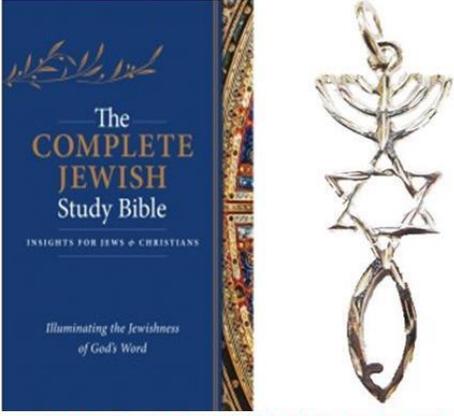


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**TRUMP ON HANUKKAH: LIGHT WILL ALWAYS BREAK THROUGH THE DARKNESS:** USA President Donald Trump issued a greeting to the Jewish people on the occasion of the holiday of Hanukkah, which began at sundown, 2 Dec. 2018. "Melania and I send our warmest greetings to our Jewish brothers and sisters in the United States, in Israel, and around the world celebrating Hanukkah. For eight nights, Jewish families and friends will come together to engage in the lighting of the menorah. This special tradition started more than 2,000 years ago during the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, which followed a trying period when Jews were persecuted for practicing their faith. Unfortunately, Jews today continue to face many different forms of violence, hatred, and bigotry around the globe. We remember all those from the Tree of Life—Or L'Simcha Congregation—whose lives were tragically taken in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this past October. As one Nation, we pledge our continued love and support for the victims, their families, and the community and we pray that the victims' families find some measure of peace and comfort during this holiday season. Over the coming days, may the warming glow of each candle on the menorah help fill homes and hearts with love and happiness. Together, we reaffirm the truth that light will always break through the darkness. We send our very best wishes for a blessed and happy Hanukkah."

**EDELSTEIN THANKS PENCE FOR ARAB WORLD'S CHANGING VIEWS ON ISRAEL-USA TIES:** Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein thanked USA Vice President Mike Pence for changing the Arab world's attitude toward the USA-Israeli alliance. "The attitude of the Arab world towards Israel is changing, thanks to the Trump government," Edelstein said. "A few years ago many countries hoped and waited for tension between USA-Israeli relations, but today that has changed completely," Edelstein continued. "The countries of the world, including the Arab states, understand that the alliance between the United States and Israel is stronger than ever. They understand that they have no choice but to cooperate with Israel." Edelstein also fondly remembered former USA President George H.W. Bush who passed away on Friday 30 Nov. 2018, thanking him for his help. "He was the final touch on my release and I am forever grateful to my friend". Edelstein believes Bush was instrumental in his release from Soviet prison, where Edelstein was kept because of his involvement in 'Zionist activity' and teaching Hebrew over 30 years ago. He also addressed the

American Diaspora saying that “Every Jew has a right to speak about Israel. The Israeli government has to take into consideration the influence of their decisions on the Jews of the Diaspora.” Yet, he also added, “That being said, the first responsibility of every democratic government, including Israel, is to protect its citizens and keep them in mind all the time.” Pence and Edelstein met at the Israeli American Council in Miami on Friday 30 Nov. 2018.

**WHY MIKE PENCE’S SPEECH INSPIRED ICONIC BEREAVED MOTHER:** Miriam Peretz, who lost two sons in combat, hailed Mike Pence's rousing speech supporting Israel on Friday 30 Nov. 2018. USA Vice President Pence, who spoke at the IAC conference in Miami, received thunderous applause from the audience after making it clear that America stood by Israel. Pence also attacked Airbnb's boycott of Judea & Samaria and promised that Iran would not arm itself with nuclear weapons. He also condemned any expression of anti-Semitism. After leaving the stage, Pence met with Miriam Peretz, an Israel Prize winner who lost two of her sons fighting in IDF combat units. Peretz told Pence about her fallen children Eliraz and Uriel and thanked him for his rousing speech. "His speech strengthened me greatly, because it was a speech of hope, and that is what we should have heard," Peretz recounted. During his speech, the USA Vice President said that President Trump is Israel's best friend. "As I said in the past in the Knesset, we stand by Israel because the goals are the same and the values are the same. Its war is our war. I stand by Israel because supporting the Jewish state is not a party matter, but an American one," Pence said. "President Trump promised to stand by Israel and promised that the Palestinian Authority would not receive financial aid as long as it supported terror. In light of the decision by Airbnb to boycott Judea & Samaria, we say that the BDS is wrong and has no place in the United States," added Pence, addressing the vacation rental giant's decision to delist Jewish-owned properties on its website.

**PENCE ON AIRBNB: BDS HAS ‘NO PLACE’ IN USA MARKETS:** Vice President Mike Pence said the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement targeting Israel has “no place” in the USA market, and cited Airbnb’s delisting of Judea & Samira Jewish settlements as an example of the movement. “In the wake of Airbnb’s decision to ban Jewish homes in Jerusalem and Judea & Samaria we made it clear, the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement is wrong and it has no place in the free enterprise of the United States of America,” Pence said at the conference of the Israeli American Council, which took place this year in southern Florida. As Indiana governor from 2013-2017 Pence was among the first to sign a law banning state cooperation with businesses that boycott Israel. There are similar bills under consideration federally. Pence, long a pro-Israel leader dating back to his days in Congress, got multiple standing ovations during the conference and repeatedly said — to applause — that Donald Trump is the most pro-Israel president ever. “It’s a great pleasure to serve with a man who has made the alliance between America and Israel stronger than ever before, President Trump,” he said.

**CNN DROPS COMMENTATOR AFTER ANTI-ISRAEL REMARKS:** CNN dropped commentator Marc Lamont Hill on Thur. 29 Dec. after he made remarks calling for the elimination of Israel. Speaking at the UN the previous day, Hill called for a "free Palestine from the river to the sea." The statement, which refers to the territory between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea where Israel is located, is a rallying cry used by several Palestinian groups, including Hamas. "Those calling for “from the river to the sea” is calling for an end to the State of Israel," said Sharon Nazarian, the Anti-Defamation League's senior vice president for international affairs.

**ANTI-SEMITISM RISES IN CANADA, JEWS REMAIN MOST TARGETED MINORITY GROUP:** Hate crimes against Jews in Canada have spiked 60% since last year, making them the most targeted minority group in the country for the second straight year. Statistics Canada reported days ago that the number of incidents reported to police rose to 360 in 2017 from 221 in 2016. The increase was attributed to nonviolent “mischief” hate crimes. “It is disturbing to think an anti-Semitic hate crime takes place every 24 hours in our country,” Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs CEO Shimon Koffler said. “History demonstrates that those

who target Jews and other minorities pose a threat to society as a whole. All Canadians should be vigilant in standing against hate.” Overall, hate crimes in Canada jumped 47% in 2017.

**IDF’S OKETZ CANINE UNIT DRILLING FOR WAR:** The IDF’s elite Oketz unit held a week-long intensive drill, practicing emergency scenarios and various combat scenarios, the IDF’s Spokesperson’s Unit said Saturday 1 Dec. 2018. The exercise began at the end of the previous week. Troops, both regular and reserves, were mobilized and transitioned from routine to emergency, and began a series of preparations for combat situations. The troops, who are trained in three specialized fields were embedded with forces from the Oz commando unit and Kfir Brigade deployed at various sites. The IDF’s Oketz (Hebrew for “sting”) was established in 1974 and is considered part of the army’s elite special forces, with the dogs and their handlers attached to all of the army’s combat units filling several important tasks such as detecting explosives and weapons, chasing and attacking wanted suspects, as well as taking part in search and rescue missions. During the course of the week, troops from Oketz drilled on offensive raids, combat in urban areas both above and underground, as well as thwarting enemy infiltration, locating bombs and seizing weapons. As part of the training program the IDF has invested hundreds of millions of shekels into upgrading training facilities in the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley and Southern Israel and adapting them to the challenges facing troops on various fronts.

**ISRAELI STARTUP RESTORES SPEECH ABILITIES TO STROKE VICTIMS:** When Danny Weissberg's grandmother was overcome by a stroke 10 years ago, she lost the ability to speak intelligibly. The engineer resolved to find a way to help. The result is Voiceitt, a Tel Aviv-based startup that has developed deep learning, signal processing and customizable speech recognition technologies to provide a synthesized voice for those whose speech has been garbled. Millions of people have their speech impaired due to strokes and aneurysms, diseases such as cerebral palsy and Parkinson's, brain injuries from accidents, and other medical conditions. Voiceitt's mobile app converts non-standard language into readily understood speech. It's already in beta testing with more than 200 users in four different languages. The algorithms are fine-tuned for each user because speech patterns are unique to each individual and their condition.

**MOST JEWS IN ISRAEL LIGHT THE MENORAH CANDLES EVERY NIGHT DURING HANUKKAH:** There are very few Jews in Israel who do not light Hanukkah candles. These numbers are from a research project called "Israeli Jewry" by the Institute for the Policy of Jewish People. The survey was based on an extensive survey of Jews in Israel. The data shows that almost three out of every four Jews in Israel (73%) say they light Hanukkah candles "every evening". One in four Jews in Israel light Hanukkah candles "some evenings". That is to say, they do not light them on all eight days, but on six or even three days. In fact, there is a significant competition among the major Jewish population groups in Israel. The numbers show that of these groups, 97% among the religious, 86% among the traditional and 71% of the secular-traditional light candles every night. The only group that most of its members light Hanukkah candles "some evenings" are those who call themselves "completely secular". Hanukkah is a holiday in which the majority of Israeli Jews observe a number of its customs. Such customs are: Eating donuts and latkes (79%), and giving presents to children (64%, a prominent practice among the hareidim at 89%) are particularly popular among Jews living in Israel. While three out of every four Israelis light Hanukkah candles "every evening," less than two of every three Jews (60%) in the States do so. This disparity in the Jewish practices exists in many holidays, when in almost every custom examined, Jews in Israel practice more Jewish tradition than Americans.

**ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGIST DISCOVER RING BELONGED TO PONTIUS PILATE:** Archaeologists have discovered that a ring found 50 years ago near Bethlehem belonged to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Jerusalem who ordered Yeshua to be crucified. Professor Gideon Foerster from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem led the dig that discovered the ring at the site of the Herodion fortress shortly after the Six Day War in 1967. Archaeologists were only recently able to decipher the name in Greek writing

on the ring. The Israel Antiquities Authority labs deciphered the name, after a meticulous cleansing of the ring and use of a special camera, as “Pilatus,” linking it to the Roman governor who ruled in Judah from 26 A.D. to 36 A.D. “I don’t know of any other Pilatus from the period and the ring shows he was a person of stature and wealth,” said professor Danny Schwartz. Researchers said the ring’s style indicates that it was a stamping ring, likely used by Pilate or one of his officials for signing Pilate’s name in day-to-day work, and that such rings were often carried by the Roman cavalry, in which Pilate served. Archaeologists say that the Herodion fortress, where the ring was found, was not only used as a burial site but also likely used by Pilate as a government administrative headquarters.

**REPORT: SISI, SAUDIS PUSH ARAB NATIONS TO TRADE WITH ISRAEL:** Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who met last week, resolved to encourage Arab nations to establish economic relations with Israel, the Al-Arabi Al-Jadid newspaper reported Thur. 29 Nov. 2018. Sisi and bin Salman also discussed the possibility of establishing an Arab Quartet with the participation of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Palestinian Authority. However, a proposal to establish such a quartet was rejected last August by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who felt that the Egyptian president was urging him to make too many concessions to reach an agreement with Israel.

**BRITISH MINISTER PROMOTES POST-BREXIT TRADE IN ISRAEL:** British International Trade Secretary Liam Fox met Israel’s PM Netanyahu last week as his country prepares to leave the European Union and pursue an independent trade policy. Britain’s exports to Israel already grew by 75% in the first half of 2018 compared to the same period last year. Last year saw more than \$9 billion in trade between the two nations, a record high. “And as we leave the EU and Britain takes up its place as an independent state of (the World Trade Organization), we want to push our concept of free trade even further,” Fox told Netanyahu ahead of their meeting. “In a world where the siren calls of protectionism are rising, two free-trade nations like ours need to make the case for global free trade because trade spreads prosperity.” Netanyahu said: “Britain is in fact our largest trade partner in Europe -- one of our most important trading partners in the world -- and we value the friendship.” Israel is notably an import market for British cars. Other leading British exports to Israel have included mineral products and machinery and electrical equipment, as well as chemical industry products.

**TRUMP: ISRAEL IS ONE REASON WE’RE STAYING IN THE MIDDLE EAST:** USA President Donald Trump hinted last week that Israel is one of the reasons that he is keeping USA military forces in the Middle East. Trump’s comments were made during a media interview and came in response to a broader question on USA-Saudi relations in the wake of the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. “It’s very important to have Saudi Arabia as an ally, if we’re going to stay in that part of the world. One reason to remain is Israel,” said Trump, who added that “Oil is becoming less and less of a reason because we’re producing more oil now than we’ve ever produced”. Trump also justified USA relations with Saudi Arabia, despite the murder which has been blamed on the Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed Bin Salman, saying “it’s a rough part of the world. It’s a dangerous, rough part of the world. But they’ve been a great ally. Without them, Israel would be in a lot more trouble. We need to have a counterbalance to Iran. The United States intends to remain a steadfast partner of Saudi Arabia to ensure the interests of our country, Israel and all other partners in the region. It is our paramount goal to fully eliminate the threat of terrorism throughout the world”!

**DUTCH RAIL COMPANY TO PAY REPARATIONS FOR WWII DEPORTATIONS:** The Dutch national railway company is setting up a commission to investigate how it can pay individual reparations for its role in mass deportations of Jews by Nazi occupiers during World War II. In a written statement, the rail company, NS, said that its involvement in the deportations "is a black page in the history of our country and our company." Company spokesman Erik Kroeze said last week that the commission will look at making payments to Dutch Holocaust survivors and direct family members of Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis. He said it is not yet clear how many people could be eligible. More than 100,000 Jews — 70% of the

Dutch Jewish community — did not survive the war. Most were deported from the Netherlands and killed in Nazi concentration camps. Most of the Dutch victims were rounded up in cities and taken by train to camps in the Netherlands before being sent to the border and put on German trains to concentration camps.

**HUNGARY PLEDGES \$3.4 MILLION TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE:** In addition to the establishment of at least one hotline for reporting anti-Semitic incidents, the funding will go to initiatives in the fields of justice and education. Leading the implementation of projects will be the Action and Protection Foundation, or TEV, of Hungarian Jewry – a watchdog group set up in 2012. “Hungary is contributing in a fairly significant way to the battle against anti-Semitism, and I express my appreciation to the government for this,” said Rabbi Shlomo Koves, founder of TEV.

**HAMAS SEEKS ASSISTANCE FROM THE UN:** Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the political bureau of the Hamas terrorist organization, last week wrote a letter to the UN General Assembly president, Maria Fernanda Spinosa, in response to the USA and Israel's efforts against Hamas in the UN. The United States has been leading a push at the United Nations to win backing from European countries for a resolution condemning Hamas. The General Assembly is expected to vote in the coming days on the proposed resolution which will condemn rocket firings into Israel and demand that Hamas end its use of violence. In his letter, Haniyeh claimed he is "following up with great anger the ongoing and miserable efforts by the United States of America, not only by adopting the Israeli narrative of the conflict, but also by providing all the necessary material and moral support for the Israeli occupation to continue its aggression against our people." Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, said in response that "Hamas speaks about international law while it fires rockets into civilian populations, holds the bodies of IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens, and uses its own people as human shields. A terrorist organization going to the UN for assistance is like a serial killer asking the police for assistance. Israel and the United States will continue to mobilize the countries of the world into a united front against the terrorism that Hamas engages in on behalf of Iran."

**THE TIME HAS COME FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE JERUSALEM':** Jerusalem Affairs Minister Ze'ev Elkin presented the 'Magen Yerushalayim' (Shield of Jerusalem) to the President of the Czech Republic, Milos Zeman, on Mon. 26 Nov. 2018. The award ceremony was held in the office of the Speaker of the Knesset in the presence of MK Yuli Edelstein and PM Binyamin Netanyahu. Elkin said at the event: "President Zeman has been a true friend of the State of Israel for years. In contrast to the prevailing attitude in the European Union, he promotes the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and works to promote the transfer of the Czech embassy to Jerusalem. The time has come for the countries of the European Union to recognize the simple truth that united Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. It is only natural that the Czech Republic, which was among the first countries to extend its hand to Israel during the War of Independence, will also be among the first countries to take part in promoting the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel vis-a-vis the European Union," said Elkin. The Jerusalem Affairs Ministry established the Jerusalem Shield award last year in order to honor people from all over the world who have worked to secure recognition of a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In May 2018 USA President Trump became the first recipient of the award for recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and relocating the USA embassy to Jerusalem. President Zeman is the second person to receive the Magen Yerushalayim award.

**CZECH PRESIDENT OPENS OFFICES IN JERUSALEM:** Milos Zeman, president of the Czech Republic, arrived on Sunday 25 Nov. 2018 for a four-day state visit during which he inaugurated an office in Jerusalem that he said will be the precursor to moving the Czech embassy to the city. Zeman opened the Czech House on Tues. 27 Nov. 2018, which will house Czech cultural, investment, trade and tourism offices. East and Central European countries inside the EU that have hinted at an interest in moving their embassies to Jerusalem have come under pressure from other EU countries against the moves.

**CZECH PRESIDENT VOICES HOPE EMBASSY WILL SOON MOVE TO JERUSALEM:** Israel's self-proclaimed "best friend," Czech President Milos Zeman, gave a "message of solidarity with Israel and the Jewish People" in his speech to the Knesset on Mon. 26 Nov. 2018: "Prime Minister Netanyahu said the Czech Republic is Israel's best friend in Europe. I wonder, why only Europe?" Zeman quipped in English. "Anyway, I am the best friend of Israel in my whole country." Zeman cited historic Czech support for Israel and the Jewish People, and called the European Parliament's "support for Palestinian terrorists" shameful. "If we betray Israel, we betray ourselves," he said, to applause from MKs. Zeman expressed hope that Tuesday's 27 Nov. 2018 planned dedication of a Czech House – dealing with Czech-Israel tourism, trade and other areas – will lead to the moving of the Czech Embassy to Jerusalem. Netanyahu and Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein's addresses to the Knesset mentioned the history of Czech Jewry, as well as Czechoslovakia's first president Tomasz Masaryk, who opposed anti-Semitism and supported Zionism. The leaders also thanked the Czech people for their support for Israel's Independence, including supplying military weapons and providing training for fledgling Israeli pilots. "The Czech Republic and Israel are small but great democracies," Netanyahu said. "Israel raises the torch of freedom. You also sought freedom. The Munich Agreement, where Czechoslovakia was sacrificed to the Nazis in the name of appeasement, relayed to Israel "we must defend ourselves, by ourselves," Netanyahu said.

**CZECH PRESIDENT RAISES 2 GLASSES 'TO LIFE':** President Reuven Rivlin and his wife Nechama hosted a state dinner on Mon. evening 26 Nov. 2018 in honor of Czech Republic President Milos Zeman and his wife Ivana Zamanova. President Rivlin received his guests and said: "Dear friends of Israel, dear friends of the Czech Republic, it is a great honor to have you here tonight. Formally, this is an official meal, but in many ways we are having dinner with old and close friends. We are friends from the past, Mr. President, but our friendship does not belong only to the past. Today, the relationship between Israel and the Czech Republic is a strategic relationship, with direct flights between Prague and Tel Aviv, and with the Skoda Innovation Center established here in Israel. But we can do a lot more together, in business, in culture, in science, in security, in energy and in tourism, if I mention only a few areas," said the president. The president of the Czech Republic said in a speech of his own, to everyone's surprise, moments before all the participants took a toast. "On my table there are two glasses, one of red wine and one of white wine, as you sometimes know, these colors are a symbol of politics, but today I wanted to say that there are some common issues between the two countries. So for the first time in my life, I'll take both glasses and toast to life."

**ISRAELI MACHINE THAT PULLS WATER OUT OF AIR SENT TO CALIFORNIA:** An Israeli machine that can pull water out of the air was sent to northern California to provide clean drinking water for police and firefighters battling the Camp Fire. On Sunday 25 Nov. 2018 officials announced that the fire had been brought 100% under control. At least 85 people were killed and more than 200 are still reported missing in the fire that burned for 17 days and destroyed more than 153,000 acres north of Sacramento, including 17,000 building structures. Thousands are living in emergency shelters and hotels. The atmospheric water generator called the GEN-350, produced by the company Watergen USA, can produce up to 156 gallons of water per day and is transportable. It is carried by an emergency response vehicle, which is equipped with a generator and charging stations. "If we can help relieve the burden by providing clean water, that is something that we will most definitely do," said Yehuda Kaploun, president of Watergen USA. Watergen's initiative to provide clean drinking water around the world earned the company its place on the World Economic Forum's list of the world's top technology pioneers in 2018.

**CNN POLL REVEALS DEPTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE:** Anti-Semitic stereotypes are alive and well in Europe, while the memory of the Holocaust is starting to fade, a sweeping new survey by CNN revealed Tue. 27 Nov. 2018. More than a quarter of Europeans polled believe Jews have too much influence in business and finance. Nearly one in four said Jews have too much influence in conflict and wars across the world. One in five said they have too much influence in the media, and the same number believes they have too much influence in politics. Meanwhile, a third of Europeans in the poll said they knew just a little or

nothing at all about the Holocaust, the genocide of six million Jews in lands controlled by Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime in the 1930s and 1940s. The poll interviewed more than 7,000 people across Europe, with more than 1,000 respondents each in Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland and Sweden. About one European in 20 in the countries surveyed has never heard of the Holocaust. Lack of Holocaust knowledge is particularly striking among young people in France: One out of five people there between the ages of 18 and 34 said they'd never heard of it. In Austria—the country where Hitler was born—12% of young people said they had never heard of the Holocaust. Austria also had the highest number of people in the survey saying they knew “just a little” about the Holocaust—four out of 10 Austrian adults.

Americans do not fare any better: A survey carried out on behalf of the Claims Conference earlier this year found that 10% of American adults were not sure they'd ever heard of the Holocaust, rising to one in five millennials. Half of all millennials could not name a single concentration camp, and 45% of all American adults failed to do so. But Europeans do believe it is important to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive. Two-thirds of Europeans said that commemorating the Holocaust helps ensure that such atrocities will never happen again. That figure rises to 80% in Poland, where the Nazis established Auschwitz, the deadliest concentration camp of all.

**YAD VASHEM TROUBLED BY RESULTS OF A CNN ANTI-SEMITISM SURVEY:** Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, is deeply concerned about a new CNN poll, according to which one-third of Europeans claim to know little or nothing about the Holocaust and that many entrenched hateful anti-Semitic tropes persist in European civilization, seventy-five years after the end of the Holocaust. A statement by the Jerusalem-based institution said, "The results of this survey prove the necessity to intensify broad-based efforts in the area of Holocaust education and awareness, which is essential to any effort to contend with anti-Semitism." It added, "While Holocaust education plays an indispensable role in combating anti-Semitism, it must also be augmented by effective government legislation and enforcement. Yad Vashem believes that by raising public awareness about the Shoah, not as a closed chapter in human history but as a relevant topic for our own time, the nations of Europe and elsewhere will be better equipped and motivated to fight anti-Semitism."

**43% OF DUTCH JEWS SAY THEY HIDE THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY:** Nearly half of 557 respondents in a survey of Dutch Jews said they were afraid of identifying as such. Of the respondents, 43% said they take active steps to hide their Jewish identity, such as wearing a hat over their kippah or hiding the Star of David pendants. Many respondents cited their perception of a rise in the prevalence of anti-Semitic sentiment, with 48% saying they avoid situations where they suspect they may be exposed to anti-Semitic reactions. The results of the survey were published Mon. 26 Nov. 2018. Other key findings were that 52% of respondents said anti-Semitism on the street has become more common, 59% said it extends also to media and 82% see it rising online. When it came to experiencing anti-Semitism, 34% said they had experienced racially offensive remarks directed against them, and of those, 89% said that those remarks were connected to Israel. 11% of respondents said they had experienced anti-Semitic violence directed against them. The poll was conducted by the Eén Vandaag television show of the NPO 1 channel with the JMW Jewish group and the Central Jewish Board of the Netherlands.

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