and civic honours. Now retired, he lives in Jerusalem and blogs at www.oztorah.com

Q. Does Judaism believe in ghosts?

A. Despite suggestions to the contrary, the answer is **NO**.

This applies regardless of whether the living try to summon up the ghost or whether the ghost appears on its own initiative.

The Jewish belief as summed up by Maimonides (Guide 3:46) is that when you die, your body is buried and your soul returns to God - however, Nachmanides is more inclined to think that in the afterlife, people have both bodies and souls.

In Maimonides' view, your soul is immortal but as it no longer has a body, it can only "appear" in a spiritual or metaphorical way.

Joseph was unable to sin once he saw the "d'mut d'yukno shel aviv", "the appearance of his father" (Rashi on Gen. 39:11, based on Sotah 36b).

The thought of his father Jacob came into his mind and steeled his conscience. His father had taught him morality and courage, and as his father's son he could strengthen himself against sin.

Many people ask themselves, "What would my father or mother think

(or say)?" and have a strong feeling of how the parent would handle a specific situation.

In folklore there are references to spirits and demons, but the rationalist tradition deny that they have any authentic physical shape, form or presence.

The Torah forbids enquiring to or of the dead (Deut, 18:11), though some say that communicating with the dead is not impossible though it is forbidden.

Maimonides regards such communication as witchcraft and pagan.

It is true that the Bible reports contacts with the dead, e.g. King Saul using the Witch of En-Dor to summon the deceased judge Samuel (I Sam. 28), but whilst Hai Ga'on thought this was a one-of-a-kind miracle, Shmuel ben Chofni Ga'on said the witch was an imposter who fooled Saul.

Roaming ghosts figure in many traditions, but the stories are generally dismissed as imagination.

Even Australia has Jewish ghost stories such as Abraham Davis of Broome, who (as a tall bearded figure wearing a tallit) haunted his former house when it became the home of an Anglican bishop.

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Peter Kraus with the students at All Hallows

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Throughout January 2023, The QLD Executive worked tirelessly to prepare for a busy 2023. We set about recruiting and selecting an employee for the flexible, 10-12 hour per week QLD Education Coordinator position to support the hard work of our Volunteers. After a thorough process we are thrilled to welcome Michelle Watt to our team. After some training, she has 'hit the ground running' and has already demonstrated how professional, capable and warm she is. A great fit for our great team! To find out more, please read her profile.

Michelle Watt is competently taking over many tasks to assist the professional running of all programs and maximise numbers where possible. We are hoping to grow this year but are determined that this should not be at the expense of quality. We NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS to achieve this growth. If any of this sounds interesting to you, we are always looking for committed and passionate people from Brisbane, Gold and Sunshine Coast to undertake training to join our professional band of volunteers. For further information please contact us at queensland@couragetocare.com.au

We are absolutely delighted to welcome some new volunteers. Peter Kraus, a Holocaust Survivor, connected with our Executive late last year. On Monday 13th February, Peter shared his fascinating testimony for the first time with the students at All Hallows. Gideon Cheilyk, Leah Phillips, Claire Brazil and Eddy Berkovits have also joined our team and we know that they will all make a valuable contribution with their commitment, warmth and professionalism.

EDUCATION REPORT C2C QLD

During the week commencing 13th February, we visited 4 different schools – All Hallows, Sommerville House, Bray Park SHS and Sandgate SHS. All programs were very successful.

Neal Quillinan, All Hallows, sent through the following feedback from the year 10 girls:

They all said 3 things after Peter Kraus's testimony:

1. How brave his mum was!
2. I cannot believe I met someone who had been in a cattle car, but he was happy
3. We had lots of discussions about the idea of LUCK versus MAKING YOUR OWN LUCK. The classes were split 50/50 on which side they were on, mainly because of how tough they thought his mum was.

At **Sommerville House**, Peter Baruch shared his testimony and inspired the year 10 students to share what they would like to do more of or differently:



I'm going to be kinder; Stand up for more people; Be grateful; Step into someone else's shoes;

I'm going to be more aware of my surroundings



15th Feb **Bray Park SHS**, Katrina Makings, Head of dept Humanities wrote to thank the team and say how much the students enjoyed and got out of the program. **Some comments from the students:**



I'm going to think ahead of what the ripples of my words or actions will be before acting.

I'm going to see my grandparents more.

I'm going to study psychology so I can understand people's feelings so I can help them more.

I'm going to pass this message along, so people understand how lucky we are to live in Australia.



We concluded the week with 2 days at **Sandgate State District High School** where we were very warmly welcomed & reached 107 students and their teachers. We had one Muslim student come to tell us that her parents were caught up in the Bosnian conflict and were refugees from that and the **Dervis Korkut** story held particular resonance for her. The teacher Krista, said that there were 3 students in the group that have had severe trauma in their lives and even though students may not be very outspoken, they do speak about the programme once we have gone and they had a big discussion in their Science class from the programme the day before, divulging all the details of Peter Baruch's testimony.

Upcoming Activities

ON MARCH 5TH - 10am morning brunch Get Together & Guest Speakers

We are expecting a large group of our volunteers and their partners to attend our first social and cultural event of the year. This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new volunteers and our newly appointed QLD Education Coordinator, Michelle Watt.

Our guest speaker is Mac Lyon, the journalist who created the Podcast about Dave "Dickie" Groentman, the Flying Dutchman, Holocaust Survivor.

This is the link if you haven't heard this already <https://linktr.ee/storiestold>. You can find out more about Mac on www.storiestold.com.au. Mac will tell us about how he met Dickie and the process of making the Podcast. Dickie will be there to answer questions about his remarkable life.

MARCH 11TH - Training facilitation workshop



Profile of Michelle Watt

We are delighted to introduce Michelle Watt, our newly appointed Education Coordinator for Courage to Care in Queensland. Michelle joined our team in January and is responsible for all direct communications with schools, overseeing bookings, and coordinating logistical details and program resources. Her attention to detail and amiable approach are vital in ensuring our programs are delivered smoothly, and in maintaining our relationships with our schools and volunteers.

Upon completion of a Bachelor of Social Science at the University of Queensland, Michelle worked in several State Government departments including at Queensland Police Headquarters and Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. For the past 15 years, Michelle has assisted her husband Brad in building a successful air conditioning and pool heating business, servicing Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

As a mother of three primary-aged children, Michelle was seeking a work/life balance and wanting to make a meaningful difference in the community, so she is delighted to join

the Courage to Care team and brings 20 years' experience in administration, customer relations, marketing, and project support.

With a strong sense of social justice and a keen interest in human stories, Michelle has a passion for being an agent of change in the community. She admires the work that Courage to Care does in engaging and informing Queensland school students about diversity, social justice, and individual agency.

Michelle has participated in many activities as a volunteer over the years, including as an Education Officer at Queensland Council for LGBTI Health, and in a range of roles in her children's schools and sports. She admires the passion and dedication of the wonderful volunteers of Courage to Care.

Michelle is excited to be assisting the Courage to Care Queensland team to continue to deliver the fantastic educational programs, and to empower Queensland school students to be Upstanders in their own lives.



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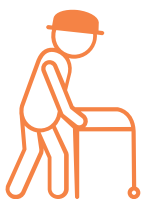


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98 Margaret Street, Brisbane

Regular Services

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Saturday Morning:

Saturday Afternoon:

Saturday evening:

Sunday Morning:

Monday evening:

Kabat Shabbat 6:30pm

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 8:00am

Mincha 17:30 followed by Shiur until Maariv

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 7:30am

Monday Evening: Shiur 6:30pm, covering the
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QLD STATEWIDE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALL COMMUNITY DIARY BOOKINGS

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BRISBANE – REGULAR EVENTS

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NCJWA Meeting	3rd Monday 7:30pm

GOLD COAST – REGULAR EVENTS

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