



The United Jewish Community of Ukraine

**Anti-Semitism in Ukraine  
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# 1. Introduction . Anti-Semitism in Ukraine

## 1.1. Definition of anti-Semitism and xenophobia

The term “xenophobia” originates from Greek words “xenos” (unfamiliar, foreign or foreigner) and “phobia” (fear) – hatred, intolerance or hostility to somebody or something strange, unknown, unusual. Xenophobia is used, as “demonstration of animosity towards foreigners in given group of the population”.<sup>1</sup>

Xenophobia can also be determined as attitude, prejudice and behavior, which denies, excludes and often blackens people, being based on the opinion that these people are foreigners and don't belong to the concrete society or nation.<sup>2</sup> Anti-Semitism is one of xenophobia forms.

On the 27th of June in 2016 definition of anti-Semitism was developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance or IHRA, which was recognized by international community. In 2017 this definition was approved by the European Parliament.

According to wording, offered by IHRA, anti-Semitism is a determined perception of Jews which is expressed in hatred towards them. Verbal and physical demonstrations of anti-Semitism are directed against Jews and nonJews and/or against their property, against Jewish communities and organizations and religious establishments.<sup>3</sup>

European Forum on Anti-Semitism is the organization which systematically documents anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, relates such actions to anti-Semitism demonstrations:

- appeals, justification or assistance in killing Jews or doing them harm, in the name of radical ideology or extremist religious views;
- the statement of false, brutal, blackening or stereotyped accusations of Jews as such or of Jewish communal authority in particular, but not exclusively, myth of global Jewish plot or of Jews, supervising mass media, economy, government and other institutes of the society and authorities;
- ascribing responsibility for real or invented offences of separate Jewish individuals or groups to Jews, or for actions perpetrated by the nonJews;
- denying the fact, sizes, mechanisms or premeditation of the genocide of Jewish people, committed by national socialist Germany, its adherents and accomplices during World War II (Holocaust);
- accusing Jews as people and Israel as a state of the invention and exaggeration of Holocaust sizes;
- accusing Jewish citizens of the preferable loyalty to the state of Israel or in preference of Jews' interests all over the world to interests of the own country.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The definition of working group on migration and xenophobia for the World conference “International migration, racism, discrimination and xenophobia”, 2001, publication, jointly prepared by ILO, IOM, OHCHR in consultation with UNHCR. Source: [www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/international-migration/glossary/xenophobia/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/international-migration/glossary/xenophobia/)

<sup>2</sup> The Declaration of racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, connected with them towards migrants and the victims of trafficking of people for the World conference on struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, connected with them. Teheran, Iran, February 18, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Source: [www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism](http://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism)

<sup>4</sup> Source: [european-forum-on-antisemitism.org/definition-of-antisemitism/english-english](http://european-forum-on-antisemitism.org/definition-of-antisemitism/english-english)

## 1.2. Legislative base

Beginning from 1948, when the United Nations General Assembly adopted General human rights declaration, and till today a few dozens of international acts, directly concerning discrimination, xenophobia and protection of human rights, were adopted in international public law.

On the 6th of December in 2018 twenty eight Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the European Union countries approved the declaration of joint definition of anti-Semitism.<sup>5</sup>

Increasing of the cases of hostile attitude to Jews within the recent years became the reason to that. The document calls a police agency of the European Union “Europol” to point to anti-Semitic terrorist materials in the Internet. To improve safety the European Union finances grants on this question.

It's necessary to note, that Ukrainian legislation does not contain a particular definition of the term “xenophobia” and “anti-Semitism”. Separate questions of counteraction and prohibition of any demonstrations of xenophobia are contained in some normative acts.

The Constitution of Ukraine of 28 June 1996 is the Fundamental Law of the country. This normative act enshrines the bases of equality of citizens' rights, regardless of their racial or religious background.

According to the Constitution of Ukraine, citizens have equal constitutional rights and freedoms and are equal before the law. There shall be no privileges or restrictions based on race, skin colour, political, religious, and other beliefs, gender, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, linguistic or other characteristics (art.25).

Criminal code of Ukraine includes two articles which can be applied in the cases of anti-Semitism demonstration.

Article 442 of the Criminal code of Ukraine defines genocide, as the act willfully committed for the purpose of total or partial destruction of any national, ethnic, racial, or religious group by extermination of members of any such group or inflicting grave bodily injuries on them, creation of life conditions calculated for total or partial physical destruction of the group, decrease or prevention of childbearing in the group, or forceful transferring of children from one group to another.

Article 161 of this code also says about violation of citizens' equality based on their race, nationality or religious preferences, disability and on other characteristics and defines it, as willful actions inciting national, racial or religious enmity and hatred, humiliation of national honor and dignity, or the insult of citizens' feelings in respect to their religious convictions, and also any direct or indirect restriction of rights, or granting direct or indirect privileges to citizens based on race, color of skin, political, religious and other convictions, sex, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, linguistic or other characteristics.

## 1.3. Summary statistics

According to data, announced by Jewish leaders, Mikhael Tkach, the chief of the United Jewish community of Ukraine, in particular, it is possible to assert that number of Jewish Diaspora in Ukraine accounts for about half million of people.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Source: [www.eurointegration.com.ua/rus/news/2018/12/6/7090344/](http://www.eurointegration.com.ua/rus/news/2018/12/6/7090344/)

<sup>6</sup> Source: [jewishnews.com.ua/community/mixail-tkach-myi-ne-zani-maemsya-evrejstvom-myi-zanimaemsya-evreyami](http://jewishnews.com.ua/community/mixail-tkach-myi-ne-zani-maemsya-evrejstvom-myi-zanimaemsya-evreyami)

In spite of the fact that official population census, held in 2001, revealed 103,6 thousand of Jews living in the country<sup>7</sup>, fear before possible anti-Semitism demonstrations, entrenched in post-Soviet space, can be considered the objective reason of given phenomenon.

According to results of research, conducted by Pew Research Center (Washington) from June 2015 till July 2016 and published in 2018, 5% of adult population of Ukraine reveals intolerance towards the representatives of Jewish nationality. Experts note that Ukraine is regarded by the least level of anti-Semitism among the countries of East Europe: in Belarus 13% of evidence is reported on similar rating, in Poland - 18%, in Romania - 22%.

Vyacheslav Likhachev who is the team leader of monitoring of national minorities' rights, published data that the research centre of this group reported 19 cases of anti-Semitism in 2016, and 24 – in 2017 . In the interview to Radio “Freedom” Likhachev noted that there were no direct attacks on Jews in 2017, but the cases of anti-Semitic vandalism and abusive statements were fixed.<sup>8</sup>

All-Ukrainian Jewish organization – the United Jewish community of Ukraine, which constantly monitors anti-Semitic incidents on the territory of the country, reported 107 incidents of anti-Semitic nature for 2018. Among them: 31 incidents were registered according to calls on Jewish hot line of Ukraine “910”, some cases were covered in Ukrainian mass media, and others were promulgated by Jewish public figure Eduard Dolinsky. Most of anti-Semitic vandalism acts were promulgated due to his vigorous activity: observation, recording and publication of data about anti-Semitic incidents and xenophobia in Ukraine.

Due to analysis of collected information, the cases of anti-Semitism demonstrations were divided into 3 categories:

- direct anti-Semitism means actions, aiming to humiliate Jews, to report the idea about their insolvency, inferiority, existence of imaginary Jewish plot, direct insults and threats towards the representatives of Jewish nationality (73 cases are recorded);

- indirect anti-Semitism denotes cases of xenophobia actions, during which a person does not aim to insult or discredit Jews directly, but does it inadvertently. For example, the term of indirect anti-Semitism was officially used in 2016 in the report of the Kantor Center – institution at Tel Aviv University, studying the questions of modern life of Jews of Europe, prepared in co-operation with European Jewish congress (EJC).<sup>9</sup> To such cases glorification of Ukrainian nationalist movements, members of which participated in destruction of Jews, etc can be attributed. (18 cases are recorded);

- statements or actions of anti-Semitic nature, which emanate from officials (16 cases are recorded).

In diagrams, given below, summary statistics of the cases of anti-Semitism, recorded in 2018, is presented. Diagram 1 shows the common dynamics of demonstrations of anti-Semitism in Ukraine monthly. Diagram 2 indicates dynamics on listed categories.

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<sup>7</sup> Source: [2001.ukrcensus.gov.ua/results/general/nationality](http://2001.ukrcensus.gov.ua/results/general/nationality)

<sup>8</sup> Source: [www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29000745.html](http://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29000745.html)

<sup>9</sup> Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism  
Source: [www.kantorcenter.tau.ac.il/sites/default/files/Doch\\_full\\_2016\\_230417.pdf](http://www.kantorcenter.tau.ac.il/sites/default/files/Doch_full_2016_230417.pdf)

Diagram 1

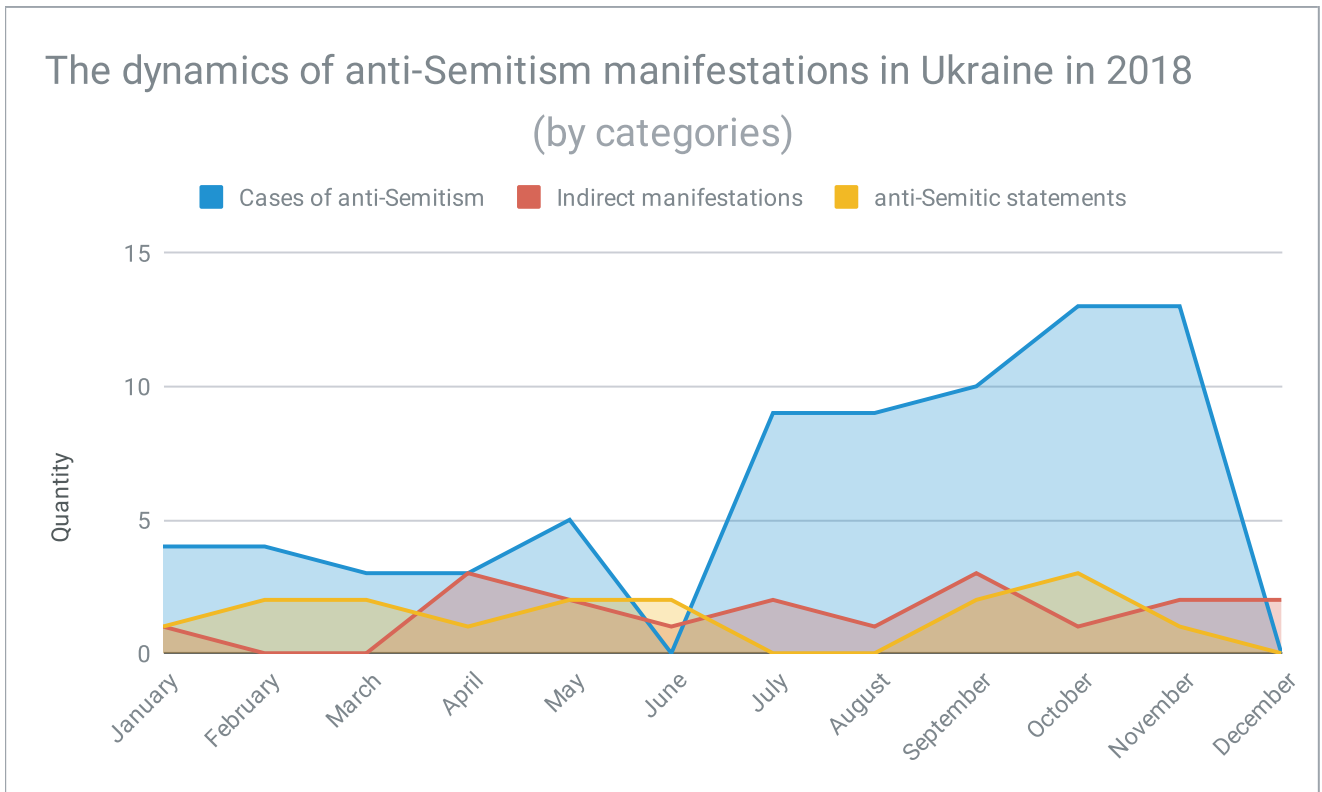


Diagram 2



## 2. Cases of anti-Semitism

### 2.1. Direct indications of anti-Semitism

**January 9.** Activists from the organization “C14” organized “the procedure of driving evil spirits out of the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra” in Kiev – in the activists’ opinion Moscow agents could hide in caves of the Lavra. To establish interconfessional peace and harmony Pavel, the abbot of the Lavra, came to the participants of the movement. During the event unknown woman started shouting “Kikes employed you!”, and present activists accused the churchman of being “sent from Moscow”, and, as a reply to that, the abbot said to the participants: “If I am sent from Moscow, then you are a kike and a Moskal”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**January 9.** The assistant chief of the department of tourism of Chernovtsy regional state administration Sergey Krupko published a poem on his Facebook-page, which offended Jewish community. There was the following in text of the article: “May Moskals howl like wolfs, and may Jews scream like pigs. There is a holiday on my land today, Christmas carols are heard all over Ukraine”. The record remained on the page about an hour, and then was deleted. Chernovtsy regional state administration gave a rebuke to the official. **(Facebook page: the head of Chernovtsy city charitable Jewish community “Mirjam” Ilia Khoch)**

**January 26.** The chief of Vinnitsa “AutoMaidan” arranged anti-Semitic flash mob in the Internet. Taisa Gajda wrote the post, in which accuses Jews of “accustoming Ukrainians to drinking, destructing the monument to Taras Shevchenko and dancing on tombs”. “Now I will say a terrible thing. There are Jews, and I do not have any complaints against them. But there are Vinnitsa kikes. Descendants of Juda. They are Vinnitsa kikes, who close children's library in order to arrange a joint there. They are Vinnitsa kikes, who criminally pulled the monument to Shevchenko down at night and only to Vinnitsa kikes can come into mind the idea of putting musical benches up in the park in the place of thousands of our shot victims of political repression. Only to the kikes can come into mind the idea of arranging dances and eating in the day of Requiem, day of commemoration of the victims of Holodomor (Manmade famine). Ukrainians, eat, gnaw those things that you’ve fought during Maidan events. Don’t smudge yourselves. So, that’s your Ukrainian nation. Goys and lackeys who aren’t worth anything. The activist's colleagues published quotations from Shevchenko works, in which it is said about Jews:

“The kike is shivering, having bent over the lamp,  
is counting money near the bed, damned”.

Later anti-Semitic publication was deleted from the social network. **(Taisa Gajda)**

**January 30.** During the lecture “Terrible history: Holocaust. Memory. Pain. Lessons” in the book shop “JE”, which is in Lvov, Galitskaya street, 9 a youngster, aged 15-16 with a bandage, closing his face, ran indoors and threw a smoke pot on the ladder between the first and second floors. The intruder disappeared. “Information about the incident was recorded. Investigators are carrying out a check”, - the press-secretary of the National police of Lvov region Svetlana Dobrovolskaya noted. **(Internet-resource ZAXID. NET)**

**February 2.** The leading article “Kikes or Jews?” was published in the main newspaper of the city Chortkov (Ternopol region) “Chortkivski bulletin”, in which the chief editor of publication Maryana Polyanskaya writes: “Why are there so many kikes among our authorities?” And then answers to it, telling about reminiscences of her grandmother, whom “the kike

turned out of the hut with three children at Christmas, because her husband lost and ruined this hut for him through drinking... And now we can observe kikes, taking roots actively among all branches of government of many countries of the world. Tramp, Merkel, Saakashvili, Chirac, Sarkozy, Berlusconi, Trumen, Lincoln and many other presidents – all of them are Jews”. The chief editor of “Chortkivski bulletin” concludes her material with anti-Semitic anecdote. **(Newspaper “Chortkivski bulletin”, issue from February, 2, 2018)**

**February 3.** In Ternopol, it wasn't the first time, when the monument to the victims of the Holocaust was defaced. Nazi swastika and SS signs were painted in red colour on the monument. Sergey Nadal, Ternopol mayor, commented officially on the incident: “I can say with confidence that this act of barbarism was organized by Russian special services and committed by people who are recruited by the enemy. And this enemy group has already been acting in Ternopol for a long time. Over the decades the monument to the victims of the Holocaust did stand quietly in Ternopol. And only after the beginning of Russian aggression against Ukraine, it was chosen as “a target” for an attack. That's why I appeal to the leaders of the Security Service of Ukraine with requirement to hold an inquiry of the fact of violation of the monument to the victims of the Holocaust. And to pay special attention to Russian trace. I do not rule out that it is the answer of our enemies to yesterday's decision of Ternopol city council about supporting revolutionary red-black flags together with the state ones” **(Website of Ternopol city council)**

**February 4.** At the entrance to the public reception room of the party “Solidarity” and the Bloc of Pietr Poroshenko an obscene inscription of anti-Semitic nature was found out: “Kike dregs. Turn to shit”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**February 19.** The dwellers of one of the central districts of Kiev made public anti-Semitism propagation photo. Anti-Semitic leaflets appeared at the stop of public transport in Kontraktova Square. Posters contain appeals to violent actions over the representatives of Jewish nationality. **(Facebook page: Oleg Vishnyakov)**

**March 1.** In Kiev anti-Semitic drawing – gallows with David's Star instead of a loop was noticed. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**March 7.** Opposite the entrance to synagogue in Chernigov inscriptions appeared: “Kikes, get the f\_ck out of here” and “Kikes, get away from here!” **(Chernigov city Jewish community)**

**March 19.** Jewish woman M. informed that she had received series of insults from the employee of Jewish organization. Statements also concerned Jewish nationality of aggrieved person. The woman refused to indicate the city of her residence. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**April 23.** In Poltava vandals defaced the monument to Grieving Mother and memorable sign to Jews, victims of Nazism. Pictures of swastika and anti-Semitic inscriptions were drawn on the monument. **(News Internet-resources “TSN. Ranok” and JewishNews)**

**April 28.** Massacre in the house of worship over the tomb of unknown Jewish rabbi Magarsho (1555-1631) in Ostrog (Rovno region). Anti-Semitic vandalism act took place at night on the 28th of April. Unknown ruined all windows in the building and scattered holy books which were kept in the premise. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**April 30.** In the centre of Cherkassy unknown made inscription with red colour: “Kike khaganates, get out of here”. According to the statements of public figure Dolinsky, anti-Semitic graffiti regularly appear in the centre of Cherkassy. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**



**May 2.** The speech of Tatiana Sojkina, the leader of “Right sector” in Odessa. In her speech Sojkina calls “to clear Odessa and Ukraine from kikes”: “We are sure that we will establish real Ukrainian order in Odessa. Ukraine will belong to Ukrainians, instead of kikes! No to oligarchy. Glory to Ukraine!” Activist's speech was made in Odessa on the 2nd of May during “The march of Ukrainian order”, organized by the party “Freedom”, “Right sector”, “National order squads”, “National corps”. **(YouTube Channel: Lamin Sakho)**

**May 3.** Ukrainian military man of Jewish origin N., who lives in Lvov, informed that he held Jewish belief, prayed in Hebrew during time, free from service. The applicant considers exactly this the reason of rude attitude on the part of command. The victim gave an example: on the 22nd of February the military man addressed an appeal to the superior commander, asking to send him for medical treatment. In reply the commander accused the Jew of simulation, started behaving rudely, used physical force and abusive language. After all later N. got medical treatment in military clinic – The central military clinical hospital of Western region, which is in Lvov, Lychakovskaya street, 26. The military man informed that he had been subjected to anti-Semitic indications, as well as intentional bureaucracy and wrong filling in documents in the hospital. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**May 10.** Roman Cooper, the dweller of Odessa, addressed to organization “National shield of justice” and informed that he had become the victim of extortion and anti-Semitism. According to words of aggrieved person attacks against him began in March, 2018. Roman Cooper asserts that a certain Mark Gordienko, who is the chief of the organization CSC (Civil Security Council), extorts money from him at the rate of 100 000 dollars, and in case of refusal threatens to continue anti-Semitic actions. On the 2nd of May Roman Cooper went to Kulikovo field in order to lay flowers on the grave of mother's dead friend, and screams were heard from the crowd “Jews – aren't people, get out”, they also threatened to set the synagogue on fire. Roman was informed that anti-Semitic insults had been cried out by Gordienko's people. After that Roman had calls with threats repeatedly. According to Roman Cooper's words, on the 8th of May Mark Gordienko's people came to his office, more than 100 people, and threatened by physical violence to him and his family. **(CityNews website)**

**May 16.** Ukrainian writer Yury Vinnichuk left an anti-Semitic commentary under publication in social network Facebook, in which he expresses doubt about the intelligence quotient and number of Jews, lost in Babij Jar: “In Lvov ghetto died more Jews, than in Babij Jar... But as German politician said the Holocaust began from Babij Yar. But in Lvov ghetto about hundred of poets, composers, artists died, and I do not know who among the intellectuals died in Babij Yar, besides OUN representatives”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**May 21.** In the centre of Cherkassy the inscription “Save the country from Sion” appeared. A few days before this, on Friday, the 18th of May, on that place the procedure of painting out the inscription “Kike khaganates, get out of here”, which unknown had put April 30, was held. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**July 2.** The appeal from Jewish schoolboy D. from Kharcizsk (Donetsk region). He informed that schoolmates insulted him because of ethnic origin, joked of Jews. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**July 3.** The dweller of Berdyansk (Zaporozhye region) N. informed that her son F. was subjected to anti-Semitic insults, they came to blows. Hooligans say to the boy: “Hey, kike, go to your Israel. What are you doing here?” Once he was attacked on his way from school and struck strongly on head. The police drags out the investigation of incidents. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**July 8.** 2 appeals were received from one citizen. The Jew-man I. informed that he was not allowed to come into the synagogue, Rabbi Akhman Tomb in Uman (Cherkassy region), and also told about threats on the part of public prosecutor's office and police. The man, who had called, mentioned that preconceived attitude of law-enforcement officers was explained by his Jewish origin (insulting him, officials use the form of addressing "Jew"). **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**July 10.** Jew S. from Uzhgorod appealed with information about anti-Semitism. He told that he lived and received daily anti-Semitic remarks from his neighbours, caused by his appearance, which depends on following Jewish traditions. Drunk people approach and say: "Shave your beard!" and they beat the dweller of Uzhgorod. The man, who had called, refused to put in an application to police, as he thinks that there will be no result. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**July 11.** July 12 information about obscene anti-Semitic insult of the woman of Jewish nationality A. in Kiev was received. July 11 during her walking two men approached to the woman and one of them said: "Jewess...\*\*\* I haven't shot you enough and I will shoot". Jew woman addressed to her curator from organization "Khesed", he informed about the incident to Jewish contact-centre. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**July 22.** The police of Odessa region informed about finding out anti-Semitic inscriptions in Primorsky district of Odessa. **(Facebook page: The police of Odessa region)**

**July 23.** New anti-Semitic graffiti – inscriptions "All Jews will be burnt up", "Kill the kike" and patterns of swastika on buildings in Chernyakhovsky and Osipov streets of Primorsky district of Odessa were recorded. **(Jewish community of Odessa)**

**July 30.** Jew B., who was doing military service in ATO zone (from May 28 - JFO zone), made a call. He told that during the service he had been repeatedly called "Jew" in abusive tone, "Judah" and so on. The man, who called, informed that he had addressed to police, public prosecutor's office, wrote to Sokhnoot many times but without result. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**July 30.** Jewish community of Odessa made such information public: anti-Semitic inscriptions on buildings of Primorsky district of Odessa, which had been retouched by the activists of Jewish community, were renovated by the anti-Semites. New abusive graffiti also appeared on the walls of buildings. Jewish community of Odessa addressed immediately to public prosecutor's office and the Security Service of Ukraine. **(Jewish community of Odessa)**

**August 6.** The dweller of Dnepr A. reported that an inscription of neo-Nazi nature - "1488" was found out on the wall of the building in Korolenko street, 37. Numbers 14 and 88 are signature and motto at the same time, used by the racists and neo-Nazis, 88 - ciphered fascist greeting "Heil, Hitler". The United Jewish community of Ukraine took measures and retouched figures. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**August 9.** The man G. reported and asserted that his Jewish origin became the reason of groundless accusations – he was taken to psychoneurological dispensaries, they tried to prove that he had been guilty of the road accident. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**August 14.** The dweller of Dnepr L. addressed with information that leaflets of anti-Semitic nature were hanging on the pole near her house in Pokrovsky settlement block. The United Jewish community of Ukraine took measures on their removing. **(Jewish hot line "910")**

**August 21, 23, 27.** A few appeals were recorded from Jew- out-migrant Z., who had left JFO zone and lived in Kamenskoye (Dnepropetrovsk region) now. The woman informed that

after the resettlement she shared a room with a girl who insulted her. Then, according to words of out-migrant, the neighbour went to local church “Emmanuel”, after that a group of people came and began to threaten the applicant and her civil husband, who was also a Jew, with physical violence. She addressed to the police, but law-enforcement authorities found out the absence of crime in the act. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**August 22.** The notice from citizen O. was received, that a homeless woman cried out slogans, calling to free the country from Russians and Jews not far from the town hall in Lvov. Passers-by, who weren't indifferent, addressed to the police a few times, but there was no reaction on their part. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**August 26.** The appeal from the dweller of Dnepr T. was recorded. She noticed the leaflet of anti-Semitic nature, attached to the pole. The employees of the United Jewish community of Ukraine documented it up (a photo was taken) and removed the leaflet. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**August 27.** The employee of UJC of Ukraine found out an anti-Semitic inscription in Dnepr, it was on the gate of a private house in Simferopol Street. The house was put up for sale and it was written “For sale” on the gate, vandals added the word “homeland” and number “1488”, which is known as neo-Nazi's' slogan and a ciphered greeting to Hitler. UJC of Ukraine took measures of retouching the compromising inscription. **(UJC of Ukraine)**

**September 4.** The notice from the citizen A. was received, in which he confessed that had been in Poltava Detention facility for 9 months. The citizen of Jewish origin asserts that the criminal case against him was forged by anti-semitically incited law-enforcement authorities. According to his words, it was said in police: “We will put all of you, Jews, to prison”. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**September 6.** The unknown called the Jew I. from Kiev, introduced themselves as “public prosecutor's office of Interpol” and started to threaten death, at the same time mentioning his ethnic origin. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**September 13.** In Kiev underground the inscription “Kill the kike and the huckster” appeared on the map of stations. **(Denis Rafalsky)**

**September 16.** In the range of literary shop “Akademkniga” in Kiev the book, containing anti-Semitism propagation was noticed. In the research work of Dariy Svitly, called “The world Moscow-Jewish problem and emancipating nationalism”, numerous quotations from the book of Adolph Hitler “My struggle” are cited. There is a chapter in the book, devoted to “paranoid factors of Moscow orientation and Jewry” and “the campaign of world harmonization”. The edition consists of 320 pages, in which the author tells in details about freemasonry and attempts of Jews to impose their ideology to the whole world, and he also gives the recipes of struggling against “Jewish expansion”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**September 17.** The appeal from the dweller of Dnepr U. was received. The citizen told that she had noticed the inscription, containing neo-Nazi greeting to Hitler - figure “1488” in the centre of the city on the crossing of Dmitriy Yavornitsky prospect and Vladimir Vernadsky Street. The dweller of Dnepr also showed photos of graffiti. UJC of Ukraine took measures of retouching the inscription. **(Jewish hot line “910” / website JewishNews)**

**September 19.** The dweller of Poltava addressed to police and informed that abusive words were drawn on the monument to “Grieving mother”, installed in the place of city dwellers' mass executions during German-fascist occupation. The information about defacing the monument was made public by the representative of Poltava police communications department Juliya Leshchenko. **(The police of Poltava region)**

**September 20.** In Kiev two young people were painting anti-Semitic graffiti with a spray colours on the fence of the building in Zoologicheskaya Street. **(Mikhail Maylis)**

**September 23.** The notice from the citizen Ya. about anti-Semitic graffiti was recorded in Kiev. The inscription “Kill the kike – and you will be happy” at the bus stop the other side of the Paton Bridge hasn’t been removed during a few months (appeared in May). **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**September 23.** Anti-Semitic graffiti “Are you a Jew? – Kill!” was noticed inside the car of one of Kiev electric trains **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**September 29.** The inscription “Beat kikes” was found out on white terminal unit in Kiev, Sevastopolskaya Square, 50/2 (at the corner of Flotskaya street, the wall of the shop “Agro-bank”, pharmacy №10). **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 1.** Dwellers of Cherkassy received letters of anti-Semitic content by post, in which unknown senders printed the article “Eternal kike” of I. Ryazantsev from the newspaper “New word”, dating back to 1943. Letters were received by dwellers of the house №188 in Kreshchyatik Street. It was written in details in the article, how the representatives of Jewish nation made plans about establishing the world supremacy. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**October 1.** An appeal from the dweller of Lugansk L. - an 80-year-old neighbour has been insulting the woman of her Jewish origin for many years. At the same time quite often she uses the word “Jewess” and other obscene expressions. The aggrieved person addressed to the police, but they don’t react. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 2.** The dweller of Kiev P. informed about violence in the family: being in a state of alcoholic intoxication, her husband says that Jews should be killed, shot and commits aggression against the applicant who is a Jew. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 4, 5.** Anti-Semitic inscriptions, written in Ukrainian, “To Babij Yar: Gipsies, hucksters, Abram and Sarah”, are found out in different places of Kiev (in the street and in the underground car). **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**October 5.** The dweller of Dnepr, Jew B., informed about the family conflict which had happened because of anti-Semitism according to words of the applicant. B. said that he had become the victim of assault and battery. A person, who had attacked him, was brother-in-law of the dweller who called. The police was sent for, but the application was not put in. After this situation brother-in-law continues to threaten the aggrieved person. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 7.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Kill the kike” is found out on payment terminal for purchasing tokens at the station of the underground “Palats Ukraine” in Kiev. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**October 12.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Kill the kike”, drawn on the payment terminal, is found out at the station of the underground “Politechnical institute” in Kiev. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**October 12.** The military man, who is in Donetsk, informed that anti-Semitic insults were flung at him. Attacks are made from fellow officers of a Jew-man. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 14.** The user of Facebook network David Roytman published a photo of anti-Semitic graffiti – inscription “Kill the kike”. The activist Dolinsky informed that picture was made in Odessa. **(Facebook page: David Roytman)**

**October 16.** The notice was received from Kiev dweller D., in which she told that the inscription “Kill the kike” was drawn on one of electronics box panels of the traffic lights in Kiev. The inscription is at eye level. The traffic lights are located on the crossing of Paladin prospect and Bulakhovsky Street (the station of the underground “Academgorodok”). **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**October 31.** Civil activist Andrey Karpovich from Krivoy Rog published video, in which he tells, how Jews destroy Ukrainian culture. According to words of Karpovich, during excavations in Pochtova Square in Kiev, artifacts, witnessing about ancient Ukrainian culture, were found, but the mayor of Kiev Vitaliy Klichko and his assistants assigned the overseer of the place of excavations from Kiev synagogue. The overseer supposedly decided to fill everything with concrete and eliminate the evidence that Ukrainians had a culture. “Dear kikes, I understand everything, but don’t stick to your guns there. I understand that you’re having Khabad-Lyubavich hang in Ukraine that you arranged the anti-terrorist operation here, which is guided by local kikes from Dnepropetrovsk. Descent from the sky to Earth, you aren’t still the owners in this country”, - the activist announced. **(YouTube Channel: Russian Dnepropetrovsk)**

**October 31.** The appeal from the dweller of Zaporozhye N., who is a Jew, was recorded. The woman said that her neighbour insulted her, using the word “Jewess”. **(Jewish hot line “910”)**

**November 2.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Knock Jews (Malantsy (minor part of their nation) and Gypsies off and you’ll be a good SSman” was recorded in the car of Kiev electric train. **(Pavel Zeldich)**

**November 4.** The unknown draw anti-Semitic graffiti – gallows with David's Star instead of a loop atop of the advertisement in Yiddish in Lvov. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 6.** Anti-Semitic inscription: “Kill the kikes, because instead of sour cream you will eat your own children” is recorded on sour cream promotion board in one of the cars of Kiev underground. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 12.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Safe kikes are dead” is found out in front panel of payment terminal in the district of Lukyanovsky market in Kiev. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 12.** Leaflets with crossed out Menorah and the word “Khabad” under the slogan “Stop genocide” appeared in Kiev. The leaflets call to come to the national popular assembly in Kiev on the 18th of November, 2018. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 16.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Kill the kike” on the wall of the building in Darnitsky district of Kiev is recorded. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 18.** The inscription of anti-Semitic nature: “Hey, search for Bogdan again, may you find him before the elections, because lackeys lay foolishly down Jews again” is found out on the wall of underground passage in Borshchyagovskaya Street in Kiev. “The author of the verse refers to massacres of 1648-49 under the guidance of Bogdan Khmelnytsky, in which tens of thousands of Jews were bestially killed”, - public figure Dolinsky notes. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 18.** So called national popular assembly was held in Mikhaylovskaya Square in Kiev. Those present condemned “lousy kikes, the Judaist band, masons, Khabad”, protested against “Khazarian khaganate and new Israel on the territory of Ukraine”, required “to return

the column of nationality to passports, to return power to Ukrainians and to stop genocide, carried out by the kikes”. (**YouTube Channel: GOLDDIMON**)

**November 19.** The notice from the dweller of Lvov M. was received. The woman informed that she had been insulted because of Jewish nationality, had been called “Jewess” during the trip in public transport. (**Jewish hot line “910”**)

**November 19.** The notice from the dweller of Odessa A. She asserts that some woman (ethnic German who comes from the family, which participated in Jews' killing during the Holocaust) threw away the film from family archive of the aggrieved person – videotape recording, on which A. is photographed with Israel flag. (**Jewish hot line “910”**)

**November 22.** The dweller of Odessa made a complaint about inactivity of state authorities in the case about anti-Semitic insults and attempted murder. According to woman’s information, the investigator, who had earlier been conducting this case, didn’t perform investigative actions, provided in the law, and insisted on applicant’s applying to other authorities. (**Jewish hot line “910”**)

**November 27.** Anti-Semitic inscription “Kikes. Death” was found out in Kiev trolleybus, following the 41st route. (**Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky**)

**November 29.** The notice from the dweller of Kiev with information about an anti-Semitic drawing on the wall of one of the houses in Teodor Drayzer Street, 1/25 is recorded. That graffiti was on the level of the 8th floor of a 16-storied house – David's Star on the gallows was drawn on the wall of the balcony. (**Jewish hot line “910”**)

## **2.2. Indirect indications of anti-Semitism**

**January 26.** The director of Ukrainian institute of national memory Vladimir Vyatrovich, the director of the Centre of the Holocaust analysis Anatoly Podolsky and the historian Vitaly Nakhmanovich made presentation of the workbook for teachers of high schools “Babij Yar. Memory against the background of history” in Kiev. “The purpose of the workbook is to hide the participation of OUN and Ukrainian police in Holocaust actions against Jews. The workbook is a copy of the similar exhibition, whose organizer is the author of expression “Babij Yar is simply a cemetery, and they do not write in the cemetery that the deceased was a son of a bitch”, - Vitaly Nakhmanovich said during the presentation. It is told about tragical destiny of Ukrainian nationalists in the workbook, as well as at the exhibition, but there isn’t a word about their role in killing Jews of Kiev”, - Jewish activist Eduard Dolinsky made comments on this event. (**Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky**)

**April 10.** The police arrested two vandals in Nemirov (Vinnitsa region) at night on the 10th of April. They were searching for gold in mass grave of Jews, killed during the Holocaust. (**YouTube Channel: Lamin Sakho**)

**April 18.** The desecration of Jewish cemetery in Rovno. According to the notice of Dolinsky, the unknown digged up the mass grave in Sosenki natural boundary, where 18 thousand of Jews are buried. The purpose of vandalism was considered to be searching for valuable things and plundering the grave. (**Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky**)

**April 24.** Lvov department of education and science conducts the competition of drawings on topic “Ukrainian volunteers in the ranks of division “Galichina” 1943 - 45”. Winners' rewarding was planned on April 28. Volunteers from division “Galichina” were more than once accused of participating in killing Jews within WWII by the historians and public

figures. **(Lvov department of education and science)**

**May 2.** The leader of the party “Brotherhood” Dmitry Korchinsky announced of intention to conduct the protest “Immortal division” to counterbalance “Immortal regiment” on the 8-9th of May. He declared about it on his page in Facebook: “To support wadded propaganda happening Immortal regiment we initiate the protest Immortal division. On the 8th and 9th of May, carrying the portraits of our grandfathers and great-grandfathers from Galichina division we should convince propagandists that their regiment is not as immortal as it is considered to be. The division “Galichina” was a part of Nazi SS troops. Participation of military men of the division in war crimes against peaceful population is proven. Public figure Leonid Shtekel from Odessa asserts that “SS division “Galichina” (Galitsiya), as well as all security parts of SS, participated in killing Jews”. SS troops, to which “Galichina” was included, are recognized as criminal organizations according to the decision of Nuremberg tribunal. **(Facebook page: Dmitry Korchinsky)**

**May 4.** The concert of neo-Nazi musical bands was held in the night club “BINGO” in Pobieda prospect, 112 in Kiev. There were about 300 people, including young people with symbolics, typical to Hitlerite regime, in the performance of the groups “Boris Britva”, “Whom Downwards”, Brainwash, Kratky Proces, “Sokira Peruna” and M8L8TH. People were holding flags with swastika in hands, many of them had tattoos with that symbol. During the concert the audience raised a right hand in a certain Nazi greeting. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**June 4.** The local resident informed the journalists from Mariupol (Donetsk region) that vandals systematically damage the tombs of the XVIII century in old Jewish cemetery, which is one of the most ancient places of burials on the territory of the city. The unknown plunder tombs, searching for valuable things and metal items. **(Internet-resource 0629.com.ua)**

**July 5.** The exhibition of newspapers of Ukrainian nationalists, in one of which Adolph Hitler is glorified, was opened in the Supreme Council. The exhibition is devoted to 77-anniversary of adoption of the Act of revival of Ukrainian state June 30, 1941. **(Internet-edition “Strana.ua”)**

**July 15.** The unknown dugged out Jewish mass grave on the outskirts of Berdichev (Zhitomir region). Plunderers are presumably made responsible for ruining tombs while searching for valuables. The visitors of mass grave came across bones, thrown on the ground, and a fragment of woman's braid. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**August 27.** In Odessa region Renault began building the automobile sales centre on the territory of Bogdan Khmelnytsky park – in the place of one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the history of Izmail. The decision about allocation of the ground area for building in this place was accepted by city authorities. **(website izmail.es)**

**September 5.** Jewish community of Kolomyia brought an action, concerning the illegitimacy of placing the cross in the place of Jews' burials in memorial park. An administrative claim has been in the court for more than a year. **(Internet-edition “DZerkalo media”)**

**September 8.** During the opening of renewed monument to the ideologist of Ukrainian nationalism Mykola Mikhnovsky in Baykovy cemetery in Kiev, the presenter of the ceremony, the writer Roman Koval announced: “It’s hard for them, when they hear simple truths from the followers of Mykola Mikhnovsky. “All the people are your brothers, - Mikhnovsky said , - but Moskals, Poles, Hungarians, Romanians and kikes are enemies of our people, until they rule

over us and exploit us”. I must emphasize: “until they rule over us and exploit us”. And they do rule over us! And exploit us!“ **(YouTube Channel: Mykola Vladzimirsky)**

**September 17.** Nazi symbols and Adolph Gitler's portrait were found out in Predslavin-skaya Street, 12 in Kiev, where there is “The office of veterans of OUN and Ajar” (information from the page of the leader of nationalist movement C14 Yevgeniy Karas). **(Internet-edition “Ukrainian truth”)**

**October 29.** Polish mass media informed that Yaroslav Shareka, the president of the Institute of national memory applied to the public prosecutor's office of Warsaw. He accused the Ukrainian creator of computer games Aliens Games of insulting Polish nation and propagation of fascist state system in materials, advertising computer game “Cost of freedom”. Action of the game takes place in the Nazi camp of death “Auschwitz-Birkenau”. Advertising material doesn't only contain realistic scenes of execution and killing prisoners in gas chambers, a player also gets the opportunity to act the role of a Nazi officer and kill virtual prisoners. **(website Prawo karne)**

**November 8.** The lecture of military valour was held in gymnasium № 315 in Kiev. A Nazi formation – the division of SS “Galichina” became the pattern of valour. The lecture about “glorious” military men from SS was delivered to children by the representative of the community Ukrainian Military Honor, which is engaged in praising Ukrainians, who served in Nazi divisions. During WWII fighters from division “Galichina” supported the Third Reich. A number of facts and evidence of witnesses confirm the participation of volunteers from “Galichina” in killing Jews. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 22.** Information about setting up memorial plaques to Dmitriy Dontsov and Simon Petlyura, whom a number of historians call ideologists of Nazism and thereafter the participants of massacres of Jews, appeared on the website of Kiev regional administration. Dontsov wrote: “international Hebraism is a force of demoralization, emasculating the soul of people, and mocks a national feeling”. And following the ideas of Dontsov, an extraordinary meeting of the OUN (April, 1941) included the item of “hostile national minorities” – Russians, Poles and Jews to policy documents. Simon Petlyura was Commander-in-Chief in the main agency of the government of UNR - The Directory, which existed from 1918 till 1920. “Activities of the Directory, which was practically ruled over by “ataman group”, headed by Petlyura, were marked by bloody Jewish massacres,” – as it is said in “Electronic Jewish encyclopedia” (EJE is created on the basis of Brief Jewish encyclopedia, published in Jerusalem in 1976-2005 by the Society of Jewish communities research in co-operation with Jewish university in Jerusalem). **(“Official portal of Kiev”)**

**December 11.** Lvov regional council announced 2019 the year of Stepan Bandera (the decision is applied to Lvov region) – because of 110-anniversary from the date of his birth. December 13, the ambassador of Israel in Ukraine Joel Lion levelled criticism against this event. Joel Lion wrote in his Twitter: “I was shocked, having heard the decision of Lvov regional council about announcing 2019 the year of Stepan Bandera. I cannot understand, how glorification of those, who are directly involved in awful anti-Semitic crimes, helps in struggling against anti-Semitism and xenophobia. Ukraine should not forget these crimes, committed against Ukrainian Jews, and in no way to admire them, paying tribute to their initiators”. **(Lvov regional council / Twitter page: Joel Lion)**



**December 18.** The champion of Ukraine of fitness-bikini Marina Slota left a post in social network Instagram, in which eulogized Adolph Hitler. Later the sportswoman deleted the publication. **(Website JewishNews)**

### **2.3. Actions and statements of anti-Semitic nature on the part of government employees**

**January 22.** During press-conference the mayor of Uman (Cherkassy region) Alexander Tsebriy unprovably accused the Hasidaeans of preventing to clean roads from snow – they prevent streets from being cleaned from snow and don't let functioning of snow-removing equipment, Jews behaved like hooligans, threatened and attacked the workers of municipal economy – the mayor said. **(YouTube Channel: Political guide)**

**February 7.** An administrative suit was filed against the Ukrainian institute of national memory and his director Vladimir Vyatrovich after statements that symbolics of SS troops “Galichina” isn't referred to the symbolics of Nazi regime, and the division itself isn't considered to be a fascist formation. The suit was filed at the end of 2017; first hearing took place February 7, in 2018. The main claim, being put in to the respondent is to prohibit the Ukrainian institute of national memory interpreting legislation through propagandizing fascist symbolics. **(Website “Voice UA”)**

**February 9.** The deputy of the city council of Dnepr Sergey Sukhanov published a provocative post in Facebook. He wrote that “Jewish community [of Dnepr - comment] had given a dare to all goys”. “The dare is taken... I shall remind that you, bastards, have already forced the whole country to knees in the synagogue. Groysmans, Valtsmans, Yatsenyuks etc. One day for public apologies. Then I stop my membership of a party and I raise everybody, who is tired of kneeling in the synagogue in my country”. According to that fact the police brought an action on fomentation of interethnic enmity. After that anti-Semitic post was deleted. **(Edition “Apostrophe”)**

**March 9.** Vice-prime minister of Ukraine Pavel Rozenko informed about anti-Semitic statements during the meeting in Kiev: “9:30. The Square near the monument to Shevchenko. A few tens of people with flags of “New forces movement”. I'm listening to speeches from an improvised tribune. Slogans, being traditional for this circle, “about preventing Ukraine from zionization” and “how kikes seized Ukraine” are already heard. After ending the speech stormy applause and shouts “Glory!” are sounding. During the meeting one of the speakers made a statement: “The project “celestial Jerusalem” was launched in Ukraine”. This is not only that war, which is being conducted now. According to this project, “Poroshenkos” should surrender half of Ukraine... This is their agreement between, I'm sorry, kikes, Russian Zionists and our Ukrainian ones... Only when we stop zionization of Ukraine, Ukraine will be Ukraine. Taras Shevchenko said about it. All scrupulous Ukrainians say about it today”. He added that “zionistic clique” might take about 12 - 15 million of kikes from Israel to Ukraine”. **(Facebook page: Pavel Rozenko)**

**March 21.** Anonymous source informed journalists of edition “Ukrainian truth”: during tapping of the cabinet of the head of Specialized anti corruption public prosecutor's office Nazar Kholodnitsky, which had been conducted by NABU and Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine for a few weeks, “very unpleasant anti-Semitic statements” were recorded. **(Internet-edition “Ukrainianska pravda”)**

**April 27** the movement of supporting a teacher from Lvov, who had been fired for scandalous congratulation of Hitler in Facebook, was organized. More than two hundred of dwellers

of Lvov micro-district Ryasne-2 came to support Maryana Batyuk, who is also the deputy of Lvov city council from the All-Ukrainian Union "Freedom". The picket, on which a few members of the party "Freedom" were present, took place near the local school. (**website Zaxid.net**)

**May 10.** The head of the chair of economics of the National University of aviation, the academician of the Academy of economic sciences of Ukraine Olesya Suntsova wrote on her page in Facebook: "Dwellers of Kiev were very outraged by Jews' authority in Kiev, that's why they were glad to Germans, because they had thought at that time, that there would have been nothing worse, than Jews with their tortures, "shell holes", dispossession of the kulaks and acts of terrorism. Look the archives up. Exclusively Jews were members of the National commissariat of Interior Affairs in that period. Especially of sign language... Jews weren't really worth of loving. Jew Zhukov, a commander, who ruined so many Ukrainians, for example. All surplus-appropriation systems were composed only of Jews by 99%". On the 11th of May the publication was deleted and a post appeared, in which it was informed of cracking the account of the teacher. (**Facebook page: Olesya Suntsova**)

**May 14** information was made public that the consul of Ukraine in Hamburg Vasiliy Marushchinets published notes of obvious anti-Semitic nature on his page in Facebook, closed for unauthorized people: "My god, punish kikes" and "Babij Yar. Not kikes in 1941, but Ukrainians in 1918-1941 are killed here". The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine brought disciplinary proceeding against the consul and removed him from work. (**Internet-edition "KP in Ukraine"**)

**June 7** the former speaker of the Supreme Council and ex-leader of "Socialist party of Ukraine" Alexander Moroz became the winner of literary competition "Word crowning" (2018). During the rewarding ceremony, which took place in the Pillared hall of the state administration of Kiev, the winner recited his verses, in which, according to opinion of the author, his works have something in common with works of the poet Taras Shevchenko: "People ask riddles everywhere (Try to find the answer): Why do Jews rule over the whole world, and we have only kikes?" (**YouTube Channel: UA:First**)

**June 25** the main military public prosecutor Anatoliy Matios said while the interview to edition The Insider that Jews were going to arrange bloody revolution in Ukraine: "There is always its own Parvus in each war who brought money to Lenin for revolution, which filled the Slavs with flows of blood for decades. That one was also of Jewish origin. In this case they want to make the same thing with Ukraine again". (**Internet-edition The Insider**)

**September 4.** While broadcasting the program "Freedom of the speech" on ICTV channel, the head of the Supreme Council of Ukraine Andrey Parubiy stated that Adolph Hitler had been a real admirer of direct democracy and "carried it out actively". (**YouTube Channel: ICTV channel**)

**September 25** the deputy of the Regional council of Chernovtsy Alexander Boltunov spreads unreliable information that during the pilgrimage to Uman a local resident juvenile girl was violated by the Hasidaeans. He published on his page in Facebook: "The Hasidaeans violated a juvenile Ukrainian girl in Uman! The community, isn't it high time to gather and make these evil spirits answer for our Ukrainian girl!" Later the publication was deleted, however its screenshot remained. (**Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky**)

**October 30** the photo of Vassiliy Marushints, who had been earlier involved in anti-Semitic scandal, appeared. The photo of him was taken at the time of Nazi greeting. The former

consul showed such gesture while celebrating the fourth anniversary of the battalion “Carpathian Sech”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**October 30** Rabbi Moshe Reuven Asman put in an official application about illegal actions of the National anti-corruption office of Ukraine, which had illegally set a tapping device in the Central synagogue of Kiev. “I consider these illegal actions to be flagrant violation of constitutional, religious rights of believers, create the foundation for speculations, provocations against Jewish people”, - it is said in the application. **(Facebook page: Chief Rabbi of Ukraine)**

**October 9** the head of Fastovsky department of the party “Freedom” Yuriy Gorbinko published the image of anti-Semitic nature with an inscription in Ukrainian on his page in Facebook social network: “They threshed, but not bread with hard chains, kikes-occupants were instead of bread together with upper class”. Later the publication was deleted or hidden, but Jewish activist Eduard Dolinsky paid attention to the post and informed: “Last year in summer he wrote that he regretted that Hitler hadn’t finished his work. Then we applied to the police. The police answered that they didn’t see the crime in the act”. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

**November 7** it became known that the former mayor of the city Taras Kopylyak opened the night club with disco and striptease in the building, where there had been a synagogue in Sambor (Lvov region). This act of disparaging attitude to Jewish historical heritage was reported by Jewish activist Dolinsky on his page in Facebook. **(Facebook page: Eduard Dolinsky)**

### **3. Activity of state authorities on anti-Semitism**

**December 6, 2018** the project of decree №9371 was registered in Ukrainian Parliament about the Supreme Council addressing to the Cabinet of Ministers, Security service of Ukraine, Prosecutor General's Office, National police and other law-enforcement agencies, judicial and local authorities on strengthening the struggle against xenophobia, anti-Semitism, prevention of hate crimes and protection the rights of the citizens of Jewish origin, Jewish community. The author of the project is a parliamentary deputy Georgiy Logvinsky **(group “People’s front”)**.

The Committee on Human rights, National minorities and Interethnic relations also recommended the Supreme Council to approve the project of decree №9371 about strengthening the struggle against anti-Semitism in Ukraine. Nevertheless, as of today the struggle against anti-Semitism in Ukraine remains at declarations level. In practice article 161 of the Criminal code of Ukraine is often replaced by other articles, inflicting administrative responsibility. Verbal insults, threats, anti-Semitic statements, graffiti and suggestions to expel national minorities from Ukraine are frequently qualified as hooliganism according to the Code of administrative offences.

It is extremely difficult to collect statistical data about the reaction of state authorities to anti-Semitism indication, as practically all such crimes are considered in Ukraine, as offences according to other articles. Investigations of such offences are frequently suspended before sending cases for trial.

#### 4. Public reaction

Citizens of Ukraine react rather actively to the cases of anti-Semitism indication, which are reported in the Internet – in news resources and in social networks. Users take an active part in spreading of such news in the network, share publications on personal pages, leave comments. Though, the greatest attention to anti-Semitic incidents is still paid by the members of Jewish community of the country.

Analyzing appeals to United Jewish hot line “910”, where Jews from all Ukraine address on different questions, it is possible to note that information about anti-Semitism makes up a small part from total number of calls. It allows to conclude, that citizens of Ukraine display less activity out of the Internet.

In Ukraine public figures stick to different opinions about the problem of anti-Semitism in the country. We find it necessary to quote a series of statements of public figures about approving of the earlier presented bill on struggling against anti-Semitism in Ukraine, as well as on intolerance to Jews in general, promulgated in mass media.

After submission of the project of decree №9371 to the Supreme Council, hot discussion about its expedience occurred in the society. The author of the bill **Georgiy Logvinsky** considers: “This is “the first step”, a separate precedent, which will allow to get the process of humanization and democratization started, to make the concept “discrimination on ethnic origin” impossible on the territory of our country”.

**Anna Vishnyakova**, the special adviser of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on struggling against anti-Semitism and xenophobia, the president of Ukrainian union of Jewish students, who took an active part in preparation of the project №9371, noted about her attitude on the pages of edition “Khadashot”: “Why is it necessary to include the definition “anti-Semitism” into the Criminal Code of Ukraine? Firstly, it will help “to remove” crimes which should be qualified according to article 161 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, from the shadow of article 173 (“Minor hooliganism”), to which administrative penalties are applied. Secondly, it will help to make order in statistics of anti-Semitism indications and to clarify the situation.

Approval of the international definition of anti-Semitism and responsibility for its indication is a true step on the way to a really democratic state, where rights and freedoms of the citizens are respected regardless of their form of the nose and religious beliefs. Recently, we have developed the decree about strengthening the struggle against anti-Semitism indications with the assistance of the head of Inter-parliamentary group of friendship “Ukraine – Israel”, the deputy Georgiy Logvinsky. The document concretizes the definition of anti-Semitism, emphasizing on necessity of taking all anti-Semitic crimes into account. It can become the first step to improvement of the legislation on struggling against xenophobia and religious intolerance in Ukraine”.

The President of Association of Jewish organizations and communities (Vaad) of Ukraine Iosif Zisels gave commentary on the law about anti-Semitism to JewishNews: “To prove the existence of the intent is really very difficult [...] Therefore, if to enact a law, then, of course, first of all it is necessary to remove this collision from existing law. To do that way as it is done in civilized countries. If a person committed a hate crime, owing to anti-Semitism, then this article should be applied to him. I think that if it is applied, it will somehow influence others. Further on. What is also important? That I do think that it is not necessary to separate anti-Semitism from xenophobia. In my opinion, xenophobia is a more universal phenomenon, than anti-Semitism, because this is stirring up hatred to any national group. It is also possible to

include anti-Semitism there. It is possible to combine them - to approve “for anti-Semitism and xenophobia”. But to approve a special article “for anti-Semitism” – I do not see a particular sense and logic in this”.

Internet-edition Vgolos.com.ua also collected opinions of public people, concerning the bill of the deputy Georgiy Logvinsky. The leader of radical movement “Brotherhood” **Dmitry Korchinsky** declared: “If to punish for anti-Semitism, then let's punish for anti-Arabism, anti-Chechenism and so on. In the conditions of wartime responsibility for anti-Semitism is an extremely irrelevant topic for our country. Ukrainians are the only oppressed nation in Ukraine”.

The director of the institute of the society transformation **Oleg Soskin** expressed confidence that there was no anti-Semitism in Ukraine: “Anyway, Semites hold power in Ukraine. The richest people of the country are Jews. Exactly Semitism is Jewish chauvinism; so such law shouldn't be registered. There is no hatred to anybody in Ukraine; we love even Russians, who kill us. Logvinsky should be made answerable for fomentation of interethnic hatred. What is next? Segregation? When simple Ukrainians will be left without rights to learn, to get medical care in the same establishments with Jews? In our country it is not possible to humiliate or eulogize one nationality: if this is Ukrainian or Jew. Everybody should be equal before the law and have the same rights for protection of their national honor and dignity. I'm convinced: for such “initiatives” Logvinsky should be responsible, because he does foment interethnic strife.”

The political scientist **Alexander Solonko** said: “Our people's deputies like to be occupied with “legislative spam” very much. And therefore there is no sense to be surprised that unnecessary bills are registered in our country. And indeed, the statistics of countries with anti-Semitism has recently been published. According to it Ukraine was recognized one of loyal countries to Jews. Ukrainians are very tolerant; we are not the nation of anti-Semites or xenophobes. I do not think that some nation in Ukraine is limited somehow, and its rights are violated. Ukrainians are the only nation, who has been struggling for its language, culture in its own state up to this day”.

Public figure **Eduard Dolinsky**, who often records anti-Semitic incidents in Ukraine, expressed his opinion about the situation with anti-Semitism in the country in the interview to online-resource Ideologs from May 15: “To my mind, such cases have increased now, because there is a political and economic crisis in the country. It is typical for any country: when crisis phenomena occur, then anti-Semitism “comes out”. When everything was good with economy, such cases were too minimized. And it doesn't depend on a particular country in this case. [...]

Now, of course, Ukraine is by no means considered to be an anti-Semitic state. There are questions, which should be corrected. Nevertheless, the fact that Ukraine has already been refusing to enter into the International Holocaust memory alliance for many years, raises doubts. Ukraine simply avoids it. The representatives of the alliance come here every year. This is an international organization, which is formed of governments from different countries. Including even Turkey, where there was no Holocaust at all. America and Canada also entered into it. But only two countries of the world refuse to enter into this organization: they are Russia and Ukraine”.

In postscript for news website JewishNews the chief of the United Jewish community of Ukraine **Mikhael Tkach** notes: “Unfortunately, cases are known to history, when the representatives of the authority carried out massacres on the territory of Ukraine, initiated enmity and displayed aggression against Jews – Bogdan Khmelnytsky, ataman Grigoryev and others.

Such indications of aggression are exactly anti-Semitism, against which Jewish people have been struggling for centuries. But from the same history we know that actions of the leader don't always express the position of people. And if we blame chiefs of the society for indications of anti-Semitism on their part, then in usual life Jewish and Ukrainian people live friendly. Jewish movement has been existing in Ukraine for 600 years, and the first mentioning of Jews in Ukraine is dated back to the 10th century AD. There are many monuments of Jewish heritage and holy places on the territory of Ukraine, where pilgrims from different countries of the world come. The fomenting of interethnic enmity between Ukrainians and Jews is a provocation and is directed to deterioration of relations between two peoples”.

## **5. Conclusions**

Having analyzed the cases of anti-Semitism in 2018, and having compared the number of recorded indications of intolerance to Jews with data, published for the period from 2014 to 2017, it is possible to draw following conclusions.

Increasing of the cases of anti-Semitism indication (domestic incidents), as well as vandalism indication – images of neo-Nazi symbolics and inscriptions of anti-Semitic nature in social places is observed in Ukraine. It is possible to assume that increasing of these rates is connected with absence of constant monitoring and recording of the similar incidents in the previous years.

It is necessary to pay attention to the fact that for 2018th year there weren't recorded any cases of physical violence, caused by intolerance to Jews, for example, a hold-up. At the same time the number of indirect indications of anti-Semitism in Ukraine increased, such as regarding questionable historic figures as heroes, who are considered to be the participants in massacres of Jews.

In 2018 the system of recording the cases of anti-Semitism was initiated by the United Jewish community of Ukraine.

The United Jewish community of Ukraine admits the existence of anti-Semitism in Ukraine, however, notes about its domestic nature. In 2018 the meeting of working group of OSCE with the chief of the United Jewish community of Ukraine was held. During the meeting the questions of anti-Semitism in Ukraine were discussed, particular cases and steps of public organizations in struggling against its indications were analyzed.

At participation of non-governmental organizations and public figures in solving the designated problem, it is possible to note practically total absence of attention to it on the part of state authorities. As an exception, the initiative of people's deputy Georgiy Logvinsky, who proposed a bill to the Supreme Council about strengthening the struggle against anti-Semitism in Ukraine, can be noted.

To sum it up, it is possible to draw conclusion, that nowadays it is necessary to put in order the legislative base of Ukraine, concerning anti-Semitism indications, to make changes in normative legal acts, regulating responsibility for the incidents of similar nature. It is also necessary to impose restrictions on legislative level that concern regarding people, who were guilty of crimes against Jewish people, as heroes, for the purpose of increasing consciousness of the population, which is the necessary condition for struggling against anti-Semitism in Ukraine.



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