

'Anti-Semitism Spreading Like Poison': Swastikas Litter Paris

French authorities found swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti in several locations in Paris on Monday, a symptom of France's growing problem with anti-Semitism.

Vandals painted swastikas and anti-Semitic slurs on mailboxes displaying the portraits of French politician and Holocaust survivor, Simone Veil.

Veil, who died in 2017, was a leading French politician who was deported to Auschwitz when she was a teenager. She is one of only five women buried in the Pantheon, which holds the remains of France's most influential figures, including Voltaire and Victor Hugo.

More anti-Semitic graffiti was painted on a wall in the 18th *arrondissement* (borough) of Paris.

Frederic Potier, a government official in charge of fighting hate crimes, said on Twitter that he notified authorities.

"Anti-Semitic tags in the heart of Paris this weekend, to the point of nausea. When the hatred of Jews overlaps with the hatred of democracy, the vocabulary of the #fascosphere [Notes:the sphere of the fascists] is found on the walls!" he wrote.

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