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DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST (PROHIBITION) LAW, 5746-1986*

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| 1. In this Law, "crime against the Jewish people" and "crime against humanity" have the same respective meanings as in the "Nazis and Nazi Collaborators Law, 5710-1950 ¹ . | Definitions |
| 2. A person who, in writing or by word of mouth, publishes any statement denying or diminishing the proportions of acts committed in the period of the Nazi regime, which are crimes against the Jewish people or crimes against humanity, with intent to defend the perpetrators of those acts or to express sympathy or identification with them, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of five years. | Prohibition of denial of Holocaust |
| 3. A person who, in writing or by word of mouth, publishes any statement expressing praise or sympathy for or identification with acts done in the period of the Nazi regime, which are crimes against the Jewish people or crimes against humanity, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of five years. | Prohibition of publication of expression of sympathy for Nazi crimes |
| 4. The publication of a correct and fair report of a publication prohibited by this Law shall not be regarded as an offence thereunder so long as it is not made with intent to express sympathy or identification with the perpetrators of crimes against the Jewish people or against humanity. | Permitted publication |
| 5. An indictment for offences under this Law shall only be filed by or with the consent of the Attorney-General. | Filing of charge |

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¹ *Sefer Ha-Chukkim* of 5710, p. 281, *LSI* vol. IV, p. 154.