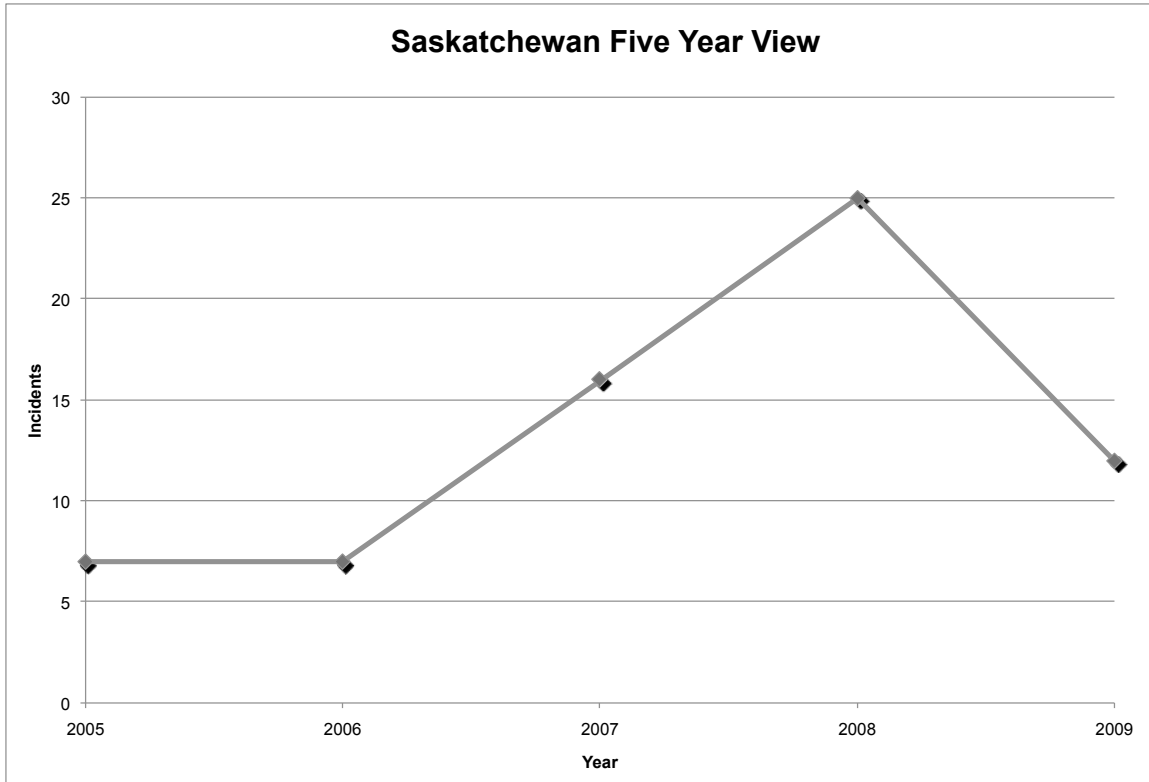

2009 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: *SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL SUMMARY*

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has monitored and reported on hate-motivated incidents against the Jewish community in Canada for twenty-eight years. This annual *Audit of Antisemitic Incidents* provides an examination of racism and bigotry in this country, as expressed in attacks of harassment, vandalism or violence against individual Jews or the community's institutions. It is cited by Statistics Canada, government and research agencies, and authoritative sources around the world and is the single most credible study of the phenomenon of antisemitism and patterns of prejudice in Canada.

Trends

- There were 12 cases reported across the province of Saskatchewan, 0.9% of the total incidents recorded across Canada in 2009. The 12 incidents represent a drop of 52% from the previous year's total of 25 incidents.
- The 12 cases were broken down into 8 cases of harassment and 4 cases of vandalism (compared to 16 and 9 cases in 2008) 60 cases of harassment and 20 cases of vandalism. Once again there were no cases of violence reported.
- Incidents took place in Regina (9) and Saskatoon (3)
- The incidents of harassment included hate propaganda on the Internet (including a national media site) where following the acquittal of David Ahenakew Jews were blamed for unfairly targeting this aboriginal leader. Commenting on the last year's *Audit* (released in 2009), a Saskatchewan blogger commented "Its a sick world when the oppressed can become the oppressor so fast. Destroy Zionism! It is a plague upon the world. When will everyone see this."
- Acts of vandalism involved the targeting of two synagogues – in one case cars parked outside the synagogue were smashed and in another antisemitic graffiti marred the outside wall of the building.



Antisemitic Incidents by Month

