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Strasbourg rabbi: We will continue our lives

Strasbourg's Rabbi Weill demands law enforcement respond with 'determination and efficiency,' says community is 'not afraid.'

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The vandalized memorial

Alain Fontanel, Strasbourg's Deputy Mayor

Rabbi Avraham Weill, who serves as Strasbourg's rabbi and is a member of the Conference of European Rabbis' Standing Committee, responded on Saturday night to [the anti-Semitic vandalism](#) which occurred in his city.

According to Rabbi Weill, the memorial site is equipped with security cameras from the Strasbourg municipality. The video clip in question shows a vehicle entering the site, and





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at least two people using the vehicle to hurl the memorial to the ground.

The video has been transferred to Strasbourg's security services and to the Gendarmerie police, who opened an investigation.

Rabbi Weill will meet on Sunday night with police officers and the head of the municipality.

"We cannot become used to such anti-Semitic acts," Rabbi Weill said. "The French law enforcement must deal with this with the utmost determination and efficiency. We have no guess as to why this ugly wave of anti-Semitism is rising just now, and I worry - who knows what the coming day will bring? What will be next, after the vandalism of graves and monuments?"

"We're not afraid, G-d forbid, the city and its environs are the quietest places in France. We will continue our lives, because 'from when [the Hebrew month of] Adar begins [we increase in joy].' Just like Israel was victorious over its enemies by adding in Torah and observance of the commandments and strengthening everything holy and dear to the Jewish nation - so, too, will we be victorious over these criminals."

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Belgium rabbi: UNESCO promotes incitement and racism

Belgium's Rabbi Avraham Gigi blasts UNESCO for supporting carnival where anti-Semitic puppets were displayed.

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Grand Place in Brussels, Belgium

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Belgium Chief Rabbi Avraham Gigi, who serves as a member of the Conference of European Rabbis, slammed the anti-Semitic puppets displayed at the Aalst carnival.

The puppets [depicted religious Jews](#), holding rats and money bags.

"These are horrific pictures and they remind us of very dark days in Europe's history," Rabbi Gigi said. "The worst part of this issue is the fact that





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this embarrassing carnival is funded by UNESCO. Instead of an international organization such as this promoting tolerance and respect, they promote ideas of anti-Semitic hatred, incitement, and racism."

"I am very concerned about the displays of anti-Semitism in Belgium, which have become more frequent, I believe, since the terrorists who killed two people and injured another two people in the Jewish museum in Belgium are currently on trial and since anti-Semitic incidents are becoming more frequent around Europe.

"Over the weekend, I will return to Belgium and meet with the official in charge of anti-Semitism and the heads of the European Union in order to express the concerns of European Jewry and to hear from them how all the dark forms of anti-Semitism can be dealt with in a determined and systematic fashion.

"They have the tools necessary to enforce the Union's laws against these trends and incidents."

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