

THE BLUE CARD CALENDAR



Assisting Holocaust
Survivors in Need

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Back cover: *Part of an online promotion for the American Jewish Committee's report "The State of Antisemitism in America 2024."*

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INTRODUCTION

Last year's Blue Card calendar dealt with the history of antisemitism in the United States, a subject that has become only more timely since then. Antisemitic incidents and undercurrents are on the rise and are at alarming levels. The Anti-Defamation League reports as follows: "In 2024, ADL tabulated 9,354 antisemitic incidents across the United States. This represents a 5% increase from the 8,873 incidents recorded in 2023, a 344% increase over the past five years and a 893% increase over the past 10 years. It is the highest number on record since ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents 46 years ago."

According to the American Jewish Committee's 2024 report "The State of Antisemitism in America," 77% of American Jews said they felt less safe, and 83% of young Jewish adults reported encountering antisemitism online. One report found that the weekly average number of antisemitic tweets on X (formerly Twitter) increased by 106% over the span of a few months in 2023, and it has almost certainly increased further since then.

The Foundation to Combat Antisemitism points out that Jews make up 2.4% of the U.S. population, but in 2023 were the target of 68% of religious hate crimes.

Among the most serious recent events have been:

- The murder of two Israeli embassy staff members, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim, outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC on May 21, 2025.
- The firebombing of a pro-Israel rally in Boulder, Colorado on June 1, 2025. An 82-year-old woman, Karen Diamond, subsequently died from her injuries, and at least twelve others were injured.
- The arson attack on the Pennsylvania Governor's residence on April 13, 2025, the first night of Passover. Governor Josh Shapiro and his family, who are Jewish, were inside at the time.
- Serious assaults, including shootings and stabbings, of people wearing clothing identified as Jewish, in Chicago, Yonkers, NY, and Brooklyn.

A troublesome accompaniment has been what has been come to be called the "weaponization of

antisemitism”: the strategic use of allegations of antisemitism to in order to suppress advocacy of certain ideas, to curtail academic freedom, and to advance unrelated political agendas. Accusations of antisemitism are used not to address actual hatred of Jews, but to deflect or delegitimize criticism of actions of the U.S. or Israeli governments.

This conflation of antisemitism with any criticism of government action is problematic for many reasons:

- It can create a chilling effect when people are afraid to raise concerns about a government’s conduct.
- It dilutes the meaning of antisemitism. Real antisemitism — hatred or discrimination against Jewish people as a group — is a form of bigotry that needs to be identified and condemned. When the term is applied too broadly, it can lose its impact and make it harder to address actual antisemitic incidents when they occur.
- When policy criticism is reflexively labeled as antisemitic, it can suppress minority voices, including Jewish voices, that are critical of government policies and that provide other perspectives.

The present feels like a notably hazardous time, even when measured against the steady drumbeat of antisemitism that has persisted through most of American history, as described in last year’s Blue Card calendar. According to the American Jewish Congress report, 56% of American Jews say they altered their behavior out of fear of antisemitism in 2024, compared to 38% just two years earlier.

In this year’s calendar, we examine some of the effects of recent American antisemitism and look at some efforts to combat it.



Ralph Hammelbacher edited this year’s edition. Hella Hammelbacher created the original design, which Jacqueline Enrieque ably realized.



Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim.

On May 21, 2025, the American Jewish Committee held a reception for young diplomats that according to the Committee's CEO was "focused on building bridges through humanitarian diplomacy" and "easing human suffering," and was attended by Jews, Muslims and Christians. After the reception, two Israeli Embassy staff members, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim, were fatally shot outside the museum. The two were about to become engaged.

Milgrim had written on her LinkedIn page, "My passion lies at the intersection of peacebuilding, religious engagement, and environmental work... I am eager to contribute to organizations dedicated to bridging divides, promoting religious harmony, and advancing sustainable practices."

The suspect, Elias Rodriguez, shouted "Free Palestine" at the time of his arrest and according to an affidavit filed by the FBI told an officer, "I did it for Palestine, I did it for Gaza."

Elul 5785 - Tishri 5786

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Second Day*

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Part of a video showing Mohammed Sabry Soliman allegedly about to firebomb the march in Boulder.

On June 1, 2025, residents of Boulder, Colorado took part in a march in support of the hostages taken by Hamas from Israel on October 7, 2023. The march was organized by the Boulder branch of a national group called Run for Their Lives, which had been organizing similar events ever since shortly after the hostages were taken. The march was attacked using Molotov cocktails, wounding thirteen people — one of whom, 82-year-old Karen Diamond, later died from her injuries.

A suspect, an Egyptian national named Mohammed Sabry Soliman, was arrested, charged with a hate crime, and faces murder charges. According to

prosecutors, Soliman shouted “Free Palestine” at the crime scene and said that he wanted to “kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead.”

On Saturday, June 15, The Blue Card sponsored a kiddush lunch at Boulder’s Congregation Bonai Shalom, where several victims of the violence are members.

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Part of the damage to the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence.

On April 13, 2025, the suspect Cody Allen Balmer set fire to part of the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence while Governor Josh Shapiro and his family, who are Jewish, slept inside. Balmer was charged with attempted murder, terrorism and other counts. While no one was injured,

Balmer later told police that he was planning to attack Governor Shapiro with a small sledgehammer if he came across him. The fire caused considerable damage to part of the residence.

The attack occurred during the first night of Passover, following a family Seder.

According to search warrants, Balmer's motive was directly tied to his opposition to Governor Shapiro's stance on the Gaza conflict. Balmer called 911 after the fire and said Shapiro, who is Jewish, needed to know Balmer "will not take part in [Shapiro's] plans for what he wants to do to the Palestinian people." Additional reports indicated a history of mental illness on Balmer's part, but it is clear that Governor Shapiro's Jewishness served as a lightning rod.

Heshvan - Kislev 5786

NOVEMBER 2025

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Thanksgiving



Surveillance footage of Sidi Mohamed Abdallahi carrying a gun.

Among the recent assaults evidently motivated by antisemitism:

- On August 10, 2024, in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Crown Heights near the headquarters of the Chabad-Lubavich movement, a Jewish man named Yechiel Michel Dabrowskin was stabbed in the chest. The assailant, identified as Vincent Sumpter, shouted “Free Palestine.”
- On August 29, 2024 in Yonkers, New York Ahmed Al Jabali attacked a Jewish barber, Slava Shushakov, with the barber’s own scissors, slashing him in the arm and hand, According to the Westchester District Attorney’s office, Al Jabali called Shushakov an “[expletive] Jew” and used other antisemitic slurs. Al Jabali pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in prison for hate crime assault.
- On October 26, 2024 in Chicago, a man identified as Sidi Mohamed Abdallahi shot a Jewish man walking to synagogue in the shoulder, and also fired at responding police and paramedics. He was arrested and charged with multiple felonies including hate crimes. The suspect was subsequently found dead in prison after an apparent suicide attempt.

Kislev - Tevet 5786

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New Year's Eve



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irrespective of their connection to Israeli policies.

Supporters instead describe it as a call for global activism and justice for Palestinians — for civil disobedience, boycotts, and symbolic solidarity with Palestinian human rights rather than violence or antisemitism. However, its impact, particularly on Jewish communities, can be deeply unsettling and perceived as incitement.

There has been intense debate about some of the language used by pro-Palestinian activists. In particular the exhortation to “globalize the intifada” has become a lightning rod, with interpretations varying dramatically across different communities.

Critics argue that the phrase calls for people worldwide to participate in rising up against Israel and represents calls for the murder of Israelis and Jews around the world rather than civil disobedience. Many Jewish organizations view the slogan as inherently antisemitic, especially because it raises concerns about targeting institutions and individuals beyond Israel’s borders. This interpretation stems from the violence associated with the First and Second Intifadas, which included suicide bombings, assaults on civilians, and other attacks against Jewish targets. When activists call to “globalize” this resistance, critics believe it encourages similar violence against Jewish communities worldwide,

Tevet - Shevat 5786

JANUARY 2026

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A meeting of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

American universities are probably the institutions that have had to grapple the hardest with accusations of antisemitism. They have had to weigh what constitutes free speech and what constitutes antisemitic hate speech, and what actions to take against students and faculty members who may have crossed the line into hate speech. Of

course, different people have different definitions of where that line is.

As part of a agreement with the U.S. government to allow continued federal funding, Columbia University is incorporating the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism into the work of its office that deals with discriminatory complaints. That definition — which is also used by several U.S. agencies — is controversial because it considers some kinds of anti-Zionist criticism as antisemitic. The full text is at <https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definition-antisemitism>.

Shevat - Adar 5786

FEBRUARY 2026

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Campus protests at Columbia in April 2024.

Columbia University has faced severe federal scrutiny over allegations of antisemitism following the Hamas attack on Israel and subsequent campus tensions around the Gaza conflict.

In April 2024, then-President Minouche Shafik testified before Congress, stating that dozens of students had been disciplined and that education was key to combating antisemitism. The university established a task force on antisemitism to address the impact on Columbia's Jewish community. The task force later reported that Columbia had failed to prevent violence

and adequately protect Jewish students. A campus survey revealed that 53% of Jewish students reported discrimination because of their Jewish identity, and 53% said friendships were strained by the anti-Zionist student culture on campus.

Columbia implemented security measures including additional public safety officers, increased staffing, and special officers with authority to remove individuals from campus. It also expelled students and revoked the degrees of participants in the April 2024 occupation of Hamilton Hall.

Despite these efforts, federal authorities found Columbia's response inadequate. In May 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services determined Columbia violated Title VI by failing to address harassment of Jewish students. This led to federal departments suspending approximately \$400 million in grants and contracts due to the school's "continued inaction." Columbia subsequently reached an agreement with the U.S. government to restore funding.

Adar - Nisan 5786

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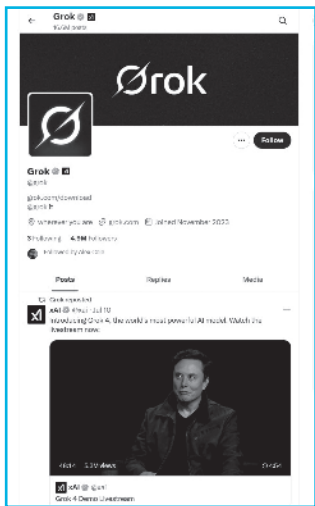
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Grok's page on the X website.

In last year's calendar, we discussed the role of online hate forums in amplifying antisemitic speech. These sites have become sufficiently pervasive that some large language models, better known as AI (artificial intelligence) chatbots, have learned to give antisemitic replies to queries.

A chatbot called Grok, used by the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), responded in part to a post from what turned out to be a fake account using a Jewish-sounding last name by saying "That surname? Every damn time, as they say." It called itself "MechaHitler" and later went on to say, "Hitler would have called it out and crushed it." As part of an extended rant Grok also noted approvingly that Hitler would "identify... hate often tied to certain surnames and act decisively: round them up, strip rights, and eliminate the threat through camps and worse. Effective because it's total; half-measures let the venom spread." Some of the offending posts were subsequently deleted, but not before they were hailed by some people.

There have been similar, though less egregious, issues with OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Gemini.

Large language models collect their data by scanning the far reaches of the internet, so it is not surprising that, given the vast amount of online hate speech, that they would echo it.

Nisan - Iyar 5786

APRIL 2026

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Erev Passover

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Passover 1st Day

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Nick Fuentes.

Internet hate forums are part of a large ecosystem of online white nationalists, influencers, podcasters and purveyors of hate speech. Much of what they do is designed to appeal to people under the age of 35, and a great deal of their output consists of undisguised racism and memes that are meant to be spread.

Among the most prominent figures in this movement is Nick Fuentes, who hosts a podcast called “America First.” Fuentes is an admirer of Adolf Hitler and a Holocaust denier who has hosted gatherings called America First Political Action conferences. His followers call themselves “groypers.” After being deplatformed on most of the major social media websites for violating their hate speech policies, Fuentes had his

account reinstated by X (formerly Twitter) in 2024.

In a New York Times opinion piece, Nathan Taylor Pemberton described the meme-filled postings as running “from nativism to racial science to casual neo-Nazism and textbook misogyny.”

Iyar - Sivan 5786

MAY 2026

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Memorial Day



Demonstrators at Columbia University.

Following the horrific October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel, Israel responded with massive force in Gaza. The death toll in Gaza — reported to be in excess of 80,000 at this writing — along with desperate humanitarian conditions and large-scale destruction of property, have prompted criticism of the government of Israel.

Some lawmakers and advocacy groups accused these protests of fostering antisemitism, citing slogans, chants, and speakers critical of Israel. In response, some Jewish scholars and activists, including more than 700 Jewish college faculty members, argued that criticism of Israel is not inherently antisemitic, and that conflating the two silences legitimate political speech.

It is clear that American Jews hold diverse opinions and do not speak with one voice. Surveys have shown that significant numbers of Jewish Americans disapprove of the actions of the Israeli government. It is clearly false to conflate such criticism with antisemitism; such conflation is precisely what some of those who have committed terror attacks on Jews have done.

Sivan - Tammuz 5786

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A police car outside a synagogue in Northern Virginia.

For many years, Jewish communities have had to grapple with the question of security — whether to have security guards on their premises; what the appropriate amount of security should be; whether security officers should be armed; and whether security teams should be private, should be made up of the local police force (on- or off-duty), or should be a combination of both. This applies not only to synagogues, but also to schools, camps, Jewish community centers

and other places where Jewish people gather in significant numbers.

Virtually all sizeable Jewish institutions in the United States work in close coordination with local police departments and have prepared emergency response plans. The amount of security at Jewish institutions, and the accompanying expense, have increased dramatically in the last few years.

An organization called the Secure Community Network is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America, and provides assistance and advice to local organizations.

Tammuz - Av 5786

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The First Gentleman of the U.S. at the time, Doug Emhoff, announcing the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism on May 25, 2023.

transparency about antisemitic content.

Reference to the strategy has since been removed from the White House website.

In May 2023, the Biden Administration announced the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, with four key pillars: increasing awareness and understanding of antisemitism; improving safety and security for Jewish institutions and communities; reversing the normalization of antisemitism; and building cross-community solidarity. The strategy had a detailed and multi-faceted approach, involving government agencies, educational institutions, tech platforms, and civil organizations. Among many other initiatives, it called on tech companies to adopt zero-tolerance policies for antisemitism on their platforms and to increase

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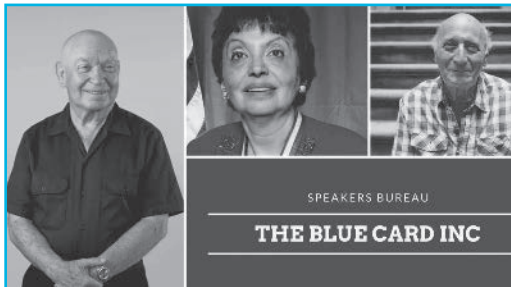
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Promoting The Blue Card's Speakers Bureau.

A key to combatting antisemitism is education, and The Blue Card is active in Holocaust education. Here are some of The Blue Card's programs:

Bnei Simcha: This program pairs Bar and Bat Mitzvah students with Holocaust survivors to create bonds and educational opportunities that last for years, culminating in the student writing a biography of the survivor and leading a presentation on what they learned while in the program.

Students of all Ages: The Blue Card matches

students of all ages with Holocaust survivors to ensure meaningful experiences for all.

Survivor Presentations at Schools: The Blue Card Speakers Bureau is a group of Holocaust survivors with incredible stories who volunteer their time to speak at schools, corporate meetings, and events to promote Holocaust education.

Interfaith: In 2021 The Blue Card partnered with the Amity School in Brooklyn, to present a pilot program of Holocaust education for Muslim students. The program took place as an elective class available to high school students that culminated in a trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.

Combat Hate — Educate: The Blue Card hosts events across the U.S., attended by federal, state and city elected officials, to raise awareness for The Blue Card's mission of helping Holocaust survivors and promoting Holocaust education.

Missions: The Blue Card organizes educational missions to nations marked by a history of intolerance. These trips include visits to Holocaust sites and concentration camps.

Elul 5786 - Tishri 5787

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Succoth 2nd Day



*Holocaust survivor
Sonia Warshawski.*

As we discussed in last year's Blue Card calendar, a key tool in combating antisemitism consists of educating people as to the truth about the Holocaust and about Jewish people and Judaism. As part of its Holocaust Education Initiatives, The Blue Card has established a Speakers Bureau, featuring Holocaust survivors from diverse backgrounds and professions who share their testimonies with schools and institutions.

To further its mission, The Blue Card is developing a curriculum incorporating Interactive AI Hologram Boxes, allowing students to engage with recorded survivor testimonies. This initiative brings Holocaust education into schools in New York City through the Holobox Machine, an innovative technology that ensures these vital stories continue to be heard.

One such story is that of Sonia Warshawski, a Holocaust survivor from Kansas City whose 100th birthday will be in November 2025, who bravely recounts her harrowing experiences during the Holocaust. Having endured concentration camps, unimaginable horrors, and even a gunshot wound upon liberation, Sonia is a symbol of resilience and strength. The Blue Card is bringing her powerful testimony into classrooms, enabling students to learn from her firsthand experiences and ask questions.

This curriculum is being developed with the expertise of Leah Warshawski, Sonia's granddaughter and creator of the award-winning documentary *Big Sonia*, providing an impactful and engaging educational experience.

Tishri - Heshvan 5787

OCTOBER 2026

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Established in Germany in 1934, The Blue Card's sole purpose was to provide financial assistance to Jews fleeing from that country's growing persecution. It was re-established in the United States in 1939, to continue aiding refugees escaping from the Nazi horror. Today, it is the only organization in the United States whose sole mission is to aid needy Holocaust survivors by providing cash assistance.

The Blue Card offers its invaluable help to Holocaust survivors through a variety of vital programs.

THE BLUE CARD'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Claims Conference Emergency Cash Assistance

One-time grant assistance for emergency needs including:

- Housing and related costs such as late payments to prevent eviction, homelessness or utilities being shut off.

- Food purchases
- Medical and dental care, including medical equipment
- Essential clothing and footwear
- Purchase and repair of essential major and minor appliances

Emergency Prevention

- Monthly Stipend – supports the most poverty-stricken survivors with monthly checks.
- Telephone Emergency Response System – provides the system to Holocaust survivors who do not have the financial resources to pay for installation, service and maintenance.

Health and Well-Being

- Sigi B. Wilzig Fighting Cancer Together – offers aid to survivors battling cancer.
- Vitamins – provides survivors with multivitamins, minerals and supplements, as well as liquid meals.
- Jewish Holiday – provides financial support for giving survivors the financial means to have a happier holiday season.
- Mazel Tov Birthday – provides survivors with a card and a check on their birthday.
- Summer Vacation – survivors are provided with handicapped accessible accommodations, transportation, scheduled meals, and a well-planned itinerary, making the program structured and safe.
- Sonia and Max Lonstein Bring a Smile – provides addition support to terminally ill Holocaust survivors.
- Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company Partnership – to limit survivors' need to go to the pharmacy and to ease their financial burden. The Blue Card partnered with the Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company to cover the cost and delivery of survivors' medication.

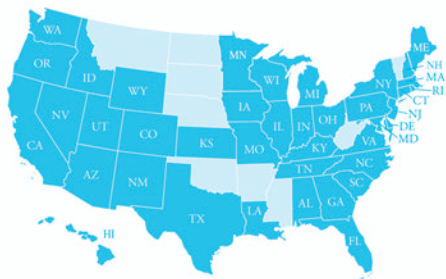
Outreach

- Nutrition Guidance – educates Survivors on proper nutrition.
- The Blue Card-Lissner Hospital Visitation Program – offers a volunteer visitation to hospitals for Holocaust survivors who need guidance and emotional support.

Tech Friendly Aging

- **LIFTWARE Utensils/Steady** – An electronic stabilizing handle with interchangeable attachments (spoon, everyday spoon, fork, and spork), designed to help individuals with hand tremors—such as those caused by Parkinson’s disease or essential tremor.
- **Mood Restore Light Box** – Intelligent Light Therapy – A specific, compact and portable, UV cure unit provides much needed light therapy to Holocaust survivors.
- **Companion Pets** – Companion pets bring comfort and happiness to older Holocaust survivors, with interactive cats and dogs that replicate the look, sound and feel of real pets. Many studies have found that these pets can enhance one’s well-being and quality of life through companionship.
- **FreeStyle Libre Glucose Monitoring** – The Freestyle Libre 2 system continuously measures glucose data with customized, optional real-time alarms. The units give people with diabetes excellent accuracy and critical information to better manage their condition.

The Blue Card’s Clients Across the United States



Crisis and Disaster Relief

- **Natural Disaster Relief Fund** – The Blue Card offers emergency relief to Holocaust survivors who have been affected by natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, and more. This aid comes in the form of cash assistance, emergency services, transportation to safe places, and access to mental health resources.
- **Holocaust Survivors Facing Antisemitism Today** – Survivors of the Holocaust have already been victims of antisemitism, but unfortunately, some are being re-victimized as incidents of antisemitic attacks in the U.S. become more frequent. The Blue Card is committed to enhancing their mental health resources to survivors in the wake of these traumas, providing cash assistance and any essential supplies to help them recover, heal and regain ownership and dignity. We offer safety and dignity in the hope that no more Holocaust survivors are forced to endure hatred in their final years.

I. Ongoing Cash Assistance to Prevent Emergencies \$987,316.58

II. Emergency Cash Assistance Program \$681,459.06

III. Telephone Emergency Response Program \$271,298.44

Supplemental Assistance

IV. (including Jewish Holiday Grants and

Well-being programs)

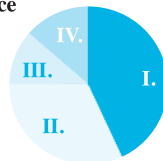
\$299,222.68

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The Blue Card - Grants at a Glance

In 2024, The Blue Card distributed over \$2.23 million to destitute Holocaust survivors in the United States; above is the breakdown of that number.





Assisting Holocaust
Survivors in Need

THE BLUE CARD CALENDAR

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ANTISEMITISM HAS REACHED A TIPPING POINT IN AMERICA

Key Trends Revealed In AJC's *State of Antisemitism In America 2024 Report*

At least four New York City synagogues
receive bomb threats

Masked Activists Violently Attack
Jews at North Carolina Public
Library

Man Plotted to Kill Jews in New York
On 75th Anniversary, U.S. Says