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Preface to the English Edition

I put the finishing touches on this text for the English translation of this book in early November 2018, just days after the most serious antisemitic attack in US history took place, on October 27 in Pittsburgh. Evidently, imitators are *still* emboldened by the anathemas of John Chrysostom, the diatribes of Luther, the rantings in *Protokoły Mędrców Syjonu* [*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*], and the ideology of *Mein Kampf* to claim that “the Jews are children of Satan” before shooting them in the middle of an American city whose motto is *benigno numine* (“by a benevolent divine power,” “by the favor of heaven”).

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