

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

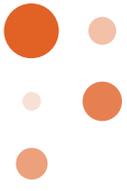
- Towards the beginning of the video, Mr. Hafeez explains that, “We only wished the best for everyone – everyone except the Jews. The Jews, we believed, were aliens living in stolen Muslim land, occupiers who were engaged in genocide against the Palestinian people. Our hatred, therefore, was justified and righteous.” What specific factors or conditions do you think contributed to Mr. Hafeez and his family getting brainwashed with such falsehoods, to the point of absolute hatred towards Jews? Do you think that genuine hatred towards others can ever be ‘justified and righteous? Explain.
- Mr. Hafeez further shares with us that, “Beginning in the 1990s, speakers and teachers at mosques and in schools began to endlessly repeat this theme: We were not Western. We were not British. We were Muslims, first and only. Our loyalty was to our religion and to our fellow Muslims. We owed nothing to the Western nations that welcomed us. As Westerners, they were our enemies – and they supported Israel’s right to exist.” What are the major flaws in this reasoning? Why do you think that so many people, like Mr. Hafeez, so readily believed such nonsense and still do?
- Later in the video Mr. Hafeez describes a seminal moment in his life regarding his Jew hatred, “...what I read [in Professor Dershowitz’s book] challenged all of my dogmas about Israel and the Jews: I read that it wasn’t Israel that created the Palestinian refugee crisis; it was the Arab countries, the United Nations, and the corrupt Palestinian leadership. I read that the Jews didn’t exploit the Holocaust to create the state of Israel - the movement to create a modern Jewish state dated back to the 19th century – and ultimately to the beginnings of the Jewish people almost 4,000 years ago. And I read that Israel is not engaged in genocide against the Palestinians. On the contrary, the Palestinian population has actually doubled in just twenty years.” Why do you think that Mr. Hafeez became even more upset after reading all of this? Do you think that if others who hate Jews read Professor Dershowitz’s book, that they might start to question their own hatred too? Why or why not?
- Mr. Hafeez then reflects on his experience after having visited Israel to see reality for himself, “What I saw with my own eyes was even more challenging than what Dershowitz had written. Instead of apartheid, I saw Muslims, Christians and Jews coexisting. Instead of hate, I saw acceptance, even compassion. I saw a raucous, modern, liberal democracy, full of flaws, certainly, but fundamentally decent. I saw a country that wanted nothing more than to live in peace with its neighbors. I saw my hatred melting before my eyes.” What do you think was the fundamental, underlying reason that Mr. Hafeez’s hatred towards Jews began to go away? How do you think other Jew-haters of varying degrees could become aware of the truth without having to go to the lengths of actually visiting Israel?
- At the end of the video, Mr. Hafeez states that, “Too many people... are consumed with the same hatred that consumed me. They have been taught to despise the Jewish State – Muslims by their religion; others by their college professors or student groups. This isn’t enlightenment. It’s moral and intellectual darkness,” but that, “If the truth can change me, it can change anyone.” What do you think that Mr. Hafeez means by ‘intellectual darkness,’ and how do you think that Western countries can reconcile freedom of expression with religiously- masked hate speech? Do you agree with Mr. Hafeez’s conclusion that anyone has the capacity and potential to allow truth to fundamentally change that person’s own worldview? Why or why not?

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: Israel Hatred in Britain

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “In Britain, a Growing Cancer of Israel Hatred,” then answer the questions that follow.

- In addition to historical animus, what is the growth of anti-Semitism in the U.K. partly driven by? Why is the number of radical Muslims in Britain growing exponentially? What were Imams in London Central Mosque teaching? What have Saudi Arabia’s multimillion-dollar investments in British universities led to? What have British academics been at the forefront of? What was the percentage increase in the number of anti-Semitic attacks in London in 2015?
- What other false premises, in addition to those presented in the video, might be driving Jew hatred? Should a doctrine that promulgates hatred towards others be accepted as a valid religion? Why or why not? Considering that the holocaust happened, how do you think that anti-Semitism could ever again exist, and grow, in the Western world?
- Which specific facts and/or points in the article support the points made in the video? What realistic measures do you think could be taken to mitigate and eliminate Jew hatred?



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In Britain, a Growing Cancer of Israel Hatred

The rise of anti-Semitism in the UK is the product of a wave of Muslim extremism

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An Orthodox Jew talks on his mobile phone as he walks past the Ahavas Torah synagogue in the Stamford Hill area of North London. (Photo: Niklas Halle'n/AFP/Getty Images)

In the 11 years I lived in England and served as Rabbi to the students of Oxford University—and in my many visits since—I have become familiar with the growing voice of British anti-Semites. Even in the hallowed halls of Oxford I encountered rabid Jew hatred, as in my [debate at the Oxford Union](#) when my opponents accused Israel of being a Nazi state. I happen to love Union debates and have participated in many. But comparing Jews to those who murdered six million of our own is not just a lie but an abomination. So, it came as no surprise to me when the British Labor Party was roiled by public revelations of the [anti-Semitism](#) seething within the party.

The history of Jew hatred in Great Britain goes back centuries and included blood libels and massacres before culminating with the expulsion of Jews from Britain in 1290 by King Edward I. Jews were not permitted to return for more than 350 years, when Oliver Cromwell came to power.

Last century, despite the Balfour Declaration's promise of the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, the British government refused to grant the Jews independence, imposed quotas on immigration that prevented hundreds of thousands of Jews from escaping the Nazis, and went so far as to place the survivors of the Holocaust in internment camps on Cyprus rather than allowing them to enter Palestine. On June 6, 1946, President Truman urged the British government to relieve the suffering of the Jews by immediately accepting 100,000 Jewish immigrants. Britain's Foreign Minister, Ernest Bevin, replied sarcastically that the United States wanted displaced Jews to immigrate to Palestine "because they did not want too many of them in New York." It was anti-Semites in the Foreign Office who also vigorously opposed the creation of the State of Israel.

To be sure, the Labor Party has produced extremely good friends of the Jewish state, like Tony Blair. But that now seems eons ago and the party is spewing disgusting anti-Jewish drivel.

Former London mayor Ken Livingstone, one of the great Jew-haters in all of Europe, recently said Hitler supported Zionism. Not content to associate the greatest murderer of Jewish life in history with the national aspirations of the Jews for a country of their own, Mr. Livingstone went on to declare that the State of Israel was "a great catastrophe." The bad publicity associated with statements by Mr. Livingstone and others led party leader Jeremy Corbyn to reportedly suspend dozens of party members.

But the rot in the Labor Party starts at the top. I do not believe Mr. Corbyn is an anti-Semite, but what kind of message did he send to his followers when he shared platforms with supporters of Hamas—a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews everywhere? Just a few days ago, Prime Minister David Cameron challenged Mr. Corbyn to disavow comments he made in which he referred to Hamas and Hezbollah as his "friends." Mr. Corbyn refused to do so.

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The growth of anti-Semitism in the UK is only partly driven by the historical animus toward Jews. It is also a product of a wave of Muslim extremism that has taken root as a result of Britain's attempt to shed its colonial past and demonstrate it is open to all. Today, there are approximately 300,000 Jews in Britain compared with perhaps two million Muslims. The vast majority of Muslims in Britain are good people, law-abiding and decent, and I salute their commitment to their faith. When I lived in Oxford, I had a warm relationship with the Muslim students, many of whom were regulars at our events. Nevertheless, the number of Muslim radicals in Britain is growing exponentially through the indoctrination of Muslim extremists.

British filmmakers went undercover at the London Central Mosque, considered one of the most prestigious in Britain, and exposed imams "teaching the faithful that God orders them to kill homosexuals and apostates; that they should curtail the freedom of women; and that they should view non-Muslims in a derogatory manner and limit contact with them."

Radical Islamic views are being promoted by Saudi Arabia around the world—not only in mosques but in universities. The director-general of MI5 in Great Britain, Jonathan Evans, said in 2008 that the Saudi government's multimillion-dollar investments in British universities have led to a "dangerous increase in the spread of extremism in leading university campuses."

I can understand criticism of the Israeli government, but too many people in Britain—particularly on the left—use hatred of Israel as a foil for hatred of Jews. This tendency has become acute on university campuses where the anti-Semitic boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign has become a popular vehicle for vilifying Jews under the guise of support for Palestinian rights.

Just a few weeks ago, the National Union of Students elected a new president, Malia Bouattia, who described the University of Birmingham as “something of a Zionist outpost,” complained that the government’s anti-extremism policy was fueled by the “Zionist lobby,” and was endorsed by the anti-Semitic Muslim Public Affairs Committee. That someone of such strong anti-Jewish views can be elected to the national leadership of Britain’s students is simply astonishing. Or maybe not. British academics have also been at the forefront of the campaign to boycott Israeli academic institutions.

Britain’s Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, has rightly expressed outrage over the way university officials have turned a blind eye to the anti-Jewish abuse among students and faculty. “I cannot imagine that any vice-chancellor should be proud of the fact that vilification of a people has been taking place on their campus,” he said.

According to the Metropolitan Police, 2015 was the worst year ever for anti-Semitic attacks in London, which increased 61 percent from the previous year. The Campaign Against Anti-Semitism (CAA) reported that 2015 “saw the most anti-Semitic crime ever recorded in Britain, with a 26 percent rise in anti-Semitic crime and a 51 percent leap in violence against Jews, but a reduction in the number of anti-Semites charged by police.” The group also found that “25 percent of British Jews have considered leaving Britain in the past two years due to anti-Semitism and 77 percent have witnessed anti-Semitism disguised as a political comment about Israel.”

The situation has grown so serious that the CAA said “Britain is at a tipping point: unless anti-Semitism is met with zero tolerance, it will continue to grow and British Jews may increasingly question their place in their own country.”

What is happening in Great Britain is happening all over Europe. Dark clouds are gathering over the continent. Many question whether Jews have a future in Europe. The time for expressions of concern is long past. It is time for British and other leaders to take action to demonstrate a zero tolerance policy for anti-Semitism and extremism, failing which, their protestations as an open and tolerant society will be seen as pure balderdash.

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