

Jewish Community Security Service SPCJ RELEASE

2015 Report on Antisemitism in France

SPCJ publishes statistics and analyses on Antisemitism in France in 2015 Antisemitic acts perpetrated on French soil are recorded by SPCJ in close cooperation with the Interior Ministry.

Antisemitism in France in 2015: incredibly high, extremely violent and home-grown:

- 808 Antisemitic acts committed in France in 2015 led to filing a complaint. This number is extremely high.
- In 2015, 29 people (men, women, children, babies) were taken hostage in a kosher supermarket on 9 January 2015. 4 people were executed.
- ► For the first time, Antisemitism in France reached a very high level regardless of the armed conflict in the Middle East.
- Once again in 2015, Jews, who represent less than one percent of the total population, are the target of 40 percent of all racist crimes committed in France, and 49 percent of racist violent acts committed against people.
- ▶ In France, there were on average two Antisemitic acts perpetrated every day in 2015.
- In 2015, many victims of Antisemitic acts said that they preferred not to file a complaint for Antisemitic insults, threats or light violence, while others were executed a few months earlier because they were Jews.
- The number of Jews that leave the country or think about leaving France for another country keeps on increasing. A large proportion of French Jews do not feel at ease within society and feels misunderstood even besides security issues.

All statistics and analyses included in the report are available on the website <u>www.antisemitisme.fr</u>