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"Antisemitism in Europe is in the air"

Journalist Richard Darmon told the Strauss Amiel Institute in Europe. The president of the network: Where we burned holy books, we write new poetry



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Darmon at the conference



About 50 Rabbis and Rabbis from all over Europe gathered in Venice, Italy, to discuss the strengthening of Jewish communities and the leadership of communities in the Diaspora and Jewish life on campuses

The conference was organized by the Strauss-Amiel Institute of Ort Torah Stone, in collaboration with Keren Huli and the spiritual services organization of the World Zionist Organization, headed by Rabbi Yechiel Wasserman





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Among the rabbis attending the conference were the head of Orr Torah Stone, Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brender, the head of the Strauss-Amiel Institute, Rabbi Eliyahu Birnbaum, the head of the Institute for Teacher Training Rabbanit Renana Birnbaum, President of the Jewish Community of Venice Paolo Niginati and others

Journalist Richard Darmon, the founder of the French edition of the Jerusalem Post, met with the emissaries and spoke to them about the growing anti-Semitism in Europe: "We are now in the twilight period, the world is in motion, there are big changes and we do not know how to define them as chaos or There is no doubt that there is a deterioration in anti-Semitism in Europe, and we see it as a 75% increase in anti-Semitic events here, but beyond these events there is a phenomenon of 'silent anti-Semitism.' At antisemitism is in the air Even if a person has not experienced an actual anti-Semitic event, So much so that it affects his considerations and decisions - where not to go, what not To say, what not to wear and " .especially - what to watch out for

Regarding the complex implications of the socio-political situation in Europe on the Jews, he said: "There are serious changes in Europe as a result of immigration and socio-economic changes because of the economic situation, which have a great influence on anti-Semitism and we do not really know what to expect in the future. We have overcome the Nazi movement, but we have not restored the underground anti-Semitic currents, and these " .currents can be seen in Europe

Rabbi Katriel Brender, president of Or Torah Stone, said: "We are now in one of the worst periods of all time, both in terms of the rise in intermarriage and in terms of the increase in the number of antisemitic attacks. But we are also in one of the best periods we've ever known. More people are looking for spirituality, more people are coming to Israel and with technological progress, we also have unprecedented opportunities to learn from each other and reach new and wider audiences. Here we are, at the Venice conference, where 430 years ago the holy books were burned, and today we sit here and write together new poetry "

He added: "The essence of the vision for the communities, schools and campuses has not changed: to create a little sanctuary - this is our job, the synagogue and the Jewish centers must be used not only for prayer but also for spiritual matters, education for youth and adults. Together, we can learn from each other, develop ideas and be a source of inspiration for our " .communities, and together we can build our communities and make the vision a reality



Rabbi Eliyahu Birnbaum, head of the Strauss-Amiel Institute, said: "We have an opportunity to strengthen the Shlichim and especially to





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strengthen the communities in Europe, which reflect the reality in the communities and the challenges facing them. The future of the communities is concerned with the preservation and maintenance of the Jewish communities in the future, and rabbis and educators from small and large communities, most of them serving in Orthodox communities with non-observant members, speak the language that is appropriate for the public to strengthen their Jewish identity and create meaning And belong .” in life Communities

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