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The report on Antisemitism in France in 2017 is dedicated to the memory of Sarah Halimi (zI), who was held prisoner, tortured and thrown out of the window by her murderer on the night of 3rd April 2017 at her home in Paris's 11th district.

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is dedicated to the memory of**



Gabriel Sandler (z'l)
4 ans



Arié Sandler (z'l)
5 ans



Myriam Monsonego (z'l)
7 ans



Jonathan Sandler (z'l)
30 ans

**who were murdered five years ago,
on 19th March 2012,
victims of Antisemitic hatred.**

We also remember the other victims of the same terrorist



Imad Ibn Ziaten
30 ans
murdered on
11th March 2012



Abel Chennouf
25 ans
murdered on
15th March 2012



Mohamed Legouad
23 ans
murdered on
15th March 2012

**REPORT ON
ANTISEMITISM
IN FRANCE
IN 2017**

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SPCJ

SPCJ, the Jewish Community Security Service, was founded in 1980 following the attack in the Rue Copernic in Paris.

SPCJ emerged from the joint determination of CRIF (the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France), FSJU (the Jewish United Social Fund), and the French Rabbinate to protect the Jewish community at large. Members of SPCJ's Executive Committee are appointed by these founding institutions. SPCJ's President is Mr. Eric de Rothschild.

SPCJ's existence since the 1980s has been justified by the ongoing terrorist and antisemitic threat in France for the last 37 years. It has become necessary to help the Jewish community flourish, by guaranteeing a free, diverse and satisfying expression of Jewish identity.

SPCJ is an apolitical and not-for-profit organization. Its sole mission is to protect Jewish life in its pluralistic expression.

**ERIC DE ROTHSCHILD
SPCJ PRESIDENT**

Madam, Sir,

For the twelfth consecutive year, we issue our report on Antisemitism in France.

During the year 2017, the evolution of Antisemitic acts was disturbingly diverse: increase in violent acts, homicides, violence, arsons, etc.; decrease in threats, flyers, hate mail and graffiti.

These numbers are particularly alarming. While written threats and graffiti have decreased, they have most probably migrated to social media. On the contrary, the increase in violent acts—and thus the increase in victims—means a tendency to move into action that frees itself from constraints. These violent acts have increased vis-à-vis our community, which is impacted by 33-percent of these acts, despite the fact that Jews represent at most one percent of the population.

We observe that the 26-percent increase in 2017, which was already worrisome, deteriorated further in 2018: as of the end of September 2018, we, together with the Ministry of Interior, have recorded a 71-percent increase, or 125 violent acts in 9 months.

This development of public violence puts our particular community, and indeed the entire country, in an extremely serious situation. The response starts with our police forces, and ultimately requires the implementation of many measures, for both the prevention and long-term resolution of this scourge.

We salute the efforts of the public authorities, especially the Ministry of Interior and the police forces. Please accept our warmest thanks.

SPCJ could not work without the constant mobilization of its permanent staff and volunteers dedicated to preserving the integrity and continuity of Jewish life in France. We also extend our gratitude to them for their significant commitment to the community.



Eric de Rothschild

OUR METHODOLOGY

Who contributes to the census ?

After the increase of Antisemitic acts in September 2000, the leaders of the main Jewish organizations tasked the SPCJ to take an official census of Antisemitic acts committed on French soil.

To complete this daunting and rigorous task, SPCJ works closely with the Ministry of Interior's "Victims Unit." Precise and regular exchanges enable a detailed and reliable monitoring of the situation.

What kind of Antisemitic acts are listed ?

Our inventory keeps a record of Antisemitic acts that led to a complaint or a notification to the police. It is enhanced with reports from various police agencies on French territory and centralized at the Ministry of Interior.

This methodological rigor excludes a number of acts that were reported to SPCJ but not to the police, and are thus absent from official statistics. Furthermore, Antisemitic content that circulates on the Internet is not systematically listed.

The statistical elements presented in this report therefore put the main trends in perspective, but cannot adequately convey the reality of Antisemitism in France in 2017.

The Ministry of Interior has defined the following terms :

ACTS include ACTIONS and THREATS

ACTIONS include :

- . attacks or attempts
- . homicides or attempts
- . violence
- . arson or attempts
- . defacing or vandalism

THREATS include :

- . oral threats, threatening gestures and insults
- . flyers and hate mail
- . graffiti

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1.1 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSES

Antisemitism In France In 2017:

ONE CANNOT REASONABLY SPEAK OF A DECREASE IN ANTISEMITISM
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- ▶ The number of Antisemitic ACTS (ACTIONS and THREATS) leading to a complaint went from 335 in 2016 to 311 in 2017, or a 7-percent drop.
- ▶ However, this number gives false hope. Here are some facts that should be taken into account:
 - The number of Antisemitic ACTIONS (attack or attempted attack, homicide or attempted homicide, violence, arson or attempted arson, defacement or vandalism) leading to a complaint went from 77 in 2016 to 97 in 2017, or a 26-percent increase. Among these cases of violence, we must include Sarah Halimi (zl), a 65-year-old woman who was savagely murdered at her home in Paris's 11th district.
 - The number of Antisemitic threats (oral threats, threatening gestures or insults, flyers, hate mail, graffiti) decreased by 17-percent in 2017 compared to 2016 (214 cases vs. 258).

A number of factors put this decrease into perspective:

- ✓ The record of THREATS only includes a few select incidents uncovered on the Internet, but not the full range of Antisemitic activity that occurs online. Indeed it should be noted that a majority of Antisemitic speeches and Antisemitic propaganda has migrated to the Internet in recent years.
- ✓ Episodes of Antisemitism in France have even encompassed terrorism and the murder of children and elderly ladies; witnesses or victims of common « everyday Antisemitism » are now more likely to display an air of resignation when confronted with such regular occurrences. They do not file complaints for these « minor » incidents, in contrast with physical attacks of an Antisemitic nature. Such daily incidents did result in to official complaints only a few years ago. Thus a number of “weaker markers” go unreported; even though they remain serious and carry disastrous consequences.

- ✓ Many victims of Antisemitic acts say that they don't file complaints because they are afraid of retaliation.
- ✓ Many victims of Antisemitic acts do not believe that a filed complaint will succeed, or that pursuing a criminal procedure prove effective.

The number of Antisemitic THREATS that lead to a complaint is substantially less than the true figure.

In 2017, the dramatic increase in Antisemitic ACTIONS (26-percent higher and the « artificial » drop in threats (17-percent lower) generated considerable concern, in addition to the need to establish a strong and immediate action plan in the areas of education, prevention and punishment.

- ▶ One out of every three racist acts committed in France in 2017 targets a Jewish person. French Jews represent less than one percent of the population, but they were the victim of fully 33-percent of all racist acts.
- ▶ Anti-Zionism and the hatred of Israel are expressed without shame; they may even be permissible. They act as screens that hide or even legitimize Antisemitism. How can one measure and study a phenomenon that needs to be fought, if it is allowed to conceal itself? How can one condone an offense with another offense?

1.2 RECAP CHART OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED IN 2017

Antisemitic acts recorded on French soil from January 1 to December 31, 2017

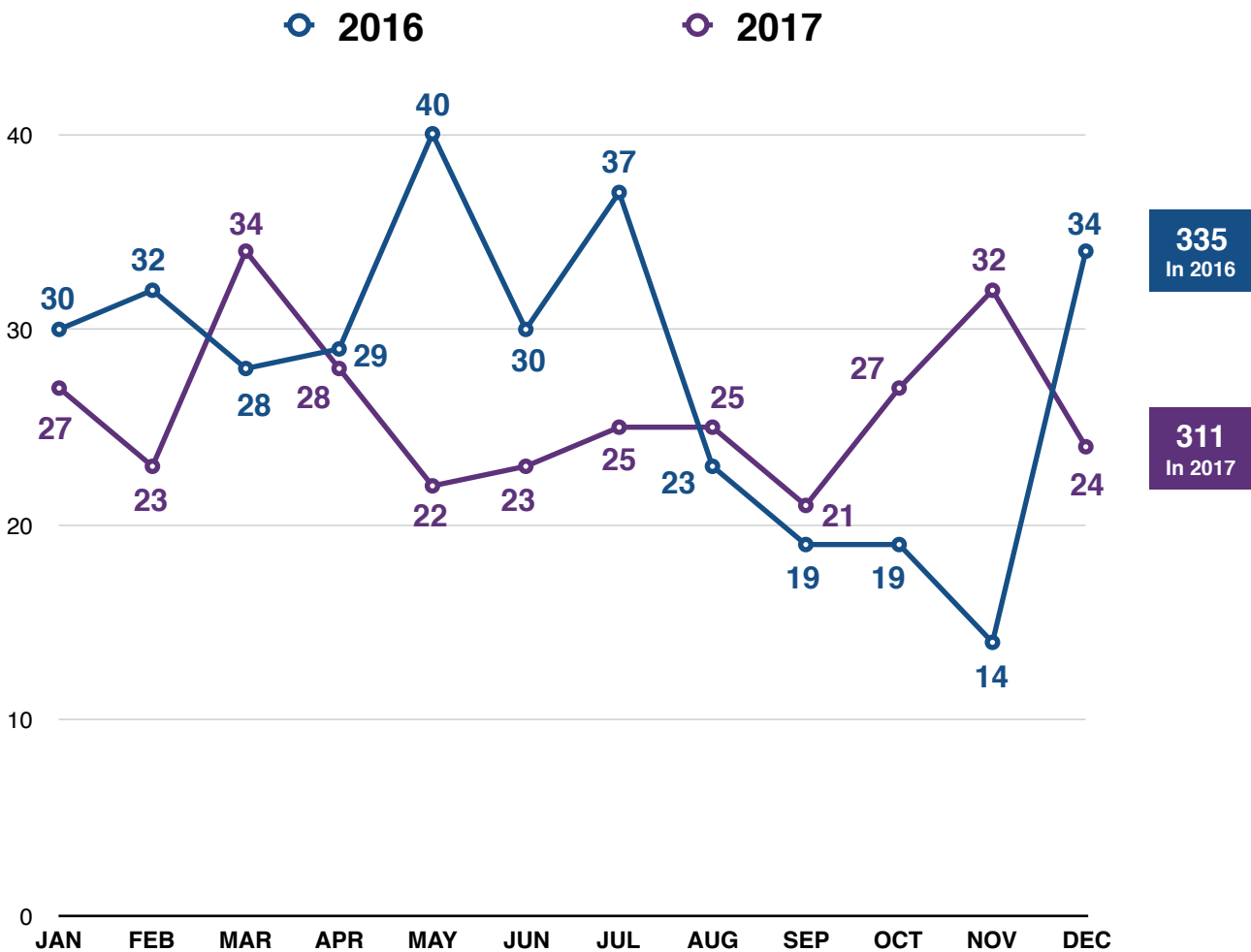
TYPE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL BY TYPE	2016 STATS	2016/ 2017 COMP. %
ACTIONS															
TERROR ATTACK OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HOMICIDE OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE	2	1	3	3	5	2	1	0	4	3	2	3	29	40	
ARSON OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	
DEFACING & VANDALIZING	5	3	6	11	1	4	8	7	5	4	5	5	64	35	
TOTAL ACTIONS	7	4	9	15	6	7	9	7	9	7	8	9	97	77	26%
2016 STATS	9	6	7	6	5	7	8	8	4	6	2	9	77		
THREATS															
THREATENING WORD AND GESTURE, INSULT	9	5	13	5	6	7	8	7	9	11	10	4	94	136	
FLYER / HATE MAIL	5	0	2	3	3	0	3	1	1	3	7	6	34	36	
GRAFFITI	6	14	10	5	7	9	5	10	2	6	7	5	86	86	
TOTAL THREATS	20	19	25	13	16	16	16	18	12	20	24	15	214	258	-17%
2016 STATS	21	26	21	23	35	23	29	15	15	13	12	25	258		
TOTAL	27	23	34	28	22	23	25	25	21	27	32	24	311	335	-7%
2016 STATS	30	32	28	29	40	30	37	23	19	19	14	34	335		

source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

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Antisemitic acts that led to filing a complaint in France in 2016 and 2017

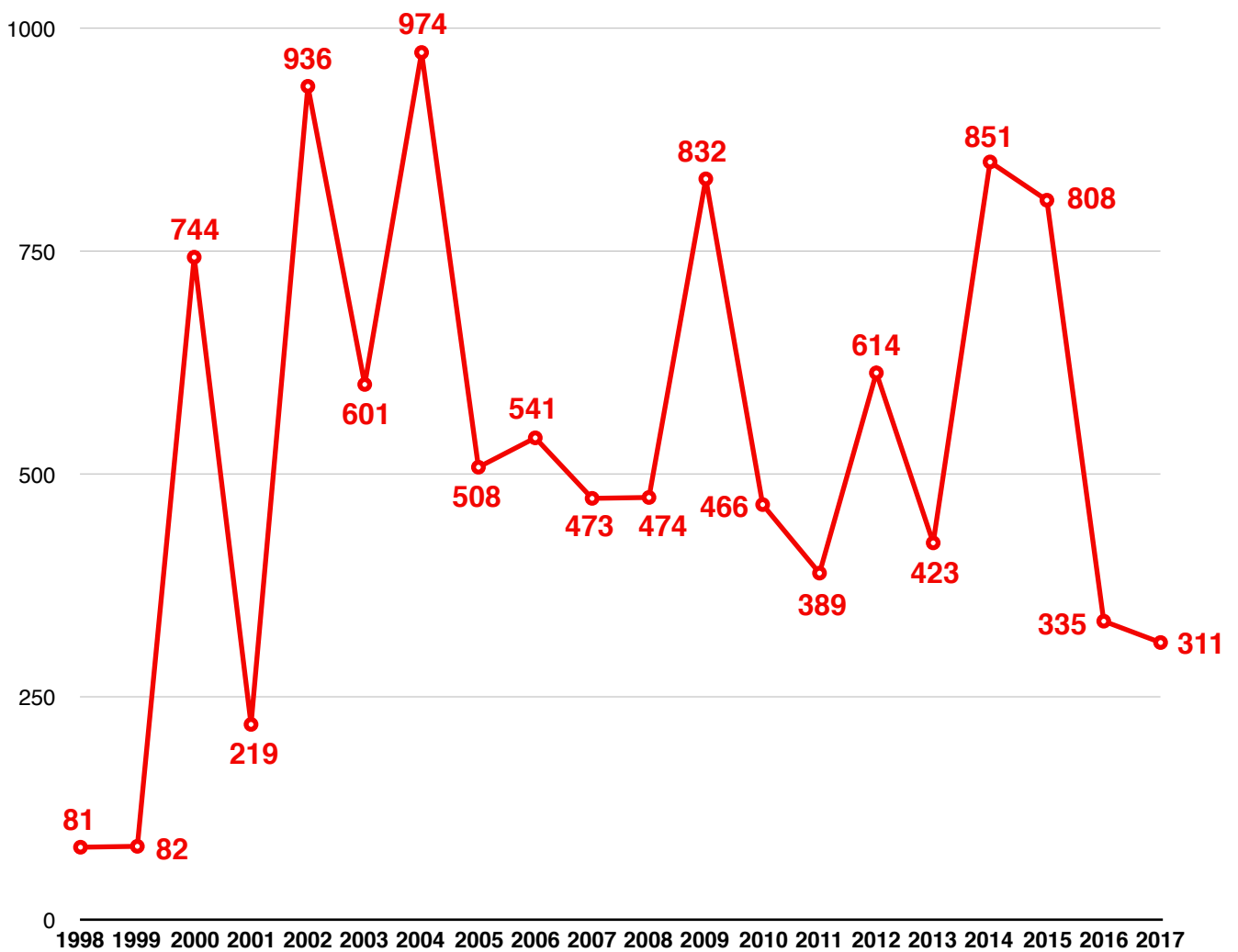


source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

1.4 ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED IN FRANCE FROM 1998 TO 2017

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Antisemitic acts recorded in France from 1998 to 2017



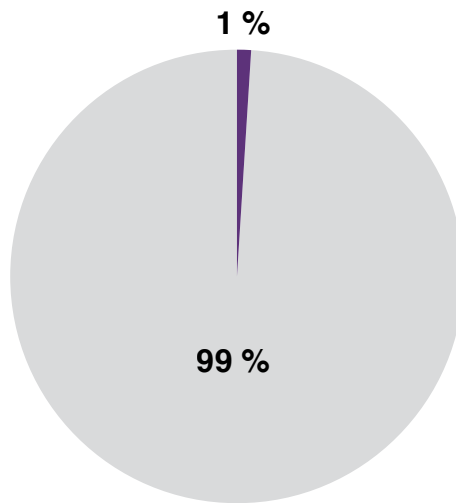
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1.5 RACISM AND ANTISEMITISM IN 2017

▶ One out of every three racist acts committed in France in 2017 targets a Jewish person. French Jews represent less than one percent of the population, but they were the victim of fully 33-percent of all racist acts.

Proportion of Jews within the French population

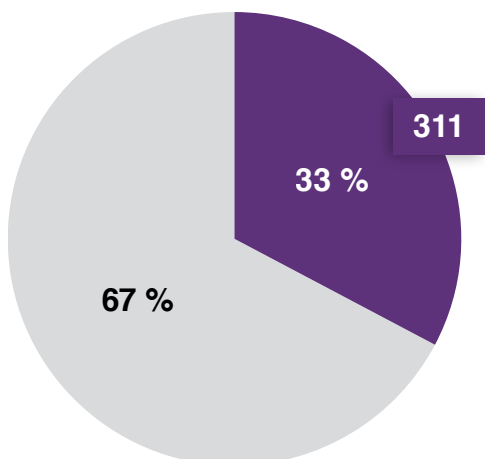
Jews represent less than one percent of the general population in France



source: Interior Ministry

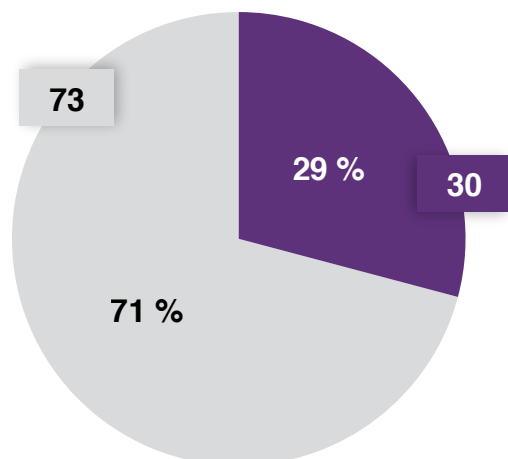
Proportion of Antisemitic acts within racist acts committed in 2017

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● Other racist acts



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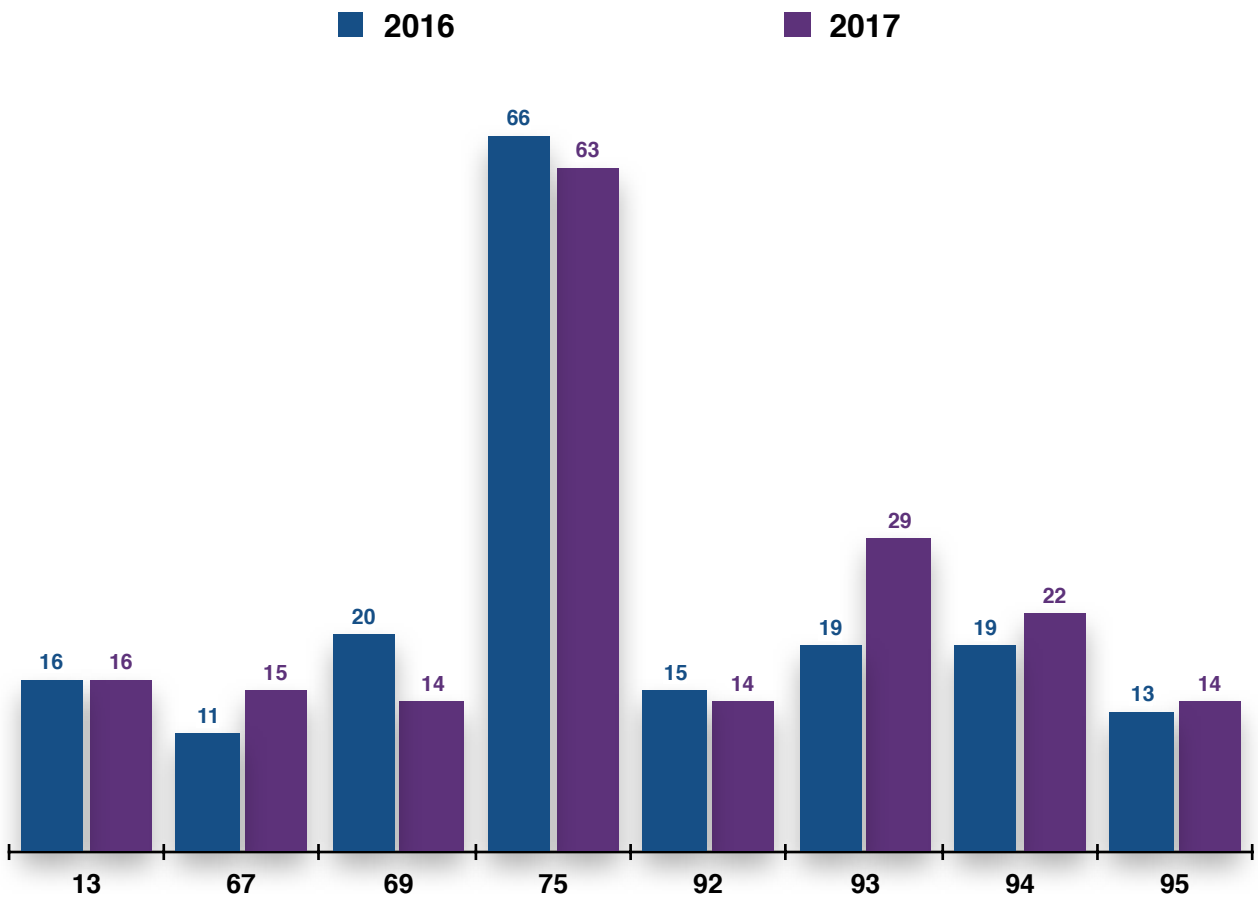


source: Interior Ministry

1.6 GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS IN 2017

► Some French departments experience chronic Antisemitism.

Breakdown by department* (district) of ACTIONS and THREATS that led to filing a complaint in France in 2016 and 2017



* Only departments that recorded at least 10 Antisemitic acts in 2017 are represented in this chart.

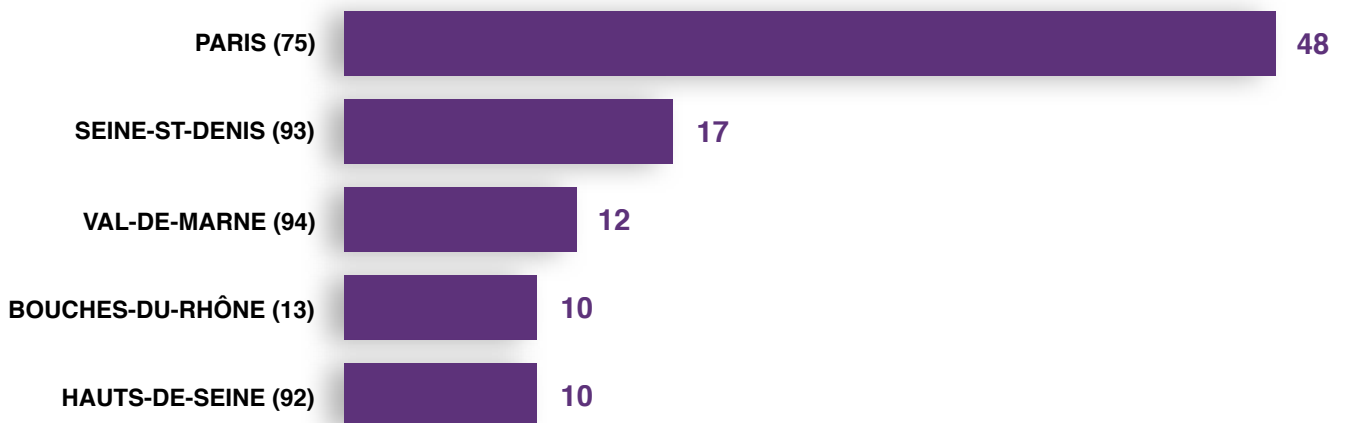
source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

The five departments with the highest number of ACTIONS in 2017



source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

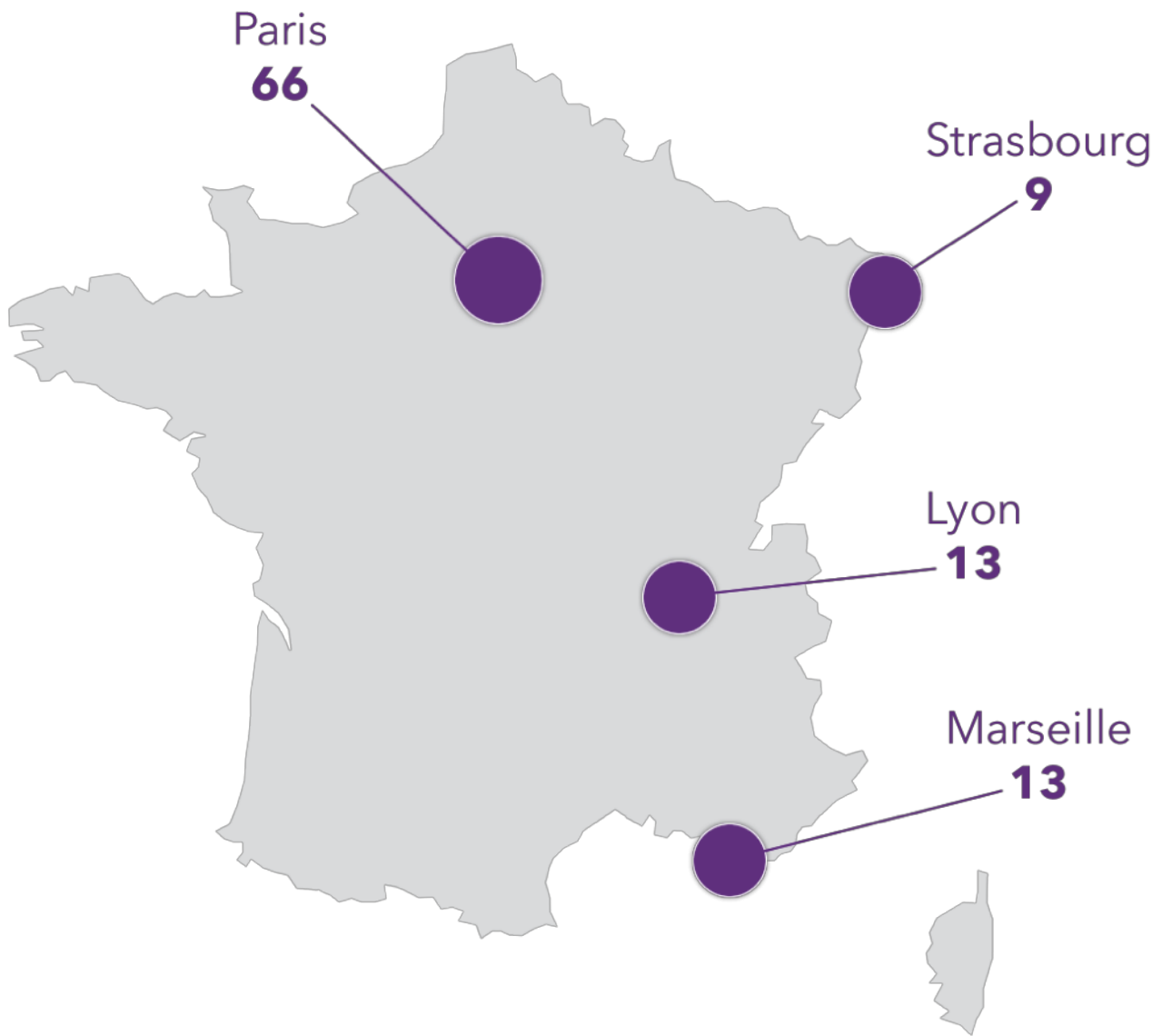
The six departments with the highest number of THREATS in 2017



source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

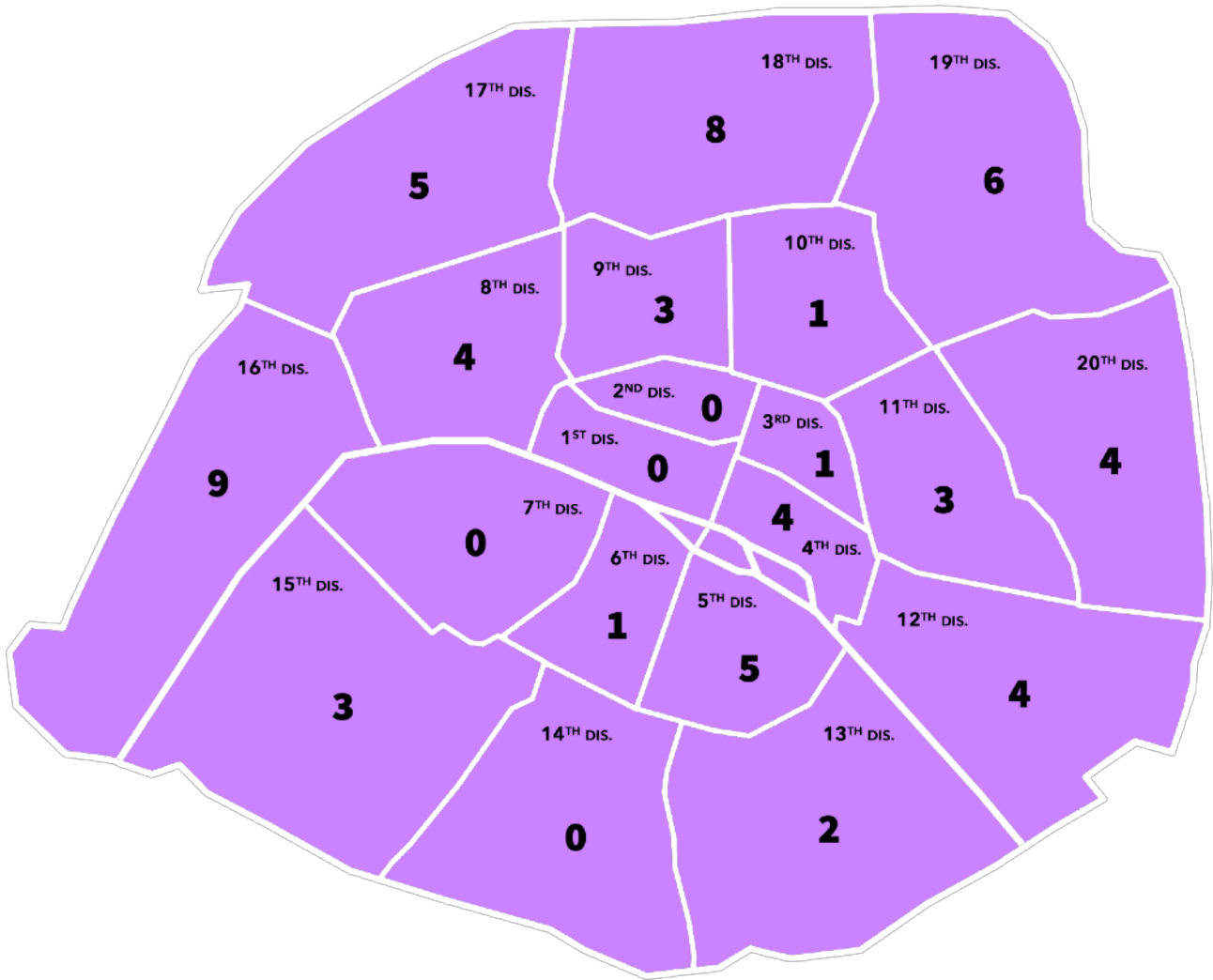
► The cities with the highest number of Antisemitic acts in 2017 are Paris, Marseille, Strasbourg, Sarcelles and Les Lilas.

The five cities with the highest number of recorded **ACTIONS** and **THREATS** that led to filing a complaint in 2017



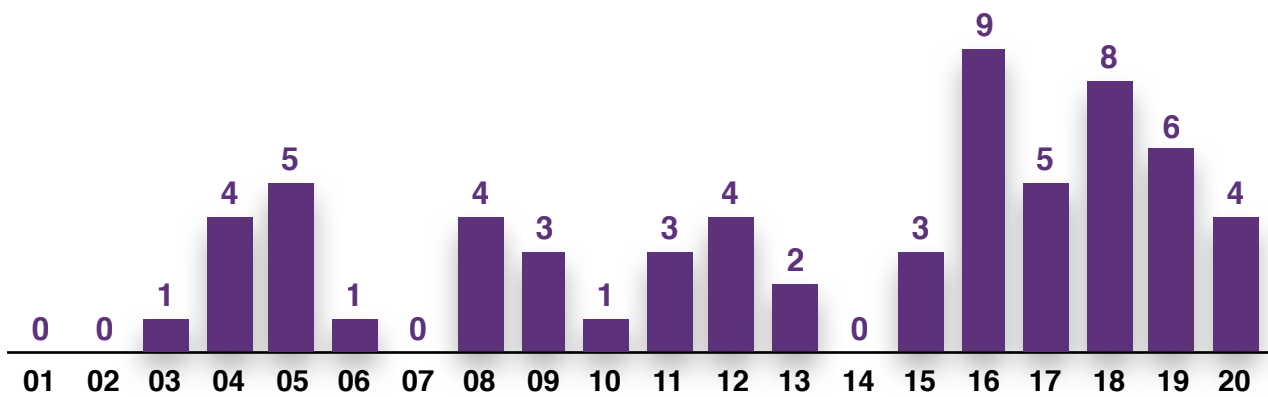
source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

Antisemitic acts in Paris in 2017 that led to filing a complaint: Breakdown by district



Districts of Paris

source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ



Districts of Paris

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2. SELECTION FROM THE COMPLETE LIST OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS PERPETRATED IN 2017

ACTS

HOMICIDE OR ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - PARIS (75011)

Lucie Sarah Halimi (zl), a 65-year-old Jewish woman, was held prisoner, tortured and thrown out of the window of her 3rd-floor apartment by a neighbor who shouted "Allah akbar." The attacker broke into the victim's apartment through the adjoining terrace. The victim had been enduring repeated Antisemitic insults, such as "dirty Jew", from her attacker and his family.

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - SARCELLES (95200)

After an argument with a car driver, a Jewish man was insulted and hit on the chin and in the stomach. The attacker said, "go back to Israel, it's in your blood; next time I see you I will throw you to the ground and run you over."

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - BONDY (93140)

Two kippa-wearing Jewish brothers driving their car were chased by another driver, who kept accelerating and passing them. The victims decided to pull over. As he caught up with them, the driver threatened them: "I'm going to f*** your mother." The victims ask their attacker for explanations, and he responds: "I do what I want, I'm going to f*** your mother, dirty Jew." Verbal violence is followed by physical aggression. The attacker entered a hookah bar to get some back-up. He came back with a metal handsaw. The brothers were punched in the face and on the head. One of them suffered a cut on the finger while trying to seize the handsaw. His wound required stitches. The other brother had a dislocated shoulder. Their car was also damaged.

Friday, March 10 2017 - SARCELLES (95200)

A Jewish man was challenged by a group of four, who say, "Shabbat b****, I recognized your face." (a pun in French on the greeting "Shabbat Shalom"). The man responded: "I also recognize your face." Later, on the way to synagogue, the victims saw the group again. They told him, "come, we need to have a chat." One of the group members pulled out some tear gas and sprayed it on the victim's face.

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - STRASBOURG (67000)

A Jewish man was insulted with the words "dirty Jew" by a man who threw a wine bottle at him, and lightly hit him. The individual then pushed the Jewish man, grabbed him by the collar and threw him to the ground, before kicking him in the stomach and on the arms. The attacker then pulled out a knife and threatened to kill the victim, calling him "dirty Jew" before damaging his personal belongings.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - SARCELLES (95200)

Someone shouted at a Jewish man in a park and called him “dirty Jew.” The man was then sprayed with tear gas and hit by four teenagers. An ear wound required six stitches.

Monday, May 1, 2017 - PARIS (75017)

A security officer in front of a sandwich shop asked someone to leave the premises. The individual refused, and the security guard punched him violently in the face and said, “Beat it, dirty Jew.”

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - VILLEURBANNE (69100)

A young Jewish man was called “dirty Jew” numerous times and threatened with a screwdriver, in order to extort his money and cell phone. He was then beaten up and wounded by his two attackers. He couldn’t work for two days.

Thursday, May 18, 2017 - PARIS (75016)

A young man wearing a kippa was approached by four people on a subway platform. They insulted him: “Dirty Jew, go f*** your mother,” and punched him in the face, breaking one of his teeth.

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - LES LILAS (93260)

A Jewish woman was repeatedly harassed and brutalized by her neighbor. As the victim was going out with her child in a stroller, the neighbor pushed her against the bus shelter, hit her, called her “dirty Jewess,” and spat at her. The victim couldn’t work for three days.

Monday, September 4, 2017 - PARIS (75019)

The manager of a computer shop was held up and brutalized by two people, one of whom held a knuckle-duster. He was threatened, “Give us your takings, dirty Jew.” The attackers left with the money after emptying two fire extinguishers in the store.

Friday, September 8, 2017 - LIVRY-GARGAN (93190)

A retired couple, aged 78 and 72 years old, in addition to their son were held prisoners and violently beaten up in their house at night. The attackers beat them brutally, threatened them with a screwdriver and a knife, and said: “You are Jewish, we know Jews have a lot of money... If you don’t give us what we request, we’ll kill you.”

Friday, September 8, 2017 - LYON (69009)

As they were exiting the synagogue, a group of community members, most of them wearing kippas, had stones and eggs thrown at them, and were yelled at with Antisemitic slurs. The same group was called “dirty Jews” by the passenger of a car at an intersection.

Thursday, September 28, 2017 - PARIS (75018)

Antisemitic slurs were yelled at an elementary school pupil: “I don’t like you because you are Jewish.” She was then hit repeatedly by two classmates. She was hit in the ribs and the abdomen. The child suffered from a traumatic shock, and her wounds prevented her from attending school for ten days.

Monday, October 2, 2017 - AUBERVILLIERS (93300)

As he was exiting his Jewish school, a 12-year-old boy wearing a kippa and tsitsit while pushing his 3-year-old sister in a stroller, was spat and yelled at by a group of people: "I'm going to f*** your race, f*** your mother." He was then hit in the face and the torso, while one of the attackers filmed the entire scene.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - CARCASSONNE (11000)

A person wearing a Star of David in a supermarket was brutally pushed and insulted by a woman accompanied by her daughters. The victim was then slapped in the face by one of the daughters.

ARSON OR ATTEMPT**Thursday, June 29, 2017 - ÉPINAY-SUR-SEINE (93800)**

A man set some garbage bins on fire in front of the synagogue. There were no casualties. The synagogue door and part of the facade were damaged.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - CRÉTEIL (94000)

A Jewish family suffered from an attempted arson during the night. Awakened by the dog barking, the family noticed that the doormat had been set on fire. The fire department and the police intervened. The door was damaged and the family was left in a state of shock. The father's car had been set on fire the previous week.

DEFACING & VANDALIZING**Saturday, January 7, 2017 - VANVES (92170)**

A Jewish person noticed the mezuzah that had been on the doorpost of the house for 20 years had disappeared.

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - LYON (69003)

A memorial plaque at the foot of Anne Frank's chestnut tree was vandalized. The mayor of the city's third district filed a complaint.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - PANTIN (93500)

A ceramic book, a photograph and a memorial lamp placed on a tombstone with a Star of David were destroyed.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - WALDWISSE (57480)

About 40 gravestones were vandalized in the Jewish cemetery of Waldwisse. Older stelae, buried ten centimeters below ground, were pulled off and laid on the ground. Some had been smashed.

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - PARIS (75012)

The main door of an apartment where a Jewish woman lives was defaced by a neighbor who shouted “bunch of Jewish whores, I’m going to burn you, Hitler should have smoked you.”

Thursday, April 20, 2017 - SAINT-LAURENT-DU-VAR (06700)

After an argument, a Jewish woman was called “dirty Jewess” by a man who also pulled the left side mirror of her car while shouting “Allah akbar.”

Friday, April 21, 2017 - SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ (64500)

A car owner found their vehicle covered with graffiti sprayed with blue, red and black paint. The words “Long live Marine Le Pen, I run over Arabs f*** jews”, in addition to four swastikas, were found on the car hood. On the back: “dirty whore zboodman;” on the left side “fag, big d***;” and on the doors, “I don’t like blacks” and “I want fn” [the National Front, a far-right party in France].

Saturday, April 22, 2017 - BOURBONNE-LES-BAINS (52400)

Six tombstones were damaged and one grave was violated in the local Jewish cemetery.

Sunday, April 30, 2017 - PANTIN (93500)

A Jewish person found Antisemitic graffiti on their vehicle in the parking area of the building. There were three swastikas and numerous scratches engraved on the car body.

Friday, May 19, 2017 - CAGNES-SUR-MER (06800)

Paint was applied on the camera located above the gate of a synagogue.

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - CRONENBOURG (67200)

People threw stones, knocked down a trash bin and scattered glass shards around six graves in a Jewish cemetery.

Friday, June 9, 2017 - LYON (69003)

The door leading to the common areas of the synagogue was damaged.

Monday, June 12, 2017 - LILLE (59000)

A Jewish woman noticed a Star of David engraved on her house door; the word “kike” was written above it.

Monday, July 10, 2017 - VALENCE (26000)

After an argument among residents, a Jewish man was insulted by a neighbor: “I’m not surprised, he’s Jewish.” The woman then damaged the door of the Jewish man’s apartment.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 - GARGES-LÈS-GONESSE (95140)

Antisemitic graffiti were found on the synagogue façade: “dirty” followed by a Star of David.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 - LYON (69000)

The monument remembering the children of Izieu was smashed.

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - VILLEURBANNE (69100)

A Jewish family found the words " Hamas will win " spray-painted on their door. Their mezuzah was also damaged.

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - SAINT-MAUR-DES-FOSSÉS (94100)

Upon returning to his car, a Jewish person noticed many scratches on the whole car body, including a swastika. A bracelet with a Star of David was hanging on the rear-view mirror.

Friday, August 18, 2017 - DUNKERQUE (59140)

Feces were spread numerous times on the entrance door of the synagogue.

Friday, August 25, 2017 - AMIENS (80000)

Three individuals entered the synagogue and damaged the two doors leading to the prayer room. Some religious books were torn and soaked with alcohol.

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 - DRANCY (93700)

A guard at the Shoah Memorial noticed scratches made on the Star of David that is affixed on a wagon at the Memorial.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - MARSEILLE (13008)

An individual wearing a mask and riding a scooter stopped in front of the synagogue's outside camera. He took a wood plank and destroyed the camera before escaping. The camera had just been replaced after being damaged in the month of July.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - GARGES-LÈS-GONESSE (95140)

An unlit mortar-shaped firework was found at the foot of the synagogue's surrounding wall. Police and the bomb disposal unit had to intervene.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - BAGNEUX (92220)

The memorial plaque for Ilan Halimi was desecrated again. The plaque was pulled off, and four swastikas as well as Antisemitic inscriptions were written on it with a black marker: "this is our place," "your mother is a whore," "free fofana please," "Hitler blood," "barbarism never ends."

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - PARIS (75016)

A Jewish person discovered that the mezuzah had been pulled off.

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – MAISONS-ALFORT (94700)

The deflector of a car belonging to a Jewish man was smashed. The car had been searched, the car radio and GPS were damaged, and some personal belongings stolen. The inscription "Palistine" and a Star of David were made with a sharp object on the dashboard.

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - NÎMES (31000)

The main door of Nîmes's synagogue was damaged with graffiti made with spray paint.

THREATS

THREATENING WORDS AND GESTURES; INSULTS

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - INTERNET

On a Facebook discussion, a user faced death threats and Antisemitic slurs, aimed especially against Jewish children.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - PANTIN (93500)

A man brandished a knife and yelled “Allah akbar, we’re going to slit your throats” in front of a synagogue.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - PARIS (75016)

A man entered a subway car and verbally attacked a passenger, calling him “dirty Jew.” He then made a threatening speech: “The Kouachi brothers, what they did was honorable. You should all look down. Allah is great, be careful, I’m going to pull out a weapon and bump you off one after another.”

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - MONTREUIL-SOUS-BOIS (93100)

An unhappy patient threw a chair at the medical secretary in a dental and ophthalmologic practice. She then insulted the director: “Sh**** Jews, you are all thieves, you are ruining France. Fabius, Attali, all crooks!” She repeated “sh**** Jews” before she was thrown out.

Monday, February 13, 2017 - INTERNET

A man sent a message to the Facebook page of the National Police, in which he threatened to bomb the synagogue in Perpignan: “okay, tomorrow it’s gonna happen, we’re gonna do it hitler’s way, it’s going to f*** some Jews. There will be an attack in the synagogue of Perpignan inshallah. Bring the fbi, the cia, you won’t be able to thwart the attack.” The individual was quickly identified and arrested.

Sunday, February 19, 2017 - LA DÉFENSE (92800)

In a car of the RER A train line, a passenger threatened and insulted a Jewish man wearing a kippa: “dirty Jew... Too bad I don’t have a knife to kill you.” He repeated these words a number of times. An employee of the railway system tried to calm the individual and had the victim escorted to the tramway platform. Here he bumped into the same individual, who insulted him again and made allusions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - LES LILAS (93260)

A man challenged his Jewish neighbors, telling their son, “You’re an embarrassment on your religion, it’s because of you that people don’t like Jews.” Turning to the father, he said, “Can’t wait for the election and Le Pen. Fed up with dirty Jews like you... You’ going to run away as your people are so skilled at that... I’m going to be relaxed at last, and your religious thing on the door, I’ll enjoy pulling it off.”

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - DUNKERQUE (59140)

During an identity check in front of a building, the law enforcement officers were challenged by an individual who walked passed them saying, “You’re not doing anything against this sub-race of Jews who bought all the stores in Dunkerque. We must all f*** these Jews who don’t work. Dirty race of Jews. They are really under-s***.”

Monday, March 20, 2017 - INTERNET

The umbrella organization of French Jewish communities in the Bas-Rhin region found the following event listed on its Facebook page: “Visit + pic-nic at the Stutthof [concentration camp]. A number of Antisemitic comments followed: “Bring your pizzas, there are ovens.”

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - LIÉVIN (62800)

As a Jewish woman stopped her car on the street, a second vehicle stopped next to her. The driver insulted her with the slur “dirty Jewess,” while the passenger spat in her direction.

Tuesday, May 9 2017 - LA CELLE-SAINT-CLOUD (78170)

Three Jewish men wearing kippot were chatting in front of the synagogue. From the opposite sidewalk, a man shouted slurs against Jews and walked away. He came back a few minutes later, and called the three people standing “dirty Jews.” While one of them moved toward him, the man escaped while shouting insults and making threats.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - INTERNET

After the breach of a rental contract, a customer posted a review on the company’s website, saying that one of the employees had remarked, “A Jew again, it’s good that there are Jews to make us live and to rent our room. They think they rule the world. If only ISIS could take care of them and make themselves explode in synagogues to destroy this s***** race...”

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 - LES LILAS (93260)

A Jewish woman who had to walk through a common courtyard and in front of a neighbor’s window to get home heard the neighbor and the neighbor’s aunt direct the following insults at her: “She’s Jewish. Piece of dirt. I’m going to kill her.” The woman asked the neighbor why she was insulting her, and she was pushed against the wall by the neighbor’s aunt. Alerted by her screams, the victim’s husband came to her assistance. The neighbor continued her insults: “I’m going to slit your throats after Ramadan, it will be 40 days later, during the Aid holiday,” “you know very well that the bearded men who come to my house are no angels, they are going to aim at you,” “I know people who can exterminate Jews,” “don’t worry, you’ll see,” “you’ll see, soon you’ll be gone,” “you won’t see your children again,” “you know very well what happened to Jews who played smart.” Before leaving, she added, “Why are you scared? In any case, it’s going to happen soon.”

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 - POITIERS (86000)

A patient who was hospitalized threatened the entire staff, including a Jewish doctor: “I am going to slit your throats like ISIS, Doctor, dirty Jewess.”

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - PARIS (75018)

A Jewish man was repeatedly insulted by his neighbor: “Death to the Jews,” “dirty race,” “Hey, Jew!” He also banged on the door holding an iron bar and making obscene gestures.

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 - MARSEILLE (13000)

A man holding a knife threatened passers-by. Challenged by the police, the man screamed repeatedly, "I'm going to kill all Jews and Arabs."

Monday, August 28, 2017 - CHAMPIGNY-SUR-MARNE (94500)

The neighbor of a Jewish woman said the following in front of her: "The Jews killed Jesus-Christ. You should see the rates of Jewish doctors... they are all rich."

Thursday, August 31, 2017 - PARIS (75011)

After an argument about the music played too loud on a train, a Jewish woman and her son were insulted and threatened: "How are you talking to me, you're not my mother, you're nothing for me and you're going to big f***** mouth," followed by, "you're not alone, you are with your boyfriend, you'll see, I'll grab him and we're going to fight." "You're a pig and he's a swine," which he repeated numerous times. "You Jews you are all big fat pigs and swine, and in this case, I'm going to sodomize him, on all fours." "You're not going to come out of this train alive, you'll come out with a knife in the back, and anyway, I'm going to slit the throats of all Jews, Allah akbar, s***** race."

Monday, September 18, 2017 - GARGES-LÈS-GONESSE (95140)

As community members were entering the sukkah in the synagogue's courtyard, a number of individuals tried to jump over the fence. They insulted the community members: "Death to the Jews," "You are dead," "Allah akbar," "bunch of mother*****."

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - PARIS (75016)

The person in charge of security at a synagogue was insulted by a man who tried to access the house of worship: "dirty Jew," and then: "They should have killed you during World War II."

Monday, October 2, 2017 - INTERNET

The following comment was posted on the Facebook page of the newspaper *La Provence* below an article with the headline, "Mohamed Merah's brother will be tried for complicity of murder." The comment read: "F*** the Jews, f*** your mothers, you Jews. I'm going to attack the synagogue, you're not going to understand a thing."

Monday, October 16, 2017 - PARIS (75020)

A Jewish couple was the target of Antisemitic insults shouted by their neighbors: "Dirty Jews, you are Gypsies, we are fed up with dirty Jews, too bad Hitler didn't gas enough Jews."

FLYERS AND HATE MAIL**Friday, January 20, 2017 - LORIENT (56100)**

A sticker with the text « Valls, a star is born, » was found on the outside window of a political party's office. Manuel Valls was shown with his behind substituted by a Star of David.

Friday, March 3, 2017 - VILLEMOMBLE (93250)

A pamphlet reproducing the front page of a far-right newspaper and reading “STOP... JEWS” was found in some mailboxes. Stars of David were drawn on photographs of singer-actor Patrick Bruel and actress Josiane Balasko with the following caption: “Benguigi satanas scoundrel Jews.” These photographs were circled with the word “Jews.”

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 - VANVES (92170)

On two separate occasions, a Jewish family found anonymous hate mail in its mailbox that contained Antisemitic insults and death threats: “I’m a real French, I vote for lepen, f*** these dirty jews of your race must burn them hurray for Hitler- G=dirty jew death to these jews.” Swastikas were also drawn on the text. The author was identified.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - VILLEMOMBLE (93250)

A Jewish man received Antisemitic hate mail. Thanks to his neighbor’s surveillance camera, the individual was identified and will have to stand trial.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - GRENOBLE (38000)

The president of a Jewish organization received hate mail criticizing the fact that the Justice Minister was attending a dinner held by this organization. The content of the mail was Antisemitic and insulting.

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - CLICHY-SOUS-BOIS (92110)

Pamphlets were handed out on the street: “If you meet a Jew, kill him.”

Monday, November 27, 2017 - PARIS (75017)

The manager of a kosher restaurant received a flyer in the mail advertising his neighborhood restaurant; the flyer had been tagged with the following words: “Hurrray for Islam!” and “Goye!”

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 - PARIS (75005)

For the second time, a Jewish organization received Antisemitic hate mail from a bar “not allowed to Jews and to dogs,” threatening that “they would like to clean up themselves,” adding that they would “start by setting the rotten synagogue on fire.” The second correspondence specified that the author wanted to exterminate all Jews. “As soon as he can, they will build rows of gallows on square... where all Jews will be hanged without discrimination and will remain hanging until they stink.” “This will last until the last Jew of the town has been exterminated.”

GRAFFITI**Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - VILLEURBANNE (69100)**

The Antisemitic graffiti “JEW F*** your mother” along with a swastika were found on the walls of a pharmacy belonging to a Jewish person.

Sunday, February 12, 2017 - PONTIVY (56300)

The words “JUDEN RAUS” were spray-painted on the rolling shutter of a storefront.

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - LES LILAS (93260)

Members of a Jewish family noticed that the words “jews to the ovens quickly” had been written with a permanent marker on their apartment door.

Friday, March 3, 2017 - MARIGNANE (13700)

The words “jews sob” were written in letters of 3 centimeters high by 30 centimeters long on the security gate at the entrance to the synagogue.

Friday, March 10, 2017 - INTERNET

The Republican Party published on its Twitter account a visual titled “The Truth on the Macron galaxy,” representing a caricature of presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron. He appears as a former banker, wearing a suit and a top hat, with a crooked nose, a cigar and a red sickle, surrounded by his supporters. This caricature borrows from the visual codes from Antisemitic propaganda of the 1930s.

Friday, April 14, 2017 - PARIS (75020)

A Jewish lawyer found her professional name plate on the building tagged with a swastika and the words “ED=SS.”

Monday, May 1, 2017 - LACANAU (33680)

A sticker poster representing a Jew with the text “Dirty Jew, pay your dues,” was glued to the windowpane of a clothing store.

Saturday, May 27, 2017 - BOUGUENAI (44340)

The following graffiti was found on a storefront: “Jews not allowed in this store,” along with four swastikas.

Thursday, June 22, 2017 - ÉVREUX (27000)

The words “T’is your job dirty jew,” along with a swastika, were found on a little poster pinned in a classroom.

Sunday, June 25, 2017 - PARIS (75015)

A Jewish person complained about various incidents and insults from neighbors. Antisemitic graffiti were drawn on her front door: “dirty jewess” and “dirty jewess move out.”

Monday, June 26, 2017 - HAUTE ÉPINE (60690)

A swastika and a Star of David were drawn on the road.

Thursday, July 13, 2017 - GRENOBLE (38000)

The word "JEW" was tagged in red paint on the wall of an optical shop belonging to a Jewish person. A second graffiti with identical font and color was found that same day in a nearby town on a bus shelter located between the owner's optical shop and his parents' shop.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 - ORNANS (25290)

A swastika was drawn on the mailbox of a Jewish person.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 - LAVERUNE (34880)

Antisemitic graffiti were found on three restroom doors in a shopping mall. There was a swastika on each of them, along with the words "Jews out" and "Jerusalem capital of Palestine."

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 - CAZERES (31220)

Antisemitic graffiti were found in a train station shelter:
"Enough with domination, Jews hold the world from the b****."

3. SELECTION FROM THE LIST OF VERDICTS ISSUED IN 2017

Hearing of January 19, 2017**Case H. / Summary of facts — December 2, 2016 - PARIS (75019)**

A young Jewish man wearing a kippa and tzitzit (ritual fringes), was insulted and subsequently chased by an individual who punched him, then stabbed him with a knife. The victim had to be hospitalized and undergo arm surgery.

The defendant was acquitted.

Hearing of January 23, 2017**Case Q. / Summary of facts — December 2013 - TOULOUSE (31500)**

A man posted a picture of himself on social media performing the “quenelle” salute in front of a Jewish school.

The appeals court of Toulouse condemned Noël Gérard, aka “Joe the Crow,” to a six-month suspended sentence and to €14,000 in damage and interest.

Hearing of January 30, 2017**Case G. / Summary of facts — January 6, 2016 - PARIS (75020)**

Stones and other debris were thrown day and night at a Jewish school.

The person responsible for these acts was sentenced to 3-month jail time.

Hearing of March 6, 2017**Case A. / Summary of facts — January 11, 2016 - MARSEILLE (13009)**

A Jewish school teacher wearing a kippa and holding a prayer book was attacked by a 15-year-old armed with a machete who claimed allegiance to ISIS, and who said he was determined to “kill a Jew.”

The defendant was sentenced to 7 years of jail time with five years of judicial follow-up

Hearing of April 19, 2017**Case C. / Summary of facts — March 20, 2017 - INTERNET**

After posting on its Facebook page about an event called “visit + picnic at the Struthhof” [concentration camp], the umbrella organization of synagogues in the Bas-Rhin region found some Antisemitic comments, such as “bring your pizzas, ovens available.”

The case was dismissed.

ATTACK AGAINST A KOSHER GROCERY STORE
September 19, 2012 - SARCELLES (95200)
Summary of Facts

On Wednesday, September 12, 2012, exactly six months after the attack against the Jewish school in Toulouse, at 12:30 pm two men were walking along the storefront of the kosher grocery store Naouri. As they reached the entrance, they pulled the pin out of a grenade and threw it inside the store before escaping.

The explosion's force was extremely powerful and it smashed the window panes to pieces. Numerous people are wounded in the calves and the wrists by metal shards.

After a thorough investigation, the Islamist terror cell "Cannes-Torcy" was dismantled. On October 6, 12 people are arrested in numerous French cities. François Molins declared that "it was the most dangerous terror group that was dismantled since 1996."

The presumed head of the cell, Jérémie Louis-Sidney, was killed by the Strasbourg SWAT team after he fired at the police officers who were arresting him. His number two, Jérémie Bailly, was arrested in the Seine-et-Marne region. In his apartment, the investigators found "a list of Jewish structures" that were potential targets for future attacks. When they searched the place, police officers found material to make bombs, arms and ammunitions, as well as two full cartridge clips and three cans stuffed with explosives, including one set with nails. Out of 12 arrests, 7 suspects were brought before the court and incarcerated. An investigation was filed for "attempted murder" in relation to a religious identity, and in relation to a terrorist group. On July 1, 2013, three other suspects are arrested as part of this counter-terrorism investigation.

The trial judges' investigation was closed in June 2015.

Trial of the "Cannes-Torcy" cell
April 20, 2017 – June 22, 2017
Paris Circuit Court

20 members, aged 23 to 33, were being tried. Sentences:

- **Jérémy Bailly was sentenced to a 28-year jail term; he was found guilty of throwing the grenade;**
- **Ibrahim Boudina was sentenced to 20 years in prison;**
- **Rached Riahi, (tried in absentia, the accused is likely located in Syria) was condemned to 20 years in prison;**
- **Jamel Bouteraa was sentenced to 18 years in prison;**
- **Kevin Phan was sentenced to 18 years in prison;**
- **Meher Oujani was sentenced to 13 years in prison;**
- **Sydney Decoups was sentenced to 7 years in prison;**
- **Victor Guevara was sentenced to 5 years in prison including a 3-year suspended sentence and years probation;**
- **Florian Lesoeur was sentenced to 3 years in prison including a 1-year suspended sentence and 3-years probation;**
- **Michaël Amsalem was condemned to a 5-year suspended sentence with 3-years probation;**
- **Sofien Hamrouni was sentenced to 1 year in prison;**
- **Zyed Tliba and Nizar Jabri were acquitted.**

All defendants who were sentenced were added to the FIJAIT, the automatic national judicial register for perpetrators of terror offenses.

Hearing of May 31, 2017**Case S. / Summary of facts — November 6, 2016 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

On their way back from synagogue, three Jewish men wearing kippot and traditional garb were attacked by an individual. He challenged one of them: “What are you looking at, dirty Jew?” And then: “Come, I’m going to kill you,” and then he kicked him in the legs and punched them on the cheekbone and on the left eyebrow arch. A cyclist intervened and this allowed the attacker to escape. The wounded victim had to be transported to the emergency room. Later, a second victim was spat at and a third was called “Dirty Jew,” “son of a b****,” “get out of here, or else...” Three complaints were filed.

The defendant was condemned to:

- ***A six-month suspended prison sentence and probation, including mandatory treatment, community service and compensation for the victims;***
- ***Pay €1000 in damage and interest to the victim and €300 to civil parties (LICRA, SOS RACISME and MRAP, all organizations fighting racism).***

Hearing of July 7, 2017**Case D. / Summary of the facts — May 23, 2016 - MARSEILLE (13010)**

In her mailbox, a Jewish woman found the copy of a complaint that her neighbor had filed against her in 2011, because she suspected her of prank calls. On this copy, the neighbor wrote with a marker: “Friendly reminder, D...D...! Don’t forget the crook, Jew.”

Mediation – The author of the insults admitted their actions and committed to never contact the victim again, and to symbolically compensate her with €100 for psychological damage.

Hearing of July 11, 2017**Case I. / Summary of the facts — July 11, 2017 - VANVES (92170)**

A Jewish person received the following mail: “Family A, the corridor is not a public dump; supermarket carts are to buy groceries, not to bring them back to your place, next time I will report you to the supermarket Carrefour, dirty jew. Signed: the building caretaker.” Six swastikas were drawn on the mail.

The author was placed under heightened supervision. He remained free until a hearing based on prior acknowledgement of his guilt.

Hearing of September 27, 2017**Case S. / Summary of the facts— February 17, 2015 - SARRE-UNION (67260)**

The Jewish cemetery of Sarre-Union was desecrated and 280 graves were damaged: shards of gravestones were found, and ritual objects had been displaced. The memorial to deportation located inside the cemetery was also vandalized.

The defendants were found guilty and condemned to:

- ***An 8-month suspended prison sentence, and a mandatory 140 hours of community service within 18 months for one of the defendants;***
- ***A 12-month suspended prison sentence and a mandatory 140 hours of community service within 18 months for the other three defendants;***
- ***An 18-month suspended prison sentence and a mandatory 140 hours of community service within 18 months, and a mandatory treatment for the last defendant.***

ATTACK AGAINST A JEWISH SCHOOL

March 19, 2012 - TOULOUSE (31000)

Summary of the facts

On Monday at 7:57 am, in front of the Ozar Atorah Jewish school in Toulouse, the terrorist Mohammed Merah wore a helmet and rode his motorcycle. He proceeded to kill 30-year-old Jonathan Sandler (zl), a teacher in the school, and his two children, 4-year-old Gabriel (zl), and 5-year-old Arié (zl). Merah then entered the schoolyard, e chased 7-year-old Myriam Monsonego (zl), grabbed her by the hair and shot her in the head, in cold blood. The terrorist quickly rode away on his motorcycle, after having shot a 15-year-old student who had tried to protect little Myriam. This student was seriously wounded on both the shoulder and the sides of his body.

The massacre took 36 seconds.

On March 22, he was killed by a SWAT team at his house, after a 32-hour siege.

Trial of Albelkader Merah and Fettah Malki

October 2, 2017 – November 2, 2017

Paris Circuit Court

Mohamed Merah's older brother, Albelkader Merah was sued for having helped the Islamist terrorist murder seven people: three military – Imad Ibn Ziaten on March 11, Abel Chennouf and Mohamed Legouad (a fourth, Loïc Liber, was gravely wounded and remains a tetraplegic) on March 15, and then, on March 19, Jonathan Sandler and his two children, 5-year-old Arieh and 4-year-old Gabriel, then 7-year-old Myriam Monsonégo, (a teenager was also gravely wounded).

Fettah Malki was sued for having provided the terrorist with a weapon and a bullet-proof vest.

- ***Abdelkader Merah was sentenced to 20 years in prison for criminal conspiracy tied to a criminal terrorist organization;***
- ***Fettah Malki was sentenced to 14 years in prison for criminal conspiracy with a terrorist purpose;***
- ***Both sentences include a mandatory prison term of two-thirds of the sentence.***

The Paris prosecutor rejected the appeal of the sentence condemning Abdelkader Merah to 20 years in prison, because it doesn't consider him to be an accomplice in the seven murders.

The date of the appeal trial has yet to be set.

Hearing of November 6, 2017**Case C. / Summary of the facts — July 21, 2016 - MARSEILLE (13007)**

A neighbor's girlfriend came with her two teenage sons to insult a Jewish woman who lives in the building: "Dirty Jewess, I'm going to take care of you, I'm worse than ISIS, Allah akbar, you're not coming down because you are like all Jews, you are hiding, you stole the apartment in which you live; Israel doesn't exist, you took Palestine from us." The woman panicked and closed her shutters; at the same time, she heard noise that sounded like objects being thrown.

Each perpetrator was sentenced to pay a €500-fine to the victim for damage and interest.

Hearing of November 9, 2017**Case L. / Summary of the facts — August 26, 2016 - INTERNET**

A teacher in the high school Lycée Janson-de-Sailly had been posting Antisemitic and Holocaust-denying comments for months on her Facebook page: "The Shoah was orchestrated by the Jews," or, as she spoke of President Hollande, "this Jew who took advantage of his community affiliation to rise in politics," "Holland is a Jew and denies it!" The Paris prosecutor was referred to.

The author was declared guilty of denying a crime against humanity and for racial defamation, and was condemned to pay €1500 as a fine to various organizations.

Hearing from December 30, 2017**Case L. / Summary of the facts — October 12, 2017 - NIMES (30000)**

A rabbi, his wife and their children were targeted by a car driver with the Antisemitic insult "dirty Jews". The man was apprehended and he admitted guilt.

The author was sentenced to a 2-month of prison term and had to pay €500 in damages and interest to each of his victims.

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