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Overview of the 2011 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents

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The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has compiled the 2011 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents. It included:

- 7 expressions of anti-Semitism, both written and verbal**
- 4 cases of vandalism of private and public property**
- 1 hate group activity**
- 3 cases of harassment, threats and assault**

Anecdotal evidence suggests a disturbing increase of anti-Semitic harassment and verbal expressions among middle and high school students. We are seeking opportunities to help educate youths about identifying anti-Semitism and developing tools to combat it appropriately. If your congregation or constituency would like to host a speaker or program, please contact us.

Though the audit shows a slight rise in incidents, we believe that numerous incidents go unreported and are asking for your assistance to ensure that all cases are reported. We are grateful for our strong community partnerships and encourage community members to report all suspected incidents to the Council.

We are particularly pleased that working collaboratively with schools, law enforcement and national agencies, many of this year's reported incidents were addressed or resolved with positive outcomes. The relationships that JCRC professionals build with the broader community, including institutions, organizations and law enforcement are extremely beneficial when intervention is appropriate and necessary.

The annual audit is only one component of the JCRC's strategy for addressing anti-Semitism. Equally important is our ability to respond to and counter anti-Semitism through educational programming, strategies for appropriate intervention and the dissemination of resources on prejudice and discrimination. The JCRC has a variety of resources on these topics. JCRC staff is also available to speak at organization programs about the survey or more generally on anti-Semitism locally and globally.

If you have any questions about the audit, or would like additional resources, please contact Elana Kahn-Oren at elanao@milwaukeejewish.org or 414-390-5736.