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In the months and years following the end of the Axis Occupation of Greece, those Greek Jews who survived the war faced, like their coreligionists in the rest of Europe, a host of pressing issues as they attempted to rebuild their lives. These issues included matters such as securing shelter and work, reclaiming property held by Christians, and dealing with the sorrow and disbelief associated with the loss of family and the destruction of communities. In confronting these obstacles, many Jews also faced the indifference, if not the outright hostility and antisemitism, of the general population. This presentation focusses on this antisemitism and specifically examines the numerous antisemitic incidents as they were reported and discussed in the contemporaneous Greek-Jewish press.

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