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Supporting Israel in Difficult Times



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Dear friend,

Shalom in His grace. The war in Israel continues, and our hearts still go out to those suffering due to the actions of Hamas and Hezbollah! The impact of the conflict now stretches across the globe. It has caused the rise of new challenges for the worldwide Jewish community and Your Mission to the Jewish People, as you can see from the following reports about the growing number of anti-Semitic incidents in the UK. Sadly, I am certain further events will have transpired by the time my letter crosses your desk or kitchen table. Yet, the pro-Hamas protestors act as if October 7 never happened!

THE CHILLING TRENDS

I am especially astounded by the antisemitism currently raging in the UK. According to the Community Security Trust, which gathers information on antisemitism, there were 3,328 incidents of abusive behaviour, 266 assaults, 305 threats, and 182 acts of damage and desecration throughout 2023. The charity said there was a total of 4,103 anti-Semitic incidents in the United Kingdom in 2023, up from the previous annual record of 2,261 in 2021.¹

¹ Yoni Gordon-Teller, "Anti-Semitic Incidents 2023" Community Security Trust, 2024, https://cst.org.uk/data/file/9/f/Antisemitic_Incidents_Report_2023.1707834969.pdf.

Similar occurrences of anti-Semitic hatred were recorded in the USA, Canada and Australia, home to hundreds of thousands of Jewish people.

You'll also be aware that pro-Palestine marches have been taking place on the streets of Britain for the last six months, with huge swathes of people marching. The protests began in the aftermath of the attack by Hamas on Israel on 7th October, when 1,200 people were killed and 250 taken hostage.

As I write this, anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian protests have rocked both UK and US universities in recent weeks. The wave of demonstrations began at Columbia University in New York and have since spread rapidly across our country. You can see the anti-Semitic graffiti at Oxford and various Universities! Many Jewish students say they have been made to feel unsafe due to anti-Semitic statements and banners at the demonstrations.



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MY FAMILY'S STORY

My maternal grandparents emigrated from Belarus to the United States to escape the everyday horrors of antisemitism. Little did they know the most extreme, diabolical, and destructive expression of antisemitism would soon come from Germany, one of the most sophisticated and Christianized countries in Western Europe.

My grandparents left their homes and families behind because of the attacks against Jewish people (called "pogroms"), which motivated them to make the dramatic move to an unknown country! Like so many Jewish people, they were desperate to get away from those who sought their destruction and build a better life for their children. They willingly left the land, language, and life they knew to live in a land built upon freedom of religion.

Like Britain, the United States still had some restrictions prohibiting or limiting Jewish people at colleges, professions, and fraternal organizations. But my grandparents could still own property, get a better education, and enjoy opportunities in their new homeland they could not get in Europe. This was also true of the UK.

COUNTERING THE CURRENT WAVE OF ANTISEMITISM

So much of the current wave of antisemitism is rooted in the belief in Israel and Jewish people in general as aggressors. We would not suggest every criticism of the policies and actions of the State of Israel, valid or not, springs from the poison of antisemitism. Yet, from what we have seen taking place across the United States, anti-Zionism and the belief Israel is an illegitimate state is often fuelled by antisemitism.

I am sorry that Jewish students on our university campuses are feeling the brunt of a growing, unreasonable anger and hatred. They are often targeted by Hamas sympathizers, abetted by administrations at various—and not just "elite"—schools, which seem to look the other way and tolerate targeted protests.

The protesters are calling on universities to stop doing business with Israel or companies they say support the war in Gaza have spread across other campuses nationwide in a student movement unlike any other this century.

Again, we now read UK students are beginning a new wave of protests. Universities including Sheffield, Bristol, Leeds and Newcastle, with others expected to follow suit.

Students are also calling for their individual universities to divest from firms that supply arms to Israel and in some cases sever links with universities in Israel.

Fortunately, in the UK the Community Security Trust are involved in protecting Jewish students on campus:

CST works to give young people in the Jewish community the confidence and skills to live confident and safe lives as British Jews and as members of wider society. We do this for young Jewish people of school age

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though Streetwise, a partnership project between CST and the Jewish sporting and youth charity Maccabi GB, and Stand Up! a government-funded project, empowering young people to tackle discrimination, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate. We also support Jewish students via our full time Student Security Co-Ordinator's.²

Whereas we hope all those who feel the pain of discrimination and prejudice will find help, the overt dismissal of Jewish student concerns is intolerable and unfair. I believe followers of Jesus need to spring into action on behalf of Jewish people.

SHOULD CHRISTIANS OPPOSE ANTISEMITISM?

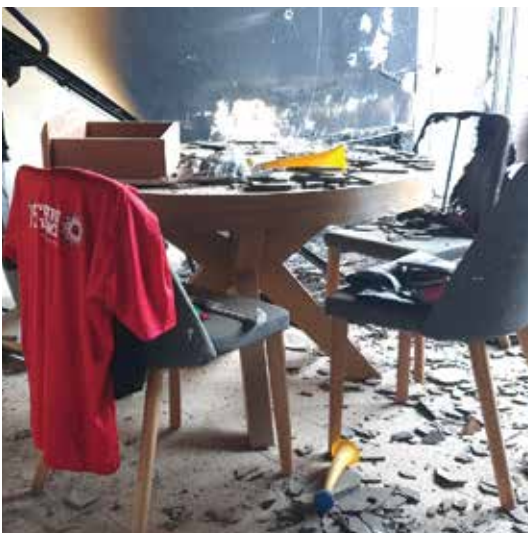
We must ask ourselves the question: "Is opposing antisemitism a spiritual duty for all believers in Jesus?"

Today's antisemitism, most recently seen in synagogue shootings, attacks on a kosher market in France, taking hostages at a synagogue in Dallas, and through the growing social media presence of anti-Semites, is *no longer* merely latent. To a certain degree, tensions in the Middle East have exacerbated this growing antisemitism.

However, we would be mistaken in thinking this "oldest hatred" did not exist prior to October 7 or before Israel became a modern state.

After October 7, it did not take long for anti-Semites to begin targeting Jewish people in the United States, Germany, England, and across the globe. It is apparent their hatred of Jewish people was not new, and the events of October 7 simply sparked what was already there, causing it to rise to the surface. Really, the opposite should have been the case. It is also remarkable how quickly Hamas sympathizers swept the atrocities Hamas committed on October 7 under the rug.

WE SHOULD NOT FORGET ABOUT THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST ISRAELI CIVILIANS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023.



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Non-Israeli Jewish people, in general, are now the objects of anger and contempt by these same sympathizers. It seems as if any Jewish event on campus and in various communities is subject to the wrath of radical and violent advocates who believe their mission is to remove Israelis "from the river to the sea."

This terrible surge of global antisemitism needs to be stopped. First, by our prayers, followed by our actions.

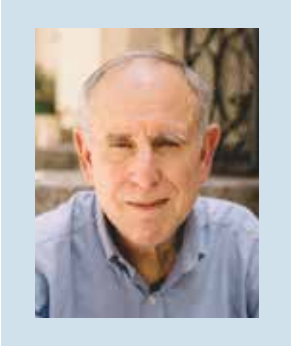
THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF ANTISEMITISM

The roots of antisemitism remain deeply woven into our culture and those of many Western countries, as well as those nations part of the Arab world. Yet, the problem goes deeper than this!

As I have mentioned in the past, the root of antisemitism is profoundly spiritual.

We affirm God chose Jewish people to be His people and to accomplish His purposes (Genesis 12:1–3). At the exact moment God made a covenant with Abraham and his

² <https://cst.org.uk/about-cst/youth-campus>



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descendants, the devil chose Jewish people as his target throughout the ages. The devil hates God, our Messiah, the Bible, and Jewish people.

As believers in Jesus, we must support Jewish people globally, even if we have political disagreements with the modern State of Israel. Affirming God's chosen people is a personal duty for all Christians and requires our standing against antisemitism.

In light of God's far-reaching purposes for the global Jewish community, we have no option other than to find ways in this hateful environment to defend and protect Jewish people and to oppose antisemitism wherever we see it today.

Thanks for your love, prayers, and support for Israel and Jewish people—and all who are oppressed by Hamas—especially for the hostages held in Gaza since October 7.

So, please pray for the Jewish people and the release of the hostages. Your support is also needed as there is now more fear rampant among Jewish people globally and we are doing all we can to tell Jewish people in the Golders Green area and throughout the country that the Prince of Peace, Jesus can bring shalom to their souls. Would you support our staff reaching out each day to engage Jewish people with the Gospel. We need you to stand with us as God enables you.

In Him,

Mitch Glaser
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'Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem'...(Psalm 122:6)

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