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## The Brendon O'Connell Case Perth, Western Australia



– from <http://brendonoconnell.blogspot.com/> –

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### What is going in Perth?

Before you look for an answer read the following and bear in mind that some individuals will hate you for asking questions because a questioner demands to be told the truth:

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A Perth man calls a young Zionist Jew a racist, homicidal maniac and tells him that his religion is a religion of racism, hate, homicide and ethnic cleansing. Result: He is sentenced to three years imprisonment. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/01/31/3125998.htm>

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A Perth driver kills a 12 year-old girl after a hit-and-run accident. Result: He is sentenced to two years in prison. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2011/02/10/3135839.htm>

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A Perth man sticks a broken glass in another man's face during an argument in a nightclub and slashes his face open. Result: He is sentenced to eighteen months in prison. <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/opinion/post//blog/paulmurray/post/2511/comment/1/>

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What can we conclude from these legal convictions?

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## Australian man from Perth city arrested for YouTube "race-hate" video

Posted by EU Times on May 14th, 2009

A so-called racist video posted on US-based internet site YouTube is yet to be removed, despite a Perth man being charged for allegedly uploading the "anti-Semitic" film. Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan today said his officers had so far been unsuccessful in their negotiations with YouTube to have the controversial video pulled from the site, but inquiries were continuing.

Maylands man Brendon O'Connell, 38, was yesterday charged under racial vilification laws for allegedly posting anti-Semitic video on the internet site. Jews are indeed the center of the world, the most powerful and influential people who ever lived if they could have arrested Brendon O'Connell just for a video...

Mr O'Connell is seen on film in front of Perth's Bell Tower and at a South Perth supermarket while allegedly making anti-Semitic comments.

He was yesterday charged by the police State Security Investigation Group with conduct with intent to incite racial animosity or racist harassment. The maximum penalty for the offence is 14 years' jail, or fines of up to \$24,000.

"Our officers have been dealing with youtube," Mr O'Callaghan told reporters this morning. "They are a US

based company. We don't have any jurisdiction over them, but we have been working with them to pull the video down and they have been fairly co-operative in the past. "Now I can't forecast what the outcome will be here, but we are continuing to work with youtube on the issue."

Opposition Multicultural Interests spokesman John Hyde - who alerted police, Jewish community leaders and the Ethnic Communities Council of WA about the videos - praised WA Police for using the anti-vilification laws to lay the charges.

"Members of the multicultural community can take comfort in the knowledge that this alleged race hate crime will now go before the courts," Mr Hyde said.

It is believed to be the second time a person has been charged under the racial vilification laws, which were introduced by the previous Labor government and were designed to outlaw the publication, distribution or display in oral, written or pictorial form of material that was threatening or abusive and intended to cause hatred or contempt or ridicule.

<http://www.eutimes.net/2009/05/australian-man-from-perth-city-arrested-for-youtube-race-hate-video/>

**From Perth West Australia**  **says: 29/05/2010 at 12:19 pm**

This is becoming very frightening for us in Perth. There is basically a total media black out over his re-arrest. This has proved to us that the totalitarian State is now operational in Western Australia. The Beast's Work is being brought into being here. Our communication networks are compromised and there is NOTHING that we can do to protect ourselves from this government sanctioned oppression or being disappeared into the bottomless pit of the judicial system here in Western Australia. This state is a Police State and if your unlucky enough to live here you had better love the New World Order. Western Australia is a Fascist enclave for the worlds super-rich. The rest of us are their slaves. They did it through house-hold and mortgage debt. They enforce the outcomes through a totally corrupted government and judicial/police force. Brendon O'Connell may just disappear ( I don't know him and only recently became aware of his opinions and videos ). In any civilised city anywhere else on this planet someone such as Brendon would have gained a

reasonable amount of notoriety and would have some back-up. Not here. Here the power elite are so pervasive and the rest of the population so completely brainwashed and subservient to authority that people like Brendon become isolated through a process of harassment and intimidation of friends/associates. Western Australia is a template for future western societies. Control is subtle and all pervasive. There is nothing to do here except work and procreate so we can have more worker bees for the service of the super rich. I have come to believe that we have become one of 'the bunker's' that Brendon mentioned. FREE BRENDON O'CONNELL!!! HOLD COLIN BARNETT AND HIS CORRUPT AND VENAL GOVERNMENT TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR PLANS FOR A NEW PINOCHET REGIME!!! ACTION MUST FOLLOW WORDS!!! WAKE UP PERTH!!! TIME HAS ALMOST RUN OUT!!

<http://www.eutimes.net/2009/05/australian-man-from-perth-city-arrested-for-youtube-race-hate-video/>

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## Man charged over racist video appears in court

Posted Tue May 19, 2009 6:18pm AEST

A Perth man accused of posting a racist video on the video-sharing website You Tube has made a brief appearance in the Magistrate's court. Police allege 39-year-old Brendon Lee O'Connell of Maylands made anti-semitic comments on the video, filmed at Perth's Bell Tower and a South Perth supermarket.

Today he appeared in court charged with conduct intended to incite racial hatred.



He was remanded in custody for a short time while he sought legal advice and was granted bail on five thousand dollars with similar surety. As part of his bail conditions he is not allowed to go within 100 metres of the man he allegedly insulted in the video.

He is due back in court in three weeks.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/05/19/2575249.htm>

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## Facebook refuses to ban all Holocaust-denial groups

*EU Times, 28 May 2009*

SOCIAL-NETWORKING site Facebook is facing mounting criticism in Australia and overseas after refusing to ban Holocaust-denial groups from its site. Despite international pressure calling for the popular website to block Holocaust-denial groups, Facebook said it does not take down groups that "speak out against countries, political entities, or ideas".

The popular site, however, has recently begun to remove Holocaust-denial content in countries such as Israel and Germany, where Holocaust denial is illegal.

There are also reports that two other Holocaust-denial pages available in Australia were recently removed.

Facebook's policy has outraged Australian Jewish groups, which argue that denying the Holocaust is racial vilification -- not legitimate speech -- and illegal under Australia's current laws.

B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission chairperson Tony Levy said: "Facebook's failure to take action over racism on its site was unacceptable.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in anti-Semitic attacks in Australia. We call on Facebook to remove racist and anti-Semitic material immediately."

Facebook, however, has defended its policies.

"The goal of these policies is to strike a very delicate balance between giving Facebook users the freedom to express their opinions and beliefs -- even those that are controversial or that we may find repulsive -- while also ensuring that individuals and groups of people do not feel threatened or endangered," a Facebook-

spokeswoman said in a statement to The AJN. The spokeswoman said the popular site draws the line with groups that are sponsored by "recognised terrorist organisations" or threaten violence.

But social media expert Dr Andre Oboler, who specialises in anti-Semitism online, said Facebook does not have its "balance" right. In his recently published paper titled *The Rise and Fall of a Facebook Hate Group*, Dr Oboler examined Facebook's recent inaction over the controversial Facebook page of the group called "Israel is not a Country! Delist it from Facebook as a Country".

Eventually, grassroots-activists, the Jewish Internet Defence Force took control of the site in late July 2008 and began to manually dismantle it from the inside. "Facebook is looking for excuses not to take action," said Dr Oboler. "They don't want to get on the bad side of their users and the people reading their content. They just want to sit there and watch the money pile up."

Looking ahead, Dr Oboler said most likely it will take government legislation to block online hate in user-generated content. "The clock is slowly ticking," Dr Oboler said. "If it doesn't come from within Facebook, it's going to come through government and be taken out of their hands."

<http://www.eutimes.net/2009/05/facebook-refuses-to-ban-all-holocaust-denial-groups/>

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## Heated scenes at racial hatred trial

Updated Mon Jan 17, 2011 8:19pm AEDT



**YouTube still of Brendon O'Connell in his video that led to his court case for inciting racial hatred**

There have been heated scenes inside a Perth court where a man is on trial accused of posting material intended to incite racial hatred on the internet.

Brendon Lee O'Connell of Maylands is on trial, accused of posting a 15 minute video on YouTube which prosecutors say villifies Jewish people.

The video was filmed in South Perth and outside the Belltower in May 2009 and shows an exchange between Mr O'Connell and a Jewish man outside a supermarket. He is also facing charges relating to comments he posted on his blog.

Mr O'Connell is representing himself in court and was joined by a large group of supporters, who have interjected during the judge's instructions.

Two men had to be removed from the court by security guards at the judge's request.

At one point Mr O'Connell spoke directly to the forewoman of the jury, asking her to form a grand jury to indict the judge on a charge of treason.

The hearing continues.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/01/17/3114892.htm>

## Accused wants judge to face treason charge

Angie Raphael, *January 17, 2011*, AAP

A man facing racial hatred charges has labelled a Perth trial a kangaroo court and told the presiding judge he should be facing treason charges.

Brendon Lee O'Connell, 38, is representing himself before a jury in the Perth District Court, after firing the lawyer who was defending him against charges relating to an allegedly anti-semitic video he posted online.

During opening submissions on Monday, prosecutor Anthony Evers said O'Connell faced seven charges related to the blog posting of a verbal altercation he had with a Jewish man named Stanley Keyser.

The argument followed O'Connell's visit to an IGA store in South Perth on May 2, 2009 for a Friends of Palestine group protest against Israeli fruit.

Mr Ayers said O'Connell had made several other anti-semitic posts on his blog in October and November 2009.

When he entered the court on Monday, O'Connell refused to make the customary bow to Judge Henry Wisbey and became agitated during an opening submission in which he repeatedly referred to common law and the King James Bible. About a dozen supporters sat in the public gallery cheering him on.

"Is this court sitting in a common law court?" O'Connell asked Judge Wisbey. "Do you want to say anything about the nature of your defence?" Judge Wisbey replied.

O'Connell ignored the direction and instead demanded Judge Wisbey be indicted for treason.

O'Connell told the visibly shocked jury that he knew the law and was "not a fool".

Continuing to ignore the judge's attempted directions, he said he wanted the jury to become a "grand jury".

Gesturing towards the court emblem over the judge, he described the proceedings as a "kangaroo court" that could not proceed until his concerns were addressed.

He said it would take 40 days to process his concerns, to which Judge Wisbey quipped: "And 40 nights?"

Sitting down for the first time after Judge Wisbey had told Mr Evers to call his first witness, O'Connell continued to laugh and mimic a kangaroo to his supporters in the gallery.

While questioning the first witness, Mr Evers showed the video of O'Connell at the IGA store talking to Mr Keyser.

"You think the world revolves around you," O'Connell had told Mr Keyser. "You have a religion of racism, hate, homicide and ethnic cleansing." He was recorded repeatedly calling Mr Keyser a "racist Jew". "You are a racist, homicidal maniac," he said.

Mr Keyser tried to walk away following the altercation but O'Connell followed him onto the street and the two began a minor scuffle where Mr Keyser tried to grab O'Connell's camera.

"You hit me in the face," Mr Keyser said.

"You're lucky that's all I did, mate," O'Connell replied.

The trial continues.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breakingnewsnational/accused-wants-judge-to-face-treason-charge-20110117-19tw8.html>

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## Man found guilty over race hate video

BELLE TAYLOR, *The West Australian*, January 28, 2011, 4:21 pm



A man who posted a video of himself on the internet in which he refers to Judaism as a "satanic death cult" has been found guilty of six of the seven racial harassment charges brought against him.

Brendan Lee O'Connell has been found guilty of publishing racist material online after a two week trial which was centred around a video he made of himself arguing with Jewish man Stanley Keyser at a Friends of

Palestine protest against the sale of Israeli oranges at a South Perth supermarket in 2009. In the video O'Connell calls Jewish people racist and homicidal.

Written words super imposed over the footage include: "See how the lies roll off the Judiac's tongue?" when Mr Keyser is speaking.

After the incident, which ends with O'Connell yelling at Mr Keyser to "get a good Jewish lawyer," he went to the Bell Tower and filmed himself calling Judaism a "death cult."

The jury took seven hours to reach the verdict of guilty on all but one of the seven charges which related to the video of the argument, the argument itself, and several blog posts.

In a highly unusual move, on the first day of the trial instead of using his opening address to outline his defence O'Connell made a speech declaring the court unlawful, backing his argument by citing the constitution of Australia, the Westminster division of powers, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Judiciary act of 1903 among others.

He then said he wished to "indict the jury so they become a grand jury," and put Judge John Wisbey on trial for treason.

Judge Wisbey ordered the trial continue.

O'Connell's defence centred on his argument Judaism was not a race but a religion. He made several wild assertions in court, including that "Jews rule the world,"

and at one point suggested Israel is planning to invade Australia.

Mr O'Connell has been remanded in custody until sentencing submissions on Monday. As he was led from the dock he called out to his supporters in the public gallery: "cut sick, the whole lot, release the whole lot."

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a//wa/8735356/man-found-guilty-over-race-hate-video/>

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## **Brendon Lee O'Connell found guilty of racial hatred**

**From: AAP, January 28, 2011 4:51PM**

**A PERTH man who posted a video online showing him arguing with a Jewish man and calling him a "racist, homicidal maniac" has been found guilty of racial hatred.**

Brendan Lee O'Connell, 38, represented himself before a jury in the Perth District Court after firing the lawyer who had been defending him against an accusation that he posted an anti-semitic video online. O'Connell faced seven charges related to the posting of a verbal altercation he had with Stanley Keyser and Timothy Peach, who are Jewish, and was found guilty on six.

An argument broke out between the three men at an IGA supermarket in South Perth on May 2, 2009, where a Friends of Palestine group was holding a protest against Israeli oranges.

Mr Peach, 19, told the court during the trial that he was a member of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students at the time and had attended the rally to "observe" and hand out flyers to educate the protesters about Israel. He said he was "angry", "confused" and "offended" by O'Connell when he started to film the two Jewish men and argue with them about their religion.

During the trial, O'Connell refused to acknowledge Judge Henry Wisbey when he entered the court and, instead, rose to bow to the jury.

About a dozen supporters in the court cheered when O'Connell labelled the proceedings "a kangaroo court" and gave a long, repetitive rant about the King James Bible and the Constitution.

The video that O'Connell posted online was shown on the first day of the trial. "You have a religion of racism, hate, homicide and ethnic cleansing," O'Connell says to the men on the video. "You are a racist, homicidal maniac."

**When the jury found O'Connell guilty on Friday, he shouted: "Free Palestine! Free Iraq!" before being taken away.**

Outside court, Mr Keyser's mother Shelley said it was "a big relief" for the "terrible" ordeal to be over.

O'Connell was remanded in custody and is due to reappear in court on Monday.

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/westernaustralia/accused-racist-anthony-oconnell-demands-judge-fact-treason-charge/story-e6frg13u-1225996353894>

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## **Three year sentence for race hate**

**BELLE TAYLOR, The West Australian January 31, 2011, 12:41 pm**

A man found guilty of racial vilification after he posted a video of himself on the internet calling Judaism a "satanic death cult" has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Brendan Lee O'Connell, 40, was found guilty of six out of seven racial harassment charges on Friday, after a two week trial by jury in the District Court.

In sentencing today, Judge John Wisbey said he was satisfied O'Connell was an intelligent man with "an irrational hate of the Jewish people". He said the only appropriate form of punishment would be an immediate term of imprisonment. He said a severe punishment was necessary to send a message to people who may share O'Connell's views including the group of supporters who followed the trial closely, often interrupting the court during the trial.

The trial was centred around a video O'Connell made of himself arguing with Jewish man Stanley Keyser at a Friends of Palestine protest against the sale of Israeli oranges at a South Perth supermarket in 2009.

In the video O'Connell calls Jewish people racist and homicidal.

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He made several wild assertions in court, including that "Jews rule the world," and at one point suggested Israel was planning to invade Australia.

O'Connell's term was backdated to begin on January 24 and he will be eligible for parole.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/wa/8747809/three-year-sentence-for-race-hate/>

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## Man jailed for posting anti-semitic video online

Racist jailed for three years

**Brendan O'Connell has been handed a three-year prison sentence after he branded a Jewish man a 'racist, homicidal maniac'. Angie Raphael, January 31, 2011**

The Jewish victim of a verbal racial attack that was posted in a video online says a three-year prison term given to the man who called him a "racist, homicidal maniac" outside a Perth supermarket is not enough.

Brendan Lee O'Connell, 40, was sentenced in the District Court in Perth yesterday after being found guilty on Friday of six racial hatred charges. Chuckling and smiling as the counts were read out to him, O'Connell appeared unaffected by the sentence handed down by Judge Henry Wisbey.

O'Connell represented himself before a jury after firing the lawyer who had been defending him against an accusation that he posted an anti-semitic video online.



**Brendon O'Connell appearing in the video posted online.**

He faced seven charges related to the posting of a verbal altercation he had with Stanley Keyser and Timothy Peach, who are Jewish, and was found guilty on six.

An argument broke out between the three men at an IGA supermarket in South Perth on May 2, 2009, where a Friends of Palestine group was holding a protest against Israeli oranges. O'Connell was using a video camera at the event and in a video he later posted online, he labelled Mr Keyser a "racist, homicidal maniac. You have a religion of racism, hate, homicide and ethnic cleansing," he said in the video. During the trial, O'Connell refused to acknowledge Judge Wisbey

when he entered the court and, instead, rose to bow to the jury.

Judge Wisbey said O'Connell showed no remorse and his behaviour "was that of a bully".

About a dozen supporters in the court cheered when O'Connell labelled the proceedings "a kangaroo court" and gave a long, repetitive rant about the King James Bible and the Constitution. As he was led out of court, O'Connell shouted: "Don't forget about the Gazans!"

Outside court, Mr Keyser said O'Connell had forced him to "suffer" for 18 months. "I wish he was in [prison] for longer," he said as he rushed passed reporters.

Family friend Steve Lieblich told reporters it was a "very distressing" time for the Keyser family who were happy to have it over. "I think it was a victory for decency and against bigotry and prejudice," he said.

"On this occasion it was the Jewish people who were the target of this bigotry but on future occasions it could be Muslims or Asians or any group, so we we should all be happy about this result."

Mr Lieblich said he hoped O'Connell would have time to reflect on his views during his prison term. He said the internet made it easy to "spread hatred" and it was important to address the issue.

"This has got nothing to do with free speech," Mr Lieblich said. "There's clearly a limit to free speech, there's a limit to all freedoms we have in society because we have to consider others.

"Words can hurt and cause a lot of damage and people need to recognise that they have to watch their words." O'Connell's sentence has been backdated to January 24 and he will be eligible for parole, but a date for that period was not specified in court.

**AAP**

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/technology/technology-news/man-jailed-for-posting-antisemitic-video-online-20110201-1abm3.html>

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## O'Connell: a wake-up call to anti-Israel "social-justice activists"

January 31, 2011 by Steve Lieblich

Last week Brendon Lee O'Connell was convicted on 6 counts of anti-Jewish harassment and vilification in the Western Australian District Court by a 12-person jury, after a 2-week trial in which the accused prominently exhibited his guilt by repeating his crime *ad nauseum* in the courtroom. On Monday he was sentenced to a total of 3 years imprisonment.

O'Connell was at a Friends of Palestine protest in May 2009, against the sale of Israeli oranges, when he harassed and taunted a Jewish student, shouting that Judaism is a "religion and race of hate" and the student is a "racist homicidal maniac".

During the trial he compared Judaism to an organised crime syndicate, said he was proud to be associated

with holocaust denier Fredrick Toben, and asserted that "Jews control the entire world". He also referred repeatedly to a massive, well-worn volume entitled "Judaism Discovered" full of multicoloured stickers apparently marking his favourite "juicy bits". This 1102-page antisemite's textbook, which is banned from sale by Amazon, asserts that Judaism is a "Religion of Racism, Self-Worship, Superstition and Deceit ..." His supporters claim that "Judaism is a horribly repugnant cult based on hatred of Christ, occultic doctrines, racial divisiveness, sexual barbarism, and voodoo rituals" and describe "Orthodox Judaism as the ideological survival of the most ossified traditions of Babylonian paganism, concealed beneath a complex system of dissimulation and misdirection".

It is now clear that O'Connell's poisonous rants and outlandish libels during the trial, and over many prior years of online antisemitic activism, were simply plagiarised from "Judaism Discovered". It is therefore tempting to dismiss O'Connell as a narcissistic, muck-raking crackpot. However O'Connell blends ancient lies with a new type of antisemitism, parading as a "social justice" campaign. So he also exemplifies the worst aspects of this new and recent anti-Israel "BDS" (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement that has attracted support from some fringe elements in Australia. Despite its semblance of "social justice", it actually aims to destroy the Jewish homeland and vilify Jews.

Throughout his trial O'Connell repeatedly referred to "occupied Palestine". When the jury retired, he shouted from the dock that it would be "an honour" to be imprisoned "for Palestine and Iraq". After the verdict was pronounced he shouted "Soon Benjamin Netanyahu will be in the dock ...Free Palestine ...Free Iraq!"

While it is, of course, perfectly legitimate to criticise Israel's policies, there is a red line that separates legitimate political expression from prejudice or bigotry. Natan Sharansky's "3D test" defines that boundary: if it DEMONISES, DE-LEGITIMISES or applies a DOUBLE STANDARD, then it's bigotry, whether the target is Judaism, Islam, Asians or any other group.

In "[BDS, Anti-Semitism's New Face](#)" published in [Israel National News, 16 January 2011](#). Moshe Dann explains that "Anti-Semites around the world have found a new and more subtle form of attack: ...BDS campaigns. Wielding clichés like 'apartheid,' 'war crimes,' 'stealing Palestinian land,' 'oppressing Palestinians,' and 'end the occupation,' these groups seek to delegitimize and isolate Israel as part of their program to destroy Israel

*...The goal of BDS campaigns ...is not territorial, but existential."*

Bernard-Henri Lévy, a French philosopher, writes in [Huffington Post, 25 January 2011](#) that "...we are faced here with a skilfully orchestrated but ...bellicose, anti-democratic and, in a word, perfectly despicable campaign ... Regardless of what its promoters and its useful idiots say, the only real, accepted, hackneyed goal of this boycott campaign is to de-legitimize Israel..."

Levi also notes that the BDS movement doesn't boycott Sudan, which is guilty of genocide in Darfur, nor China, guilty of massive violations of human rights in Tibet and elsewhere, nor Iran, nor those despotic Arab regimes whose citizens' have no freedom of expression.

**Omar Barghouti**, a founder of the "BDS" movement, has [made it clear](#) that his goal is "not two States but two Palestines." **Ali Abunimah, co-founder of Electronic Intifada** and BDS leader, equates Israel to Nazi Germany, conveniently ignoring the fact that it was the Palestinian Arab leadership in the 1930's and 1940's who were allies of the Nazi regime. And **Sabeel**, an Arab Christian group, provides a "theological" fig leaf by reviving the antisemitic concept that Christians replace the Christ-killing Jews as the Chosen People. (It's interesting to note that extremist Islamists now apply their version of this Replacement Theology to Jews, Christians and other "infidels".)

So the BDS movement fails the 3D test on all three counts. It DEMONISES Jews as "the new Nazis"; it DE-LEGITIMISES the Jewish nation; and by incessantly targeting open, democratic Israel for censure while ignoring many blatant human-rights abusers, it applies a DOUBE STANDARD.

As Michael Danby, Member for Melbourne Ports recently said: "*What is next for [the BDS campaign]? Are they now going to paint the Star of David on shops selling Israeli products?*"

Seen in this light, the O'Connell phenomenon should be a wake-up call to the small bands of earnest-looking, anti-Israel "social-justice activists" that occasionally pop up in supermarkets and shopping malls. Whether these useful idiots are misguided, ignorant, just plain antisemitic, or some combination of them all, they promote neither peace nor the welfare of their purported "friends" in the Middle East. They are merely fostering and encouraging more crackpot criminal behaviour, like O'Connell's.

<http://www.iwire.com.au/featuredarticles/o%E2%80%99connellawakeupcalltoantiisrael%E2%80%99Csocialjusticeactivists%E2%80%9D/14759>

**Man jailed over anti-semitic video – First posted Mon Jan 31, 2011 3:49pm AEDT**

**A 39-year-old Perth man has been sentenced to three years' jail for posting an anti-semitic video on the internet.**

Brendon Lee O'Connell is the first person in Western Australia to be convicted under the state's racial vilification laws. A jury found him guilty last week of six offences.

O'Connell posted a video on YouTube showing him insulting a young Jewish man in 2009. The video also showed O'Connell standing in front of the Perth Bell Tower telling Jews their days were numbered.

Members of Western Australia's Jewish community were in court for the sentence and welcomed the jail term. Steve Lieblich, who represents the Jewish community and is on the Australia-Israel and Jewish Affairs Council, says racial vilification must be stopped.

"This time it was the Jewish people that were the target, next time it could be Muslims, Asians or any other group," he said. "So we should be pleased that

we've had this result and this signal has been sent to Mr O'Connell and his supporters."



**Racial hatred... Brendon O'Connell's YouTube video.**  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/01/31/3125998.htm>

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**Ethnic community welcomes racial vilification sentence**

Updated Tue February 1, 2011 10:39am

The Ethnic Community Council of Western Australia has welcomed the jail term imposed on a Perth man who posted a racist video online.



**Brendon O'Connell is the first person in WA to be convicted under racial vilification laws**

Brendon Lee O'Connell of Maylands was sentenced to three years in prison after being found guilty of six offences under Western Australia's racial vilification laws. He posted a 15 minute video on YouTube which showed him insulting a Jewish man outside a shopping centre and telling Jews their days were numbered. O'Connell is the first person in WA to be convicted under the laws.

The Council's Maria Saraceni says she hopes the tough penalty acts as a deterrent. "Obviously where there is a penalty such as imprisonment, it has an immediate impact on the person who has been found guilty, but there is a wider message for the community at large," she said.

Since the sentencing O'Connell's supporters have posted an attack on the judge, the judicial system and the Jewish community, on his blog.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/02/01/3126539.htm>

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**Australian 'Friend of Palestine' Charged with Anti-Semitism**

Shevat 19, 5771, 24 January 11

By Maayana Miskin

(Israelnationalnews.com) An Australian man is in court for assaulting a Jewish man and making anti-Semitic remarks during a protest against Israel. Brendon Lee O'Connell, 38, is accused of telling Stanley Keyser, who is Jewish, "You think the world revolves around you. You have a religion of racism, hate, homicide, and ethnic cleansing." O'Connell is also accused of hitting Keyser after he attempted to walk away. The incident in question took place as O'Connell took part in a "Friends of Palestine" protest outside a fruit store. The group

was protesting Israeli fruit. Prosecutor Anthony Evers said that in addition to the charges regarding Keyser, O'Connell also made anti-Semitic posts to his blog. O'Connell represented himself last week in court, where he called to charge the judge with treason, termed the court a "kangaroo court," and mimicked a kangaroo. He was supported by several friends who cheered from the gallery. The trial will continue.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/>

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