

# Why Never-Trump Politics Is Bad For Jews

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I don't like to say I told you so, but I told you so. [18- or 19-year-old Israeli youth living in Ashkelon](#) (mainstream reports can't even agree on his age):

The suspect arrested Thursday for a [wave of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers](#) in the United States employed an array of technologies, including [Bitcoin](#) and Google Voice, to make himself virtually untraceable for months, The Daily Beast has learned. But in the end, it only took one careless slip-up to lead police to his door.

Police arrested 19-year-old Michael Kaydar, who has joint Israeli-U.S. citizenship, at his home in Ashkelon, a coastal city in southern Israel. He's suspected of phoning in over 100 bomb threats to JCCs and Jewish day schools in 33 states since January, with the most recent calls made two weeks ago. Police also suspect him of making similar threats in Israel, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

The first reports specifically mentioned that the massive, worldwide publicity for his threats spurred the teenager to keep doing it, exactly as I had predicted almost a month ago.

He used some reasonably elaborate methods to hide his identity, but eventually got sloppy. He is not the only person arrested for these crimes, so far, but he does appear to be suspected of the majority of them. There was [one other arrest](#):

Meanwhile, the bomb threats continued, coming in six separate waves. Jewish centers and day schools began evacuating with almost routine regularity. The threats were generally seen as evidence that anti-Semitic fringe groups were feeling emboldened by the election of Donald Trump. Then in March, a St. Louis man was arrested for a handful of copycat bomb threats he allegedly staged in an effort to frame an ex-girlfriend.

The St Louis man, of course, was also about as far from a white supremacist Trump supporter as anyone can get. Juan M. Thompson is black and firmly from the [left side of the political tracks](#):

Thompson attended Vassar College and is a former journalist who was fired from the online news site *The Intercept* in 2016 for fabricating sources and quotes in his articles. A [statement](#) Friday from *The Intercept* said of Thompson's arrest, "These actions are heinous and should be fully investigated and prosecuted."

*Breitbart* had a much fuller delve into the [tweeted](#) in July.

This puts Sanders in an awkward position. Only days before Thompson's arrest, he [told](#) J Street: "I hope very much that President Trump and his political adviser Mr. Bannon understand that the entire world is watching, that it is imperative that their voices be loud and clear in condemning anti-Semitism."

No matter how many phone calls were made, it is obvious now that the numerous attempts to infer an increase in Jew-hatred in the US flowing from Trump's rise was malicious and wrong. There are reports now on Israeli TV that the Israeli man arrested may have received [funding from the US to make the calls](#):

The special [Israeli Police] Lahav 433 investigation unit discovered a Bitcoin account operated by the suspect. A series of large deposits from overseas sources suggests the suspect may have been working on behalf of foreign interests.

This doesn't explain all the physical manifestations of Jew-hatred such as daubed swastikas ([non-whites arrested](#)), or damaged graves ([Soros-backed Jonathan Greenblatt](#), jumped on the story and pushed it, until eventually President Trump [lead off his address to the joint session](#) with a mention of the hoax calls:

Tonight, as we mark the conclusion of our celebration of Black History Month, we are reminded of our Nation's path toward civil rights and the work that still remains. Recent threats targeting Jewish Community Centers and vandalism of Jewish cemeteries, as well as last week's shooting in Kansas City, remind us that while we may be a Nation divided on policies, we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all its forms.

And even then they weren't happy. On the day before that speech, the media made a highly speculative leap in order to [Attorney General Josh Shapiro](#)" has been a vocal opponent of Trump. The first [teeth out of Trump](#):

In a phone interview Thursday from Washington, where Greenblatt was discussing anti-Semitism with members of Congress, he said, "It's not the identity of the culprit that's the issue," but the outcome of threats themselves,

which terrified Jews and disrupted Jewish life.

More extreme-left Jewish organisations, such as the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect (which seems to exist solely to malign President Trump using the cloak of the Holocaust), manage to ignore completely all facts and reason in their [\*Jihad Watch\*](#).