

Sweden's Jews Threatened by Muslim Antisemitism



Boycott Israel Protest Rally Malmo, Sweden 2012

Earlier today, I exchanged an email with a French Jewish resident here in Florida seeking assistance to gain permanent resident status in the US, given his retirement here. Under US immigration law he and his wife can only remain in the US for a maximum of 180 days annually and must return to France to obtain fresh tourist visas. He is an accomplished professional and like many of France's 600,000 Jews disturbed about the threats coreligionists face from Muslim second and third generation émigrés. He and his family came as émigrés from North Africa to escape Islamic hatred only to be threatened again in his home community in France. Both our colleague [Nidra Poller](#) and French commentator, [Michel Gurfinkiel](#) have written graphically about the predicament of French Jews threatened by Islamic and other forms of Antisemitism. That was crystallized by three French and one Tunisian Jew killed on January 9, 2015 in the Antisemitic attack by Jihadist [Amedy Coulibaly](#) at the Hyper Cacher Kosher supermarket in Paris. There are continuing assaults against Jews daily in major cities throughout France. The dilemma faced by French is reflected in the increasing numbers making aliyah to Israel and others who have opted to seek sanctuary here in the US many of whom have taken up residency in Florida. There are a number of French Jewish synagogues that have sprouted in Florida to take care of the spiritual and community needs of francophone brethren. The necessity of applying for formal resident status in the U.S. was reflected at the conclusion of an email exchange "I was aware many years ago about the coming change in France and the blindness of French politicians."

That blindness also faces Jews in Malmo, Sweden denied their rights of free expression ,opposing politicians in Sweden's third largest city who tolerate virulent Islamic Antisemitism from the large émigré community. That is the subject of a Gatestone Institute article by Ingrid Carlqvist and Lars Hedegaard, the co-editors of *Dispatch International*,