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“We’re seeing rising antisemitism while Russia is going back to a new kind of Soviet Union, and step by step the Iron Curtain is coming down again. This is why I believe the best option for Russian Jews is to leave” Goldschmidt said.



Moscow's former chief rabbi: 'The best option for Russian Jews is to I...

He argued that Russia's floundering invasion of Ukraine is starting to foster an environment in which Jews could be scapegoated.

<https://www.jta.org/2023/01/03/global/moscows-former-chief-rabbi-the-best-option-for-r...>

"Goldschmidt said it was remarkable that Volodymyr Zelenskiy, who made no secret of his Jewishness, was elected Ukraine's president with more than 70% of the vote. That fact made a nonsense of Putin's claim that Ukraine was being governed by neo-Nazis"

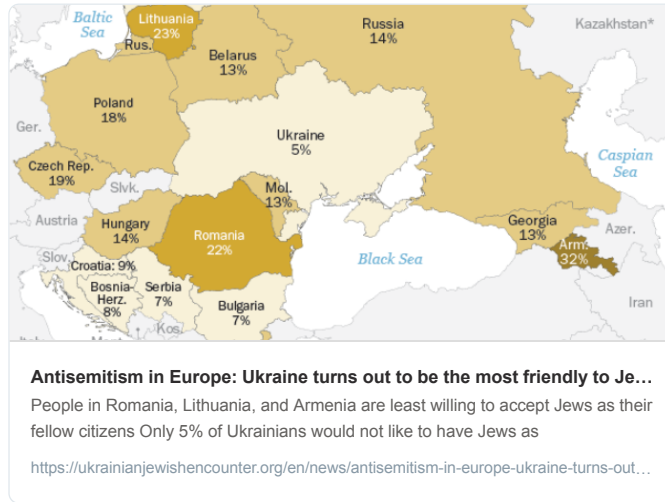


Exiled chief rabbi says Jews should leave Russia while they can

Exclusive: Pinchas Goldschmidt warns Jewish population will be made scapegoat for hardship caused by war

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"Antisemitism in Europe: Ukraine turns out to be the most friendly to Jews"



"Today I interviewed Avraham Wolff, the Chief rabbi of Odesa. When I told him that some foreigners still think that Ukraine is infested with Nazis, he was shocked."



A screenshot of a tweet from Adam Zivo (@ZivoAdam). The tweet text reads: "Today I interviewed Avraham Wolff, the Chief rabbi of Odesa. When I told him that some foreigners still think that Ukraine is infested with Nazis, he was shocked. He said that, before the war, he thought this propaganda was 'a joke' but now the joke 'isn't funny.'" The tweet is dated 9:43 PM on Jan 3, 2023. It has 2.9K likes and a "Read 34 replies" button. Below the tweet are icons for "Reply" and "Copy link".

"The Menorah center (Ukrainian: Центр "Менора") is a cultural and business center of the Jewish community in Dnipro in Eastern Ukraine. Some sources declare it to be the biggest multifunctional Jewish community center in Europe or in the world."



Menorah center, Dnipro - Wikipedia

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"The Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are not being humiliated or discriminated against, their civil rights have not been limited. Meanderings about "forced Ukrainization" and "bans on the Russian language" that have been so common in Russian media..."

Open letter of Ukrainian Jews to Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin

Mr. President!

We are Jewish citizens of Ukraine: businessmen, managers, public figures, scientists and scholars, artists and musicians. We are addressing you on behalf of the multi-national people of Ukraine, Ukraine's national minorities, and on behalf of the Jewish community.

You have stated that Russia wants to protect the rights of the Russian-speaking citizens of Crimea and all of Ukraine and that these rights have been flouted by the current Ukrainian government. Historically, Ukrainian Jews are also mostly Russian-speaking. Thus, our opinion on what is happening carries no less weight than the opinion of those who advise and inform you.

We do not believe that you are easy to fool. You consciously pick and choose lies and slander from the massive amount of information about Ukraine. And you know very well that [former Ukrainian president] Viktor Yanukovich's statement concerning the time after the latest treaty had been signed that "...Kyiv is full of armed people who have begun to trash buildings, places of worship, churches. Innocent people have begun to suffer. People have simply been robbed and killed in the street..." are lies, from the first word to the very last.

The Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are not being humiliated or discriminated against, their civil rights have not been limited. Meanderings about "forced Ukrainization" and "bans on the Russian language" that have been so common in Russian media are on the heads of those who invented them. Your certainty of the growth of anti-Semitism in Ukraine also does not correspond to the actual facts. It seems you have confused Ukraine with Russia, where Jewish organizations have noticed growth in anti-Semitic tendencies last year.

Right now, after Ukraine has survived a difficult political crisis, many of us have wound up on different sides of the barricades. The Jews of Ukraine, as all ethnic groups, are not absolutely unified in their opinion towards what is happening in the country. But we live in a democratic country and can afford a difference of opinion.

They have tried to scare us (and are continuing their attempts) with "Bandera followers" and "Fascists" attempting to wrest away the helm of Ukrainian society, with imminent Jewish pogroms. Yes, we are well aware that the political opposition and the forces of social protests who have secured changes for the better are made up of different groups. They include nationalistic groups, but even the most marginal do not dare show anti-Semitism or other xenophobic behavior. And we certainly know that our very few nationalists are well-controlled by civil society and the new Ukrainian government – which is more than can be said for the Russian neo-Nazis, who are encouraged by your security services.

We have a great mutual understanding with the new government, and a partnership is in the works. There are quite a few national minority representatives in the Cabinet of Ministers: the Minister of Internal Affairs is Armenian, the Vice Prime Minister is a Jew, and two ministers are Russian. The newly-appointed governors of Ukraine's region are also not exclusively Ukrainian.

Unfortunately, we must admit that in recent days stability in our country has been threatened. And this threat is coming from the Russian government, namely – from you personally. It is your policy of inciting separation and crude pressure placed on Ukraine that threatens us and all Ukrainian people, including those who live in Crimea and the Ukrainian south-east. South-eastern Ukrainians will soon see that for themselves.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, we highly value your concern about the safety and rights of Ukrainian national minorities. But we do not wish to be "defended" by sundering Ukraine and annexing its territory. We decisively call for you not to intervene in internal Ukrainian affairs, to return the Russian armed forces to their normal fixed peacetime location, and to stop encouraging pro-Russian separatism.

Vladimir Vladimirovich, we are quite capable of protecting our rights in a constructive dialogue and in cooperation with the government and civil society of a sovereign, democratic, and united Ukraine. We strongly urge you not to destabilize the situation in our country and to stop your attempts of delegitimizing the new Ukrainian government.

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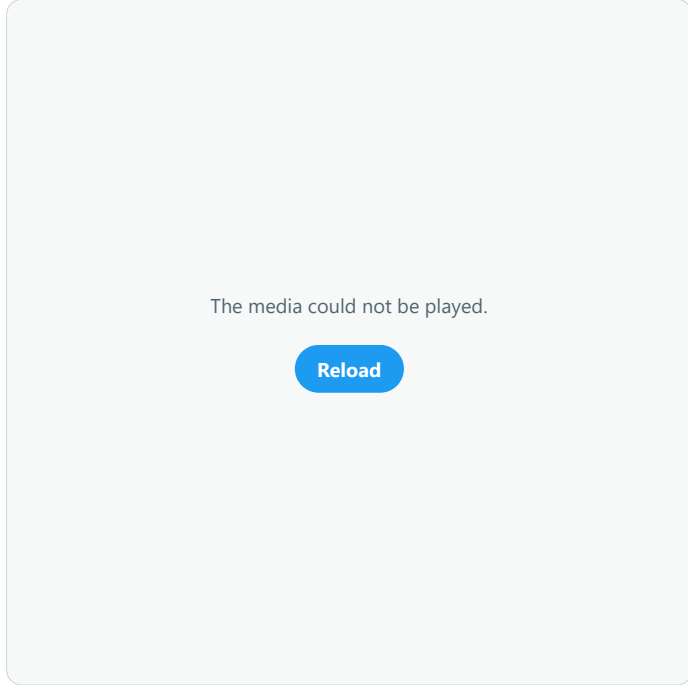
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This clip of members of the Azov battalion joyfully dancing with Jews in Israel is causing outrage among Z-Russians, who are expressing their hatred and bigotry with vile Anti-Semitic tirades. [#Ukraine](#) [#Israel](#)



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Vladyslav Shein, a 21-year-old Jew from Dnipro, died at the front while defending Ukraine
From the first days of the full-scale invasion, he enrolled as volunteer to be sent to the front, where he sacrificed his life for the independence and freedom of Ukraine.

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Replying to @JuliaDavisNews

Let's not spare people the even uglier truth: Pavel Gubarev is a "notable" neo-Nazi from the neo-Nazi org Russian National Unity. Here are images of RNU meetings, in the best Nazi traditions. Notice the third poster, which lovingly reminds these "activists" to "Cleanse Russia!"



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Russia has contemporary, prominent, nameable Nazis in positions of power. Dmitry @Rogozin was Putin's Deputy Prime Minister from December 2011 to May 2018 and is a Jew-fearmongering, "white world" uniting, open handed Hitler-heiling Russian neo-Nazi.



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Putin says he invaded Ukraine to start a "denazification" process of the country?

If he hates Nazis, why did he appoint Dmitry Rogozin Deputy Prime Minister in 2011 and now has him serving as the head of Russia's equivalent to NASA?

Rogozin used to throw Nazi salutes in open.



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1. Anna's History Class - Part 5 - Russian Holocausts and Antisemitism

Before Russia was federation, soviet empire it was genocidal imperial thing that colonized and erased nations, forcing them into Russification. Jewish people would not be stripped of their identity,

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Amid the Russia-Ukraine War, the Jews of Odesa stay resilient

UKRAINIAN AFFAIRS: Odesa's resilient Jewish community has withstood the onslaught of Russian troops and is persevering amid Moscow's nearly year-old invasion of Ukraine.

<https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/article-726782>

THAT PREWAR Odesa's Jews lived peacefully and happily might come as a shock to some. Despite the fact that Ukraine's far Right has never won more than 5% of the national vote since 2014, Russia has invested billions of dollars into convincing the world that Ukraine is full of Nazis. Unfortunately, a significant number of foreigners still bought this narrative.

"Before the war, we laughed at this. We thought it was a joke. But now, it's a very painful joke. It hurts. It's impossible to say that Ukraine is full of Nazis. It's wrong," said Rabbi Wolff.

"The fact that we live there and continue to live here – that's the best thing we can do against this propaganda."

Like many other Ukrainian Jews, Wolff was quick to point out that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is Jewish, and that 68% of Ukrainians voted for him while being fully aware of this fact. Wolff also emphasized that, in 2019, only two countries had both a Jewish president and prime minister: Ukraine and Israel.

The majority of the world's Jewish intelligentsia seems to understand political Ukraine's realities. Last February, just three days after Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion, over 300 academics specializing in Nazism and the Holocaust signed a public letter, published in The Jewish Journal, condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its attempts to denigrate Ukrainians as Nazis.

Wolff claims that, over the past 30 years, he hasn't experienced any serious incidents of antisemitism. "Not a sliver – not from any of the neighbors and never from the government."

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