

Republican Perspective
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CLOSE TO HOME

“And because I am proud of being Jewish, I am worried by the growing anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in the world.” Steven Spielberg, movie Director

It's a little over four miles from my childhood home to the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill, PA. Fond memories remain of times at Frick and Schenley Parks; dining at numerous delis. Squirrel Hill is the largest of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods. True to its name, it sits on a hill with tree-lined streets. Deep green in the summer with brilliant colors in autumn. It has been the focal point of Pittsburgh's Jewish community since the 1920's.

To most that call Pittsburgh home, we were shocked, outraged and saddened by the murder of eleven Jews at Shabbat services. Seven others were injured including four police officers. We were aware of anti-Semitism but not so close to home. We believed such heinous acts occurred in other cities but not the “burgh.” Now, the “burgh” is home to the greatest massacre of Jews in American history.

Robert Bowers entered the synagogue to kill. “All Jews must die.” Jews are committing “genocide to my people, I just want to kill Jews.” This type of hate rivals ISIS genocide towards Jews and Christians. Hate makes for equal opportunity victims. Jeffrey Myers, rabbi of the Tree of Life, remarked that hate does not know religion, race, creed, political party. It is pure evil.

Bowers was not a Trump supporter. He posted on the chat site Gab: “For the record, I did not vote for him nor have I owned, worn or even touched a maga hat.” “Trump is a globalist, not a nationalist. There is no #MAGA as long as there is a k*** infestation.” His own words did not stop the left from blaming Trump.

Anti-Semitism has a long history in the U.S. In the 1920's Harvard imposed a quota on Jewish admission. Famous anti-Semites include: Henry Ford, General George Patton, Charles Lindbergh, Joseph Kennedy, Mel Gibson and Louis Farrakhan. As much as the dishonest left tries, President Trump is no anti-Semite.

The mainstream media and left leaning Jewish media organizations reported that anti-Semitism had greatly increased immediately after Trump's election. They cited bomb threats to Jewish Community Centers (JCC) as an example. Their quick judgement was not true. Investigators arrested an 18 year old dual Israeli-U.S. citizen in Israel. He was selling his cyber threats and extortion services worldwide. Targets of threats included JCC's, schools, airports, shopping malls, hospitals, police stations, the Israel Embassy in the United States, an American senator and a range of public buildings in

the US and other countries including Australia and New Zealand. Not one Jewish or non-Jewish organization or media outlet apologized for insinuating Trump was the cause.

For the left to blame Trump for America's anti-Semitism confirms their derangement. He is the most pro-Israel president since Harry Truman. He is the only president to have a Jewish child and Jewish grandchildren. Despite outcries, he moved the American embassy to Jerusalem as promised.

California Congresswoman Maxine Waters has repeatedly called President Trump a racist. Yet, she embraces a true racist, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. A leaked video shows Waters and twenty-one other members of the Black Caucus warmly greeting Farrakhan during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Farrakhan has no difficulty in spewing his vile with little impunity from the left. Few Democrat politicians condemn Farrakhan's anti-Semitism.

Waters attended Farrakhan's 2018 Savior's Day conference in Chicago. To the attendees he said: "The government is my enemy, the powerful Jews are my enemy, and scared-to-death Negroes are my enemy, and weak Muslims and hypocrites are my enemy!" "White folks are going down. And Satan is going down. And Farrakhan, by God's grace, has pulled the cover off of that Satanic Jew and I'm here to say your time is up, your world is through." Farrakhan has called Judaism a "gutter religion."

The president of the Coalition of Black Pastors, Reverend William Owens, issued a press release condemning Maxine Waters and other members of the Black Caucus. "Rep. Waters' refusal to speak out against Farrakhan and other extremist hate speech is the perfect example of the hypocrisy and moral cowardice of the Congressional Black Caucus," Owens says. "Rep. Waters lives in a multi-million dollar home, a stark contrast to the poor district she represents. She manipulates African American voters for her own gain. And she's just one of many black leaders who have sold out our values."

Rev. Owens further commented: "Politicians like Maxine Waters need to step up or go home," We've had enough of their partisan games. They're stooges of a party that enriches them, but does nothing to help the African American community."

On a recent visit to Iran, Farrakhan spoke to students at the University of Tehran law school and railed against Israel, praised women's rights in Iran and the Islamic laws demanding they cover themselves. He claimed, "America has never been a democracy and has always leaned towards the wealthy and powerful class." He then led chants of "Death to Israel" and Death to America."

There has been no condemnation of Farrakhan's anti-Semitism from Democrat leaders Pelosi and Schumer. Democrat values?