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Nine out of ten American Jews sees anti-Semitism as a growing problem in the country.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 23, 2019 - An unprecedented



Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein calls for people to stand up to anti-Semitism following an attack on the Chabad of Poway that left one woman dead.

survey of American Jews conducted by the American Jewish Committee (AJC), the leading global Jewish advocacy organization, reveals deep concern about antisemitism in the United States and widespread fear that it is increasing.

The findings from the AJC survey—the largest and most comprehensive ever on the subject of antisemitism in America—were released days before the first anniversary of the deadly attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, which claimed the lives of 11 Jewish worshipers on October 27, 2018.

Nearly nine out of ten American Jews (88%) say antisemitism is a problem in the U.S. today, with more than a third (38%) calling it a very serious problem. 84% say antisemitism in the U.S. has increased – and a plurality, 43%, say it has increased a lot – over the past five years.

These views are consistent across age cohorts, Jewish denominations, and political affiliations. 84% of Ultra-Orthodox (Haredi), 80% of Modern Orthodox, 91% of Conservative, 94% of Reform, 92% of Reconstructionist, and 87% of secular Jews say antisemitism in the U.S. today is a very serious or somewhat of a problem, as do more than nine in ten (93%) Democrats, 87%, of independents, and three quarters (75%) of Republicans.

“American Jews could not be clearer about the reality of antisemitism in the U.S.,” said AJC CEO David Harris. “Our survey provides, for the first time, an in-depth assessment of American Jewish perceptions of, and experiences with, antisemitism in their own country. This hatred is real, comes from multiple sources, and is growing. It needs to be taken seriously and dealt with in a sustained, multi-pronged response.”

American Jews Targeted

Nearly a third, (31%) of the Jews polled have avoided publicly wearing, carrying or displaying things that might help people identify them as Jews. 25% avoid certain places, events, or situations at least some of time out of concern for their safety or comfort as Jews.

One-third of American Jews say Jewish institutions

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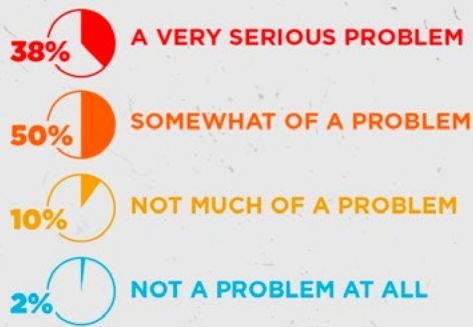
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How much of a problem, if at all, do you think antisemitism is in the United States today?



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with which they are affiliated have been targeted by anti-Semitic attacks, graffiti, or threats.

While American Jews agree that law enforcement is effective in responding to the Jewish security needs, few victims of antisemitism report them to the police. Elected Officials' Responsiveness

The AJC survey found an American Jewish community generally concerned that elected officials are not doing all that can, and should be done to fight antisemitism in the U.S. effectively.

72% of respondents disapproved of President Trump's handling of the threat of antisemitism in America, compared to only 24% who expressed approval. Responses diverged along political party lines. Some 84% of Republicans approve (49% strongly), while only 4% of Democrats approve, of the president's handling of antisemitism. On the other hand, 92% of Democrats disapprove (82% strongly), while only 11% of Republicans disapprove (7% strongly).

American Jews assign greater responsibility to the Republican Party than the Democratic Party for the current level of antisemitism in the U.S. On a scale of 1 (no responsibility) to 10 (total responsibility), respondents gave the Republican Party an average score of 6.2, while the Democratic Party scored 3.6. While

those who identify as Republican or Democrat tend to blame the other party, American Jews also view their own parties as having responsibility for the current level of antisemitism in the U.S., with each rating their own party with similar scores of 2.7.

Sources of Antisemitism

Asked about the threat posed by the three primary sources of antisemitism, 89% of respondents said the extreme political right poses a threat to American Jews, with 49% saying it's a very serious threat; 64% said the extreme political left, with 15% saying it's a very serious threat; and 85% said extremism in the name of Islam, with 27 percent saying it's a very serious threat.

Antisemitism and Israel

American Jews view statements and actions that target the State of Israel as being tainted by anti-Semitism. Most notably, they overwhelmingly believe anti-Zionism—that is, the belief that Israel should not exist—to be a form of antisemitism. 84% of respondents said that the statement "Israel has no right to exist" is anti-Semitic, 80% said the same of the statement "The U.S. government only supports Israel because of Jewish money," and 73% said so about the statement "American Jews are more loyal to Israel than to America." Regarding the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel, 82% said it either is mostly anti-Semitic (35%) or is not mostly anti-Semitic but has anti-Semitic supporters (47%).

The AJC survey was conducted via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from September 11 – October 6, 2019, among a nationally representative sample of 1,283 respondents age 18 or older of Jewish religion or background. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.2%.

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Rabbi Simon Rosenbach

The New York "Times" ran an article this past week that addressed how much land in southeast Asia, in India, in Iran, in Iraq, and in Egypt would disappear by

2050 owing to the rise of sea level caused by global warming. In Vietnam alone, almost 20 million people would be displaced. The article didn't address the situation in the United States, but you can access maps on the internet that show how much land would be covered by water if the sea level rises x feet. (I saw an article on the internet that projected the rise of sea level by 2050 from ten inches to 22 inches.) The inundation of land will cause mass migration, probable famines, and probable wars over increasingly scarce resources. (That is not my opinion; these are expert opinions.)

If you are rational and sane, we can not read Parashat Noach without thinking about a world-wide rise of sea level will affect humanity and the animal kingdom. God commanded Noach to build an ark. What kind of ark we will build? No kind of ark will house 20 million displaced Vietnamese, not to mention the other displaced people. Sea walls will only protect so many miles of coastline, but prevention is our ark. We need to lower the greenhouse gases. Those efforts are our ark. But economic forces are retarding those efforts, and political forces are retarding those efforts as well.


God was unhappy with the world that God created, and God destroyed the world, saving only Noah and his family. Mankind is in a position to destroy the world that God created, and we need a Noah, or some Noachs, or a thousand Noachs, to save the world.

God chose Noah because he was righteous in his generation. Who is righteous in our generation? Who will be chosen to build the analogy to the ark that will save humanity?

Volkswagen (despite Volkswagen's scandalous [not to mention, illegal] behavior with diesel-powered

cars), BMW, Ford, and Honda are righteous. They are committed to complying with California's mileage requirements to raise fleet average to 36 miles a gallon by 2026. Toyota, Fiat Chrysler, and GM have sided with the administration's plan to freeze the mileage requirements at the 2021 level (30 miles a gallon), thus putting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and increasing the rate of climate change.

Our household does its part. We recycle. We keep the heat low and the air conditioning high. But there is only much that an individual can do. When I next buy a new car, I will buy from the righteous people who built an ark that helps reduce greenhouse gases.

Protect the world with your pocketbook and be like Noah 



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The Pope to the CEO of Rachashei Lev: “Pray in Jerusalem for me and for all the Children of the World”



JERUSALEM, Oct. 28, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- These special children will never forget their fateful visit; an Israeli delegation from Rachashei Lev, the nonprofit organization that supports children with cancer and their families, met recently with Pope Francis at the Vatican. The young visitors briefed the Pope on the organization's invaluable activities in Israel and gifted him a specially made album featuring drawings by dozens of children with cancer from throughout Israel – artwork that expresses hope for peace and health. “Pray in Jerusalem for me and for all the children of the world,” requested the Pope of Shimi Geshayed, the CEO of Rachashei Lev, who said, “I hope and wish for fellowship among all children of all nationalities, not only in

the oncology wards, but throughout the world.”

Pope Francis with Rachashei Lev CEO Shimi Geshayed, Eva (8) and Yuval (19) - members of the Israeli delegation from the Rachashei Lev nonprofit

Rachashei Lev, which marked its 30th anniversary this year, assists thousands of children and family members every year. Representing Rachashei Lev in the delegation were several senior executives and three cancer patients from Israel – Yuval Mor (age 19) from Tel Aviv, Bian Nasser (age 18) from Jatt and Eva Musymovych (age 8) from Ramla – three children of three different religions, who speak for hundreds of

their peers in Israel who must cope every day and every hour with their disease and its many arduous challenges.

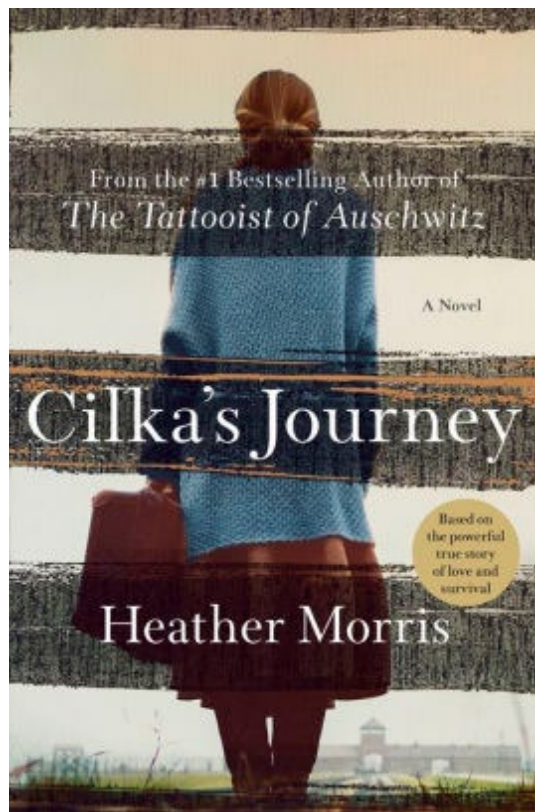
Shimi Geshayed, CEO of Rachashei Lev, explains, “For 30 years, our nonprofit organization has been helping children with cancer in Israel, working with leading international medical centers and world-renowned experts. We were very surprised and quite moved when we received the Vatican’s invitation to meet the Pope. The invitation was extended to children that our organization helps – kids of various religions who deal with this dreadful disease, which does not differentiate between religion, race or nationality. United by circumstance, these children coexist and support each other to fight for life and hope for triumph over illness. After the Pope was briefed on our mission and activities, addressed the visiting children and inquired about the health of the patients in Israel, he proceeded on to his next guests, but then stopped and returned to us again and said to me: ‘I admire the blessed work that you do! I ask that you pray in Jerusalem for me and for all the children of the world.’ I told him that I hope and wish for fellowship among all children of all nationalities, not only in the oncology wards – where children of all religions find themselves coping together in the fight for their lives – but we pray that children will live together peacefully everywhere in the world. We presented the Pope with an album that features drawings by children with cancer from throughout Israel – artwork that expresses hope for peace and health. These drawings symbolize, above all, the patients’ sense of childhood – feelings that are so challenging to maintain during their

harrowing routines of treatments and hospitalizations, but emotions that are so vital to recovering and conquering the disease.”

“Meeting the Pope was fun – a very special experience; I was very excited when he gave me a rosary,” summarized Eva, age 8, on her visit to the Vatican. Yuval, age 19, said, “This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience; I hope that the message that we brought to the Pope about coexistence and the friendship that we have among patients in the hospital will set a powerful example for other children in the world.”

After the meeting with the Pope, the delegation met with representatives of the Jewish community in Rome, among them, Rabbi Dr. Shemuel Riccardo Di Segni, chief rabbi of Rome, and Ms. Ruth Dureghello, president of the Jewish Community of Rome, who warmly and affectionately hosted them in the celebrated Great Synagogue of Rome. The group visited the Jewish Museum of Rome and learned about the diverse history of the city’s Jewish community. Geshayed said, “It was a moving visit, symbolizing the beginning of a special friendship and partnership. Dureghello was enthusiastic about the opportunity to host the delegation, especially the children. She promised to visit the kids at Rachashei Lev’s Children’s House, a home away from home for kids in Israel who must remain on the hospital campus during their cancer treatment. Dureghello also invited other Rachashei Lev children and their families to be her community’s guests. Wearing two hats, as both a rabbi and a doctor, Di Segni blessed the children with a double blessing – for health, recovery and victory over the disease. We are extremely grateful to everyone who made this memorable day possible.” ✨

The Book Shelf



Cilka's beauty both saved her & condemned her.

From the author of the multi-million copy bestseller *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* comes a new novel based on a riveting true story of love and resilience.

Cilka is just sixteen years old when she is taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp in 1942, where the commandant immediately notices how beautiful she is. Forcibly separated from the other women prisoners, Cilka learns quickly that power, even unwillingly taken, equals survival.

When the war is over and the camp is liberated, freedom is not granted to Cilka: She is charged as a collaborator

for sleeping with the enemy and sent to a Siberian prison camp. But did she really have a choice? And where do the lines of morality lie for Cilka, who was sent to Auschwitz when she was still a child?

In Siberia, Cilka faces challenges both new and horribly familiar, including the unwanted attention of the guards. But when she meets a kind female doctor, Cilka is taken under her wing and begins to tend to the ill in the camp, struggling to care for them under brutal conditions.

Confronting death and terror daily, Cilka discovers a strength she never knew she had. And when she begins to tentatively form bonds and relationships in this harsh, new reality, Cilka finds that despite everything that has happened to her, there is room in her heart for love.

From child to woman, from woman to healer, Cilka's journey illuminates the resilience of the human spirit—and the will we have to survive.

Cilka's Journey, Heather Morris, hardcover, 352 Pgs
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