

# NEWS

## 1940's Anti-Semitism Seeps into Today's Evil

BY VICTORIA TURCIOS LAPARRA

**C**AN YOU GUESS THE NUMBER of mass shootings that have occurred in 2018 alone? 307. *USA Today* reports that this number of mass shootings has taken place within the span of 311 days in 2018 thus far. The staggering number can be compared to data from *Scientific American*, a science discoveries and technology innovations journal. They documented that from 1983 to 2013 only 78 shootings took place in the United States. While assaults on civilians is tragic alone, adding an assault on a specific group of people for their beliefs, way of living, or thinking makes the thought of mass shootings even darker and heavier to deal with.

The Holocaust ended on May 8<sup>th</sup> of 1945, with the lives of six million European Jews persecuted and murdered by the Nazi regime during WWII. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* notes that anti-semitism is the hostility or discrimination against Jews as a religious or racial group, and unfortunately something that didn't stay in the past.

On Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh faced one of the darkest moments in its state history. Robert Bowers entered the Tree of Life synagogue with three armed rifles, resulting in the death of eleven people. According to *The NY Times*, even though the shooter had no previous criminal history, further investigations by federal officials showed that Bower's social media expressed signs of anti-semitic beliefs.

According to NPR, a recent ADL report showed that despite the previous rarity of online attacks against Jews, they have more recently become a problem since the midterm elections. Anti-semitism is one of multiple forms of discrimination that has seen an increase in voice and action. The Pittsburgh shooting ripped the bandage off an ugly scab that has yet to be healed.

The evidence showing the growth in anti-semitism brings back a heavy and heartbreaking past that created a hostile and deadly environment for Jews. While Jewish schools and synagogues in America have started to strengthen their security, it is also important to note that *The NY Times* stated this hostility is not only happening in the United States but Europe as well. †

## Money Doesn't Buy Happiness... Or Does It?

BY ELHAM MOHAMUD

**W**E OFTEN HEAR THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS. However, when the lottery hits billions, everyone is rushing to the nearest gas station to buy themselves a ticket. Winning the lottery to many means instant happiness, and the ability to access whatever you need to in the world. However, a recent NPR Planet Money podcast discussed the correlation that many believe in when it comes to winning the lottery and happiness. NPR states "it's like a hedonic treadmill - something really great happens to you like winning the lottery, you're really happy at first and your happiness goes up. But then eventually you just get used to your new life and you go back to your baseline happiness."

Winning the lottery has vastly different effects on individuals. Happiness on the scale of how happy you feel from moment to moment, and then how satisfied that you are with your life as a whole. Erik Lundqvist, a professor of economics at the Stockholm University in Sweden found that winning the lottery has a different effect on these two measures. After five years, people who won the lottery were more satisfied with their lives. Individuals are satisfied with their lives but they aren't necessarily happy. The stressors of life have been dulled down. A lottery winner doesn't have to worry about money to pay the bills, but they aren't always in this state of happiness and peak life. Lundqvist also states that "increased overall satisfaction was caused by

feeling more satisfied with their financial situation." All in all, money does buy happiness, temporarily. You won't be in this sense of nirvana and happiness but life will become easier because the worry of money won't be prevalent. †

## Mail Bomb Suspect Had 100 Potential Targets

BY ALLIE GOSEN

**F**IFTY-FIVE YEAR-OLD CESAR SAYOC was arrested on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for mailing several people explosive objects in the mail to a majority of Democratic politicians or supporters. All of the affected people were well-known and verbal Trump critics. Some of the intended victims included actor Robert De Niro, former Vice President Joe Biden, former President Barack Obama, and the CNN Studio as well as other new stations. Luckily, there were no deaths or major injuries due to the explosive devices.

Using DNA and social media, the FBI compared Sayoc fingerprints to those on the mailed explosives and found a match. This led to him being charged with five federal offenses, as listed by NPR: interstate transportation of an explosive, illegal mailing of explosives, threats against former presidents, threatening interstate communications and assaulting federal officers. Since his arrest, a hit list was discovered with the names of at least 100 potential targets- including the Time's editor. The authorities have begun alerting all the listed people of the fact.

Upon a search of his computer and his social media, it seems that what he got upset over were articles published by *The Onion*, a fictional satire news source. Scott Meigs, who worked the strip club circuit with Mr. Sayoc for years, said his colleague only began discussing politics with him in recent months. Two weeks ago, Mr. Meigs said, he asked Mr. Sayoc if he could cover a shift at the club in West Palm Beach. Mr. Sayoc said he could — and texted him a news article. "He told me I had to vote for DeSantis," Mr. Meigs recalled Monday, referring to Ron DeSantis, the Republican nominee for governor of Florida. "I knew he was a Trump supporter. But I just assumed he was passionate about this upcoming election. I didn't know he was that insane." The trial is expected to start July 2019. †

## Inventor of the Green Bean Casserole Passes Away

BY ETHAN LANGEMO

**I**N LIGHT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, Thanksgiving is celebrated in many homes. Loved ones gather and celebrate by eating Thanksgiving classics: turkey, stuffing, cranberries, and much more. Dorcas Reilly became famous in the 50s for her Thanksgiving dinner staple dish: the green bean casserole.

Reilly was a Campbell Soup kitchen supervisor in 1955 when she first combined green beans, cream of mushroom soup, topped with french-fried onions. When it was first introduced to testers within the Campbell's Kitchen company as the "green bean bake," it was not well received. However, she stuck with it and it made Campbell Kitchen a fortune, as well as becoming an American tradition at the dinner table. It is the most popular recipe ever to come out of the corporate kitchen at Campbell Soup.

The History Channel reports that while Campbell's cream of mushroom variety had been around since 1934 (when it was widely used as a Midwest casserole filler, "popping up in enough Minnesotan hotdish recipes that it was sometimes referred to as 'Lutheran binder'"), Reilly was the first to pair it with frozen green beans. Forty percent of all Campbell's cream of mushroom soup sold in the U.S. goes into making this Thanksgiving favorite.

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