

# Holocaust Memorial Defaced With Shocking Anti-Semitic Slur

Neo-Nazi vandals defaced a Holocaust memorial with a banner featuring an anti-Semitic slur at a New Jersey synagogue on Sunday, *CNN* reported.

The banner draped over the Holocaust memorial used anti-Jewish inflammatory language.

New Jersey Attorney General Christopher Porrino called the vandalism “sickening.”

The vandalism comes after anti-Semitic fliers were posted throughout Lakewood, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) New Jersey chapter reported.

Both were signed by Blood and Soul, a website run by a white nationalist group notorious for racist and bigoted campaigns against racial, ethnic and religious minorities in the U.S.

“Residents, elected officials, community/religious leaders must offer full-throated condemnation of this anti-Semitic attack in Lakewood,” ADL New Jersey tweeted.

New Jersey authorities are offering a \$10,000 reward for information and conviction of those responsible, Porrino said.

The incident comes after seven Jewish couples were recently arrested and accused of misrepresenting their incomes to improperly obtain public welfare benefits.

The couples were released without bail after making initial court appearances.

Prosecutors say they failed to disclose income from numerous

sources on applications for Medicaid, housing, Social Security and food assistance benefits.

Lakewood, where 60 percent of the 100,000 residents are ultra-Orthodox Jews, has 100 private religious schools. The first quarter of 2017 has seen an 86 percent increase in anti-Semitic events across the country from the same time in 2016, according to the ADL's annual Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents.  
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