The NAZI ROOTS Of Middle Eastern Anti-Semitism

A Shared Legacy Of Hatred

Palestinian leader Haj Amin al-Husseini and Adolf Hitler meet in 1941.

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The cartoons on the following pages show the direct parallels between Nazi propaganda and modern Middle Eastern images of Jews and Israelis.

These parallels did not occur by chance. The Nazis directly influenced Middle Eastern attitudes.

In the 1930s, the Nazis injected demonizing, genocidal themes into the Middle East’s long tradition of anti-Jewish stereotypes. They funded Egypt’s emerging fundamentalist mass movement, the Muslim Brotherhood. Palestinian leader Haj Amin al-Husseini joined the Nazis and ran the regular Nazi radio broadcasts of anti-Semitic propaganda to the Arabic-speaking world.¹ After World War II, Haj Amin al-Husseini escaped trial for Nazi war crimes and was greeted as a hero throughout the Middle East. Thousands of former Nazis fled prosecution and took leading positions in Arab governments’ propaganda and “information” offices.²

This legacy grew as Israel flourished. Today, the Nazi mixture of medieval and modern anti-Semitic images—and the depiction of Jews as a diabolic world force intent on global domination—pervade the Middle East.

History has shown that this anti-Semitic obsession is self-destructive for the society that generates it and for its target. It is a precursor to genocide.

While the anti-Semitic images and themes may seem too preposterous to be taken seriously, they have deadly power.

“At first the claims of the propaganda were so impudent that people thought it insane; later it got on people’s nerves; and in the end, it was believed.”
-Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf ³

³ http://www.hitler.org/writings/Mein_Kampf/mkv1ch06.html.
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<td>“The Jew is the parasite of humanity. He can be a parasite for an individual person, a social parasite for whole peoples, and the world parasite of humanity.” –Nazi Propagandist G.G. Otto, The Jew as World Parasite (Der Jude als Weltparasit)(^1)</td>
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<td>“The Jewish danger will be eliminated only when Jewry throughout the world has ceased to exist.” –Nazi Propagandist Julius Streicher, Der Stürmer, 1942(^3)</td>
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<td>“The cause of the world’s misfortune, however, will be forever eliminated only when Jewry in its entirety is destroyed.” –Nazi Propagandist Julius Streicher, Der Stürmer, 1941(^5)</td>
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<td>“The secret goals of the Jewish people are...in the ‘Protocols of the Elders of Zion’ [which] contain the Jewish plan for world conquest.” –Nazi Propagandist Julius Streicher, Der Stürmer, 1933(^7)</td>
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<td>“Zionists are opposed...to humanity as a whole. They want to dominate the entire world.” –Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, July 13, 2006(^9)</td>
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The cartoon’s caption reads, “The God of the Jews is Money. And to gain money, he will commit the greatest crimes. He will not rest until he can sit on the largest sack of money, until he becomes the King of Money.” *Der Gifpilz* (1938).
From the German Propaganda Archive.
Courtesy: Randall Bytwerk.


In that cartoon, a Jew with large sacks of money worships at an altar that is also a safe. *Al-Watan* (N.D.).
Jews As Demonic

A Moses figure with horns holds the Ten Commandments, the basis of Judaism. The caption reads, “He turned the devil into God, and God and the world into the devil’s mockery.”

The Pope says, “Peace on Earth,” with a Jew, depicted as Satan, replying: “Colonies on Earth.”

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, depicted as the devil.
Al-Watan (July 2002). Courtesy: Palestinian Media Watch.
Jews As The Cause Of All Wars

The caption reads: “The Jewish War-God. He carries no sword with which to fight his battles, for his weapons are dirty tricks, fraud and lies.” From the Nazi press (N.D.). Courtesy: the Simon Wiesenthal Center Multimedia Learning Center.


A hand marked with a Jewish Star winds up an American tank. Al-Watan (March 2003).

A hand marked with a Jewish Star wields the U.S. like a mace. Al-Ayyam (May 2004).
Jews As Crucifiers


A cartoon from the Nazi publication *Der Stürmer* (August 1930). From the German Propaganda Archive Courtesy: Randall Bytwerk.

In this cartoon, a Palestinian girl is impaled by an Israeli arrow while on the cross. *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (December 2000). Courtesy: Palestinian Media Watch.
In this Nazi film, the Jews of Poland are portrayed as evil, corrupt, filthy and bent on world domination. *The Eternal Jew, Der Ewige Jude* (1940). Courtesy: the Holocaust History Project.

German womanhood is about to be destroyed by a snake marked with Jewish stars. Photograph from the National Archives. Courtesy: USHMM Photo Archives.

A Saudi published cartoon lifts its theme directly from Nazi propaganda, portraying Israelis/Jews as rats infesting a house. Arabnews.com (N.D.).

Snakes

German womanhood is about to be destroyed by a snake marked with Jewish stars. Photograph from the National Archives. Courtesy: USHMM Photo Archives.


Jews As Spiders

A spider, identified with a Jewish star, drinks the blood of his Aryan victims. Der Stürmer (1930). From the German Propaganda Archive. Courtesy: Randall Bytwerk.

Middle Eastern–Recent


A German “humor” magazine from 1943 shows a Jew eating the Soviet Union, the United States and Great Britain. *Lustige Blätter* #29 (1943). From the German Propaganda Archive. Courtesy: Randall Bytewerk.

President Bush depicted as the “tongue” of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has a Jewish star on his tie and the “U.S. Administration” hanging from his jacket pocket. *Arab News* (June 2002).
The World

Nazi cartoonist Seppla (aka Josef Plank) depicts the Jew as an octopus with its tentacles encompassing the globe. From the Library of Congress. Courtesy: USHMM Photo Archives.


**Blood Libel:**

**Nazi Germany**

A Jewish caricature is shown ritually killing a young German woman. *Der Stürmer* (1934).

**Middle Eastern–Recent**

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon feeds a Jewish voter blood in this cartoon from Jordan. *Al Dustur* (December 2002). Courtesy: The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center.

**Nazi Germany**


**Middle Eastern–Recent**

Jews As Vampires

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon taking a daily Palestinian blood bath (killing Palestinians every day). Al-Ahram (October 2003).


Saudi English language daily depicts Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as Dracula biting into a Palestinian child on a movie screen in “Sharoncula.” arabnews.com (December 2001).
Ethnic Cleansing Of The Ugly Jews

This cartoon was published five months after Hitler took power. The title is “Revenge.” The Nazi who shoves the Jew over the cliff says: “Go where you wanted me to go, you evil spirit.” *Der Stürmer (June 1933).* From the German Propaganda Archive. Courtesy: Randall Bytwerk.

In this cartoon, Egyptian President Nasser, backed by the armies of the Arab states, kicks the Jew into the sea. *Al-Farida (1967).*
After World War II, many prominent Nazis fled Europe and were welcomed in the Middle East. After 1953, President Abdel Gamal Nasser absorbed about 2,000 of them into Egypt, where they worked in the secret service, directed anti-Israel propaganda, and translated into Arabic anti-Semitic texts such as the forgery *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.¹ Others became journalists in countries such as Syria. Some prominent examples include:²

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<td>Dr. Johannes Von Leers. Post-war name: Omar Amin.</td>
<td>Protégé of Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels and one of the Third Reich’s most important anti-Semitic ideologues.</td>
<td>Ministry of Information, Cairo, Egypt. Converted to Islam. Translated <em>Protocols</em> into Arabic.</td>
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<td>Wilhelm Boeckler, SS Untersturmführer.</td>
<td>Wanted in Poland for the liquidation of the Jewish Warsaw ghetto.</td>
<td>Ministry of Information, Cairo, Egypt.</td>
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<td>Georges Oltramare. Post-war name: Charles Dieudonné.</td>
<td>Director of <em>Le Pilori</em>, anti-Semitic newspaper in Vichy, France.</td>
<td>Served as propagandist for Nasser in Cairo, later moved to Switzerland.</td>
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<td>Franz Rademacher. Post-war name: Thome Rossel.</td>
<td>Headed Anti-Jewish section of Foreign Affairs Ministry, 1940-43.</td>
<td>Journalist in Damascus, Syria, later returned to Germany and tried for war crimes.</td>
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² [http://www.tellthechildrenthetruth.com/where.html](http://www.tellthechildrenthetruth.com/where.html)
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