

Zionism Hates the Truth:

**Big Reveal following Duo Claims and Signals to the ICJ
by Retired Canadian Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella
and Former Canadian Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler
that the State of Israel is Above International Law**



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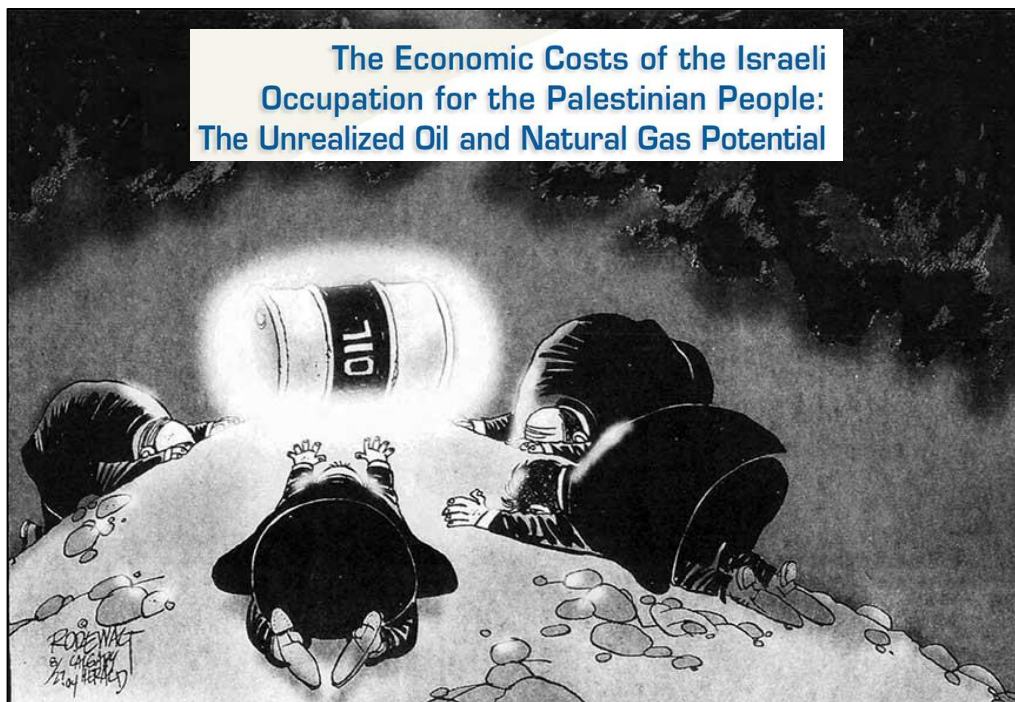
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“Occupied Palestinian Territory lies above sizeable reservoirs of oil and natural gas wealth, in Area C of the occupied West Bank and the Mediterranean coast off the Gaza Strip. The accumulated losses are estimated in the billions of dollars. ... This study identifies and assesses existing and potential Palestinian oil and natural gas reserves that could be exploited for the benefit of the Palestinian people, which Israel is either preventing them from exploiting or is exploiting without due regard for international law. (Source: [The Economic Costs of the Israel Occupation for the Palestinian People: The Unrealized Oil and Natural Gas Potential](#), United Nations, 2019)

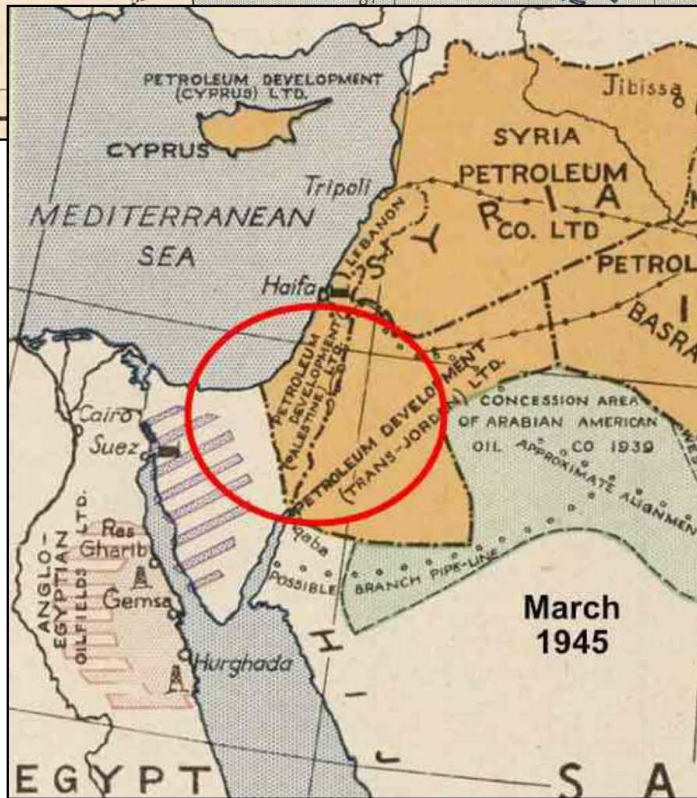
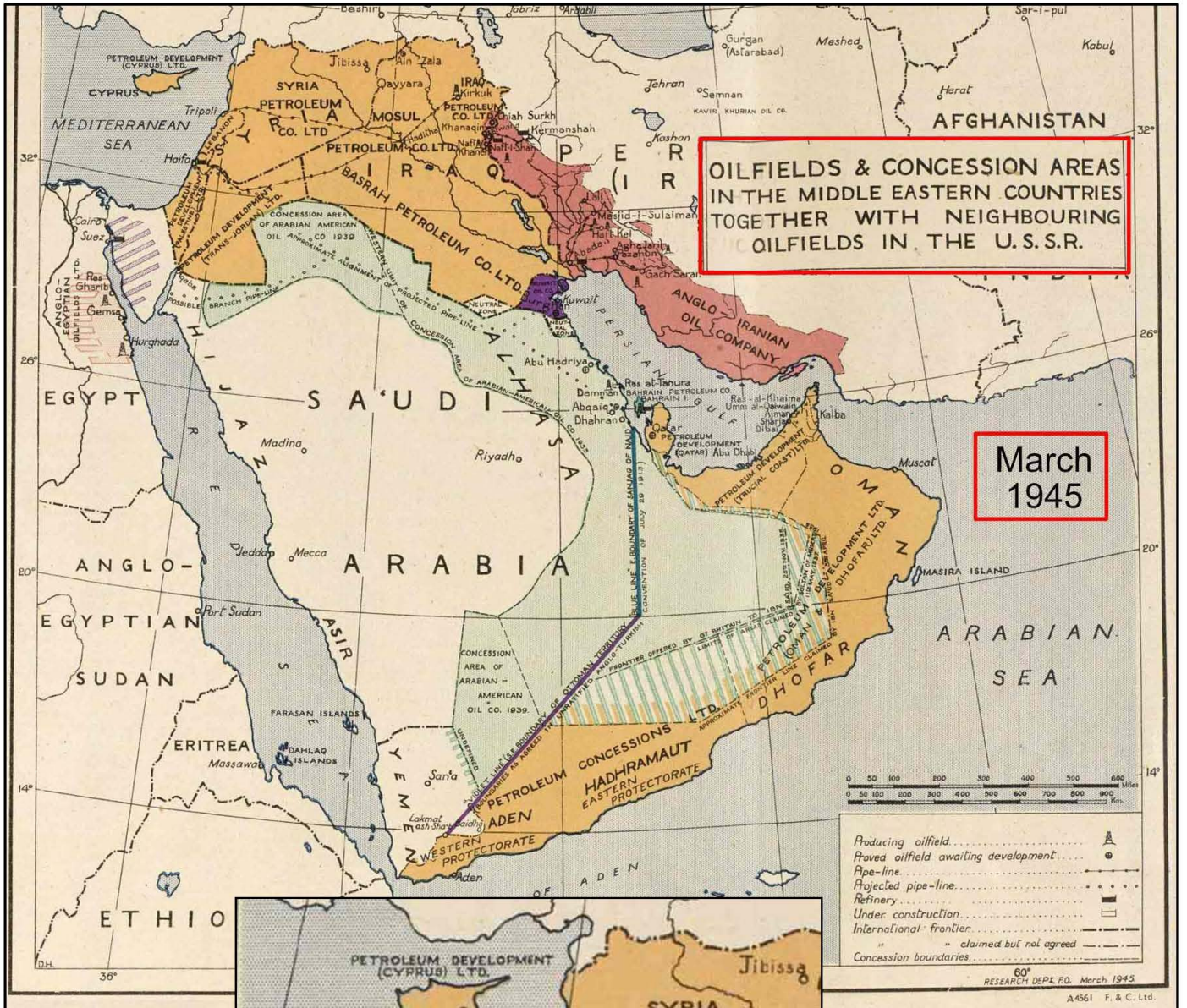
“On 9 October 2023, Yoav Gallant, Israel’s Minister of Defense, [stated](#): “We are imposing a complete siege on [Gaza]. No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel – everything is closed. We are fighting human animals, and we act accordingly”. ([Urgent Action: Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Call on Third States to Urgently Intervene to Protect the Palestinian People Against Genocide](#), Al-Haq, October 13, 2023.)

“The mainstream media has kept the actual motives behind Israel’s criminal occupation and blockade of the Palestinian Territories deliberately hidden from view. The hidden motive here being Gaza’s trillion-dollar maritime gas reserves. ... this genocidal siege was never about Hamas. It was only ever about resource theft and extraction from the Palestinian Territories.” (Source: YouTube, November 9, 2023, – worth \$500 billion, [Proof: Israel to steal Gaza’s gas – worth \\$500 billion](#), The CJ Werleman Show)



“This is not a war on Hamas. This is a war on the children of Gaza.” (Source: quote from Dr. Anas Al-Kassem, Ontario trauma surgeon, Norfolk General Hospital and West Haldimand General Hospital, YouTube, [Doctors say Israel is wiping out a generation of kids in Gaza](#), January 29, 2024)

“The three pillars of Judaism are truth, justice, and peace. The Netanyahu government is the opposite of these core Jewish values. It is the most aggressive, expansionist, overtly racist and Jewish supremacist government in Israel’s history. The essence of Judaism is non-violence. The present government is the antithesis of this essence.” (Source: Israeli-British historian Avi Shlaim, January 27, 2024, [Speech at the Emergency Conference of Global Intellectuals of Conscience to Stop Genocide in Gaza in London, UK](#))



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Preface

This volume, *“Zionism Hates the Truth: Big Reveal following Duo Claims and Signals to the ICJ by Retired Canadian Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella and Former Canadian Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler that the State of Israel is Above International Law,”* is a significant departure from the thematic reports I have primarily self-published on the protection of drinking waters (<https://www.bctwa.org/>): now to this, the arena of human rights and the invaluable protection of Palestinians and full recognition of their “self determination” and “Right of Return” to their stolen lands and of their resources.

Many of my readers, and those familiar with my advocacy history, may ask what caused me to make the dramatic shift. I suppose I could have stayed on topic and developed a thorough and appropriate analysis on how the Zionist Israel colonial project had been pilfering, ruining, polluting, and constricting Palestine’s domestic water sources over time (which a few others have carefully reported on), whilst oppressing Palestinians and stealing Syria’s Golan Heights lands and water rights, a very sordid history, including the most recent wilful introduction of pumping salt water to drown Gaza’s secret tunnel networks, thereby forever polluting Gaza’s groundwaters, an utterly abhorrent and insidious political-military decision.

In all honesty, what prompted me to consolidate this report was an urgent, inner prompting, an awakening of my conscience, a call to duty.

I began this effort on January 20, 2024, with a simple objective: to produce a twenty-odd-page critique on former Canadian Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella’s January 9, 2024, opinion article published in the *Globe and Mail* newspaper (see Part 3 for the copy). Abella opposed and attacked South Africa’s 84-page long, well-referenced filing with the International Court of Justice (ICJ), a timely filing which justly accused Zionist Israel of committing, alongside a continuous Al Nakba, an ongoing genocide of Palestinian refugee inmates within its walled Gaza concentration camp. After all, Abella, with her now 41 accumulated honorary doctorates (her 41st recently awarded in Tel Aviv) and numerous awards, was a ‘famous’ human rights advocate and jurist celebrity. I, alongside other Canadians, was deeply troubled by Abella’s illogical and unethical response statements three months into Israel’s genocide, who obviously meant to influence the then imminent ICJ’s January 12th Decision at the Hague: I became intent on rebuffing her.

In my rebuffing mode, I bumped into the figurehead of Irwin Cotler, the former McGill University law professor, founder of the ten-year old Raoul Wallenberg Human Rights Centre, Abella’s old Canadian friend and associate, who I had never heard of or known anything about. Cotler authored a duplicate themed opinion article published in the *National Post* newspaper the day after Abella’s (see also Part 3 for the copy), with oddly similar, rash defense arguments against South Africa, with the same intent to sway public opinion and the ICJ. And, at the time, I was unaware of the Raoul Centre and that Abella was one of its honorary co-chairs since 2017. My ‘innocent’ discovery of Cotler would turn the tide of my critique to an epic undertaking. In my meagre efforts to scrutinize two celebrated, legally trained and Jewish Zionist-minded Canadians, I quickly became aware that I was opening a gigantic can of worms: a short critique morphed into a complex inquiry project. Once again, my sincerest apologies for getting drawn in and yielding to this temptation, and for neglecting my normal duties and friendships.

I must confess that prior to this endeavour I had been an absolute ignoramus on the history and politics of Palestine, a land that in 1948 became a divided colonial occupier state territory rebranded as Zionist Israel, its political fate and the intertwined circumstances concerning the forceful and tragic displacement of Palestinian inhabitants and their lands over the last one hundred or so years. My only prior introduction to this subject was during my world travels that brought me to Egypt in February 1986, so long ago, where I found myself reaching up to a bookshelf to randomly pick a book published (as I now vaguely recall) in about 1966 on the plight and purging of Palestinians. I was shocked and moved as I ploughed through it. It

brought tears to my eyes, a beginning mark to altering an indoctrinated thinking about ‘the Holy Land’. I had read nothing since about that tragedy, until ‘now,’ January 2024 onwards.

From 1987 to 1990, I dedicated my ‘leisure’ life to learning about and advocating for Indigenous rights in Canada, mostly British Columbia, with my involvement in the former Vancouver branch of the Canadian ecumenical organization called Project North (named and formed after the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline inquiry in the 1970s, after which some 120 chapters were created), renamed in the early 1990s as the Aboriginal Rights Coalition. During that time, I attended dozens of the plaintiff’s private legal debriefing sessions in downtown Vancouver during the Supreme Court proceedings of the controversial and epic Gitksan / Wet’suwet’en Supreme Court trial proceedings. Over the span of six or so years, I often travelled 18 hours one-way north in my vehicle to their homelands on the Stikine River watershed east of Prince Rupert where their forest lands, as the forest lands of all British Columbia indigenous peoples, were being ‘developed’ and raped (the

forest industry’s former 50 cents on the dollar, on over 500,000 kilometers of forest service logging roads). I learned about the history, political tribulations and injustices of some of the other Indigenous peoples on the northwestern corner of Turtle Island: the Nisga’a (on the Nass River, obliterated by clearcut logging in Tree Farm License #1); the Cheslatta (their river territorial and flooding battles against Alcan, and the logging); the Haida (lots of logging, fishing rights, recently handed back their lands); the Ingenika/ Mesilinka (Williston ‘reservoir’ area and logging); the Tsilhqot’in / Nemaiah people (west of Williams Lake, more logging); the St’at’imc people (from Pemberton to Lillooet); and much later through my anti-fracking advocacy, the Treaty 8 peoples in northeast BC (impacted by eye-popping ‘cumulative oil-patched environmental degradations’). I attribute these early learning experiences the reason for my strong moral sympathies with the Palestinian people’s plights, for understanding the cruel, greedy, profit driven and oblivious objectives of the colonizer: I also live in a colonial / quasi-colonial / post-colonial occupier state.



Over the course of just over a year's research, learning, reflection and composition, I have come to recognize that the history of Israeli 'colonial settler-ism' (the term attributed to Fayeze Sayegh) is notoriously difficult, plagued with many pitfalls, hazards, and an almost infinite supply of episodes and documents, and with a corresponding host of advocates on either side of the fences. I was also woefully ignorant of the voluminous proceedings of the United Nations' operations ('organs') on this subject, in particular the more recent roles of its special rapporteurs since the early 1990s who have documented, ad nauseum, the controversial matters and episodes of Zionist / Israel's inhumane treatments and robberies of Palestinians through repeated violations of international law, and of the bizarre United Nations voting history by 'democratic' state parties defiantly in support of Israel's unlawful subjugation of Palestinians over the last 76 and more years.

Of the reams of information collected while tracing numerous webbed threads, early on I stumbled upon two important anti-Zionist figureheads, one an American follower of Classical Judaism, the other a Palestinian who quietly followed Christianity. First was Rabbi Elmer Berger, whose *Memoirs of an Anti-Zionist Jew*, was published in 1978 by the Institute for Palestinian Studies, and Jack Ross' recent 2011 insightful biography, *Rabbi Outcast*, who, in his Epilogue chapter, evaluates Berger as an "extraordinary man of conscience." In the introduction to Berger's 1978 *Memoirs*, C.K. Zurayk writes:

"Dr. Berger's life and work have been distinguished both by his deep insights into one of today's most harassing problems – the problem of Palestine – and by his courage and persistence in defending the truths that these insights revealed. He has regarded it as his duty to expose the blind neglect and deliberate distortion of those truths and to combat the pernicious attitudes, policies and decisions which resulted from this neglect and distortion. ... **For there is perhaps no problem in human history which has been surrounded with as much misrepresentation, deception and emotional manipulation as has been the problem of Palestine.** The Zionists have created and put into operation such a powerful machinery of information, or rather of misinformation, of calumny and of intimidation that the fundamentals have not been allowed to appear; they have been almost completely submerged by a mass of untruths and irrelevancies."

Without Rabbi Berger – his organized Jewish 'anti-Zionism' advocational struggle from 1942 onward – we perhaps cannot better understand the anchors and presuppositions which drive prominent political figures, such as Canadian Zionists Rosalie Abella and Irwin Cotler – participants in what Berger nicknames the "Zionist machine" – who advocate the twisted precepts of Zionism to our governments, institutions and through popular media messaging. Berger served a critical historic role as a collective conscience not only for his fellow followers of Reform Judaism, but for humanity in general. He was a dedicated follower and communicator of moral, monotheistic Judaism, who, as Jack Ross reveals, was weaned in the 1930s on the prominent, steadfast, Jehovah-faithful Old Testament prophets who bravely and repeatedly demanded justice in a land of injustice succumbed by the 'flock of Israel' and, notably, by Israel's often wayward institutionalized prophets and misguided leaders. In this context, Berger repeatedly warned the world of the political dangers by political Zionists who misused and abused the term 'anti-Semitism.' In May 1970, five years before the November 10, 1975, United Nations Resolution number 3379, 'Zionism is Racism,' Berger summarized, yet again, this time to an audience at the Loeb Playhouse, Purdue campus, in West Lafayette, Indiana, that "Israel is anything but a democracy – a state which practices apartheid. There is an affinity between Israel and unprogressive, racist states."

The second and distinctly remarkable person I discovered a third of the way through my inquiry is Fayeze Sayegh, the intellectual Palestinian academic, prolific writer, statesman and compassionate defender of Palestinian rights, who is primarily featured at length in Part 8 of this report, "*Mover, Shaker, Resolution Maker.*" Somewhat akin to Latin poet Virgil in Italian poet Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* poem, namely the special 'human reason' guide who led pilgrim Dante into the spiralling depths of the *The Inferno* realm (Dante's volume one), it was Sayegh, through his writings (as many as I could find), that became my

‘human reason’ guide to help understand the underworld mechanics and perspectives of Jewish Zionism. There are, of course, many other writers with commentaries on the mechanics for the other influential half of this perverse coin, namely Christian Zionism (perhaps an offshoot or integration to author Katherine Stewart’s understanding of ‘Christian Nationalism’ in her book, “*The Power Worshipers*”), a key, dominating subject untreated in this manuscript.

A central thematic finding I deduced near the outset from my research pool of collected document sources spanning over eighty years, is that Zionist leaders of Israel have, over numerous decades, zealously set up an international defence shield apparatus, a force field as it were, the central aim and strategy of which is to simply avoid a similar political fate that befell Apartheid South Africa just over thirty years ago. The extensive efforts that have been cumulatively wielded and instigated into building this defensive apparatus – through the political, monetary and social aid of Christian Zionists – are simply astounding, absolutely and extraordinarily mind boggling, penetrating the political, military and judicial fabric and foreign policies of major world state entities. Positioned behind the shields of Christian Zionists and the evolving Israel Zionists organizationally dispersed throughout the world, have behaved like a parasitic plant, building a massive root system throughout an entire garden, sucking the very life in the soil from the other plants.

In this respect, I interpret Israel’s actions in 1967 as the waging of three integrated wars. The first was, of course, the Six-Day war, a feigned war against its neighbour states to illegally gain territories from Palestinians, Syrians, and Egyptians, a war that awakened and kindled the sleeping “messianic” followers. The second was the launching of an international propaganda war. The third was a strategic political war on the United States, which would become its stalwart and powerful international ally at the United Nations, as well as its primary source for military funding. The greater fall and seduction of Canada would come later, the Zionist underpinnings coming into force in the 1980s under the Brian Mulroney Conservative administration (see Parts 2, 5, and 12). As this new foothold took root in changing Canada’s foreign policy and diplomatic messaging, it was under the Prime Minister Stephen Harper far-right, anti-Canada, administration (2006-2015) that took Canada to a new low, a submissive, unquestioning, embarrassing partner posture, unlike any previous administration. In fact, after that Prime Minister was booted out in the 2015 election, he financially benefitted as an international far-right spokesman and shameless smiling salesman for Israel (see Part 4.3).

Another central finding is related to the origins of the United Nations November 1975, Resolution #3379, ‘Zionism is Racism’ – Irwin Cotler’s often-stated central sticking point discussed primarily in Part 7. I had first learned of UN Resolution #3379 in about December 2023 and was intrigued, drawn in, to understanding the origins of this show-stopper declaration. My lengthy treatment of this history in Part 8, in concert with my focus on Fayez Sayegh, forms the foundation of my understanding and arguments against Cotler and the world’s Zionists. The Resolution had nothing to do with the ‘Arabs’ or to the Soviet ‘Communists,’ origins aggressively blame-propagandized by Zionist/Israel and its machine minions. Rather, the breadcrumbs on this thinking trace back to both Rabbi Elmer Berger – his anti-Zionist organization affiliate spokesperson with the American Council for Judaism, who had been repeatedly informing their North American, Middle East and European audiences that Zionism was/is discriminatory and racist, reasoned insights based on Reform Judaic thinking and writings that predate Berger – and more importantly, Fayez Sayegh, who penned the now famous and indispensable 1965 monograph, *Zionist Colonialism in Palestine*, when he launched the Palestine Research Center in Beirut.

I deduced something else of importance from my research. Most people in the world have been brainwashed to only think about Germany’s early 20th century fascist’s tragic and horrible Holocaust upon Jewry (and an almost equal forgotten cleansing number of other ‘undesirables’) when they think about post-1948 ‘Israel.’ And, as historians note, there have been numerous holocausts thrust upon civilizations in recent centuries by colonial occupational powers. Both of my grandfathers, and my grandmother’s brother, were murdered (the latter by the KGB), amongst some estimated 40-60 million souls under the ruthless

dictator Stalin. In the late 1800s following, stated in the writings of prominent spokesmen, the primarily secular Jewish Zionists had already plotted to dispose of the Palestinians at the outset, and during Germany's Holocaust, a subject generally and contextually lost from peoples' collective memories. Those Jewish Zionists were fervent colonialists – like, for instance, extremist 'revisionist' Zeev Jabotinsky and his followers and financiers – caught up in the activities of military colonial powers of the day who were masters of other people's lives and resources. As Germany's fascists were clandestinely organizing their programs of ethnic cleansing, to make way for the 'master race,' radical Zionists in Palestine, many of which were immigrants from the east European leftist camp, or 'labour' Zionists, were contemplating and undertaking similar military-based and psychologic designs, either with or without British complicity. By 1948, following the forceable displacement of Palestinians from some 500 registered settlements and towns, all of which were quickly renamed and swept under the rug by the Zionists, the United Nations, under new colonial directives, gave birth to a militant-military ideological monster, and that monster then sought to devour the international-rules-based United Nations and anything else in its path.

As I fashioned this report, I witnessed the trauma, day-in, day-out, of Israel's and the primarily United States assisted, almost unending atrocities, and can't-find-the-words conduct of an 'on-line' genocide, as succinctly deduced as such in two reports in 2024 by United Nations (non-funded) rapporteur, Francesca Albanese. I stumbled upon Albanese's November 15, 2023, presentation to Australia's National Press Club at the outset of my research and was immediately enlightened on her explanation of why Israel "does not have" a "right to defend itself" argument heard almost daily throughout that genocide (see Part 3). I had never heard of her before, but I, and presumably like many others, was moved. I was impressed by her automatic manoeuverability, her unique and highly capable, powerful on-the-spot communicative abilities, and her ability to sharply call out those that needed to be called out. She was the good mother scolding her children. I then examined most of her published accounts and reviewed and followed many of her on-line presentations. Then, I noted a dramatic but glowing change in her. It began with her recent October to November 2024 tour of eastern United States and eastern Canada in the wake of a new authoritarian federal government in America. It was if she had emerged out of a cocoon, with new wings to face the world with her deep understanding of the complex dilemmas and injustices in Palestine and of Palestinians. (In a way, she reminded me of what Fayeze Sayegh accomplished and had to endure.) With her new wings, she genuinely reminder-merged the plight of Palestinians with the genocidal injustices of the indigenous populations by the American and Canadian colonialists. She fashioned that context in each of her presentations. I understand that I am only one person in a sea of people who have come to respect her abilities and outstanding courage. As Albanese humbly recognizes, it is not about her, but who she labours to passionately advocate on behalf of – and free of charge!

Speaking of which, this report – with almost 1,000 images – is one hundred percent self-funded, self-directed, self-composed, and 95 percent self-edited. I am both glad that I found the time and self-determination to do it, and absolutely, sincerely glad that it is finally over.

Lastly. I am most certain that legally trained Rosalie Abella and Irwin Cotler will wonder how it is that, yet another fellow Canadian would rise to openly criticize them in the lengthy fashion that I have. That is part of the 'democracy,' that necessary freedom of well-informed speech within the legislative state,



Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth signing the *Proclamation of the Constitution Act* on April 17, 1982, at a ceremony in Ottawa, "guaranteeing the rights and freedoms in the Charter as the supreme law of the nation." (Source: Government of Canada website, *Learn about the Charter*)

that they both themselves presumably honour, the flagship of which was raised in Canada's *Charter* some forty years ago, the envy of much of the world, which some, as we see, would choose to weaken and extinguish (see Part 16).

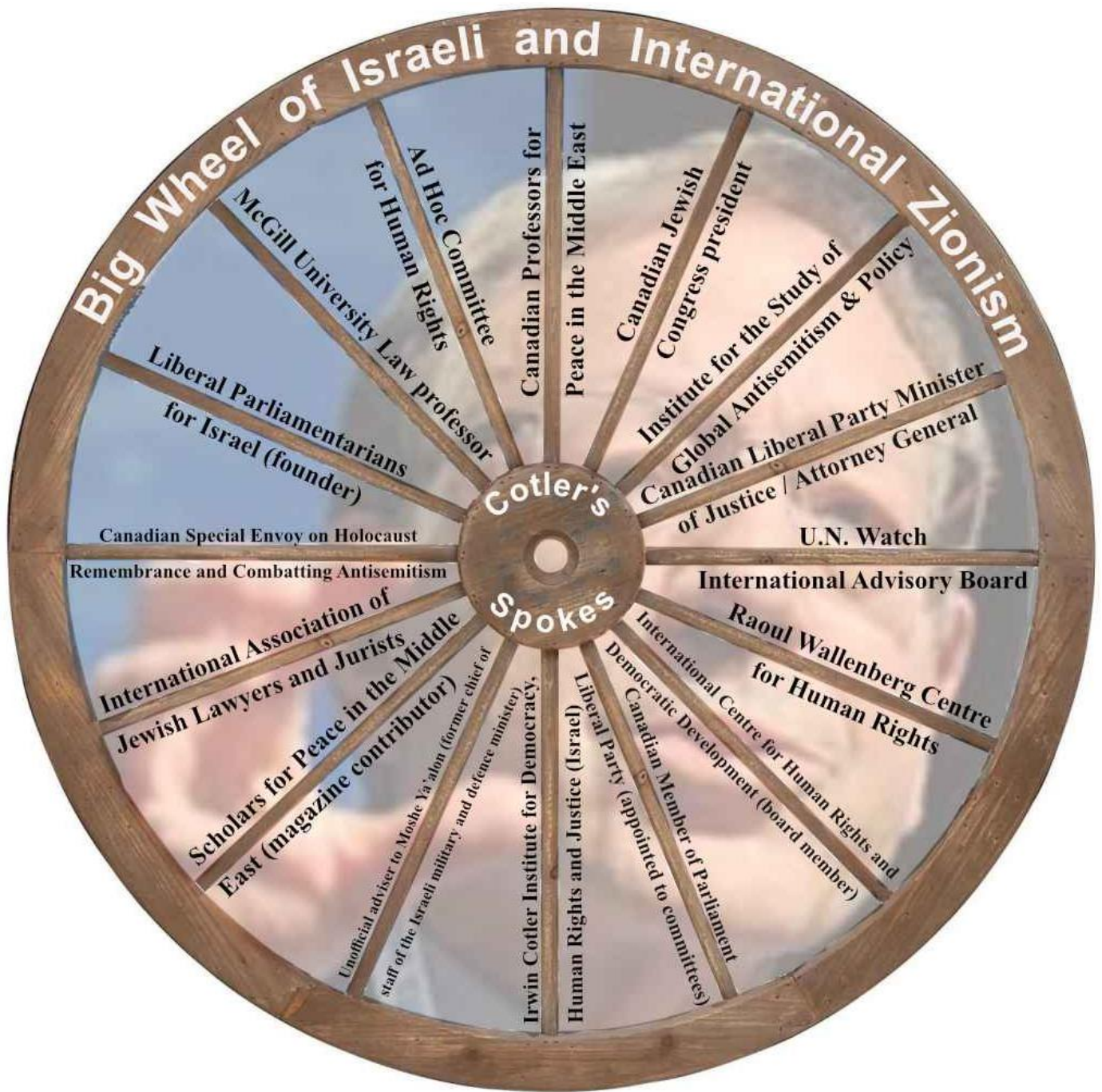


Diagram from Part 17, indicating many of Irwin Cotler's life-long roles in his professional capacities.

In this respect, a consequence of this now-more-evident breaking up of Canada's *Charter*, Canadians have just witnessed the audacious, disturbing February 2025 Montreal City police arrest and jailing of Yves Engler from trumped-up, illogical, groundless charges, directly linked and coordinated, no doubt, to similar previous charges and jailings by Zionist program forces in Europe, in order to stifle and silence criticisms of Israel.

As a stated condition of his release, the Montreal Police's lawyers requested Mr. Engler sign a confidentiality agreement, a gag order, which he refused. One could make the argument, by carefully tracing out its origins and developments, what with Mr. Cotler's narrow interpretive policy word war he and others have waged with Canada's blessings on 'anti-Semitism' over the last ten or so years, along with political pressures, that Engler, ironically, may have been a casualty of that process. And one could entertain the question, that with Mr. Engler's constitutional rights being infringed upon, interfered with, by the Montreal police and its legal department, why is Mr. Cotler, a fellow resident of Montreal, and a renowned international 'human rights' advocate lawyer, not either automatically coming to Engler's legal assistance to rightfully defend him, nor voicing his opposition to his wrongful arrest and imprisonment through his media page on-line platform at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre? But, as laid out in this report, Mr. Cotler would likely not come to Mr. Engler's rescue.



Above: Yves Engler's father, emotional, pleading for his son. Below: Yves Engler released after bail hearing, February 24, 2025.



My sincerest hope, that in my self-education report about this problematic subject of Palestine, and about fellow Canadians Abella and Cotler as I have contextually reported here, that they will both find time to honestly and carefully reflect upon the truth of the matters raised and then make the necessary, required spiritual changes about the subject they often cite but fail to fully comply: to fight for the highest ground of moral justice, the full-on, full-meal, radical justice in a fallen Zionized-Zionistische world.

I am open to discussing this report – any, and all, of its contents – with each and everyone covered within it. And, if I have made any errors or blunders, I welcome notifications for revising this volume.

And if, in my eagerness and compassion to defend the rights of Palestinians, I have unintentionally harmed anyone mentioned in this report, it is because of my anger over what has been allowed to happen, and is still happening, in Palestine.

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Image from Part 4.3.

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Who is restricting Freedom of Speech in Canada?

Who is breaking Canada's Charter of Rights?

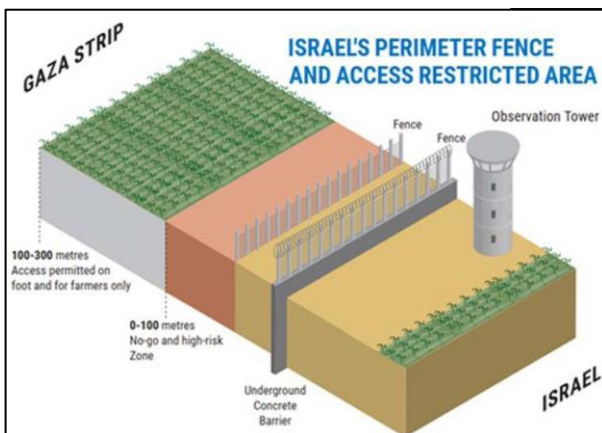
Protecting Who's Future, and Who's Past?

Part 1. Rosalie Silberman Abella, a Supreme Court justice of Canada from 2004 - 2021, is, by all accounts, distinguished and venerably honoured by her peers, by academic institutions, politicians, celebrities, and incorporated societies. The sheer number of honors, awards, and tributes are quite astounding, even for a Supreme Court justice. But not venerated by all. Abella has been referred to as a [dark horse](#).

Abella, for the longest time, is a recognized defender of human rights and of freedom of expression. In monumental juxtaposition, here is the opening quote from her speech, *Judicial Independence, Democracy and Human Rights*, presented at the Minerva Center for Human Rights symposium, University of Jerusalem, Israel, on April 9, 2018:

It is 70 years since Israel was born, 70 years since the values in the declaration of independence were articulated. It is also the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Genocide Conventions, and the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. All of these, and the fact that we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day on Thursday, form the backdrop to this lecture on judicial independence.

It is always a privilege for us to come to Israel, to see how it has flourished and to see the way, over the years, **it has been a luminous symbol of how democracy can thrive under pressure**. I first came to Israel in 1965 after my first year of university. I came because I had family here, but mostly I came because I was Jewish and wanted to see for myself how **this miracle of a country had created a democratic oasis in the desert**. Over the years, I came back again and again. Israel was an emotional magnet and an inspiration. Above all, **Israel was a judicial beacon**. I have been a judge for 42 years, and one of the things I grew to be over the last several decades, with each visit to Israel, **was a judicial ambassador for the judiciary of Israel**. The Israeli judiciary's tenacious loyalty to principles of **democracy and Jewish values** – concepts which for me are symmetrical and symbolic, even under internal and external siege – made them **heroic in the eyes of judges all over the world**.



**HUMAN RIGHTS
UNDER SIEGE**
(Under a definition
of Exclusion)



The Minerva Center for Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and its "Human Rights under Pressure" Joint PhD Program with Freie Universität Berlin invite the public to an evening with Hon. Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada and Hon. Prof. Aharon Barak, Former President of the Supreme Court of Israel:

Judges, Democracy, and Human Rights

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 16:30-18:00

Senate Hall, Mount Scopus Campus,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:00 Gathering and Refreshments

16:30 Greetings:
Prof. Michael Karayanni / Dean, Faculty of Law,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Keynote Lecture:
Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella
Supreme Court of Canada

Response:
Prof. Aharon Barak / Former President of the
Supreme Court of Israel; Interdisciplinary
Center Herzliya

Chair:
Prof. Tomer Broude / Academic Director,
Minerva Center for Human Rights,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



THE IMPACTS OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ACCESS RESTRICTED AREAS AT LAND AND SEA IN THE GAZA STRIP

ISRAEL CONTROLS THE LAND, AIR AND SEA

Today, Israeli authorities maintain a single regime of control over the borders, airspace, population registry and economic activity of the territories of Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.



On January 11, 2017, the day before Abella made a false, condemnatory statement in a highly controversial Supreme Court Appeal proceeding (see Part 16), the Chicago Law School, its Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Centre for International Human Rights, awarded Abella as **fourth recipient of the Global Jurist of the Year**. The Globe and Mail (January 12, 2017) identified that former U.S. ambassador to Canada David Jacobson (2009-2013) had nominated Abella for the award, stating she “has shown a **lifetime of commitment in the face of adversity to defending human rights or principles of international criminal justice**. ... What I said in my nomination that really distinguished Rosie from so many other great jurists in Canada, the U.S. and around the world, is the way she brings extraordinary human decency to the law. ... I think the human quality she brings to the bench is unsurpassed in my experience.” The director of Centre's International Human Rights, David Scheffer, said: “Justice Abella has stood throughout her judicial career for the enforcement of human rights principles for all Canadians, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or station in life.”



In 2020, Germany's president Frank-Walter Steinmeier presented Abella the *Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit*, an award “in the second-highest category of federal German decorations; the highest category is reserved for heads of state:” “Germany wished to honour justice Abella for the way she has drawn lessons from the Holocaust about the need to protect minority rights and the rule of law,” and in “fostering a relationship and visits between Germany's Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court of Canada.” In 2023, acclaimed filmmaker Barry Avrich released a lengthy documentary, *Without Precedent: The Supreme Life of Rosalie Abella*.



Images from the December 2, 2023, Canada's Walk of Fame Gala, at Metro Toronto Convention Centre on December 02, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario. Thirty-eight days prior to her disappointing opinion article in the Globe and Mail, Rosalie Silberman Abella is honoured, among other recipients of Canada's Walk of Fame's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Abella was inducted into the Hall for Humanitarianism.



*“We’re rolling back hard-fought human rights for minorities, immigrants, refugees, workers, and women. We are in a world now where too often law and justice are in a dysfunctional relationship and **a world where prejudice poisons and hate kills. Too many governments have interfered with the independence of their judges and media;** too many people are strident; too many people have been killed; too many people are poor; too many children are hungry; and too many people have lost hope. **We are forgetting our compassion and making the vulnerable more vulnerable in a world that was supposed to have learned the horrendous cost of discrimination after the Second World War** so that being different would no longer expose someone to danger.*

*We’re in danger of a new status quo **where anger triumphs over respect and indignity triumphs over decency, where injustice is tolerated, and tolerance is not.***

*The human rights abuses occurring in some parts of the world are putting the rest of the world in danger because **intolerance, in its hegemonic insularity, seeks to impose its intolerant truth on others.** Yet we’re too reluctant to call to account the intolerant behavior that abuses citizens and instead we hide behind silencing concepts like cultural relativism, or domestic sovereignty, or root causes. These are concepts that excuse intolerance. **Silence in the face of intolerance means that intolerance wins, and when intolerance wins, injustice wins, and democracy loses.**”*

(Quote from: *The Rule of Justice: The Compassionate Application of Law to Life*, by Rosalie Silberman Abella, in Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence, August 2023, pages 305-315)



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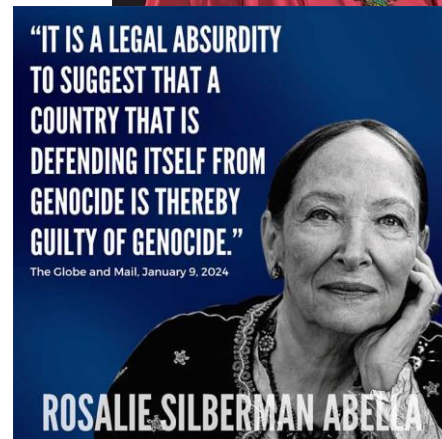
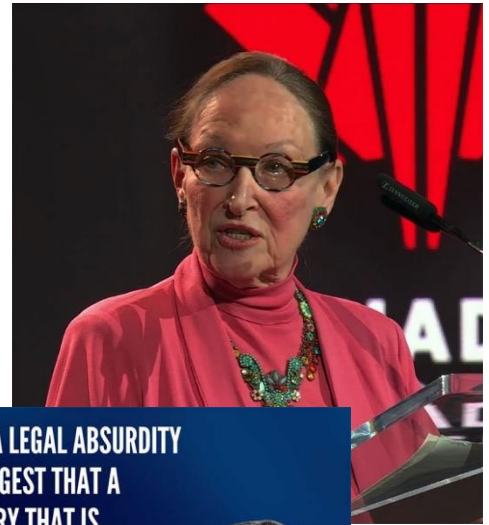
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Due to her opinion article, Abella's human rights reputations are now subject to conjecture. On January 9, 2024, three days prior to South Africa's oral presentations [before the International Court of Justice](#) (ICJ) at The Hague, the Globe and Mail published Abella's opinion article, *The Genocide Case Against Israel is an Abuse of the Postwar Legal Order* (see Part 3 for the full article). After casting aspersion upon South Africa – while the State of Israel's lobby machine launched sleazy smear tactics to equivocate South Africa to Hamas – Abella proclaimed that South Africa's case is without substance: “an outrageous and cynical abuse of the principles underlying the international legal order,” “an insult to what genocide means,” an “insult to the memory of all those on whose behalf the Genocide Convention was created.” Contrarily, in its January 11, 2024, press release, the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner “commends South Africa for bringing this case to the ICJ at a time when the rights of Palestinians in Gaza are being violated with impunity” under a “second Nakba.”



In a January 22, 2024, YouTube video podcast by U.S. judge Andrew Napolitano, who interviewed U.S. history professor John Mearsheimer, they evaluated the ICJ's ruling:

“The fact that the Jewish people suffered egregiously during the Holocaust, an historical fact, that only a crazy person would attempt to deny, is largely irrelevant to what the IDF [Israeli Defence Force] is doing in Gaza, as we speak. ... The question is, what are the Israelis doing in Gaza? ... There is no way you can dispute what has actually happened. ... But this is a fallacy, is it not? The argument that Israel is carefully avoiding killing civilians is nonsense and is belied by reams and reams and reams of evidence. There is no question about it. It is one of the most destructive bombing campaigns in modern history. This is in the same category as the American and British bombing of Germany in World War Two, when we went after cities like Leipzig, Dresden, and Hamburg. When you are dropping lots of dumb bombs, and you are dropping 2,000-pound bombs in an area that is tightly packed with civilians, and you are killing huge numbers of those civilians, and many of them, in fact about 70 percent are women and children, it is impossible to make the argument that this is all about discrimination.”

Nine months later in October 2024, Francesca Albanese, the U.N. Special Rapporteur *On the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967*, published her second report of the year, *Genocide as Colonial Erasure*. In her scathing indictment of the colonial State of Israel, she states:

13. Since the previous report of the Special Rapporteur ([A/78/545](#)), and despite the ICJ interventions, genocidal acts have proliferated. Nearly a year of scorched-earth assault has led to the calculated destruction of Gaza: **the human, material and environmental cost is unquantifiable.**”

15. The magnitude of destruction in Gaza has prompted allegations of domicide, uricide, scholasticide, medicide, cultural genocide and ecocide. Nearly 40 million tons of debris, including unexploded ordnance and human remains, contaminate the ecosystem. More than 140 temporary waste sites and 340,000 tons of waste, untreated wastewater and sewage overflow contribute to the spread of diseases such as hepatitis A, respiratory infections, diarrhoea and skin diseases. As Israeli leaders promised, Gaza has been made unfit for human life.

In the face of Israel's feigned retaliatory measures,¹ its defiant and brutal ongoing crimes against humanity, unprecedented modern horrors and slaughters witnessed daily ([referred to as a "televised Nakba"](#)) by the world since October 8, 2023, including assault rifles freely doled out to settlers amidst the senseless beatings, shootings, deaths, and hundreds of hostage arrests inside the fortified Westbank and east Jerusalem, what would motivate Abella, a seasoned and principled jurist, to make unsubstantiated statements? Was Abella perhaps encouraged by the pro-Israel Canadian lobby forces? Did Abella perhaps confer with her colleagues at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, as the Centre's chairman Irwin Cotler, would also publish a similar opinion article the following day? Or did Abella quietly interpret the signals? Whatever the motivation, it was a significant gamble. Abella's coming 'out of the closet' now may be interpreted as a significant miscalculation, jeopardizing her professional role and conduct as human rights advocate and reputation as a former national jurist.

Two investigative articles published by *The Maple* on January 29, 2024 revealed some of [the influential Israeli lobby networks in Canada](#), networks linked [to wealthy Canadian funders](#). It addresses the twenty-year-old non-profit, American registered, and Canadian incorporated organization, HonestReporting Canada, which functions as "a war room ("the war of persuasion," "to control the narrative") ... to act as Israel's sword and shield." 'HonestReporting' Canada recently formed "a "united front" with Hasbara Canada" "to create the Canadian Campus Media Program," to "monitor campus media and respond to coverage deemed to be "problematic."

The intriguing roles and shenanigans of the ultra-organized and well-funded international Israeli lobby networks influencing foreign states (evolving operations conducted for over one hundred years) continue to be unearthed, well-researched and well-documented. They are the subject of reams of audio and video interviews and documentaries, academic papers, podcasts, investigative articles. The authors exposing the creative and multiple manners in which the tentacled networks 'defend the realm of Israel,' have come under repeated attack by 'the lobby.' Since 2007 alone, the lobby web intrigue has been revealed in at least four books:

- * *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy*, by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt (2007)
- * *Big Israel: How Israel's Lobby Moves America*, by Grant Smith (2016)
- * *Israel's Armor: The Israel Lobby and the First Generation of the Palestine Conflict*, by Walter Hixson (2019)
- * *Architects of Repression: How Israel and its Lobby put Racism, Violence and Injustice at the Center of U.S. Middle East Policy*, by Walter Hixson (2021).

Discussed in Part 2, determined forerunners who exposed the Zionist lobby in Canada some forty years ago were individuals such as John Sigler and Peyton Lyon.

Within The Maple's January 29, 2024, article, Irving Abella is identified as having been "on the board of directors" of HonestReporting Canada. He is the late husband of Rosalie Abella, and former and esteemed York University history professor and author. The Maple cites an article, *Under Pressure*, published by the Review of Journalism in the summer of 2005, which describes HonestReporting Canada as a "pro-Israel watchdog:"

"HonestReporting is an American non-profit organization founded in 2000 by British students of Aish HaTorah, an international network of Jewish educational centres. The students were shaken by what

¹ I.e.: "Post-7 October, Israel has framed its military operations in Gaza as a war of self-defence and counter-terrorism against a terrorist group. However, it is well established that Israel cannot legitimately invoke self-defence against the population under its occupation. The occupying Power must protect, not target, the occupied people." Quote from paragraph 70, U.N. Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese's October 2024 report, *Genocide as Colonial Erasure*.

they perceived to be media misrepresentations of Israel following the start of **the second intifada**. HR has since separated from Aish and now has affiliates in Canada (HRC), Brazil, Russia, Italy, and the United States, and 100,000 subscribers worldwide. All chapters espouse the HR mission to ensure “fair and accurate” coverage of Israel in the media. But while the organization expects journalists to be free of bias, it doesn’t always apply the same rules to itself.



In 2003, the Canadian affiliate opened its doors in a one-room office rental on the 17th floor of a high-rise building in midtown Toronto. HRC is distinct from its parent organization, with its own board of directors, which includes **York University history professor Irving Abella** (husband of Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella) and the group’s two founders, Ken Rotman, co-CEO of merchant bank Clairvest Group Inc., and Shmuel Veffler, associate rabbi of the Village Shul in Toronto.”



Apocalyptic scene from Israel’s genocidal, bombing ruins of “open-air prison” Gaza, March 1, 2025. Palestinians, during the longest ceasefire since October 2023, are ‘celebrating’ Ramadan on the perhaps longest, continuous temporary, make-shift dining table in history, stretching off into the distance upon a hand-hewn pathway, and extending below the photo area. Temporary lights are strung up on either side of the festive table. It is a profoundly disturbing historic moment caught on camera.

Esraa Abo Qamar, “Palestinian writer based in Gaza,” wrote the following excerpts on March 1, 2025, for Al Jazeera, *Ramadan in Gaza: Ruins and unshakable faith*:

“Last year was not the first time for us to observe Ramadan during a war. In 2014, I was only nine years old, but I remember very well how our Ramadan nights were filled with air strikes and destruction and how we had to rush out of our home in the dark, fleeing the bombing in our neighbourhood.

But Ramadan last year [2024] was different. It was unimaginably worse. Hunger was everywhere. We fasted the entire day, only to break our fast with a can of hummus or beans shared between six people. With no electricity, we would chew the tasteless canned food in the dark. We would barely see each other’s faces across the table.

Ramadan was stripped of its joyous spirit. We longed to hear the adhan (call to prayer) at Maghrib before breaking our fast or at Fajr before starting it. But those sounds never came. Every mosque was



destroyed. There were people who wanted to do the adhan, but they were afraid – afraid that the sound of their voices would bring air strikes, that it would make them targets. Instead of breaking our fast to the familiar sound of the muezzin on the loudspeakers of the nearby mosque, we broke it to the terrifying echoes of missiles and gunfire.

But last year, there was nowhere we could go to pray tarawih amid the genocide.

Even the Great Omari Mosque – one of Gaza’s most beautiful and historic mosques, where my father and brothers used to spend the final 10 nights of Ramadan, listening to the Quran recited in the most beautiful voices – was gone, bombed into ruins, shattered beyond recognition. The place that once echoed with prayers and peace was turned into dust and rubble.

This year’s Ramadan begins during a ceasefire. There are no air strikes shaking the earth as we break our fast. No explosions reverberating in the silence of Fajr. No fear of decorating our homes, of hanging colourful lights that might make us a target.

More than 48,000 people have been killed during the war. Entire families have been wiped from the civil registry and will not observe Ramadan this year. At so many iftar tables, there will be an empty seat: a father whose voice calling his children to the table will never be heard again, a son whose impatience to break his fast will never be seen again or a mother whose skilled hands will never prepare delicious food again.

The festive spirit is gone, but the core of Ramadan is here. This month is a chance to step away from distractions and concerns of ordinary life and reconnect with our faith. It is a time of forgiveness. It is a time to seek closeness to God and spiritual resilience.

Our mosques may have been destroyed, but our faith has not been broken. We will still be doing tarawih in half-destroyed homes and tents, whispering all our wishes in dua’a and seeking comfort in reciting the Quran, knowing that Allah will reward us for all the suffering we have endured.”

Part. 2. The Abellas and the Engaging Moments and Movements of 1988 (following)

The 1989 book, *The Domestic Battleground: Canada and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, contains a collection of stimulating essays, the last of which is called “Canada and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Discussion with Irving Abella and John Sigler.” The essay’s introduction summarizes that it “presents a discussion between the historian, Irving Abella, and the political scientist, John Sigler, about the broad contours of Canada’s diplomacy in the region, the power of domestic interest groups in the making of policy, and the initiatives that might be taken in the future:”

The discussion places the groups, institutions, and events described in the book into a broader context and suggests the degree to which continuity has triumphed over change in Canada’s Middle East policy. Abella stresses the strong moral commitment that Canada has had to Israel’s survival and argues that **this should remain a cornerstone of Canada’s approach to the region**. Sigler emphasizes the disenfranchisement of the Palestinians and the responsibility that he feels Canada has to help to resolve the resulting dilemma.

The “discussion” is a polite and rigorous sequential question and answer discourse by the two historians: Abella defending the State of Israel, and Sigler advocating the merits and rights of Palestinians. Both men were public figures followed in the Canadian press and media concerning Israel’s repression of Palestinians before, during, and following 1988. In the opening segment of the essay, two questions are asked of Irving Abella concerning “Canada’s interests in the Middle East” and their importance “in the larger scheme of Canadian foreign policy.” Abella states:

“The third interest Canada has in the Middle East - and one that is not nearly as important as the other two but should be - is a moral one. **Israel is a democracy**, the only one in the area. There are so few democratic nations in the world that we have a moral obligation to support those that exist, **especially one whose values - liberty, justice, equality - we share**. Obviously, this does not mean underwriting all the policies of that government, but it does mean total support if the survival of that democracy is in question.”

John Sigler takes his cues from Abella, and counters with the following:

“Irving raises the importance of moral considerations in Canada’s concern with the Middle East. ... His primary emphasis is on the moral obligation to support Israel as a democratic state, although he recognizes that does not mean support for policies of Israel which we regard as inconsistent with our values. **How a state treats its own minorities is a critical element in judging the effectiveness of its democratic practices, and here Israeli practices towards its own Arab minority as well as the Palestinian population in the occupied territories have aroused increasing concern among civil rights organizations in Israel and abroad.** ... The Canadian government, along with the international community generally, has certainly sharpened its criticism of Israeli policies, particularly on what is seen as the excessive use of force against a civilian population. ... Canada’s present position on the Palestinians is somewhat different from the American position, and that’s because we didn’t have to negotiate in 1975, as Mr. Kissinger did, a second withdrawal agreement from the Sinai, in which he put in a secret protocol that the United States would not negotiate with or recognize the PLO [Palestine Liberation Organization].”

Sigler, though wrong about Palestinians as a “minority,” points out the following:

“There have been visible differences within the Canadian Jewish community over Israeli policies toward the Palestinians. **The Canada-Israel Committee has long taken a position that it does not criticize Israeli policies, which is consistent with its position as an interest group.** But Israelis

themselves are deeply divided on the right policies to follow and that division is readily translated into the Jewish community in Canada. As in Israel, many in the Canadian Jewish community are wrestling with the agonizing question: **“Is the continuing suffering of the Palestinians to be the price of the existence of a Jewish state?”**”

There were two prominent political forces at work as to why the 1989 *Arab-Israeli Conflict* book of essays was published. The first and largest influence of course had to do with the ‘First Intifada’ (First ‘Awakening’) in Israel that painfully dragged on from December 1987 to September 1993, and the resulting international publicity and public backlash resulting from the Israeli military, police and settler brutality upon the Palestinians, the subject of ongoing, daily publicity in Canadian media chains. The abusive violence in Israel, amidst violence taking place across the planet, was disturbing the public masses, creating deep-felt anxieties and societal agitations, leading to the formation of advocacy groups, countless meetings and presentations, marches and demonstrations in the streets, and the pivoting and maneuvering of political figures and statements.

The second force had to do with a politically charged incident, what two prominent federal Canadian politicians stated before a jam-packed audience at a special conference held on March 10, 1988, hosted by the **Canada-Israel Committee** for its 13th annual meeting, where Israel’s United Nations ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu gave the main address. The statements by the two Members of Parliament who criticized the State of Israel, resulted in a sudden tidal wave of concerns and responses across Canada, not going unnoticed by the mandarins at the U. S. State Department. Their statements, summarized in the Toronto Star on March 9, 1988, *Palestinian clashes cast shadow over Canada-Israel gala*, were prompted by one or two recent reports presented to a special federal parliamentary committee.

“There has been an unprecedented rash of statements in the House of Commons critical of Israel from Conservative and New Democratic Party MPs. **One Tory MP [Joe Clark] has equated Israel’s actions with South Africa’s human rights violations against blacks. Two groups of Canadian politicians have come back from visits to the Middle East highly critical of Israeli policies in dealing with the Palestinian protests in the occupied territories. ... Both groups of Parliamentarians plan to make reports to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark on human rights violations on the West Bank and in Gaza. ... there has been a Liberal [Party] silence reflecting the deep divisions in the caucus, whose chairman Marcel Prud’homme is pro-Arab.** Four of his

Canadian MPs, senators horrified at conditions in Gaza refugee camp

February 16, 1988

By Michael Hanlon Toronto Star

JERUSALEM — Canadian MPs and senators who toured a refugee camp hospital on the Gaza Strip yesterday were horrified by what they saw.

“As a human being I was very disturbed,” said Robert Corbett (PC—Fundy-Royal), chairman of the Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Association that’s sponsoring the visit.

The four MPs and two senators visited the Jabaliya camp, the biggest in Gaza with 52,000 inhabitants, and spoke to youngsters who said they were victims of brutality at the hands of Israeli armed forces.

“Apparently there has been a systematic policy by the Israeli army to inflict the greatest amount of damage possible,” Corbett said.

Svend Robinson (NDP—Burna-

by) said he saw a 2-year-old girl, “covered in burns and skin grafts,” who’d been hurt when soldiers kicked over a pot of boiling water that scalded her.

“You have got an army that’s basically out of control,” Robinson said.

The Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Association, perhaps the most important lobby for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Canada, was formed in 1982 and claims membership of more than 60 MPs and senators from all three parties.

Seeing results

The Canadian group is to visit a camp in the Jerusalem area today. They will also meet members of the Israeli parliament and leaders of the Palestinian community, before going on to Egypt on Wednesday.



Shocked: MPs Robert Corbett, left, and Svend Robinson are on fact-finding Mideast tour.

Senator George van Roggen, chairman of a Senate foreign affairs committee that 2½ years ago issued a report on Canada’s relations with the Middle East and North Africa, said Palestinians are now seeing some results from their 10-week-old uprising.

“But the elders are at pains to say the solution is in negotiation

and not violence. It’s just that the youngsters, who see no future, have brought about world-wide attention.”

The violence has “brought some movement,” Corbett said. “It will eventually slow down — as long as the movement continues.”

If not, van Roggen interjected, the uprising will start again: “It will come in waves,” he said.

A 20-year-old he spoke to, who’d had his arm broken as he was leaving a mosque, said he had never thrown stones at anyone.

“But as soon as he comes out of hospital, he said he would be. That shows the commitment they have,” van Roggen said.

‘Almost there’

“There is a sense of happiness,” said Robert Pennock (PC—Etobicoke North). “They now have a cause.”

Both van Roggen, a Liberal sena-

colleagues are Jewish. ... Toronto MP Lynn McDonald presented a report, described as hard-hitting but fair, that generated what one participant called an “animated discussion.”

Vancouver MP Svend Robinson, who visited the Israeli-occupied West Bank with the Canada-Arab Parliamentary group, has said the Israeli army “basically is out of control.” He apparently took a strong line against Israel in the caucus meeting. In the Commons, the party’s foreign affairs critic, Bill Blaikie, a United Church minister from Winnipeg, has been tough on Israel. ... MP Howard McCurdy, of Windsor, has talked about the “bankruptcy” of Israel policy. Among the Tories, Bud Jardine of New Brunswick asked the Commons on January 20 to “express its rage and indignation” against **an Israeli blockage of food for Palestinian camps**. On February 26, he told the Commons, **“I plead for the government to show the same leadership against human rights violations in Palestine as it has shown and demonstrated in South Africa.”** ... Chairman Bill Winegard, respected Tory MP from Guelph, said ... “most Canadians are shocked by what they see on television.”

The Toronto Star article, published the day before the Canada-Israel Committee gala

meeting, stated that Middle East scholar and Carleton University professor John Sigler was a signatory to a February 1988 “national advertisement ... by the Canadian Coalition for Palestinian Human rights,” an ad that “lashed out at Israeli violence:”

“The Arab-Israeli issue has been redefined as one of human rights and that is the first time that has happened,” said John Sigler. ... Sigler noted the ad carried more labor union names that might have been expected a year ago, as well as Jewish names from such organizations as **Jews for a Just Peace** and **Canadian Jewish Outlook**.

On January 19, 1988, just over a month after the initiation of the First Intifada, the Toronto Star printed Irving Abella’s opinion article, *Why it’s not all Israel’s Fault*. Abella wrote,

“The Palestinians must also share the blame for their misfortunes. Forty years ago, they were offered a state alongside the newly created Jewish state and rejected it, opting instead to drive the Jews out. They failed. Twenty years later, in 1967 Israel offered to swap its newly captured territories for peace. Again, the Arabs refused, promising more war instead. Ten years ago, the Palestinians turned down the autonomy plan offered them in the Camp David Accords, a plan some observers argued would have ultimately led to sovereignty. And **I fear that the purpose of the present rioting is not so much to get the Jews out of Gaza and the West Bank as it is to get them out of Israel.**”

PM urged to denounce killings in Gaza Strip

By Angela Murphy Toronto Star

An angry gathering, including many children, marched through downtown Toronto yesterday to call for an end to the continuing killing of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The 250 marchers hoped to persuade the Canadian government to take a more active role in pressuring Israel to stop the carnage, said spokesman for the group, Naji Farah in an interview when he recounted the events at the march.

He renewed the group’s call for Brian Mulroney to retract his statement of last month commending the Israeli government for showing restraint against Palestinian rioters.

“Our Prime Minister should come out now clearly and say, look, apparently Israel is not showing any restraint, the killing is continuing . . . We want him to voice the Canadian opinion that what is being done is contrary to international law and should be stopped.”

This was the second march organized by the Canadian Coalition for Palestinian Human Rights since Christmas, when the violence erupted in Gaza. And, according to Farah, “As the brutal treatment continues, so will the protestations.”

So far 36 Palestinians have been killed in Israel’s crackdown on civil disobedience in its occupied territory.

The marchers started out at Queen’s Park where they heard a variety of speakers plead for peace in the region, including United Church minister, Rev. Clifford Elliott, who has just returned from a visit to Gaza and Toronto lawyer, Yossi Swartz.

A member of the African National Congress, the outlawed party seeking equality for blacks in South Africa, also spoke. Anzer Domingo compared treatment of the Palestinians to the oppression of blacks in his own country.

The Liberal Party did not escape criticism at the rally. A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, Abdullah Abdullah criticized a position paper by the Liberal’s critic on human rights and international aid, Roland de Corneille. He said the paper blamed the Arabs for the 20-year occupation of Gaza and the lack of progress in peace negotiations.

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Gaza refugees out of food: U.N. worker

Toronto Star January 17, 1988

GAZA (Reuter) — United Nations relief workers were planning to leave trucks of emergency food for children and nursing mothers outside the gates of closed Palestinian refugee camps in Israel's occupied Gaza Strip this morning.

"The situation in some camps is critical," said Angela Williams, acting director of field operations for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

"I do think the people are very hungry. They are asking us for assistance."

All eight camps in the Gaza Strip, with about 240,000 refugees out of a total population of 650,000, are now under a full curfew.

The longest has been in effect in the settlement of Khan Yunis, which has been sealed off for 11 days, with no food supplies allowed to enter.

Williams said yesterday the trucks were to arrive at the camps at 7:30 a.m. this morning with food for children aged three to 12, pregnant women and for nursing mothers.

Williams said an agreement, by which the army told the agency when the curfew would be lifted each day, had recently broken down.

"The vans will stand there until the army lifts the curfew for people to come and get their rations," Williams said. If the army lets the vans drive in, they will unload at the usual distribution centres, she said.

Visit cut short

Earlier yesterday, U.N. Undersecretary-General Marrack Gouding, investigating five weeks of unrest which has left 38 Palestinians dead, cut short a visit to the Balata refugee camp near Nablus on the West Bank after troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets near his party.

U.N. spokesman William Lee said Gouding decided to leave after an Israeli army patrol on a nearby street fired the gas and rubber bullets, apparently at youths who had thrown stones.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, a Roman Catholic priest said he was beaten with wooden clubs and rifle butts by troops on who had asked him to show his identity papers.

Faisal Hijazeen said he was standing in front of his church when a patrol stopped and asked for his I.D.

"I told them I was a priest and had a Vatican passport but not an Israeli I.D. They asked me to stand against the wall and raise my hands so they could search me. And all of the sudden they started to beat me."

The army and police said they knew nothing of the incident but were checking.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has written to P.L.O. chief Yasser Arafat condemning Israeli actions in the occupied territories and expressing support for Palestinians there, the Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday.

The International Committee of the Red Cross sought Israeli acceptance yesterday for the return of four expelled Palestinians.



Showing support: Palestinian supporters, wearing traditional headress, rally around a picture of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat at Queen's Park. About 250

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The 250 marchers hoped to persuade the Canadian government to take a more active role in pressuring Israel to stop the carnage, said spokesman for the group, Naji Farah in an interview when he re-announced the events at the march.

He renewed the group's call for Brian Mulroney to retract his statement of last month commending the Israeli government for showing restraint against Palestinian rioters.

"Our prime Minister should come out now clearly and say, look, apparently Israel is not showing any restraint, the killing is continuing. . . We want him to voice the Canadian opinion that what is being done is contrary to international law and should be stopped."

The marchers started out at Queen's Park where they heard a variety of speakers plead for peace in the region, including United Church minister, Rev. Clifford Elliott, who has just returned from a visit to Gaza and Toronto lawyer, Yossi Swartz.

A member of the African National Congress, the outlawed party seeking equality for blacks in South Africa, also spoke. Anzer Domingo compared treatment of the Palestinians to the oppression of blacks in his own country.

The Liberal Party did not escape criticism at the rally. A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, Abdullah Abdullah criticized a position paper by the Liberal's critic on human rights and international aid, Roland de Corneille. He said the paper blamed the Arabs for the 28-year occupation of Gaza and the lack of progress in peace negotiations.

people marched through Toronto yesterday to protest killing of rioters in the Gaza strip. So far 36 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's crackdown on civil disobedience.

The Canadian Palestinian Organizations Coalition



Herzog says Israel shows humanity in dealing with Palestinian uprising

NIAGARA FALLS REVIEW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1989

OTTAWA (CP) — Israel has shown maturity and humanity in handling the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, Israeli President Chaim Herzog told Parliament on Tuesday.

In a speech to the Senate and the Commons, he called on Canadians to understand Israel's special circumstances in the Middle East. He stressed that his country wants peace with its neighbors, including Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney urged Israel to show moderation and restraint toward Palestinians in the territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

And External Affairs Minister Joe Clark later told the Commons that during a private lunch with Herzog, he and the prime minister raised the matter of the detention of Palestinians and Palestinians' right to protection under the Geneva Convention.

Herzog, the first Israeli head of state to visit Canada, spoke to Parliament as a small group of pro-Palestinian demonstrators on Parliament Hill protested his visit.

The president accused the Palestine Liberation Organization of double-talk in its peace initiatives and its leader, Yasser Arafat, of intimidating Palestinians who want peace with Israel.

SOLID ISLAND
He pointed to the recent eight-year Iran-Iraq war, the killing of demonstrators in Syria and Algeria and the slaughter in Beirut to illustrate Israel's position as a "solid island of stability, loyalty and friendship to the West" in the region.

Already 25,000 refugees from Beirut have crowded into Israel seeking security, he told MPs and Senators.

"My friends, all of this is going on at the moment and has aroused little reaction in the civilized world.

"In the cruel, distorted, prejudiced coverage by the media of events in the Middle East, the slaughter in Beirut does not warrant the coverage given to children throwing stones in some West Bank villages."

In his remarks introducing Herzog, Mulroney said Israel is "a tribute to the deep spiritual beliefs and the unflinching personal courage of a remarkable people." But he said forbearance and restraint — even in the face of intense provocation — are the hallmarks of a strong and confident nation.

HUMAN TRAGEDY
"The death of a child — Israeli or Palestinian — is an overwhelming human tragedy," Mulroney told the Commons.

"Canadians who understand and sympathize with Israel urge nonetheless moderation and reasonableness in the belief that ultimately such a policy will bring about an equally responsible attitude on the other side."

Mulroney said Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied territories could help break the cycle of violence and lead to a just and durable peace.

MPs and Senators gave Herzog standing ovations before and after his speech. The only exception was Montreal Liberal MP Marcel Prud'homme, a longtime supporter of Palestinian rights.

Later, James Graff of the Canadian Coalition for Palestinian Human Rights said Herzog's portrait of Israel as a stabilizing factor in the Middle East distorts reality.

"The realities are that the Israelis were heavily involved in supplying Iran to keep the Iran-Iraq war going," the University of Toronto professor said.

Israel invaded Lebanon and exacerbated the existing civil war. Civil war in Lebanon was part of their game plan for years in an effort to cantonize Lebanon."

"He neglected to mention that



PRESIDENT Herzog of Israel addresses a joint session of the House of Commons and Senate in Ottawa Tuesday. (CP)

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Why it's not all Israel's fault

Toronto Star, January 19, 1988

By Irving Abella

Who cannot be pained by the events in Gaza over the past six weeks? This has been the most trying period in the 20-year history of Israeli occupation of land she inherited in her successful defence of herself during the Six Day War.

The riots in Gaza have been a photo-montager's delight. Six consecutive weeks of front page stories accompanied by the mandatory picture of an Israeli soldier and a stone-throwing Arab teenager or a grieving mother. It has also been an insurrection made for television — terrifying action footage piped nightly into our homes, complete with readily identifiable heroes and villains, heavily armed Israeli troops versus crowds of women and children — coverage made more compelling since the Israelis have allowed the media almost total and immediate access to the battle zones.

No one can doubt that the Palestinians in Gaza have real grievances. Six hundred thousand of them crammed — stateless and isolated — in squalid slums, on a sandbar only 5 miles wide and 30 miles long. Certainly



weeks, that many die each hour of the Gulf War or each day in Afghanistan. Many times that

in the Camp David Accords, a plan some observers argued would have ultimately led to

allowing the PLO has in Gaza. The one story the media has failed to cover — so long have they been

Some Canadian Jewish academics raised the thorny issue of anti-Semitism. Irving Abella and Irwin Cotler, both former chairmen of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, were amongst those doing so. Cotler's ongoing pronouncements of anti-Semitism blaming would later reach a culmination point in 2006 when the National Post published a full-page article on September 12, written by Cotler, *The Disgrace of Durban – Five Years Later*. Following speaking engagements in 1988, Irving Abella, at a conference on

world anti-Semitism held at McGill University on February 19, 1989, said: "recent events in the Middle East have prompted a rise in overt Canadian anti-Semitism by providing socially acceptable opportunities for people with latent anti-Semitic bias to express it. He said Jews need to "scream out" when anti-Semitic ideas are expressed. "We have a vocal Jewish community and a wealthy Jewish community. We have people with connections. And we should use them." The February 20, 1989, Montreal Gazette news article also quoted Yehuda Bauer, "who heads a centre for the study of anti-Semitism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. ... said he thinks the Israeli government occasionally has misused the memory of the Second World War slaughter of the Jews for its own political purposes."

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Israelis are not above criticism

Excerpts from a speech by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to the Canada-Israel Committee, March 10, 1988.

Human-rights violations such as we have witnessed in the West Bank and Gaza, are unacceptable, and in many cases are illegal under international law.

The use of live ammunition to restore civilian order; the withholding of food supplies to control and penalize civilian populations, and the use of beatings to pre-empt further demonstrations have all been witnessed.

UN officials and Red Cross observers, to say nothing of the media, report that these actions are deliberate instruments of the "iron-fist" policy designed to re-establish control by force and by fear. These actions appear part of a logic of containment pre-dating recent disturbances.

Such acts, no matter the historical context or provocation, are shocking to Canadians and to many Israelis.

There have been suggestions that events reported by the media were "myths" based on a few instances of a breakdown in discipline. Certainly the lack of adequate training for maintaining civil order and the youthfulness of some of the Israeli troops have combined to worsen the situation. But we have to face some inescapable facts.

I am not unsympathetic to the views of the friends of Israel, who regard media reports of recent events as unfair "snapshots" of a complex issue, the history of which is easily overlooked in these times of turmoil. Yet the painful incidents are vividly before us every evening on television. Unhappily, they are not fabrications to be addressed through greater media control.

The government of Canada is mindful of the plight of Israel; of its legitimate security needs; of its fears engendered by the hostility and past aggression of its neighbors; of the conundrum it faces in the occupied territories; of the legacy of hatred and mistrust that must be addressed to achieve reconciliation and peace with the



Joe Clark
... offers advice

territories.

A blunt truth that has emerged starkly from recent events is that Israel's chief adversary and challenge is the Palestinians — not her Arab neighbors. The implications for the peace process are fundamental.

My discussions with the leaders of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt leave no doubt that they want a lasting peace, and are willing to lend their assistance in negotiations. They too, however, have taken note of recent developments in the occupied territories and may be expected to be increasingly reticent in coming to an agreement unless it is acceptable to the Palestinian people and its leadership.

In focusing on recent Israeli actions, I do not mean to suggest that blame is to be found only on one side.

Palestinian leadership in the past has failed to seize opportunities, to take the necessary risks required to bring peace. As in Israel, Palestinian leaders have to overcome deep division within their ranks and exhibit wisdom, moderation and vision if peace with justice for its people is to be achieved.

Israelis and Palestinians seek security and

freedom to live in their own distinctive political and social systems.

We are also, however, at one in our commitment to a single human-rights policy which reflects the basic values of Canadian society, and whose principles we seek to apply universally.

We call on Israel's political leaders to show vision, compassion and the strength to make the decisions required to ensure that Palestinians are treated more humanely, that human rights are respected in the

freedom to live in their own distinctive political and social systems.

Progress in that direction could be made if the Palestinian leadership took the bold step of formally announcing its acceptance of the independence and territorial integrity of Israel in return for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied since 1967. Steps by the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept unequivocally United Nations' security resolutions 242 and 338 could have a dramatic impact on Israeli public opinion, altering the whole equation of the peace process. Of similar significance would be the unambiguous acceptance of these resolutions on the part of Israel — an acceptance confused by Likud's intransigence on the very principle of territorial compromise.

The uprising in the territories has been a watershed. A generation bred under occupation has declared its determination to resist. One fears that physically crushing it could have even more tragic results than the persistence of unrest. There is no turning back. A policy of indefinite control over the land, without an acknowledgement of the rights of its inhabitants, has failed. For the Palestinians, tolerable living conditions can never compensate for the absence of dignity and the freedom to order one's affairs according to one's own values.

Canada is firmly of the view that peace hinges on territorial compromise. Resolution 242, which expresses the principle of the exchange of land for peace, offers the best hope of breaking the vicious cycle of violence and of achieving a resolution. The leadership of Israel knows this is our position, and that it represents the honest assessment of a friend. Palestinian leaders likewise know where Canada stands.

Events in the West Bank and Gaza have demonstrated that intransigence offers, at best, a costly illusion of security. It promises a future of strife and, ultimately, a crisis of identity for Israel.

Israel's friends can't remain silent

Israel no longer carries with it a general dispensation from criticism or questioning because of what was done to the Jewish people in Europe by the Nazis during and before the Second World War

March 15, 1988

By JONATHAN MANTHORPE
Southam News

OTTAWA — What Joe Clark did last week was to make it possible for moderate-Canadian opinion to discuss the policies of the government of Israel without aligning itself to the monsters of the Nazi death camps. It was a courageous speech the external affairs minister gave to the annual meeting of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Clark said the recent actions of the Israeli military in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank "are totally unacceptable, and in many cases illegal under international law."

He listed the use of live ammunition and tear gas to restore civilian order, the withholding of food supplies, and the purposeful maiming of youngsters as the unacceptable face of Israeli occupation.

The clear note of exasperation with the Israeli government came most dramatically from Clark who, in 1979, suggested moving the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to the technically "occupied" city of Jerusalem in a gesture of solidarity with the Israeli people.

Thursday's speech was cleared by and, indeed, added to, by the Prime Minister's office. This was no speech of lone adventurism by Clark, especially as only three months ago Brian Mulroney described the Israeli response to the Palestinian demonstrations as "restrained."

The events in the occupied territories seem to have generated a mood of perplexed unhappiness among many Canadian Jews — most likely the overwhelming majority — who actively support Israel. Such clear and persistent abuse of human rights is not meant to be within the political lexicon of a people who have been the victims of some of the most foul acts of brutality in this century.

A few have chosen to dispute events. Some of Clark's audience at the meeting of the CIC,

an organization comprising many of the most important Canadian Jewish associations, found the speech intolerable. Some booed him and some walked out.

A double defence was woven by the highly articulate and charismatic Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Benjamin Netanyahu, when he addressed the annual meeting.

The demonstrations in Gaza and the West Bank are an orchestrated new strategy in the Palestinians' old war, and purposefully played for the television cameras, he said. "What you see is an attempt to get kids into the streets and to try to get these kids killed."

There may well be truth in this. Martyrs are always an unassailable justification for a cause.

And it would not be the first time there has been an unspoken conspiracy between demonstrators and the television cameras. It has happened in Poland, in South Africa and in Northern Ireland.

Yet all that cannot erase the deeper reality on which Clark put his finger. Israel no longer carries with it a general dispensation from criticism or questioning because of what was done to the Jewish people in Europe by the Nazis during and before the Second World War.

While Israel has a clear right to defend itself, some of the government's actions in the past few years have been troubling many of Israel's friends and allies. The 1982 invasion of Lebanon not only loosed a turmoil which continues to grow in intensity, but spoke of a broader policy to destabilize her neighbors.

The refusal of the Israeli government to begin direct peace negotiations with the Palestinians, as proposed by United States Secretary of State George Shultz, portrays an intransigence with which Israel's allies are beginning to lose patience.

Sadly, not all Jewish leaders appreciate that



External Affairs Minister Joe Clark
... he gave a courageous speech

Clark's speech is symptomatic of a growing sense of realism among Israel's friends.

A weekend edition of the *Ottawa Citizen* quoted a letter to Mulroney from Stephen Victor, president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

The newspaper quotes Victor as saying Clark's remarks "inflame the passions of hatred" in Canada and are part of a "rising tide" of anti-Semitism fuelled by the Palestine Liberation Organization and those who deny the Holocaust.

The message of Clark's speech was just the opposite. The policies of the Israeli government are so important that its friends can no longer remain silent out of concern that they may be seen as taking common cause with a tiny group on the fanatic fringe of politics.

A more visible, growing split among Canadian and American Jewish citizens seriously emerged in 1988 concerning the actions and policies of the colonial and occupier Israeli State.

Israel may be 'losing its soul' over policy on Arabs, rabbi says

By Nomi Morris Toronto Star

Hundreds of people crowded into Beth Shalom Synagogue last night to hear a prominent Metro rabbi and two Jewish professors speak out against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip.

Dov Marmor, senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, warned that Israel must end its 20-year-old domination of Palestinian Arabs or risk a "trampling of Jewish values."

"Israel is in danger of losing its soul, while preserving its body," Marmor told about 450 people at the gathering sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

Peace Now is a broad-based Israeli movement which recently held an 80,000-strong demonstration in Tel Aviv against the Israeli army's handling of rioters in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Marmor and other speakers criticized mainstream Jewish organizations for failing to condemn the Israeli occupation.

'Only platform'

"I regret that this may be the only platform in the community — other than my pulpit — where I can express my agony and my concern," said Marmor.

Michael Marrus, who chaired the meeting, criticized the Canadian Jewish Congress and major Canadian Jewish organizations for deflecting the issue by focusing on the media coverage of the recent unrest.

"This is not an Israel-bashing meeting, nor a media-bashing meeting. There are major problems between Israel and the Palestinians that have to be solved. Ours is an authentic Jewish voice that should be heard along with other Jewish voices," he said.

Peace Now president Mel Shipman said that in the last two weeks 200 people in Metro alone have joined the group. A total of 1,000 belong to branches in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Another may start in Winnipeg.

The 60-member Jews for a Just Peace was formed recently in Metro as a response against current Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza.

Yosef Lapid, a professor of international relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said the recent uprising foreshadows the end of the 20-year "status quo" for strategic reasons.

"We have neither the material, military nor moral capabilities to administer one-and-a-half million hostile, hateful, nationalistically mobilized Palestinian Arabs," he said.

Lapid, a visiting professor at Carleton University in Ottawa, said that if Israel does not withdraw voluntarily, "it will be imposed upon us."

University of Toronto sociologist Robert Brym argued that Israel has stayed in the occupied territories for economic reasons.

He said the 120,000 migrant Arab workers who travel from the West Bank and Gaza to Israel each day subsidize Jewish welfare programs "to the tune of \$200,000 U.S. a day," provide a cheap labor force, and a market for Israeli goods.

February 4, 1988

American Jews' silence rapped by Israeli writers

The Associated Press February 22, 1988

NEW YORK — Four prominent Israeli writers sharply criticized American Jews for failing to speak out against Israeli policies in the occupied Palestinian territories. They said their silence amounts to support for the "wrong side."

among his books *The Lover*. Oz is a writer of fiction and essays whose books include *Here and There in the Land of Israel*.

Amichai is a poet and Elon is a journalist who has written books on Israel.

Several prominent American Jews, including movie director Woody Allen and Rabbi Alexander Schindler, leader of Jewish Reform congregations, in the past few weeks have condemned army policies in the occupied territories.

But other American Jewish leaders have reiterated the traditional position of non-interference in Israel's security concerns.

Yehoshua said such a position is no longer valid.

"Israelis are split into two camps," he said. "There is a combat between two ideologies. American Jews have to speak out. They can't be indifferent to what is happening."

In their letter, the writers sharply criticized Israel's policies during 20 years of occupation and the crackdown on Palestinian protests that began Dec. 8.

In a letter published Sunday in the *New York Times*, the Israelis urged Jews in the United States to condemn the army crackdown on Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"By their very silence, they (American Jews) are massively intervening in Israeli politics and silently but effectively supporting one side, the tragically wrong side," A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, Amos Elon and Yehuda Amichai wrote. "We implore them to speak up."

Yehoshua told The Associated Press he hopes involvement of American Jews would increase pressure on Washington to seek a speedy settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Yehoshua is a writer of fiction,

Israelis 'need' criticism

WASHINGTON — This month a distinguished group of American doctors went to Israel to investigate the recent official government policy of "beatings" to cow Palestinians.

"There is a systematic pattern of limb injury that is clearly organized to cause fractures that will not result in mortality," Dr. Jennifer Leaning of the Harvard Medical School reported of the hundreds of cases of broken bones they found among Palestinians of all ages. But there was perhaps something even worse than the broken bones.

Of the Israeli soldiers sent out to beat Arabs with clubs, rifles and two-by-fours, she said: "They definitely do not appear to be out of control. That is one of the darker things we saw. These are not aberrations. The pattern is controlled, a systematic pattern over a wide geographical area. It's as if they've been instructed."

February 17, 1988

Of the patients, she said that they "looked like they had been mauled, as if they had been put through a washing machine wringer. They would have had to hold them down and just keep beating them."

One is almost incredulous, watching these sinister developments in a redeemed country born in idealism and in the original Zionist idea of the Jewish people as, finally in history, a "normalized people." It is all too grotesque, too vulgar, too surreal. Jews, whom the world has seen for centuries leading the fight for justice and civil rights and against torture and wanton killing, now not only allow terrible beatings but carry them out as approved state policy and dare the world to criticize it!

What has gone so terribly, frightfully wrong? When did the dream turn to nightmare? I return to my original story of 1969, when there was still time to correct the origins of the disaster we see today.

It is true that American politicians remain so craven on anything to do with Israel that Israelis are right to see they are men easy to buy off. (Where have all our presidential candidates been in speaking out on the grotesque situation now in Israel, for instance?)



It is true and even understandable that official Israel, if not its many still liberal and idealistic citizens, obviously despises a country like the United States that it can manipulate so easily.

But if there is one place where one can trace what Israel has come to today, it is in the lack of any limits put on its demands or behavior by Americans in general and by the American Jewish community in particular.

Those civilizing limits, imprecise and amorphously enforceable as they are, are what sluggishly but surely keeps the world moving toward a higher culture. Conscionable Israelis will come in time to curse us for not stopping them from this suicidal course.

Israeli army arrests two soldiers after 4 Palestinians buried alive

Doctors accuse Israelis of unleashing 'epidemic of violence'

February 12, 1988

Gazette News Services

JERUSALEM — A team of U.S. medical experts yesterday accused Israel of unleashing "an unrestrained epidemic of violence by the army and police" in suppressing the two-month wave of Palestinian unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The four doctors, members of the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights, described medical conditions in hospitals and clinics during the violence as "appalling". They said many patients may suffer per-

manent injury for lack of proper care. The physicians, from Harvard Medical School and City University of New York, said they estimated several thousand Arabs have suffered bone fractures since early December.

They said X-rays indicate many of the injuries have been inflicted in a systematic fashion contradicting the government's claim that soldiers beat alleged rioters only when resisting arrest.

In the report on beatings, Dr. Jack Geiger, of the City University of New York, said: "We collected medical evidence of an

uncontrolled epidemic of violence by the army... on a scale and severity that might not be clear to the public.

"If this were a war, (much) of what we have seen would be regarded as atrocities," he said.

An army spokesman said the doctors' report was "simplistic" and denied the military has a policy of beatings to punish Palestinians.

"The policy is to use force to disperse a violent demonstration," he said.

"The word 'beatings' simply doesn't convey the medical magnitude of what's been

happening," said Geiger.

At Gaza City's Shifa Hospital on Wednesday the doctors toured wards filled with dozens of Arabs with beating injuries and gunshot wounds.

A Palestinian doctor showed the group a wooden truncheon reinforced with metal bands that was cracked in half. He said Israeli soldiers broke it while beating a 75-year-old Arab man.

The doctors examined Youssef Hamad, 40, of Gaza City, whose arms and legs were in casts. Hamad said he was beaten by 10 soldiers.

Dr. Jennifer Leaning of Harvard University showed an X-ray of an Arab's broken hand and said the fracture occurred as the victim warded off blows.

"Fractures like these don't occur when your hands are in a fist and you're defending yourself," she said.

In another case, a 59-year-old Palestinian man from Gaza City suffered brain damage and is barely able to speak as the result of a head injury, Leaning said.

AP, Washington Post

• Arafat offers peace plan. Page A-5

The Jewish Star, January 15 - 28, 1988



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DEMONSTRATORS OBJECT TO ARMY ACTIONS — More than 1,000 Peace Now demonstrators gathered outside the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem late last month to protest the IDF's handling of the disturbances in the territories.

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In answer to daily violence reported within the apartheid regime of Israel, where, at the time, international journalists, human rights advocates and foreign dignitaries were permitted to freely access and roam, in sharp contrast to later restrictions during Israeli military operations, Canadian Jewish citizens formed **Jews for a Just Peace** on February 1, 1988.

More Jews feel they can be critical of Israel

Toronto Star, May 31, 1988

By Libby Scheier

When I lived in Israel for a year, I heard many versions of a popular joke. **Question:** What have you got when you have two Israelis in a room? **Answer:** Three political parties.

That was in 1974-75 and I was struck by the multitude of political views and tendencies competing with each other in Israeli society and, in more organized form, in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.

But you would never have known it out in the diaspora, that is, the Jewish communities outside Israel, where the pressures toward uniformity of viewpoint on Israel have been enormous. Historically, this uniformity has meant public allegiance to the Israeli government in power.

A movement called Peace Now began in Israel in 1978. My Israeli-born husband and I were visiting his parents in Israel, and we went to a peace demonstration in Tel Aviv attended by over 50,000 people, mainly Jews. In a country with a Jewish population of 3 million, it was not a minor demonstration. But there was almost no coverage of this demonstration in the world news media.

From 1978 to 1982 (the year Israel invaded Lebanon), the Peace Now movement grew. Peace Now did not have a clear program, but its stance was dovish and left-of-centre. It advocated negotiations with the Palestinians and compromise over disputed lands.

But it was still little known outside Israel, and diaspora Jews who spoke up as supporters of Peace Now or otherwise publicly criticized Israeli government policy



Canadian Jews protested outside the Israel consulate in April.

were often ostracized by the mainstream Jewish communities in the West, and were sometimes labelled traitors.

Thus, the Jewish tradition of dissent, alive and well in Israel itself, was suppressed in the diaspora.

The West Bank uprising by Palestinian Arabs that began last December has created a stir in the diaspora as never before, leading many Jews to feel that to love Israel and the Israeli people, and to help Israeli Jews have a future, requires a critical stance, not one of silence.

Very recently, signs of dissent have begun to appear in mainstream sectors of the Canadian

Jewish community and other long-time supporters of Israel in Canada.

One sign of this trend was the formation last January of the Jews for a Just Peace by Toronto Jews and Israelis, opposed to the 20-year-old Israeli occupation of the West Bank and appalled by the iron fist response of the Israeli government to the West Bank uprising. The group issued a challenge to the mainstream Jewish community in Canada to come to the support of the peace camp in Israel.

Jews for a Just Peace announced that it affirmed the right of Israel to live in peace and security

within pre-1967 Israel borders, but that it also supported the right of the Palestinian people to their own independent state alongside Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; it pointed out that there was no such thing as a benign military occupation.

Jews for a Just Peace put forward a program, in concert with that supported by the United Nations:

□ An international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

□ Recognition of the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

□ Recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in the occupied territories.

□ An end to all illegal actions of the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories.

□ Withdrawal of Israeli military forces from the occupied territories.

The political situation in Israel is becoming increasingly polarized between a left and right. Elements of the latter have begun to openly advocate the policy of mass population transfer (so-called) of the Palestinians, a policy that moderating forces in Israel feel chillingly echoes the actions of fascist movements. The word fascism makes all Jews' hair stand on end, and those Jews who use it in this context do so advisedly. But that is how bad the situation is getting.

While the illusion persists among many Jews that Israel will only find peace through an iron-fisted strength, the iron fist has thus far accomplished something the Arabs had not managed to do on their own. It has united Arab opposition to Israel. PLO leader Yasser Arafat has been to Syria to talk reconciliation with his old enemies; and, most frightening of all to the Israeli government, unrest has been noticed among Arabs living within pre-1967 Israel. It is only by approaching the Palestinians directly with realistic and concrete peace proposals that Israel has a chance to begin building a secure future. The current policy leads toward escalating confrontation, Israeli isolation and tragedy all around.

□ Libby Scheier is a member of Jews for a Just Peace.

The Calgary-based Jewish Star newspaper also criticized the Canada-Israel Committee ("The CIC Fails Again," March 1, 1988). It said that the CIC, which was "established in 1967 as a lobby group for Israel in this country," representing "(from a structural viewpoint) B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Canadian Zionist Federation," was misleading Canadian Jewry by spreading rumours without contextual information.

Many Jews disturbed by current Israeli policy

(editor of the Saskatoon publication, Crosscurrents)

By Bob Fink

If Israel had been founded on its own planet, then all its citizens would live in peace, all would have the right to vote for the national leaders, all would be Jewish and it would be a democratic paradise.

But Israel was not founded in a vacuum. It has to live in the world with others, even others within Israel. Being a "religious state" of necessity it follows that not all residents can vote or have the right to determine the laws under which they live; not all can have equal rights under existing state law; not all can be beneficiaries of Israeli economic growth.

In other words, a form of religious, economic and social "apartheid" must necessarily be practised and defended — with whole peoples being governed by military occupation and force — that is, as long as Israel remains a state founded upon solely Jewish religious principles.

On the other hand, if the beatings and shootings are wrong, then we are faced with a major question: Here is a nation of people whose heritage presumably is in deep opposition to genocide — against arbitrary cruelty, racism, bigotry, violation of rights, unrelenting persecution, cold black-hearted summary "justice" and obscene ghetto-enforced poverty.

How and why could this same people's leaders commit such an error as we see in the ongoing occupation of the concentration camps of the Palestinians?

Many Jewish leaders say that criticism from Jews like myself represent a tiny minority of western Jews. I don't know how they measure or know that, or make such an arrogant claim. I believe many Jews, especially those not part of the general right-wing "official" Jewish groups, look at the news night after night and, when they see what is done in the name of Judaism, in their hearts they want to puke.

But many hold their silence — as I have done for some time — because it is very hard to face the ostracization and aloneness that can come to them when they publicly criticize Israeli policies or Zionism. Few members of minorities can afford to lose the support of their peers when they may need that facing an often-bigoted world — so they "support" their leaders' statements. I remember the last time I criticized Israel in Lebanon. The ensuing vitriolic personal attacks — even to denying my Jewishness — were painful and forced me to hesitate many nights this time.

But the cause of Jewish heritage, culture and future is no longer aided by the violent militaristic-only policies of the sick leaders of modern Israel. They have replaced forgiveness and restraint with "they must be punished;" replaced understanding with "law and order;" censorship, rigidity and vengeance; replaced talk, dialogue and the spirit of giving with military retaliation, escalation and the force of weapons. It's all so sad.

Star Phoenix
February 17, 1988

DREYFUSS BOOED:

Richard Dreyfuss was in "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" but he



never expected to be booed and hissed in Beverly Hills like he was Sunday. Dreyfuss joined feminist Betty Friedan and others in speaking at a

Friends of Peace Now rally to protest the treatment of Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories. Right-wing hecklers were especially tough on Dreyfuss, who had to be escorted from the speaker's stand by police. He later said he was surprised by "the constancy and loudness of it all. I couldn't hear me."

Press Tribune
March 15, 1988

THERE IS ANOTHER ISRAEL!

There is an alternative to rifles, rocks, beatings, and firebombs. Now more than ever...the Peace Now movement can make a difference.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR OF ISRAEL FROM THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL CHAPTER OF FRIENDS OF PEACE NOW

Chapel Hill News
March 16, 1988

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Listen to Israeli writer Amos Oz as he speaks to defenders of the occupation:

Ask yourselves once more whether it is right and worthy, and worthwhile to tear this nation to pieces in the effort to extend its borders...Into what abyss is the path you have chosen leading us? What good will it do to retain "Greater Israel," when the soul of the nation is torn in two, when the chasm between us threatens to engulf all that has been built here with the blood and sweat of four generations.

Peace Now represents the other Israel. It is Israel's non-partisan movement for peaceful coexistence. Amos Oz supports it. So do tens of thousands of other Israelis.

For nearly ten years, Peace Now members have petitioned, educated, and marched. They have brought together Arab and Jewish youth. Thousands of them. Peacefully. They have sponsored dialogues with Palestinians who condemn terrorism and recognize mutual national rights. In recent months, they have demonstrated by the thousands in the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

The current Arab-Jewish violence makes Peace Now's mission even more urgent. Neither side is blameless. Arabs have missed many opportunities for peace. But the current conflict is an inevitable result of occupation. The military rule over 1.5 million Palestinians also brutalizes Israeli society. It corrupts democracy and Jewish values and threatens Israel's security with civil war.

The present tragedy -- for both peoples -- creates an opportunity for new and imaginative leadership. As American Jews committed to Israel's survival, Friends of Peace Now calls upon you and your government, as well as the Palestinian leadership to renounce violence. We urge that you begin the arduous process of reconciling Israeli security needs with Palestinian self determination.



Standard Freeholder
April 18, 1988

Ambassador quits

TEL AVIV (Reuter) — Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Benjamin Netanyahu, said yesterday he has resigned to enter politics. Netanyahu, Israel's chief UN representative for the last four years, is regarded as a candidate to succeed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as leader of the Likud bloc.

The Gazette, March 31, 1988

GROUP URGES PALESTINIAN STATE — Members of the group Jews for a Just Peace demonstrated in front of the Israeli consulate in Toronto yesterday and called for Israel to give Palestinians a state of their own. A group of Jews who gathered on the sidelines accused the protestors of selling out Israel.

In an earlier February 1, 1988, letter printed in the Ottawa Citizen, Peyton Lyon said Canada's "greatest factor" in its inability to "press Israel" was "almost certainly" due to: "the exceptional effectiveness of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), the lobby acting in the name of the 1.4 percent of the Canadian people whose ethnic origins are Jewish. The CIC is well financed, well informed, and thoroughly professional. Its supporters are largely concentrated in a handful of constituencies that, at least in the minds of the politicians, are likely to vote for the party that is most supportive of Israel." It was the CIC which had scheduled a large meeting and gala dinner some five weeks later.

With the national publicity of External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's criticism of Israel at the March 11, 1988, Canada-Israel Committee gala event, came journalistic scrutiny and repeated mention of the "Jewish lobby." Descriptives such as "influential," "powerful," "well-heeled," and "near omnipotence" appeared in newsprint about the lobby "umbrella organization" of the Canada-Israel Committee, composed of its trio body members, B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"Millions have witnessed the atrocities from their living rooms and can attest to the transformation of oppressed into oppressor. Canadians as a whole will not take kindly to a group that declines to censure violent oppression."²

The Canadian Israeli lobby manufactured March 11 as a crisis event – almost like a mini 9/11 moment – and went into propaganda management. **Canada has never since recovered:** resulting from the organized engagements of lobbying and narrative reframing that followed. The lobby built its trenches.

Michael Crelinsten, the executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec Region, responded to a letter printed in the April 18, 1988, edition of the National Post. Crelinsten's letter of May 30, 1988:

"Mr. [Richard] Stewart also claims that the Jewish lobby is

Palestinian clashes cast shadow over Canada-Israel gala

By Arch MacKenzie
Toronto Star March 9, 1988

OTTAWA — Israeli violence against Palestinians hangs over the annual showpiece of the Canada-Israel Committee which starts with a huge banquet tonight.

While all three party caucuses are sorely divided over the issue, there has been an unprecedented rash of statements in the House of Commons critical of Israel from Conservative and New Democratic Party MPs. One Tory MP has equated Israel's actions with South Africa's human rights violations against blacks.

Two groups of Canadian politicians have come back from visits to the Middle East highly critical of Israeli policies in dealing with the Palestinian protests in the occupied territories.

One is from the Canada-Arab Parliamentary Association, which has more than 60 MPs and senators. The other is the Commons permanent committee on external affairs.

Both groups of parliamentarians plan to make reports to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark on human rights violations on the West Bank and in Gaza.

For its 13th annual dinner, the Canada-Israel Committee has invited all MPs and senators to join the 1,000 guests expected. The committee is an influential force on behalf of the 344,000 Canadians with Jewish roots.

"We consider this the most important event on our calendar for the year," said committee spokesman Paul Michaels of Toronto.



Benjamin Netanyahu: Israeli ambassador to United Nations will be dinner speaker.

MP Howard McCurdy, of Windsor, has talked about the "bankruptcy" of Israeli policy.

Among the Tories, Bud Jardine of New Brunswick asked the Commons on Jan. 20 to "express its rage and indignation" against an Israeli blockage of food for Palestinian camps.

On Feb. 26, he told the Commons, "I plead for the government to show the same leadership against human rights violations in Palestine as it has shown and demonstrated in South Africa."

Clark is already on record as agreeing with Broadbent that an Israeli policy, in the earlier stages of the current unrest, of withholding food from Palestinians was "unacceptable."

Israel guilty of rights abuses, church council tells Ottawa

February 10, 1989

By Michael McAteer and Maureen Murray Toronto Star

Canada should speak out vigorously against the "comprehensive violations of basic human rights" by Israel, says a group formed by the Canadian Council of Churches.

In a brief presented to the external affairs department last month, the church council's Middle East Working Group condemned the Israeli military response to the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as "violent and vicious."

The brief, released Wednesday by the council, was submitted to external affairs before the start of the 45th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, in Geneva last week. The Canadian Council of Churches is made up of 16 Canadian churches, and includes all the mainstream denominations.

In its brief, the church group expressed concern at the "years of extensive human rights violations" that have followed Israeli occupation of the territories.

It said violations include the expropriation of land and the building of new settlements, the denial to residents of access to water, various economic restrictions, as well as collective punishments, inhumane prison conditions and deportations.

The church group said it recognizes the *intifadah* (the uprising in the territories) as "a legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation to free themselves from the yoke of oppression." It said the *intifadah* has been met by a "violent and vicious response by the Israeli military" that has resulted in more than 400 deaths and more than 50,000 injuries.

² *Israel lobbyists hit wrong target*, Vancouver Province, March 13, 1988.

“ever quick to claim racist overtones” to any criticism of Israel and yet it supports the systematic oppression and dispossession of the Palestinian people. Let me assure Mr. Stewart that our response to criticism of Israel has not been to claim racism but rather to, in a reasoned fashion, request of the government and the media that they simply present the events in the Middle East in a fair, balanced and contextual fashion.

I would also point out that neither the Jewish community of Canada, nor the U.S. nor anywhere else, much less the Jewish community of Israel, supports the systematic “oppression” of the Palestinians. **Rather, the Israelis have been forced, against their desire, into an occupation of the terrorists, and have encouraged for more than 20 years in what is a singularly enlightened occupation.”**

2/The Daily Tar Heel/Wednesday, January 13, 1987

Palestinians protest Israeli occupation

By **HELLE NIELSEN**
Staff Writer

The six-week uprising in Israel's occupied territories in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank shows a new determination among the Palestinians to rid the areas of Israeli military occupation, local Middle East experts said.

“A long-standing problem has reached maturity,” said Herbert Bodman, UNC professor of Islamic history, who spent time in the occupied territories in 1981. “The Palestinians are just tired of (the occupation). It is no longer a real sacrifice to give up lives.”

More than 30 Palestinians have been killed and several hundred wounded in the uprisings, which began last December. About 30 Israeli soldiers have been wounded in the clashes.

Israel occupied the Gaza Strip and the West Bank after the Arab-Israeli war in 1967. About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the territories, which are under Israeli military jurisdiction.

Palestinian Hatem Al Hussaini, an international studies professor at Shaw University in Raleigh, said uprisings are occurring as a new

generation that was born under occupation is growing up.

“They are obviously angry as a result of an occupation, where they have seen arrests of their parents, confiscations of their land and deportation of their relatives,” Al Hussaini said. “They want freedom and the right to rule themselves. They want peace and human rights.”

Local Palestinians, Jews and Middle Eastern scholars said bad socio-economic conditions in the occupied territories aggravate the problem.

“The Gaza Strip is a ghetto with no economic livelihood,” Bodman said. “People's patience has been exhausted.”

As there is very little industry in Gaza, most residents must go into Israel proper to work low-paying, menial jobs every day, Bodman said.

Although Palestinians living in the West Bank have developed an economy of their own, it is a restricted economy because Palestinians need Israeli permits for everything, Bodman said.

Jack Sasson, UNC professor of religion, said a distinction should be made between the West Bank and Gaza.

“In the West Bank it is a clash of different notions of history,” Sasson said.

The Jewish settlers see the land as their God-given right, while the Palestinians believe whoever lives on it has a right to it, Sasson said. They are struggling over control of the land, he said.

“Gaza is extremely poor,” Sasson said. “Nobody wants those territories — not Egypt, not Israel, not even the settlers — and there is a high level of despair. That despair has been responded to by powerful religious forces.”

In Gaza, many settlers have embraced fundamental Islam to find relief from the conditions.

Bodman said the use of the mosques as rallying points during the uprisings indicates an increased role of religion, but he saw this as a return to normal after two or three generations of secularism.

“The secularists have been discredited, because little has been accomplished while they were in charge,” Bodman said.

Hussaini said religion was not at the root of the uprisings.

“Everybody is joining the uprisings: conservatives, liberals or funda-

mentalists,” Hussaini said. “This is not an ideological struggle. It's an appeal for help.”

Hussaini and Bodman said the uprisings do not appear to be organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

“This is a genuine uprising by the population, though (the Palestinians) say the PLO is their representative,” Hussaini said.

Efforts to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must be increased to stop the violence, Bodman said.

Hussaini said the only solution is an end to Israel's military occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

Earl Siegel, a Chapel Hill member of Friends of Peace Now, called for an international peace conference about the Middle East sponsored by the five major members of the United Nations Security Council. Peace Now is the Israeli peace movement started in protest against the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The occupations corrupt the Israeli society, Siegel said. The role of indefinite occupier forces Israel to engage in what he termed unethical activities to keep the territories under control.

The repeated exposure of “the Jewish lobby” (later properly identified as ‘the Israeli lobby’) in Canadian print media hit a nerve. McGill University sociology professor Morton Weinfeld came to the rescue, reframing and countering the notion of a powerful Israel lobby as “myth,” with a **shameless corresponding opportunity to label External Affairs Minister and former Prime Minister Clark as a promoter of antisemitism**. Nine days before his own opinion article appeared in the National Post, Toronto Star newspaper contributor Val Sears primed Weinfeld's views into the print media arena, saying: “the idea that it [“the Jewish lobby in Canada”] is very powerful is a myth.”

“We do not control government policy [“says Bob Willmot, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee”]. The idea that the Canada-Israel Committee gets what it wants is nonsense.”

The Canada-Israel Committee will not make its budget public, but its staffers and its lobbyists are high-profile on Parliament Hill. “Lobbying is not a dirty word,” says sociologist Weinfeld. “It enhances our democratic system. There are no lobbies in a totalitarian state.” ... Together, the three organizations [“the Canadian Jewish Congress, with its headquarters in Montreal, and the Jewish

service organization B'nai Brith” and the Committee] constitute “the Jewish lobby,” a concept that has taken on an almost mythic quality in Canadian politics.”

[The lobby’s] principal tactic is regular one-on-one lobbying of MPs by two staffers, Simon Kahn and Shimon Vogel, and the sponsored trips to Israel for MPs. “We take about 14 MPs a year to Israel,” says Willmot. “We pay their fare and local food and lodging. The cost is about \$2,200 a trip each.”³

“Joe Clark’s public criticism of Israeli human rights violations on the West Bank and Gaza at a gathering of the Canada-Israel Committee, and the hostile reaction of his Jewish audience, has led some editorialists to raise the old bogey of dual loyalty and the myth of an omnipotent Jewish lobby. ... It is commonly acceptable to tar lobbies with the labels of “special interests” who are somehow actively distorting the political process, obscuring the national interest. Nonsense, Lobby organizations represent the interests of groups of citizens. ... lobbying activity *is* the political process in a democracy.

What is unprecedented is the widespread impression that in making those remarks Clark displayed special courage ... Such comments reek of antisemitism and represent the highbrow complement to the vulgar Jewish conspiracy theories peddled by hate mongers.”⁴

Weinfeld would later serve on the board of advisors with ISGAP, the **Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy**, alongside numerous board advisors such as **Irwin Cotler, Alan Dershowitz, Gil Troy, and Irving Abella**. In an April 18 letter of response to Weinfeld’s March 28 opinion article, Richard Stewart wrote: “The Jewish lobby is ever quick to claim antiracist overtones in any criticism of Israel, and yet it supports the systematic oppression and dispossession of the Palestinian people.”

Another editorial by Vale Sears in the Toronto Star went further, framing and equating the Jewish lobby as just another ordinary ethnic lobby, part of a “multicultural nation.”

“In a controversial study last year of attitudes held by external affairs officials towards the Middle East, Carleton University professor Peyton Lyon asked: “Who does make Canada’s Middle East policy?” The answer, from a small sample of respondents, gives the “Jewish Canadian community” top billing, behind the Prime Minister, the cabinet and the department itself.”⁵

“Why is Canada so bold when it comes to human rights in South Africa and the Soviet Union and so quiet, as a rule, about the rights of Palestinians?”

Peyton Lyon fired off a response letter in the Toronto Star, *Canada quiet on Palestinians’ rights*, posted on July 21, 1988:

“Val Sears now recognizes that the power of the Jewish lobby is more than “myth.” ... In both word and figures, I reported that the influence rating of the Jewish community was ahead of all other inputs, and by a considerable margin. ... [Sears] might have noted that the response came largely from a senior level, mostly ex-ambassadors and deputy ministers. ... **Most External officials believe that the lobby’s pressure has resulted in an unfortunate tilt toward Israel in our policies. Evidence for this is the fact that Canada is the only country, apart from Israel and the U.S., that refused to support Palestinian self-determination.** Its contacts with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, moreover, are kept at an insulting low level, lower than that of our European allies and the Vatican.

³ *Myths make Jewish lobby appear mightier than it is*, Toronto Star, March 19, 1988.

⁴ *The racist bogey of ‘dual loyalty,’* National Post, opinion by Morton Weinfeld, March 28, 1988.

⁵ *Powerful Jewish lobby a model for other groups*, July 4, 1988.

Why is Canada so bold when it comes to human rights in South Africa and the Soviet Union and so quiet, as a rule, about the rights of Palestinians? Despite Joe Clark's gutsy criticism of Israeli brutality, our diplomacy remains decidedly partial to Israel, a tribute to the lobby that acts for the 1.4 per cent of Canadians of Jewish background."

Doctor to protest dumping by CBC

Vancouver Sun, January 31, 1989

By KEVIN GRIFFIN
Sun Multiculturalism Reporter
A panelist invited on a CBC television program about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict then told not to appear because another panelist objected is filing a complaint with both the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and CBC over the incident.

Gabor Mate, a freelance journalist and supporter of Israeli negotiations with Palestinians on the occupied territories, said he was invited to appear for taping of the CBC program Forum. But three days later, on Jan. 23, was told the program would be getting another panelist.

Mate, who appeared in the audience and made a brief statement why he wasn't on the panel, said Monday the CBC caved in to pressure by dumping him.

"The CBC has the right to (invite) or not to invite anyone just as anyone has the right to accept or not to accept," he said.

"But to have the Canadian Broadcasting (Corporation) succumb to this kind of pressure indicates nei-



“(But) to have the Canadian Broadcasting (Corporation) succumb to this kind of pressure indicates neither principle, courage nor commitment to free speech.”

— Gabor Mate

ther principle, courage nor commitment to free speech.”

Eric Moncur, CBC regional director, said Monday: "I am not making any comment."

Wayne Skene, regional director of television programming for the network, said, "You are not my employer," and, "I don't have any comment," when reached.

Peace In The Middle East: The Impossible Dream? aired Saturday night at 9 p.m. It featured a panel of six: three spokesmen for Arab and Palestinian organizations and three Jewish spokesmen.

Mate, a member of Jews for a Just Peace and a family doctor, has written opinion pieces on a variety of issues that both The Vancouver Sun and Globe and Mail have published on their opinion pages.

Erwin Nest, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said when the show's producers first mentioned possible panelists, Gabor Mate's name was never mentioned.

Nest said he phoned the producers the day the program was to be taped to say that because one panelist, Rabbi Wilfred Solomon, had not been told beforehand that Mate was going to appear, Solomon would not

be a panelist.

"I think it is a complete right of our community to decide whether we want to participate or not. Spokesmen are not obliged to participate."

Nest said if there had been a Palestinian spokesman who did not support either the PLO or the creation of a Palestinian state, that would have provided the balance to Mate's views as a Jew who supports negotiations between Israel and Palestine.

Solomon, from Beth Israel Synagogue, said he was phoned by the show's producers and asked whether he would be willing to appear on a panel opposite Mate.

"My answer was that I felt rather let down because after having agreed to be on the panel, I was told he was going to be on" as a Jewish panelist critical of the Israeli government, he said.

Solomon said he would be willing to discuss the issue on a one-on-one basis with Mate. But he said Mate "has a very negative attitude to anything" that has to do with Israel and

sets himself up as a spokesman for an important part of the community rather than as a member of a "fringe kind of group."

"I don't think he should be silenced, but I don't think he should be elevated to a level on par with spokesmen from the Jewish community," he said.

Mate said he will be sending letters of complaint to both the CRTC and to CBC headquarters in Ottawa.

"I am making a formal complaint," he said.

Besides Solomon, other panelists included Michael Ashkenazi, from the University of Ben Gurion in Israel, and Werner Cohn, a former UBC sociology professor, who replaced another UBC theology professor supportive of Israel.

On the opposing side was Abdullah Abdullah, PLO spokesman in Canada, Hanna Kawas, from the Canada Palestine Association in Vancouver, and Emile Nukho, from the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee, who replaced Mate.

Vancouver Sun

By GABOR MATE

IN North American press accounts Ali Fenon was a nameless statistic in a four-line report: one of "20 Palestinians injured" during a dawn raid by Israeli border police in the West Bank village of Nahalin. Five others were reported killed. The border police say there had been stone-throwing. The villagers say there was a massacre.

Ali Fenon is 14 years old. If still alive, he lies paralyzed below the waist in East Jerusalem's Al Mokassad Hospital, where I saw him in the intensive care unit the day he was shot. His left kidney had been destroyed and the right one damaged, his liver and intestines lacerated, his right arm broken, and his spinal cord severed.

The group of North American health professionals I was traveling with spoke with Israelis, including doctors, peace activists, human rights and children's advocates, and an official military spokesman. We met with Palestinian physicians, lawyers, and journalists and visited towns, villages, and refugee camps throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Nothing one has read or has seen in newscasts adequately prepares one for the impact of personally witnessing the manifold tragedy being played out in the occupied lands, of which the shattering of Ali Fenon's young life is a mere part.

According to United Nations figures there have been over 24,000 injured in the Palestinian uprising, by live ammunition, plastic and rubber bullets, beatings, and tear gas. Palestinian demographics dictate that many of the casualties are children, who make up one half of the Palestinian population. Over 49 per cent of Palestinians in 1987 were 15 or younger; over 60 per cent 20 or younger. The generation most active in the *intifada* was born and raised under Israeli occupation.

'Tell them we just want our dignity'

The agony behind the intifada



Gabor Mate was born in 1944 in the Budapest Jewish ghetto and came to Canada during the 1956 Hungarian revolution. In the 1960s he was leader of a Vancouver Zionist group and later a UBC student activist, and spent three years as a teacher before returning to UBC to take a medical degree. He has been in family practice since 1979. He is on the executive of Jews for a Just Peace, which promotes recognition and understanding between Jews and Palestinians.

taxes — "stone taxes," the Palestinians call them — the systematic beatings, the closure

of schools, the many restrictions on the work of doctors, lawyers, and educators, the use of torture: all these indicate the fundamental helplessness and exasperation of the occupation authorities in the face of deep-rooted and widespread resistance.

Collective punishment is employed against entire families, and at times against entire villages. Trees have been uprooted and olive groves bulldozed. The homes of suspected activists are routinely demolished, prior to any judicial procedure. According to witnesses, the preferred method of house destruction in the villages of the West Bank is dynamite. Bulldozers are favored in the Arab sector of Jerusalem, perhaps to avoid alarming tourists and foreign diplomats.

Palestinians live in large extended families. When a home is demolished, 15 or more people may be cast out of doors, from infants to the elderly. The house cannot be rebuilt without permission. In the village of Beita, where a year ago several homes were destroyed after an incident with Israeli settlers, two families are still living in tents.

Not the least tragedy of this occupation is its effect upon Israeli society. Confronted by universal opposition, an occupying force either negotiates a withdrawal or becomes increasingly brutalized. This is recognized by the many Israelis who are urging accommodation with the Palestinians. Professor Yeshayahu Liebowitz of Hebrew University in Jerusalem has said

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that "we must free ourselves of the occupation, of the curse of dominating another people."

Rabbi Jeremy Mulgrom, a member of Clergy for Peace and the Rabbinical Human Rights Watch in Jerusalem, is also active among a group of reservists who refuse to carry out military duties related to the occupation. Rabbi Mulgrom was himself assigned to guard political prisoners at one of the notorious jails that a former prison service commissioner has described as worse than anywhere else in the Western world.

"At first," says Rabbi Mulgrom, "I resolved to report for duty, but to carry out only those orders not specific with my conscience. In the end I decided that it was not individual orders, but the very system itself that is evil. I could not bring myself to serve it in any way."

All Israelis share a concern for their nation's security which, after decades of bloody conflict, must be an essential aspect of any future peace agreement. Fewer and fewer of them are attached to an occupation that dreams of restoring the Biblical Jewish kingdom, expropriates Palestinian lands, and deprives Palestinian villages of precious water supply in order to irrigate the fields of more and more Jewish settlements.

History has decreed that two peoples must share Israel-Palestine. Peace will not come until the yearnings and aspirations of both for independence and a secure national existence are recognized.

In the teeming Balata refugee camp a grieving mother whose son was killed recently spoke words echoed everywhere in the West Bank and Gaza: "Tell them in North America that we are human beings too. Tell them we just want our dignity, like people everywhere else. And tell them that if all my sons must be killed so that my people can one day lead lives of decency and freedom, then so be it." □

By December 1988, nine months after Joe Clark's speech at the 'Canada-Israel gala' event, the Canadian Press received an advanced copy of an essay included in a book expected to be published in the Spring of 1989 on "Canada's Middle East policy." The essay, authored by John Kirton and Peyton Lyon, "Perceptions of the Middle East in the Department of External Affairs and Mulroney's Policy 1984-1988," was one of many essays in the book, *The Domestic*

Battleground: Canada and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, as referenced above in another of the book's essays featuring Irving Abella.

Palestinians are the victims

It is a sad day when Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Benjamin Netanyahu, must resort (*Gazette*, Feb. 5) to the defence of his country's actions in occupied Palestine by accusing objectors of accusing Israel of racism. No one is saying this is racism; this is the occupation of a land outside Israel's land.

As far as defending his position by saying the Jewish people are

victims, that ceased after the Second World War.

The victims in 1988 are not the Jewish people but the Palestinian people.

I object to the brutality in 1938 in Europe, to the violence in South Africa, to the slow genocide of our own natives.

GERALD DUMONT

March 2, 1988

St. Laurent

"Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East is influenced more by the Canadian Jewish community than by the prime minister, the cabinet, public opinion or the media, suggests a survey of current and former senior officials from the Department of External Affairs. As a result, it's biased in favor of Israel and stops Canada from making a meaningful contribution to a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israel conflict, the report quotes the majority of officials as concluding.

Occasionally, the views expressed by the officials were stated in strong, undiplomatic language. **One participant said the Canadian Jewish community had bordered on "treason" in the pressure it exerted on the government** to take measures to counteract the Arab boycott of Israel. Another said the pro-Israel lobby group, **the Canada-Israel Committee, used "blackmail" in promoting its position.**

[Peyton] Lyon said that while External Affairs co-operated with him in similar surveys in the past, in this case **top officials instructed department employees not to fill out the questionnaire.** "They did everything possible to block it," he said. "They sent a telegram to everyone in the department to ignore the questionnaire."

The participants also said media coverage of the Middle East is biased. Only five people considered it "objective" or even "relatively" objective. Not one said the media favored the Arabs."⁶

"The strongest perception of imbalance was expressed by former ambassadors and officers who had served in Israel," it [the study] continues. **The officials are almost unanimous in saying that there can be no "effective settlement if the Palestinians are not allowed a territorial homeland with full self-government."**

But a spokesman for the Canada-Israel Committee said it's empirically false that the Jewish community exerts more influence than all these other organizations. "On many issues, we haven't been effective," said Paul Michaels, **citing External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's stinging criticism of Israel last March.** Clark's remarks that Israel was violating human rights with its treatment of Palestinian refugees on the West Bank sparked a wave of protest from Jewish organizations across Canada. "The foreign policy of the country in respect to the Middle East is not dictated by the Jewish community at all," Michaels said.

⁶ *Jewish lobby credited with influence on Mid-East policy*, Alberni Valley Times, December 14, 1988.

But Lyon, a former External Affairs official, said in an interview: “Canadian diplomats perceive Canadian interests in the Middle East to have suffered from a pro-Jewish bias which is **the result of an influential and effective Jewish lobby**. “**I can’t recall a single person in External Affairs who has taken a different view**. ... There are suspicious minds who will tell you I was selective with the people I interviewed but no one at External Affairs will tell you that.” Lyon, who worked on the German desk at External Affairs until 1959, before joining the faculties of the University of Western Ontario and, later, Carleton University, has written several books on Canadian foreign policy.”⁷

In Peyton Lyon’s January 28, 1989, follow-up letter to the editor with the Ottawa Citizen, he explained that the reference to the “one participant” mentioned in the quote above, responsible for stating the ‘harsh’ word “treason” in relation to Jewish-Canadian lobbying, was made by an official from the Department of External Affairs, and that his comment was sourced from “a paper given in June 1987 to an academic body.” Lyon commented that “such harsh language was rare” by Department officials.

Israeli president to begin controversial state visit

Ottawa Citizen

By Daniel Drolet June 24, 1989
Citizen staff writer

Israeli President Chaim Herzog begins a controversial official visit to Canada next week that includes a speech to a joint session of Parliament Tuesday.

Even before his arrival in the capital, the decision to allow him to speak to the House of Commons and the Senate is under fire.

Herzog, president of Israel since 1983, holds little real power. His role is similar to that of Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé, who will be his official host.

Canadian officials said Friday there will be talks with Herzog about a number of substantive issues, including accusations of human rights violations by Israel in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. But given his constitutional duties, about the most he can do is pass on information about Canadian positions.

His opinions are seen as carrying “moral weight” rather than political clout; that belongs in the hands of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.



Chaim Herzog
Speech planned

Still, Herzog will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Liberal Leader John Turner and NDP Leader Ed Broadbent. And he will travel to Montreal and Toronto to meet, among others, Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa and Ontario Premier David Peterson.

This is the first state visit to Canada by an Israeli president. And it comes when Canada-Israel

relations are strained.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark was jeered by a Jewish audience last year when he attacked Israel for human rights violations in the occupied territories.

Then in March, Clark upgraded relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization by removing restrictions on official meetings.

Clark also announced Canada endorsed the principle of Palestinian self-determination, to be exercised through peace negotiations.

External Affairs officials said Friday they hoped the visit would help underline the ties between Canada and Israel and how as a friend Canada can contribute to peace.

The decision to allow Herzog to address Parliament was made by Parliament itself. But several groups feel Parliament has gone too far in extending the invitation.

In a joint statement, the Canadian Arab Federation and a group called Jews for a Just Peace denounced the speech saying the Israeli president doesn't support the peace process in the Middle East.



ACCUSED OF BEING OFFENSIVE — “The pugnacious portrayal of Israeli soldiers ... was not only anti-Israel but anti-Jewish”, writes Uri Rosenzweig, about the above cartoon from the “Edmonton Journal”.

The Jewish Star, March 1, 1989

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⁷ Mideast policy dominated by Jews: study, The Gazette, December 14, 1988.

2.1. The Societal Promotion of Rosalie Abella

As the Palestinian Intifada was unfolding under media spotlights, at the end of the 1988 calendar year Rosalie Abella became center stage, 'chosen' to moderate the big national election debate televised on three Canadian networks.

Moderator unanimous choice

Toronto Star, October 24, 1988

The moderator of tomorrow night's election debate has plenty of experience in ensuring that all sides are treated fairly.

Rosalie Abella will keep Brian Mulroney, John Turner and Ed Broadbent in line as they confront each other during a live three-hour program on all three English networks — the CBC, CTV and Global.

The 42-year-old former family court judge headed a royal commission on equality in employment in 1984 and was also chairman of an Ontario study on access to legal services by the disabled. She is now chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

Abella was the unanimous choice of the three parties and the networks to act as moderator during the debate.

Showcase

D8 Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Tues., Oct. 25, 1988

Tonight's the night for big debate



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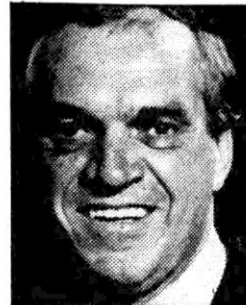
Put the coffee pot on and have the munchies close at hand. Gather the family 'round the box tonight as The Great (or not so great) **Leaders' Debate** pervades the airwaves from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. on CBC, Global and CTV (3,5,6,9,13).

It may seem like a bit of an overdose to listen for three hours as Brian, Ed and John argue about how they'd like to spend our money. Even the most responsible of voters may find it hard to pay rapt attention to the whole spiel.

Rosalie Abella, chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board and former family court judge, will act as moderator of the verbal match as Mulroney, Turner and Broadbent face questions from a panel of journalists: CTV's Pamela Wallin, CBC's David Halton and Global's Doug Small.

The format consists of several rounds of two-way confrontations — it all sounds more complicated than a world-class tennis championship. The middle hour will centre around issues of concern to women while the first and final hours will deal with general issues.

Each leader will have opening and closing statements with the rest of the time spent debating. Let's hope that the journalists' questions don't go on ad infinitum (as has been seen on some such interview shows) so that the only possible answer could be "Yeah, I guess so."



Rosalie Abella (top left) will moderate debate of (clockwise) Brian Mulroney, Ed Broadbent and John Turner.

Abella's anchor assignment to moderate the future candidate of the Canadian State would elevate and forever alter her societal recognition. This recognition, and ensuing domino recognitions, would later assist in her candidacy for the Supreme Court of Canada, chosen in 2004 by her and her husband's friend, Irwin Cotler, the Minister of Justice.

B4 The Vancouver Sun, Wednesday, October 26, 1988 ★★★★★

CANADA VOTES



LIBERAL LEADER John Turner and New Democratic leader Ed Broadbent talk with debate moderator Rosalie Abella before the start of the televised debate Tuesday.



Developer Murray Frum (left) accompanies Rosalie Abella, head of Ontario's labor tribunal, to last night's Hollinger dinner in Toronto. Among others attending were Hudson Institute Executive Director Marie-Josée Drouin (above), and American Barrick Resources Corp. Chairman Peter Munk (right).



June 29,
1989

Canada's who's who flock to hear 'Sir Ron's' address

THE QUESTION this morning is: how can **Conrad Black** top himself?

Last year at the 57th annual Hollinger Inc. dinner he had British Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher** as the guest speaker. Last night, Black who is chairman and chief executive officer of Hollinger, had former U.S. president **Ronald Reagan**, newly "Sir Ron," as the designated talker. Now that he is out of office, Reagan seems to have moved from dotage to anecdote and reportedly charges up to US\$40,000 for speeches. The black-tie dinner was a private affair and questions of speaking fees were certainly not discussed.

The talk was well received by the well-heeled, conservative crowd and it was very much preaching to the converted.

Black was as graceful and eloquent as usual as he introduced his head-table guests, including Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney**, whose most tuneful encounter with the guest speaker was at the Shamrock Summit. Among those at the head table were federal Finance Minister **Michael Wilson**; Ontario Lieutenant-Governor **Lincoln Alexander**; and Toronto Mayor **Art Eggleton**.

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Invited guests included: press and publishing magnates **Ken Thomson**, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Thomson Newspapers Ltd.; **Douglas Creighton**, president and chief executive officer, Toronto Sun Publishing Corp.; and **Ronald Osborne**, president and chief executive officer, Maclean Hunter Ltd.; real estate developers **Albert and Paul Reichmann**, respectively president and executive-vice-president, Olympia & York Developments Ltd.; **Elvio DelZotto**, president and chief operating officer, Tridel Enterprises Inc., and developer-turned retailer **Robert**

Transportation Ltd.; **Richard Currie**, president, Loblaw Cos. Ltd.; **George Peapples**, president, General Motors of Canada Ltd.; **Hal Jackman**, chairman, Empire Life Insurance Co.,

There was even a welcome sprinkling of women to lighten up all the dark evening suits: **Martha Blackburn**, chairman and publisher of London Free Press Printing Co. Ltd.; **Rosalie Abella**, head of the Ontario Labor Tribunal; **Anna Porter**, president of Key Porter Books Ltd. (and her lawyer husband, **Julian**); broadcaster **Barbara Frum** (and her developer husband, **Murray**); **Helen Roman-Barber**, chairman and chief executive officer, Denison Mines Ltd.; and **Marie-Josée Drouin**, executive director, Hudson Institute, Montreal.

The dinners are a long-standing tradition and started in the 1930s when Hollinger made its money mainly from mining gold, as opposed to publishing newspapers, which it does today. With the change in the company's direction, the dinner has expanded beyond senior members of the mining community and now includes a broad cross-section of the business com-

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Distinguished leader to lecture at U of G

— Kitchener Waterloo Record, Nov. 1, 1989

GUELPH (Staff) — Two of Canada's "most distinguished women leaders" will be at the University of Guelph next Tuesday for the inaugural address in a lecture series on education and employment equity issues.

Rosemary Brown, feminist writer, lecturer and former member of the British Columbia legislature, will launch the university's Abella Lecture Series, named in honor of Rosalie Silberman Abella, who chairs the Ontario Law Reform Commission.

Abella, who is known for her 1984 report that "formed the cornerstone of Canadian employment equity initiatives," will attend the lecture, a U of G spokesman said.

Brown's lecture, which begins at 8 p.m. in Room 103 of the University Centre, is called, Is the Education of Women Hazardous to the Health of Universities?

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Calgary Herald
March 18, 1989



For three days beginning next Sunday delegates and observers from across the country will convene at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal to participate in this triennial event. The National Plenary Assembly is the highest decision-making body within Canadian Jewish Congress. Be part of it!

Program Highlights

SUNDAY MAY 7

- On-site registration commences at 8 a.m. First plenum gets underway at 9:30 a.m.
- **PARADIGM: PROBLEMS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**
 - A Retrospective and Present Look with speaker Professor Irving Abella
 - A View to the Future with speaker Judge Rosalie Abella
- **JEWISH ISSUES IN THE MEDIA** with Keith Spicer, editor of the Ottawa Citizen as moderator. Panelists are: David Nayman, senior producer for the CBC National; Alain Dubuc, chief editorial writer for La Presse; and Lindsay Crysler, director of the Concordia University Journalism Program
- **THE WORLD JEWISH CONDITION**
 - Speakers are World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and Ambassador Joao Clemente Baena Soares, secretary general of the Organization of American States
- **FORUMS** on anti-Semitism in Canada: Soviet Jewry; the Role of the Organized Jewish Community in a Changing Environment; and Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations
- **MEET THE CANDIDATES**
- **70TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**

MONDAY MAY 8

- **RESOLUTIONS**
- **ISRAEL IN TODAY'S WORLD: STRATEGIES AND RESPONSES**
 - Speaker: Dr. Allan Gerson, Research Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
- **CONFRONTING THE PAST TOWARDS A CIVILIZED FUTURE**
 - Speakers: Beate Klarsfeld, internationally renowned anti-Nazi activist who with her husband Serge was responsible for the arrest of former SS captain Klaus Barbie; McGill Law Professor Irwin Cotler, recipient of the 1989 Saul Hayes Human Rights Award
- **FORUMS** on the Jewish Community in a Changing Ethnocultural Canada; Jewish Education; Status of Jewish Communities Abroad with World Jewish Congress; the Holocaust; the Future of Christian-Jewish Relations in Canada; Israel; Assimilation and Inter-marriage; and Yiddish Culture
- **"VOICES OF SURVIVAL"**
 - Special viewing of CJC's powerful Holocaust Documentation Project
- **REGIONAL AND YOUTH CAUCUSES**

TUESDAY MAY 9

- **FORUMS** on Social Trends and Social Action; Oppressed Jewry; Small Communities; and Nazi War Criminals
- **GREETINGS FROM PARLIAMENT**
- **ADDRESS BY INCOMING CJC PRESIDENT**
- **SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

★ World Jewish Congress will hold its first executive meeting in Canada, concurrently with the Plenary. Among the World Jewry leaders participating will be Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and Greville Janner, United Kingdom MP and president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council

★ First North American visit by former Soviet Refusenik leader Yuli Kosharovsky, whose 18 years of waiting to leave ended a few short months ago

★ Addresses by Secretary of State Gerry Weiner and Federal Minister of Employment and Immigration Barbara McDougall

★ Workshops on leadership development, Canadian Jewry on Campus, Youth, Inter-marriage and Assimilation and Israel

★ Plenary Awards/Bronfman Medals

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On August 24, 1993, when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced his resignation, Canadian Jewish Congress president **Irving Abella** stated: “We have lost a good friend. He understood the needs of our community. He was very sensitive to them and had a visceral attachment to Israel.” The quote, from an article in the April / May 1993 edition of the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, *Mulroney Resignation Saddens Mainstream Jewish Leaders*, included the following:

Mulroney [prior to Stephen Harper] undoubtedly has been Canada’s most avidly pro-Israel prime minister. Early in the Palestinian Intifada, when Canadians were exposed to daily press reports of the violence that already had claimed more than 20 lives, Mulroney was asked in his year-end interview on national television if he thought that human rights were being violated. By then, even staunchly pro-Israel President Ronald Reagan had voiced his displeasure over the number of casualties. Mulroney, however, stunned many Canadians with his unequivocal answer. “No,” he flatly replied, “I think the Israelis who are in an extremely difficult situation, a historically difficult situation, [are] showing restraint.”


Mulroney pandered to the pro-Israel community not only with his unwavering public support for Israel but also with his choice of appointments for key positions in his government. He delighted Jewish organizations by removing the outspoken Joe Clark in 1991 and naming as new External Affairs Minister the staunchly pro-Israel **Barbara McDougall**. (Just hours before being sworn in, McDougall received a standing ovation at a Toronto synagogue for her lavish praise of Israel.)

A few months later, Mulroney scored more points with the Jewish community by naming **Norman Spector** as Canada’s first Jewish ambassador to Israel. After yanking back to Ottawa the respected Michael Bell, Mulroney explained his decision at the reception honoring Spector. “I thought this posting would not only strengthen the bond between Canada and Israel,” said Mulroney, “but also eliminate the doubt in anybody’s mind as to where we stand on certain issues.”


Spector appointment ends diplomatic tradition

Ottawa Citizen
January 8, 1992





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The Gazette
May 8, 1988

SPEAKERS:

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PROFESSOR AVRAHAM SELA — Department of International Relations, **Hebrew University** and presently visiting professor at **Princeton University**. Formerly held an Israeli Fellowship at Oxford University and a Fulbright Scholarship and was at the Truman Institute (Hebrew University). He is the author of a number of books and articles including **“Unity Within Conflict in the Inter-Arab System: The Arab Summit Conference, 1964-82”** and **“From Contacts to Negotiations: The Relations Between the Jewish Agency, the State of Israel and King Abdullah”**.

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B.C.'s 'Dr. No' takes diplomatic posting

Canadian Press
with Sun staff

OTTAWA — Appointment of former B.C. political aide Norman Spector as Canadian ambassador to Israel brought criticism from foreign affairs officers and an Arab-Canadian group Tuesday, but praise from Jewish and other groups.

"Regrettably the appointment appeared to disregard the availability of career diplomats," said Don McKay, president of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers.

Spector, who has been Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's chief of staff, was former B.C. premier Bill Bennett's key adviser during the province's most explosive political battles of the 1980s.

Known as Dr. No. in Victoria, Spector was widely perceived as intellectual architect of the provincial restraint program.

In his five years in Bennett's office ending in 1986, Spector was a highly visible public figure, recognized as one of B.C.'s most powerful men.

B.C. Business Council president Jim Matkin, a former close associate of Spector in B.C., said he has a mixed reaction about the appointment.

"I am very pleased that Norman



NORMAN SPECTOR:
as key B.C. adviser

Lloyd Axworthy, the federal Liberal external affairs critic, also said Spector has no diplomatic credentials to prepare him for his ambassadorial post.

"Mr. Mulroney is using a sensitive political post as a place to park a political problem for himself," Axworthy said in Winnipeg.

Spector, 42, speaks Hebrew and has a doctorate in political science as well as extensive administrative experience in the public sector.

But James Kafieh, president of the Canadian Arab Federation, said Spector is biased and his appointment sends a powerful message to Israel at a delicate stage in peace talks.

"His history is not checkered, it is clearly biased," Kafieh said. "This is a further, and substantial, disappointment from the prime minister's office."

Canada has never before sent a Jewish ambassador to Israel but External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall defended Spector, saying a person's ability is more important than his personal background.

"I have found him to be very fair and very well-informed and very sensitive to the issue on all sides," McDougall said from Nova Scotia.

Canadian Jewish groups welcomed the appointment saying no

one should be arbitrarily excluded from a foreign posting in the Middle East or elsewhere.

"We are strongly opposed to the viewpoint that an individual's ethnic background should be a factor in determining his suitability to serve," said Paul Marcus, spokesman for B'Nai Brith Canada.

The Israeli Embassy in Ottawa gave Spector a warm welcome, saying it hopes he will "further deepen the friendly relations" between the two countries.

John Toogood, deputy director of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, said a Jewish ambassador could have special influence in Israel.

"By sending a Canadian Jew to that job, he is going to be better positioned to press the Canadian viewpoint on the Israeli authorities," said Toogood. "He may well have entrees and opportunities that a gentile wouldn't."

Spector replaces Michael Bell, who has been in Israel for three years and will return to Ottawa to advise the government on peace talks in the Middle East.

Spector, who heads to Tel Aviv in February, will be replaced by Hugh Segal, brought in by Spector last August as a special adviser to the prime minister.

By Paul Gessell
Citizen national staff

Canada has ended a long-standing tradition by appointing a Jew as ambassador to Israel.

"I'm happy to see this is a policy that has now gone by the boards. I think it's a policy frankly that would now be illegal, it wouldn't stand the test under the charter," he said in an interview with Southam News.

Rodney Moore, an External Affairs spokesman, denied there was ever a "policy or a practice" that prevented Jews from serving as ambassador to Israel.

Nevertheless, Canada had never appointed a Jewish ambassador to Israel. That fact
Ottawa Citizen, January 8, 1992



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— Norman Spector
Prime minister's chief of staff

contributed to a widely-held belief that Canada felt an ambassador who was neither Jewish nor Muslim would be more effective in the job and not be seen to be favouring one side or another.

Other countries, including the United States, have appointed Jews as ambassador to Israel, said Martin Rudner, a Middle East specialist and professor of international affairs at Carleton University.

Canadian ambassador to Israel has more questions than answers

TEL AVIV (CP)

The new envoy heads back to Ottawa today to facilitate Canadian-Israeli contacts aimed at strengthening a bilateral trade relationship that accounts for less than one per cent of the other's foreign trade.

A joint economic commission will hold a series of meetings during the next week in Toronto,
The Standard, March 25, 1992

Montreal and Ottawa with the aim of matching up private sector companies from both countries.

About 18 Israeli companies, including Israel Aircraft Industries, will take part in the sessions and over 600 Canadian companies have been invited.

Israeli Trade Minister Moshe Nissim will visit Canada at the same time and hold talks with

his counterpart Michael Wilson to update bilateral economic agreements.

An aide to Nissim said that the goal of the visit is to boost trade, especially co-operation in high technology.

Israel, Spector said, seems particularly interested in "matching up Canadian capital with the brainpower from the influx of Soviet Jews."



Ottawa Citizen, Feb. 5, 1992
—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen
Diplomatic answers: Norman Spector defends his credentials at the Commons External Affairs committee

After resigning from public service in 1996, Spector

became vice-president, Corporate Affairs for Imperial Tobacco Ltd., and in 1997 was appointed as the publisher of the Jerusalem Post. (Source: *Wikipedia*, accessed January 20, 2025)

Part 3. Refutations of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre Human Rights Tag Team

Rosalie Abella's January 9, 2024, opinion article in the Globe and Mail was quickly endorsed by prominent Canadian newspapers. It was endorsed the very same day in an official statement by two Members of Parliament, Mount Royal MP, Anthony Housefather, and Eglinton-Lawrence MP Marco Mendicino. A multitude of endorsements followed on social media.

A follow-up, next day, tag team January 10th article by Abella's dear friend, former federal Liberal Party Minister of Justice and Attorney General Irwin Cotler, was published in the National Post, *Irwin Cotler: South Africa is Inverting Reality by Accusing Israel of Genocide*. Cotler, the founder and chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, reinforced Abella's statements, with the prejudicious aim supporting the State of Israel: "these proceedings," by way of South Africa, "**turn fact and law on their head, inverting reality and effectively undermining international justice and the rules-based international order,**" and "**Israel's actions in Gaza are impossible to reconcile with the intention to commit genocide – a necessary element of the crime.**" In his opinion article, Cotler pushed matters further than Abella. He cast the blame of genocide in other directions, presenting grandiose comparisons, and downplaying South Africa's case of genocide: "This is not to suggest, or to have it inferred, that what is happening in Gaza is not a human and humanitarian tragedy. Innocent Gazans have been killed, displaced and deprived, and have experienced terrible suffering."



Abella's and Cotler's rally-cry fabrications which fomented followers, were subsequently obliterated on January 26 by fourteen of the fifteen ICJ judges, [overwhelmingly ruling in favour of South Africa](#), finding plausibility and warrant of genocide perpetrated by the State of Israel against the residents of the Gaza, an area walled, guarded, and policed as an open air prison, an area repeatedly attacked by the Israeli Defence Forces well before October 7, a land and sea enclosure which former Israeli National Security Director Giora Eiland stated [in 2004 was as a "concentration camp,"](#) an attribution repeatedly used [in the media by author and scholar Norman Finkelstein](#). On page 80 of Jean-Pierra Filiu's 2015 book, *Gaza, A History*, is the very early reference how "in June 1950, an Israeli intelligence report noted that the [near one million] refugees in Gaza were [already] 'condemned to utter extinction'."



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Side-by-Side Table of Rosalie Abella’s and Irwin Cotler’s published opinion articles, January 2024

<p>“The genocide case against Israel is an abuse of the postwar legal order.”</p> <p>By Rosalie Abella, published in the Globe and Mail, January 9, 2024.</p>	<p>“Irwin Cotler: South Africa is inverting reality by accusing Israel of genocide: It is Hamas that should go on trial at the International Court of Justice, not the Jewish state.”</p> <p>By Irwin Cotler, published in the National Post, January 10, 2024</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Rosalie Abella</p> <p>The International Court of Justice is about to hear arguments in a case, brought by South Africa – the country that in 2015 refused to send former Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir of Sudan to the International Criminal Court to stand trial for his contribution to war crimes in Darfur, and instead facilitated his return to Sudan where he continued his crimes – that alleges that Israel has not complied with the Genocide Convention and calls on the Court to order Israel to stop committing acts of “genocide” in Gaza.</p> <p>To me, this case represents an outrageous and cynical abuse of the principles underlying the international legal order that was set up after the Second World War.</p> <p>Hamas’s explicit and unapologetic goal is to eliminate Jews. The elimination of Jews is genocide. That is why Hamas murdered, raped, beheaded, kidnapped and tortured Jews on Oct. 7, 2023: to eliminate them, because they were Jews. It is a legal absurdity to suggest that a country that is defending itself from genocide is thereby guilty of genocide.</p> <p>The end of the Second World War prevented Hitler from fully implementing his genocidal plan to eliminate Jews. And the world signed the Genocide Convention 75 years ago to make sure it never happened to anyone else. Now, we find ourselves in the perverse situation where a genocidal organization such as Hamas is able to escape legal scrutiny or sanction for committing genocidal acts, while the country that is the intended target of its genocidal intentions is being called upon by the International Court of Justice to defend itself from allegations of genocide.</p> <p>This is an insult to what genocide means, an insult to the perception of the ability of international courts to retain their legitimacy and transcend global politics, and an insult to the memory of all of those on whose behalf the Genocide Convention was created.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Irwin Cotler</p> <p>Genocide is the “crime of crimes,” constituting the most egregious acts that humans have ever perpetrated against one another — the ultimate crime against humanity, a crime not only against its victims, but against all humankind. The term “genocide” originated with the Holocaust — the worst systematic atrocity in human history, culminating in the mass murder of over six million Jews. In the wake of the Holocaust, as the world bore witness to the horrors that had taken place, the United Nations Genocide Convention made genocide a crime under international law, with incitement to genocide as a standalone crime.</p> <p>This Thursday and Friday, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will convene to hear an application by South Africa, alleging that Israel is in breach of the Genocide Convention, due to its conduct in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. These proceedings turn fact and law on their head, inverting reality and effectively undermining international justice and the rules-based international order.</p> <p>The Israel-Hamas war that gave rise to South Africa’s accusations in fact began on Oct. 7, 2023. Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists invaded Israel and committed unspeakable horrors — mass war crimes and crimes against humanity. Over 1,200 people — mostly civilians — were brutally murdered, men, women, children and elderly alike. Women were systematically raped and tortured in the most gruesome ways imaginable. Ambulances and medics were intentionally targeted. Many of the corpses were desecrated where they lay, while others were carried back to Gaza to be defiled by jubilant crowds. Approximately 240 Israelis, including some foreign nationals, were violently kidnapped and taken as hostages to Gaza, where they have been subjected to physical and psychological torture, including further sexual violence.</p> <p>Among the hostages taken by Hamas was Yaffa Adar, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor. For Adar, and indeed for all Jewish people, Oct. 7 was history repeating itself — genocidal antisemites committing crimes too terrible to be believed, but not too terrible to have happened.</p>

Rosalie Abella

[South Africa's legal effort to declare Israel's actions 'genocidal in character' poses dilemma for Canada](#)

History will judge Israel's response to Hamas's genocidal [attack on Oct. 7](#) and determine whether the retaliatory measures it took to protect its security were conducted in accordance with the law. That is a legal question that will necessarily balance purpose, cause, effect and context. It will consider issues such as what limits there are on a state defending itself from terrorism – Israel's Supreme Court has been the global judicial leader in defining the requisite legalities; how a state can address, let alone eradicate the threats to its security and survival when it is confronting an adversary like Hamas, which ruthlessly uses innocent civilians as human shields and embeds itself in civilian public spaces such as schools, hospitals and mosques; what measures justify the search for kidnapped civilians; and the consequential harm.

There will inevitably be accountability – if only the world showed the same obsessive interest in holding other countries to legal account.

The unbearable tragedy of war lies in the deaths and suffering of innocent civilians, and there can be no doubt that the deaths and suffering of thousands of civilians in Gaza is an unbearable tragedy. That is why the international community developed a sophisticated set of legal instruments after the Second World War: to prevent, minimize, and sanction global conflicts.

Seventy-five years after the birth of the Genocide Convention and of the state of [Israel](#), both of which rose from the ashes of Auschwitz, we find genocide and rape and torture in full and flagrant flight in too many parts of the world. Yet the country that finds itself as the designated avatar of genocide is Israel.

As a lawyer, I find it shameful; as a Jew, I find it heartbreaking; and as the child of Holocaust survivors, I find it unconscionable.

NOTE: The website of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for human rights, founded and chaired by Irwin Cotler, linked and published Cotler's article. It did not publish nor mention Rosalie Abella's article, though Abella is an honorary co-chair of the Wallenberg Centre.

Irwin Cotler

In the wake of the Oct. 7 atrocities, apologists for Hamas — as if there could be any justification for mass murder — took the position that the events of Oct. 7 had to be understood, if not justified, in their “historical context.” The true historical context of the Oct. 7 invasion — the context that set the stage for those heinous acts — is the standing crime of incitement to genocide not only by Hamas, but by its patron, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and by Iran's other terrorist proxies, including Hezbollah in Lebanon and Ansar Allah (the Houthis) in Yemen, all of whom have called for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews. Indeed, Hamas's founding charter openly declared its genocidal intentions, and since it took power in Gaza in 2006, it has engaged in a domestic campaign of antisemitic indoctrination, while its leaders have clearly and consistently incited genocide against Israelis and Jewish people worldwide. Since Oct. 7, Hamas leaders have continued to proudly declare their genocidal intentions, with senior Hamas official Ghazi Hamad [pledging](#) to commit the Oct. 7 atrocities “again and again.”

South Africa's ICJ application inverts this reality, placing Israel — for its response to the Oct. 7 invasion, which genocide scholars [have found](#) to have likely constituted genocide — in the docket of the accused.

This is not to suggest, or to have it inferred, that what is happening in Gaza is not a human and humanitarian tragedy. Innocent Gazans have been killed, displaced and deprived, and have experienced terrible suffering.

At the same time, Israel's actions in Gaza are impossible to reconcile with the intention to commit genocide — a necessary element of the crime. Israel consistently seeks to minimize harm to civilians using measures including leaflets, messages and phone calls to urge civilians to evacuate targeted areas, creating humanitarian zones and corridors, and facilitating humanitarian aid.

On the other hand, Hamas embeds itself within civilian structures, places its headquarters beneath hospitals, fires rockets from within schools and mosques and adjacent to UN sites, and builds the entrances to massive terror tunnels under children's beds. Not only are there over 130 innocent Israelis still being held hostage in Gaza, but over two million Gazans are also being held hostage, as Hamas uses its own people as human shields. Indeed, Hamas has repeatedly murdered Gazan civilians who have sought to flee combat zones. While Israel seeks to minimize civilian casualties, Hamas seeks to maximize them. For when

Irwin Cotler

innocent Gazans are killed, Hamas benefits in a twofold manner — it enables the demonization of Israel internationally, and the radicalization of Gazans domestically. Painfully, the weaponization of the genocide libel serves the same purpose, reflected in the global incentivizing of antisemitism.

In asserting standing before the ICJ, South Africa has emphasized “its own obligations as a State party to the Genocide Convention to act to prevent genocide.” But by launching a baseless proceeding against Israel for the crimes of genocide and incitement to genocide, it provides protective cover to Hamas and its related Iranian terrorist proxies, who themselves are the ones guilty of those crimes. South Africa thereby inverts reality and subverts the rules-based international order. This subversion is dangerous, and deeply concerning, following the pattern set by Vladimir Putin’s Russia — with President Putin using [false accusations of genocide](#) in his “Nazification” libel as the pretext for launching his criminal aggression against Ukraine.

Indeed, South Africa’s cynical weaponization of international law was further demonstrated when, on Jan. 4, less than a week after launching the ICJ proceedings against Israel, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomed the leader of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) to his home in Pretoria. The RSF, complicit in the Darfur genocide 20 years ago, is once again perpetrating mass crimes against humanity in Sudan, including the massacre of innocent civilians and the systematic use of sexual violence. Recently, over 100 legal experts [warned](#) that Sudan sits on the precipice of another genocide.

Genocide, the “crime of crimes,” constitutes the most abhorrent of human acts. The 153 state parties to the Genocide Convention have both a moral and a legal imperative to take action to combat genocide — and incitement to genocide — wherever they may occur. But, rather than upholding this legal obligation, South Africa’s application at the ICJ undermines it, inverting both fact and law, and threatening the international rules-based order by doing so. As was most recently demonstrated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, this inversion is most dangerous, and it is crucial that the community of democracies, including Canada, is steadfast in opposing it.

In her Op-Ed, Abella dismisses the thorough, well-footnoted, 84-page South African legal brief to the ICJ, claiming that the State of Israel cannot be blamed for conducting crimes against humanity, because it was “defending itself from terrorism.” Abella contends that Hamas is “a genocidal organization,” and is singularly guilty of the charge of genocide due to an “explicit and unapologetic goal” to eliminate Jews. Both Cotler and Abella blamed Hamas. Benjamin Netanyahu, and some of senior rank in government, have however admitted that Hamas was funded by, was a tool, and an asset of the State of Israel. I.e.:

“Anyone who wants to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state **has to support bolstering Hamas and transferring money to Hamas ...** This is part of our strategy – to isolate the Palestinians in Gaza from the Palestinians in the West Bank.” (Statement by Netanyahu at a March 2019 meeting of his Likud Party’s Knesset members, [Haaretz](#), October 9, 2023)



“Hamas was treated as a partner to the detriment of the Palestinian Authority to prevent Abbas from moving towards creating a Palestinian State. Hamas was promoted from a terrorist group to an organization with which Israel conducted negotiations through Egypt, **and which was allowed to receive suitcases containing millions of dollars from Qatar through the Gaza crossings.**” ([Times of Israel](#), October 8, 2023)

1. Abella’s (and Cotler’s) evidence for her Hamas claim is based on the events of October 7, 2023, when “Hamas murdered, raped, beheaded, kidnapped and tortured Jews ... to eliminate them, because they were Jews.” Abella relied on the State of Israel’s scandalous propaganda regarding the events of October 7 (emotionally charged lies and fabrications, to influence and poison the world stage), failing to objectively acknowledge or question the unfolding body of evidence from Israeli media and outside journalism which counters many elements of her claim. For instance, the earlier accounts:

- (a) The January 10, 2024, Grayzone article, [Screams without Proof: Questions for NYT about shoddy ‘Hamas mass rape’ report](#);
- (b) The independent media site, Electronic Entifada, published an article January 20, 2024, [Israeli HQ ordered troops to shoot Israeli captives on 7 October](#), which included an English translation from the Hebrew edition of the *Yedioth Ahronoth*’s weekend supplement *7 Days*, the January, 12 2024 article, *The Black Time*;
- (c) The American Intercept news site published an analysis on January 28, 2024, [New York Times Puts “Daily” Episode on Ice Amid Internal Firestorm over Hamas Sexual Violence Article](#);
- (d) The news journal site on YouTube, The Hill, published an interview with Max Blumenthal on January 30, [NYT Pulls Hamas Rape Story from Podcast over Internal Turmoil over Shoddy Reporting](#), a descriptive account on shoddy journalism related to the State of Israel’s scandalous propaganda regarding the events of October 7, 2023.

The November 30, 2023, ground-breaking investigation by Yuval Abraham with the +972 magazine, ‘*A Mass Assassination Factor*’: *Inside Israel’s calculated bombing of Gaza*, details that Israel’s “current war,” which its Cabinet dubbed “Operation Iron Swords,” is about “the bombing of targets that are not distinctly military in nature,” which the Israeli army “defines as ‘power targets’ (“matarot otzem”).” The

investigation derived its information from numerous credible sources: “seven current and former members of Israel’s intelligence community, including military intelligence and air force personnel,” from “official statements by the IDF spokesperson and other Israeli state institutions,” and from “Palestinian testimonies, data, and documentation from the Gaza strip.” One source said, “all of this is happening contrary to the protocol used by the IDF in the past.” And “according to the Israeli army, during the first five days of fighting it dropped 6,000 bombs on the Strip, with a total weight of about 4,000 tons.” In that first week, “Israel bombed the Islamic University of Gaza, the Palestinian Bar Association, a United Nations building for an educational programme for outstanding students, a building belonging to the Palestine Communications Company, the Ministry of National Economy, the Ministry of Culture, dozens of high-rise buildings and homes.” “Although it is unprecedented for the Israeli army to attack more than 1,000 power targets in five days, the idea of causing mass devastation to civilian areas for strategic purposes was formulated in previous military operations in Gaza, honed by the so-called “Dahiya Doctrine” from the Second Lebanon War of 2006.”



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Official “Secret” Israeli Document Revealed: Expel All Palestinians from Gaza, Israeli Intelligence Ministry

An Intelligence Ministry document revealed by Local Call and +972 shows how the idea of population transfer to the Sinai is reaching official discussions.

<p>By Yuval Abraham Global Research, November 28, 2023 +972 Magazine 30 October 2023</p>	<p>Region: Middle East & North Africa, USA Theme: Intelligence, Law and Justice In-depth Report: PALESTINE</p>
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The 10-page document, dated Oct. 13, 2023, bears the logo of the Intelligence Ministry — a small governmental body that produces policy research and shares its proposals with intelligence agencies, the army, and other ministries. It assesses three options regarding the future of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in the framework of the [current war](#), and recommends a full population transfer as its preferred course of action. It also calls on Israel to enlist the international community in support of this endeavor. The document, whose authenticity was confirmed by the ministry, has been [translated into English](#) in full here on +972.

2. Abella’s claim on Israel’s legal right to defend itself is unsubstantiated, incredible, and imprudent, a similar claim asserted by Israeli President Isaac Herzog for Israel’s case before the ICJ, the argument that Israel would “proudly” be [“using self-defence under our more inherent right under international humanitarian law.”](#)

There are numerous and more recent presentations and explanatory accounts that refute Abella’s January 9th claim, and the State of Israel’s often repeated claim, of a right to self defence. The refutation is based on international jurisprudence, a legal framework which Abella, a seasoned jurist and expert on international human rights,

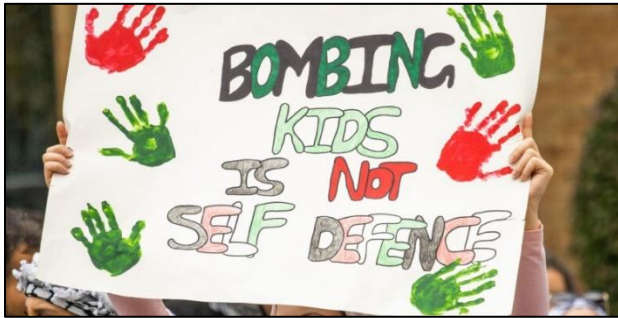
The bounds of international law

Although Israel can consider attacks on its civilians as terrorism, experts explain, the lawful response to terrorism is not military action. As legal scholar Noura Erakat, an associate professor of criminal law at Rutgers University, [writes](#) in a 2012 analysis, “A state cannot simultaneously exercise control over territory it occupies and militarily attack that territory on the claim that it is ‘foreign’ and poses an exogenous national security threat.”

was likely familiar with. For instance, the refutation by Francesca Albanese during her November 15, 2023, presentation at Australia’s National Press Club. Months before the October 7, 2023, break-through-the-prison-barrier operation by Hamas, the Australian Friends of Palestine Association had invited Albanese to present at the Edward Said Memorial Lecture. Albanese also met with the Australian Human Rights Commission. Albanese was then courted by the Press Club. At the Press Club event, Club-treasurer Tom Connel, also the anchor at Sky News, asked Albanese the following after her presentation:

Connel: You mentioned a couple of times, what you described as “the non-existent right of self defense of Israel” in the wake of those October 7 attacks. In your view, what action was Israel entitled to take after those attacks?

Albanese: Thank you, Tom. With your permission I will clarify what is self defense under international law, and so that everyone can understand. Well, **there’s not such a thing that Israel could claim.** So, in common language, self defense might be understood as the right to protect oneself, which is what Israel clearly has. Israel has the sacrosanct right and duty to protect itself, its territory, its citizens. Although, it tends to confuse a lot its own territory with the territory that it’s trying to annex under occupation. And this is illegal. But, however, **Article 51 of the UN Charter that Israel has invoked,** is not just the right to protect itself. **It’s self defense under international law. It’s a legal term. It means the right to wage a war, which Israel doesn’t have.** And this is



consolidated jurisprudence of the supreme judicial organ of the United Nations. I understand that the State practice might diverge – i.e., United States and Iraq – but the law remains the law. And this is what we should follow. So, **the right of self defense can be invoked when a state is threatened by another state, which is not the case.** Israel has not claimed that it has been threatened by another state. It’s been threatened by an armed group – qualify it the way you want – but

it’s an armed group within the occupied territory. And frankly, even saying ‘the war’ between Gaza and Israel is wrong. Because Gaza is not a standalone entity. It is part of the occupied territory. But so, in particular, **Israel cannot claim the right of self defense against a threat that emanates from the territory it occupies,** from a territory that is kept under belligerent occupation. And not only this exists in the jurisprudence of the ICJ, in general it’s also been said in the case of the occupied Palestinian territory.

AnalystNews

Does Israel have a right to self-defense in Gaza? Legal experts say

no

Analysis: The right to self-defense doesn't mean the right to unlimited, disproportionate force. But as an occupying power, experts say, Israel's legal right to defend itself doesn't actually apply in Gaza.

BY KHADIJA AHMAD
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“The right to self-defense can be invoked when the state is threatened by another state. Israel cannot claim the right of self-defense against a threat that emanates from a territory it occupies — from a territory kept under belligerent occupation.”

So, going back to your question. Now, what Israel was allowed to do to act to establish law and order to repel the attack, neutralize whoever was carrying out the attacks, and then proceed with law-and-order measures? Meaning, not waging a war, but with law enforcement measures. One example. France was attacked by a group, a terrorist group, emanating from Belgium. Did France go and bomb entire residential areas in Belgium? No. So think of it. **I know that we are used to think that the Palestinians can be bombed over and over. But it's wrong.** And this is so. And the other thing that Israel had to do was to allow justice, the prosecution, the investigation of the prosecution of those responsible. I understand there have been missiles sent from the Hamas controlled Gaza Strip. But the thing is that the Gaza Strip has become the kingdom of Hamas, thanks to the unilateral blockade that Israel has imposed over the Gaza Strip for 16 years, forcing 2.2 million people to live under Hamas. By the way Hamas, until couple of months ago, was said by, was defined by, various ministers, including the prime minister of Israel, as an asset to Israel while the PA [Palestinian Authority] was a liability. So, I mean, you don't have to believe me. Listen to Israeli leaders and take them seriously.

A reporter from SBS, Sara Tomevska, asked Albanese the following:

Tomevska: “As we know [the Australian government's position is that Israel does have the right to defend itself](#). The Foreign Minister Penny Wong has described Hamas as a craven terrorist organization that does embed itself in civilian infrastructure. But, at the same time she has said that Israel has an obligation to observe the rules of war and that the International Community will not accept ongoing civilian deaths. Is this an appropriate response or is this an example of what you've described as the paralysis of the International Community?”

Albanese: “No, no. **This is what I call amnesia and myopia and living in an alternative reality.** Because, again, before the 7th of October there was already plenty of evidence of violations of international law. So let me just articulate some. Since 1967, Israel has built 300 colonies – which are a war crime in and of themselves – in the occupied Palestinian territory, violating article 49 of the Geneva Convention, which prohibits the occupying power [the State of Israel] from transferring its, or encouraging, or supporting the transfer of its own civilian population into the occupied territory. This has meant establishing a system of structural violence made of dispossession, confiscation of land, and forceable displacement of the Palestinians. Forceable displacement when it's widespread and systematic. **It is not just a war crime. It is a crime against humanity.** And there has been, as I said, again maintaining a system of arbitrary mass incarceration, mass arrest, and detention, amounts to violation of the right to fair trial, that is also prosecutable, to a scale that is prosecutable under their own statehood. And the list is long. So, **there were already crimes that were committed then before the 7th of October.** Gaza had been under blockade, which was a war crime, unlawful – I'm sorry – a collective punishment on the entire Palestinian population before. And there was wall to wall consensus that it was illegal. So, has any state – and not just blaming the West for once blaming, I'm not just criticizing the Western Country, everyone, ever anyone – taken measures, those afforded under the UN Charter, diplomatic, political, and economic measures? No. So, we are past this. And

this mandate in particular for 20 years, we, my predecessors, and now, myself, have said the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem are becoming a powder keg. It will explode. It has exploded.”

In her January 9, 2023, Op-Ed, Rosalie Abella describes the deaths of Palestinians as an ‘**unbearable tragedy**’: “The unbearable tragedy of war lies in the deaths and suffering of innocent civilians, and there can be no doubt that the **deaths and suffering of thousands of civilians in Gaza is an unbearable tragedy**.” In her presentation in Melbourne, on November 15, 2023, United Nations rapporteur Francesca Albanese explained to an audience of journalists how the media (this would include opinions by Abella and Cotler) lacks empathy: the “**tendency to talk of Palestinian deaths as a tragedy**, while Israeli deaths are crimes.” Albanese urged the media to choose the appropriate language and to strive for the truth.

Albanese: If I had to point to one thing in particular is: avoid dehumanizing the Palestinians. Because there is a lot of this and it’s across the globe. ... **In international media there is a tendency to talk of Palestinian deaths as a tragedy, while Israeli deaths as crimes.** And there is a lot of empathy and solidarity that goes to the Israelis when they are victim of violence. And rightly so. This is what we should do as human beings. But then this is lacking on the side of the Palestinians. And as I said, they are killed, they are blamed, and they are also smeared when they try to speak out. So, get the facts straight. ... Yes, of course it’s important to talk about the Two State Solutions. But what about these 11,000 people [as of November 15, 2023] who have been killed. And so, you [the reporter] mentioned islamophobia. I think that you have a point there. But what is really unfolding it’s something, I mean similar but different at the same time. **It is anti-Palestinian racism which is a separate chapter of anti-Arabism.** But you need to see that. **The moment you see that you cannot un-see it anymore. And you can recognize it in the work you do and in the work of others.** And again, this is not to dehumanize the Israelis. Actually, what I am trying to say, it’s recognizing the humanity of both. But, silencing, excluding, erasing Palestinian voices, or stereotyping and defaming them, denying what they have suffered throughout history, which doesn’t mean denying what others have suffered. But as some scholars very dear to me say, **it is about recognizing the trauma of the other**, recognizing the pain of the other. So, this is what I mean. You can start from there. The thing you always strive for in journalism is the truth. It’s difficult in the fog of war.”

Albanese is the Special Rapporteur of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, a duty office of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The United Nations website states the following:

The mandate of the Special Rapporteur derives from the 1993 resolution from the Committee of Human Rights. The mandate calls on the Special Rapporteur: (a) **To investigate Israel’s violations of the principles and bases of international law, international humanitarian law and the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949**, in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967; (b) **To receive communications, to hear witnesses, and to use such modalities of procedure as he**

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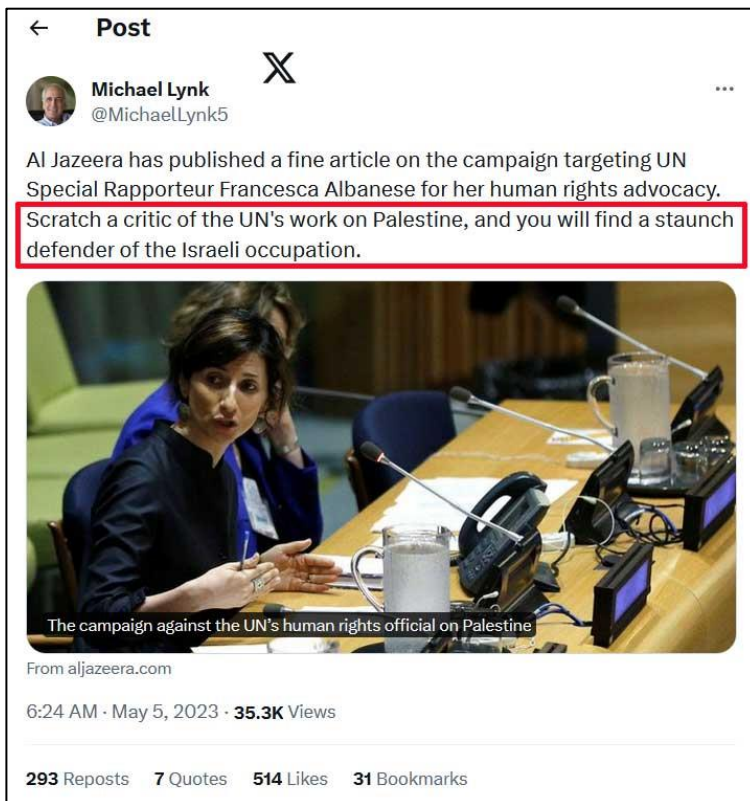


Ms. Francesca Albanese was appointed the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, by the Human Rights Council at its 49th session in March 2022 and has taken up her function as of 1 May 2022. Ms. Albanese is an Affiliate Scholar at the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University, as well as a Senior Advisor on Migration and Forced Displacement for a think-tank, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD). She has widely published on the legal situation in Israel and the State of Palestine and regularly teaches and lectures on international law and forced displacement at universities in Europe and the Arab region. Ms. Albanese has also worked as a human rights expert for the United Nations, including the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees.

[Read Ms. Francesca Albanese full biography.](#)

may deem necessary for his mandate; and (c) To report, with his conclusions and recommendations, to the Commission on Human Rights at its future sessions, until the end of the Israeli occupation of those territories.

Since the special mandate of 1993, Albanese is the 8th Special Rapporteur, and, by all accounts, she hopefully may not become the last. Prior Rapporteurs: Rene Felber (Switzerland, 1993-1995); Hannu Halinen (Finland, 1995-1999); Giorgio Giacomelli (Italy, 1999-2001); John Dugard (South Africa, 2001-2008); Richard Falk (United States, 2008-2014); Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia, 2014-2016); and S. Michael Lynk (2016-2022). All professionally trained Rapporteurs filed reports with the United Nations. All Rapporteurs faced constant criticism, objection and heckling by the State of Israel and its lobby army. According to Michael Lynk, **the most intense Israeli criticism and harassment faced by any Rapporteur to date has been cast at Albanese** the moment of (and prior to) her appointment:



“In his six years as Special Rapporteur, Michael Lynk never minced his words, but he knew how to keep his powder dry until the last moment, with a salvo not even the [New York Times](#) could ignore.

“In the Palestinian territory that Israel has occupied since 1967,” Lynk wrote in his final report to the 49th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), [now available for all to read and ponder](#) at the UN website, “**there are now five million stateless Palestinians living without rights, in an acute state of subjugation, and with no path to self-determination.**”

“[An] **institutionalized regime of systematic racial oppression and discrimination has been established,**” Lynk told the HRC.

“Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs live their lives under a single regime which differentiates its distribution of rights and benefits [on] the basis of national and ethnic identity, and which ensures the supremacy of

one group over, and to the detriment of, the other ... **This is apartheid.**”

Lynk reaffirmed the Israeli apartheid idea in an [April 22 statement](#) now posted at the UN website: **Israel’s “entrenched occupation, which has become indistinguishable from practices of apartheid, is based on the institutional discrimination of one racial-national-ethnic group over another,”** the statement read.

Over the years, Lynk realized Israel’s presence had morphed from ‘belligerent occupation’ – legal under international law, within bounds set forth in the [Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949](#) – to *de facto* annexation and apartheid.

Lynk’s own country, Canada (which [opposed his appointment as Special Rapporteur back in 2016](#)), [publicly acknowledges](#) that Israel’s settlement enterprise is illegal, not to mention an obstacle to the ‘two-state solution’ it claims to support. Still, Ottawa gladly extends preferential tariff treatment to settlement products, and charitable status to pro-settlement Canadian groups.

One thing is certain: Israel will ban Francesca Albanese, as it has all Special Rapporteurs since Richard Falk took up the post in 2008.

Israel can block UN Special Rapporteurs from entering what Michael Lynk refers to as an “internal colony.” **It can’t block their reports from being published at the UN website.**

Notwithstanding the mountain of evidence that Israel’s occupation is here to stay and has morphed into apartheid (**Israel’s occupation is “by far the best documented conflict in the modern world,”** **Lynk told *Mondoweiss***), the international community shows no indication it will hold Israel accountable.

“This is probably one of the great mysteries of the modern world as to why we know so much about the occupation, and we’ve proclaimed so much law with respect to the occupation but have done so precious little with regards to this. There is a huge gap between promise and performance regarding this occupation.”

Lynk wants the UN to revive its Special Committee Against Apartheid, dormant since 1994, tasking it to investigate situations of apartheid anywhere in the world.

He recommends that the Israeli apartheid question be addressed by the International Criminal Court, and that an Advisory Opinion be solicited from the International Court of Justice on the legality of Israel’s occupation – something the ICJ did not opine on in its 2004 *Wall* decision.

(Source: *“This is apartheid”*: an interview with outgoing UN human rights official Michael Lynk, by David Kattenburg, Monoweiss news website, May 3, 2022.)

By all accounts, the United Nations Special Rapporteurs for Palestine were, and one remains, to borrow a phrase from an ancient story in the Old Testament, as **Dauids in the Zionist Lion’s Den**. The intense acrimony and ridicule Albanese faced by the State of Israel and its lobby army had much to do with the timing of her appointment, her background, her gender, and the coincidental release of the two 2022 reports by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International on Israel as an apartheid state.

A STRONG CAMPAIGN in support of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territory Francesca Albanese has emerged in response to an ongoing campaign to sack her. Three former rapporteurs urged the U.N. on April 27 to publicly defend their successor, stating that she has been the target of attacks that have been “slandrous” and “personal.” ... The Italian international human rights lawyer was appointed to the role on May 1, 2022, the first woman to hold the position ... In the letter addressed to U.N. leadership, former rapporteurs John Dugard, Richard Falk and Michael Lynk said they too were the target of such attacks during their terms, **but the smears against Albanese are of “greater ferocity and mean-spiritedness.”**

In January, a bipartisan letter by 11 representatives in the U.S. Congress accused Albanese of “old anti-Semitic tropes,” and called on U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk to remove her from her post. Other calls for her dismissal have come from **Amichai Chikli, Israel’s minister of diaspora affairs and social equality**, who in April accused her of having a “bias against Israel.” Additionally, **Israeli NGOs International Legal Forum and Monitor** have joined the chorus of calls for her dismissal.



Monitor’s board includes **Elliot Abrams**, the neoconservative former foreign policy adviser for U.S. presidents Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush and Donald Trump, who has been described as “a passionate advocate of Israel.” The **International Legal Forum’s board includes Michael Mukasey**, a former U.S. attorney general during the Bush era who in 2014 defended that administration’s waterboarding torture tactics during the U.S.’ so-called “war on terror,” CNN reported then.⁸

In early 2022, the *NGO Monitor* website, a propaganda lobby group arm of Israel based in Geneva, berated Albanese during her candidacy, and later in a December 15, 2022, post, accusing Albanese of “extreme bias.” The State of Israel, and its international propaganda army, obviously continues to dislike the truth.

Six months before Albanese arrived in Australia, AIJAC, the Australia / Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, launched a particularly hateful dead-aim post against her by Justin Amler on May 8, 2023, *A truly “Special” Special Rapporteur*.

“There are few positions in the United Nations that illustrate the extreme anti-Israel bias of that body better than the ‘Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories’ – a position created by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in 1993, supposedly to seek justice and respect for human rights. In reality, it’s a position filled by a series of hate-filled individuals whose single-minded purpose was demonising the Jewish State – as the Commission and its successor organisation, the UN Human Rights Council, intended all along. This record has been underscored by the current incumbent, Italian academic Francesca Albanese.

Small wonder Zionists are filled with hate for the United Nations special rapporteurs. Many of them clearly despise the Palestinians and the truth, which these professionally trained advocates have so valiantly told.

Albanese co-authored the 700-page book with Lex Takkenberg, *Palestinian Refugees in International Law*.

A Zoom meeting poster for a book discussion. At the top, four participants are shown in small video windows with their names below: Francesca Albanese (labeled 'author'), Lex Takkenberg (labeled 'author'), Diana Butt (labeled 'discussant'), and Camille Mansour (labeled 'moderator'). A 'zoom LIVE' logo is in the top right. The text in the center reads: 'AT 10 AM EST / 5 PM PALESTINE' and 'TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021'. Below this is the title 'PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW' and 'BOOK DISCUSSION'. At the bottom left is the logo for the 'Institute for Palestine Studies' with Arabic text. On the right side, there is a graphic of several arrows pointing right, colored in black, green, and red.

A poster for a 'Short Course for Professionals Series'. The title is 'Seven Decades of Forced Displacement: Legal, Political and Humanitarian Responses to the Palestinian Refugee Question'. It is organized by 'LAW FOR PALESTINE' and took place from 'MAY 29-30, 2021'. Below the text are four circular portraits of the speakers: Dr. Raed Eishnaiwer, Dr. Asem Khalil, Francesca Albanese, and Dr. Lex Takkenberg. Each name is written in a box below their respective portrait.

⁸ *The Campaign Against the U.N.’s Human Rights Official on Palestine*, Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, June/July 2023, May 29, 2022.

THE DEFUNDING OF the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) by the Trump administration, involving the loss of a third of its budget of about \$1.1 billion, has provoked little response in the United States and some other parts of the world. There appears to be minimal concern in the US media and among American politicians for the fate of the over 700,000 Palestinians and their descendants who were made refugees in the ethnic cleansing campaign that produced a large Jewish majority in the state of Israel in 1948. This refugee population has benefited from the Agency's educational, health and other facilities since soon after this nakba, or catastrophe, befell the Palestinian people. All of these vital services are currently jeopardized as a result, as is the security and stability of the countries that host these populations, notably Jordan and Lebanon, which are now hosting additional Palestine refugees who fled the war in Syria.

A young girl with dark hair and eyes is looking over a document. The document features the UNRWA logo, which is a globe surrounded by olive branches, and the text 'U.N.R.W.A.' below it. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

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**NEW ASSAULTS,
NEW CHALLENGES**

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In 2018, Albanese authored a publication, *New Assaults, New Challenges*, with 78 findings on the plight of the Palestinians. In it, she describes how the U.S. Donald Trump administration removed \$1.1 billion in aid to UNRWA. Recently, upon the release of the January 12, 2024, ICJ decision, the State of Israel fabricated evidence to persuade international donor states to remove substantial funding for UNRWA.



After her presentation, Press Club event host and treasurer Tom Connel opened the floor for questions. Here is one exchange.

Hurst: “Daniel Hurst [Australian foreign affairs and defense correspondent], again, from The Guardian. You’ve made a very clear pitch about avoiding dehumanizing anyone in this particular debate [about] Palestinians and Israelis. I couldn’t help but being tripped up by the very ending of your speech, where you said that ending Jewish Israeli domination would be rehumanizing acts for them as well. **I just want to ask whether that sort of comment is helpful in the current climate talking about ending Jewish Israeli domination?**”

Albanese: “**I wonder whether it’s helpful to pretend that apartheid doesn’t exist.** Because this is what we are talking about. (Applause) I said ‘domination,’ not ‘existence.’ Now, if we are unable to envisage Jewish Israelis living without being on top of the other, I think this is a problem. And this is where we need to correct our own approach to the other. Because how would you expect the Palestinians to want to live subjugated. I mean, one, or ten, or fifty more years. No, there shouldn’t be domination. But in particular let me say: it has a very specific meaning in the occupied Palestinian territory where Israel dominates without any legal justification or basis. **The occupation is illegal. It’s unlawful. Because it operates against and outside of everything that is permitted under international law, because it has been a vehicle to colonize the land.**



It serves no military necessity. **And it’s also apartheid by default.** Because having civilian law imposed, applied to the settlers, who shouldn’t be there in the first place, which doesn’t mean that a two-state solution would translate into the uprooting of them. No, no, no. I’m not calling for that. But I’m just saying that the occupation must end. **The exploitation of Palestinian land and resources must end.** And then it’s up to the Palestinians and Israelis to live, to see how to live together in whatever forms of state they can envisage. It’s not up to us. But for me it’s really about basic application of international law.”



Hurst: [Appearing sheepish, he rephrased the same question, trying to catch her up for his Guardian article] “You’ve applied it to that particular context. But you don’t think the word domination has a wider connotation outside that context?”

Albanese: “What do you mean?”

Hurst: “I’m talking about Israeli Jewish domination.”

Albanese: “Meaning? Are you asking me, in Israel?”

Hurst: “Well, the phrase jumped out at me at the end of your speech and I’m just wondering if the trope of domination ...”

Albanese: “No! It’s not a trope. It’s really, real! So, it seems you do not understand what I’m saying. There is an apartheid regime! [Someone in the audience is heard laughing.] No, I’m serious! There is an apartheid regime. **It’s domination. This is not a trope. This is international law. I encourage you to read the Apartheid Convention. Because it talks about racial domination.** And this is what I’m talking about. Might be a trope into the way you interpret it. But **I’m using domination in a strictly legal sense.**”



International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*

G.A. res. 3068 (XXVIII)), 28 U.N. GAOR Supp. (No. 30) at 75, U.N. Doc. A/9030 (1974), 1015 U.N.T.S. 243, entered into force July 18, 1976.

Article II

For the purpose of the present Convention, the term "the crime of apartheid", which shall include similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination as practised in southern Africa, shall apply to the following inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them:

(a) Denial to a member or members of a racial group or groups of the right to life and liberty of person:

Over 500 American journalists called in a joint letter for reporting the truth on the Israeli occupation practices against the Palestinian

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LAW FOR PALESTINE

Questions posed to Albanese by Press Club Host and Sky News anchor, Tom Connel

Albanese: When I hear Hamas leaders and when I hear Israeli leaders particularly in these historical moments, they seem to me calling for the whole destruction of the other. But the difference is that **unlike Hamas, what Israel is enforcing is that reality. Hamas is not.** And again, this is not to downplay, or this is not to condone, this is not to justify what Hamas is doing. This is why I invoke the application of justice. **But Israel has the capacity.** When special rapporteurs have used the word genocide, there is a risk of genocide. We have looked not only at the genocidal intent, but based on previous practice, **the reality on the ground is that there is a risk of genocide being committed by Israel, and also the capacity to do that.**



Connel: When you say that, I mean if they wanted to, probably done to be blunt about it, yes, it's a dire situation for civilians. But Israel did say: civilians, please leave, this is where we're targeting. **So that wasn't them actually targeting civilians at that point.** [A murmur is heard at this point made by most of the audience]

Albanese: Ah, my friend Daniel Levy told the BBC journalist ... and I beg your pardon, I don't mean to be rude, but **can you really keep a straight face as you ask me this question???** [Audience is clapping] I will answer the question. Okay. There is no where to go. Because, for those who are not familiar with the Gaza Strip. It is a 300 square kilometers piece of land. It's the most crowded place on earth. And it has been, when I say carpet bombed, this is what 6,000 bombs per week do to an area which is so crowded. ... You know what Tom, we already knew. Because **this is the sixth war that Israel has waged against Gaza.** There was one in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2021, 2022. Already thousands of people had been killed, including 1,000 children. ... Palestinians have been left with nowhere to go.



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Working Through the United Nations

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Foreword by Francesca Albanese



3.1. Albanese’s October 2024 Second UN Genocide Indictment Report

GENEVA (25 March 2022) – A UN expert called today on the international community to accept and adopt the findings in his current [report](#), echoing recent findings by Palestinian, Israeli and international human rights organisations, that apartheid is being practiced by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory.

“There is today in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967 a deeply discriminatory dual legal and political system that privileges the 700,000 Israeli Jewish settlers living in the 300 illegal Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank,” said Michael Lynk, the UN Special Rapporteur for the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967.

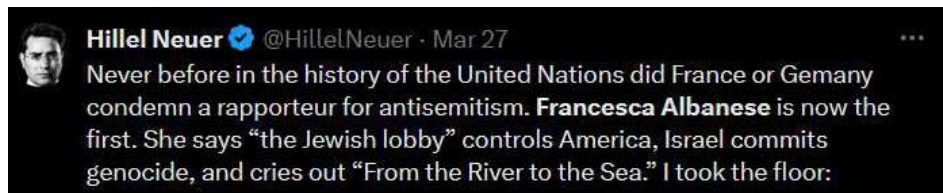
“Living in the same geographic space, but separated by walls, checkpoints, roads and an entrenched military presence, are more than three million Palestinians, who are without rights, living under an oppressive rule of institutional discrimination and without a path to a genuine Palestinian state that the world has long promised is their right.

“Another two million Palestinians live in Gaza, described regularly as an ‘open-air prison’, without adequate access to power, water or health, with a collapsing economy and with no ability to freely travel to the rest of Palestine or the outside world.”

The Special Rapporteur said that a political regime which so intentionally and clearly prioritizes fundamental political, legal and social rights to one group over another within the same geographic unit on the basis of one’s racial-national-ethnic identity satisfies the international legal definition of apartheid.

“Apartheid is not, sadly, a phenomenon confined to the history books on southern Africa,” he said in his report to the Human Rights Council. “The 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court came into law after the collapse of the old South Africa. It is a forward-looking legal instrument which prohibits apartheid as a crime against humanity today and into the future, wherever it may exist.”⁹

Hillel Neuer’s X (formerly, Twitter) post from March 27, 2024.



“Never before in the history of the United Nations did France, Germany and the U.S. condemn a UN human rights monitor for racism or antisemitism,” said Hillel C. Neuer, executive director of UN Watch. “Francesca Albanese is the first. She is today the most dangerous figure on the world stage inciting antisemitism and jihadi terrorism.”¹⁰

Israel’s political leadership’s recent targeted assassinations of Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iranian leaders and commanders, and the ruthless targeting of more than 170 journalists (inside and outside of ‘Israel’), including some of their families, are not just confined to the lawless arena of brutal military and surveillance murder, but also include the assassination of people’s reputations, professions and livelihoods, a small host of which have occurred since October 2023 in Europe, the British Commonwealth nations, and in the United States. For instance, the vitriolic smear campaigns upon Francesca Albanese launched by

⁹ Israel’s 55-year Occupation of Palestinian Territory is Apartheid – UN Human Rights Expert, March 22, 2022. United Nations Human Rights Office, Press Release.

¹⁰ Report: US Should Bar Antisemitic UN Official Set to Visit General Assembly, College Campuses, October 22, 2024, U.N. Watch, media release, NGO in Geneva.

Zionist Israel’s watchdog groups and units since early 2022,¹¹ is merely one of these, and one which has reached a new low through a more aggressive, unsurpassed campaign attempting to dilute and undermine her powerful and legitimate mandate: legal findings, summaries and statements.

Leading up to the October 27, 2024, release of Albanese’s second report that year, *Genocide as Colonial Erasure*, and prior to her report presentation to the United Nations in New York scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, came a series of vicious attacks by pro-Israel NGO bodies and spokespeople. Anne Bayefsky, the Touro University on Human Rights and the Holocaust director,¹² and the president of Human Rights Voices (formed in 2013), published a Human Rights Voices media release on October 26, 2024, *UN Secretary-General Won’t Condemn Official Accused of Antisemitism; U.S. said to Grant Visa for Visit*:

Bayefsky condemned the State Department’s refusal to limit Albanese’s travel, given that she ‘is in the business of promoting, spreading and inciting violent antisemitism. The State Department is supposed to be in the business of protecting Jewish Americans from the inflammatory hatred of an international visitor. “The United States is certainly under no obligation, as the U.N. host country, to facilitate her travel outside the U.N. as part of her treacherous effort to reach American campuses. If the State Department refuses to do its job and limit her visa accordingly, then they are aiding and abetting the spread of antisemitism across America.”

According to Form 990 U.S. tax filings in 2018, Bayefsky was under contract, that year, with CAMERA – the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America Inc., an NGO, and a member organization of the Jewish Community Relations Council – and received a payment of \$280,000. In a review of Bayefsky’s advocacy roles in Part 10 of this report, CAMERA “functions as an attack organization for the Zionist right wing, targeting journalists, academics, students, politicians, and community organizers who make even mild criticism of Israel.” Online ProPublica, in its Nonprofit Explorer information section, states that the NGO Human Rights Voices Inc. was “tax exempt since December 2013.” From 2013 to 2023, it had the following revenues:

2013 , \$110,000;	2015 , \$603,647;	2017 , \$457,698;	2019 , \$490,876;	2021 , \$470,115;
2014 , \$170,728;	2016 , \$575,157;	2018 , \$592,166;	2020 , \$480,800;	2022 , \$560,992;
				2023 , \$535,618.

with total reported revenues since 2013 of **\$5,047,797** (U.S.). Under these total revenues, there are reported “compensation” salaries for Human Rights Voices president Anne Bayefsky, totalling \$425,000, averaging, primarily, \$50,000 per annum. The sources of revenues to Human Rights Voices were not revealed.

¹¹ I.e., Al Jazeera’s online May 29, 2023, article, *The Campaign Against the U.N.’s Human Rights Official on Palestine*, states: “Hundreds of civil society organizations, academics, jurists and politicians have come to Albanese’s defense. On April 26, Amnesty International Italy released a letter in support of the U.N. human rights official, which included dozens of Italian rights groups, MPs, jurists and academics as signatories. An earlier statement in support of Albanese in January 2023 included 116 human rights groups, civil society organizations, and academic institutions from all over the world.... “Our organizations and groups warn that this smear campaign against UNSR Albanese constitutes the latest manifestation in a pattern of Israeli attacks aimed at silencing any legitimate criticism of the inhuman manner in which it treats Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT),” the 116 international organization and academic signatories said.” Mandy Turner’s September 21, 2023 article, *Why Israel Fears the Facts: Reporting on Israel’s Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Territory for the UN*, states: “There are now forty-four Special Rapporteurs” who “report directly to the UNCHR [UN Commission on Human Rights] and the UN General Assembly. More crucially, and this is what makes them so independent, **they are not UN staff members and do not receive a salary**. This leaves the office holders able to offer an independent voice unshackled by the diplomatic language and horse-trading that plagues the UN system.”

¹² Bayefsky’s public relations involvement in the defence of Zionist Israel is covered in Part 10 of this report.

Irwin Cotler's old friend and student, Hillel Neuer, the top dog at U.N. Watch, Zionist Israel's mouthpiece monitoring commander on the United Nations, with its headquarters in Geneva,¹³ **on which Cotler sits as an advisory board member**, launched a chilling media release on October 22, 2024, *Report: US Should Bar Antisemitic UN Official Set to Visit General Assembly, College Campuses*.

GENEVA, October 23, 2024 — One week after she was [condemned by France and the U.S.](#) for spreading antisemitism, UN official Francesca Albanese should be sanctioned and barred entry to the U.S., said the human rights group UN Watch on Tuesday, days before her planned visit to the country to address the General Assembly's 193-nation human rights committee, and to speak at multiple college campuses including Georgetown and Princeton.

In a 60-page report released today, "[Wolf in Sheep's Clothing](#)," the Geneva-based non-governmental organization UN Watch documents how Albanese, the UN Human Rights Council's monitor tasked with investigating "Israel's violations" in the Palestinian territories, routinely portrays Israelis as Nazis, complains that America is "subjugated by the Jewish Lobby," and denies the Hamas atrocities of October 7, 2023.

Albanese has also been [condemned](#) by German, Canadian and U.S. lawmakers. Last week she was [denounced for antisemitism](#) by the leading Jewish organizations in the U.S., including by the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations,

This summer, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, [stated](#) that Albanese "is not fit for this or any position at the UN," and that "there is no place for antisemitism from UN-affiliated officials tasked with promoting human rights." Last week, France [called](#) for Albanese to face "consequences."

In 2022, Deborah Lipstadt, the U.S. Special Envoy on Antisemitism, [stated](#) that Albanese's "blatant antisemitic rhetoric" was "an established pattern" that "severely undermines" her credibility as UN human rights official.



"Canada is not showing solidarity with Israel right now," said Batsheva Neuer, a Grade 10 student from the Hebrew Academy in Montreal, who traveled overnight by bus to attend the event. "There is no difference between what happened in New York and what is happening in Israel. We must fight terror wherever it is."

'DISAPPOINTING' RESPONSE

Batsheva's criticism of Canada was shared by two members of her family who are former Montrealers now living in New York.

"Canada's response has been disappointing," Hillel Neuer said. "Canada is a strong democracy and it has to stand with the only democracy in the Middle East."

Excerpt from Montreal Gazette article, *Huge D.C. Israel-support rally*, April 16, 2002.

¹³ Refer to Part 10 for more on Neuer. A Boca Raton News article of December 12, 2006, *Neuer sees mission as 'a sliver of light,'* states that Neuer "was a litigation attorney at the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP," and that he "holds three diplomas in law, in government, and intellectual history." Hillel's first editorial printed in the Montreal Gazette on March 14, 1994, describes Hillel as "a former editor of Dateline: Middle East," and "is a board member of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research."

“Never before in the history of the United Nations did France, Germany and the U.S. condemn a UN human rights monitor for racism or antisemitism,” said Hillel C. Neuer, executive director of UN Watch. “Francesca Albanese is the first. She is today the most dangerous figure on the world stage inciting antisemitism and jihadi terrorism.”

Albanese is set to speak in front of the United Nations in the U.S. on October 30. A college tour will take her to multiple U.S. campuses including Georgetown University on October 26, Princeton on October 29, and Toronto on November 7. **UN Watch warns of “the possibility that Albanese will incite terrorism and antisemitism on campuses.”**

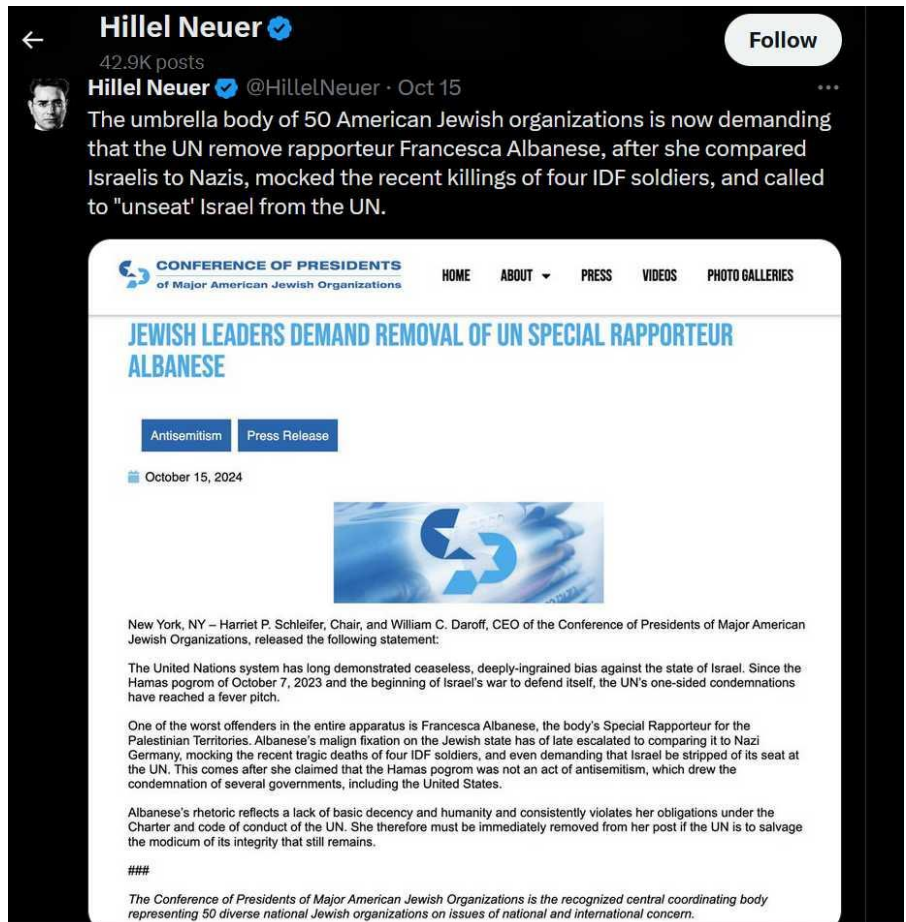
A new series of comments posted on X (formerly the Twitter platform), began appearing on about October 14, 2024, as news emerged from Albanese’s social media accounts about her new report to the United Nations and numerous scheduled speaking engagements in the United States and Canada. If I were to hazard a guess about which pro-Israeli body / individual masterminded this latest stinging campaign against Albanese it would most likely be Canadian Neuer, who had previously committed earlier series of smears against her.

It is probably why, and through whom, mass messages were co-dispatched. One of these dispatches reached Michele Taylor, the American Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Council, a [founding board member and vice chair of President Joe Biden’s Super PAC, Unite the Country](#).

The hyperlink to Wikipedia, states that Taylor, a grandchild to Jewish holocaust survivors, was appointed in 2014 to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and was a former board member of the Anti-Defamation League. Taylor tweeted on X on October 15, 2024:

Antisemitism has no place at the UN, especially from those tasked with promoting human rights. Francesca Albanese’s recent remarks, including evoking Nazis, show yet again that she is unfit for any role at the UN. The U.S. has never supported her mandate, and her conduct is unacceptable.

Of course, any conscientious human rights investigator would retort the following to Taylor’s disingenuous statement: it is the “conduct” of the United States’ support of Israel’s genocide that “is unacceptable.” Michele Taylor had tweeted on February 12, 2024, four months into Israel’s genocide, that “Francesca Albanese has a history of using antisemitic tropes. Her most recent statements justifying, dismissing, and denying the antisemitic undertones of Hamas’ October 7 attack are unacceptable and antisemitic.”

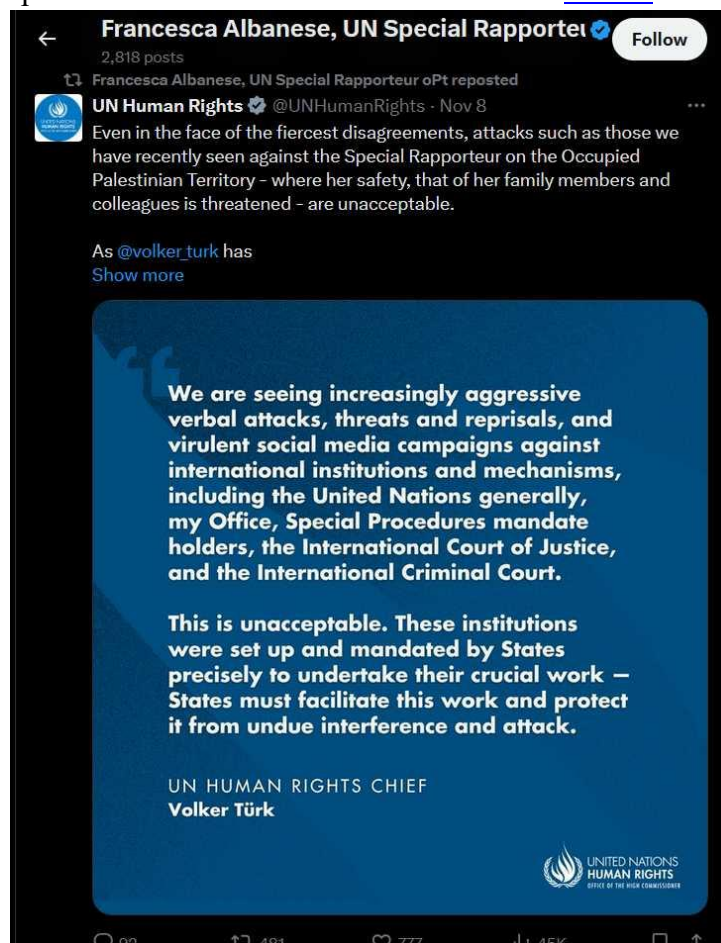


Hillel Neuer's originating tweet dispatch was endorsed by Canadian MP (for Montreal riding Mount Royal) Anthony Housefather, who tweeted on October 17, in support of Michel Taylor's October 15th tweet: "I agree with @USAmbHRC. Francesca Albanese has a long history of using antisemitic tropes. It is absolutely baffling to me that the United Nations condones her behaviour and does not remove her from her position." In July 2024, nine months into Israel's genocide, Prime Minister Trudeau [appointed Housefather as Special Advisor on Jewish Community Relations and Antisemitism](#):

Mr. Housefather will help advance actions throughout the federal government to combat antisemitism, enhance the protection of Jewish Canadian communities, and address the unacceptable discrimination against them – both historical and current. In this role, Mr. Housefather will work closely with Jewish communities and relevant stakeholders across the country and Canada's Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, Deborah Lyons.¹⁴

[Wikipedia, on Anthony Housefather](#) (accessed on November 9, 2024) states:

In May 2018, Housefather distanced himself from his own government and strongly disagreed with [Justin Trudeau](#), when he made a statement that condemned the Israeli military for using excessive force against unarmed civilians and called for an independent investigation into Israel, after an Israeli sniper shot a Canadian physician, Dr. Tarek Loubani in [Gaza](#). ... Housefather is a member of the Canada-Israel Interparliamentary group. Following the start of the Israeli war on Gaza in October 2023, Housefather travelled to Israel and took photos with former Israeli Prime Minister [Naftali Bennett](#). On January 19, 2024, Housefather appeared on CBC's Power and Politics and stated that Canada should categorically reject South Africa's genocide claim against Israel while saying that Israel was merely "defending itself."



¹⁴ Deborah Lyons, the former Canadian ambassador to Israel (June 19, 2016 – 2020) and now [Canadian Special Envoy on Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism](#) (as of October 16, 2023). As stated in the hyperlink, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau appointed Lyons "in the wake of Hamas' large-scale terrorist attacks against Israel. ... The Prime Minister thanked the Honourable Irwin Cotler for his tireless contributions as Canada's first Special Envoy ... from 2020 to 2024."

As an arm of what might be called the global denial industry, U.N. Watch's strategy is, clearly, to assassinate Albanese's character and reputation. It is much like what the tobacco industry did to the whistleblower in the Hollywood movie, *The Insider*. In the movie, based on real events, the 60 Minutes CBC television program's top researcher, represented by Hollywood star Al Pacino, who put himself in charge of protecting *The Insider* from a character assassination smear campaign, goes to great lengths to redeem *The Insider*, hiring a group of investigators to counter each smear. The character assassination, revealed in a contrived report that was released to the media, came the moment *The Insider* committed to making an affidavit in a court proceeding, breaking his confidentiality agreement, and thereby exposing criminal secrets against his old employer, one the "Seven Dwarves." Similarly, Albanese, as an expert in her field of international law and human rights, has framed a series of serious indictments against the Zionist settler state, and her latest report as perhaps the most powerful. As all can see, the Zionist project, with its many tentacles, will not easily surrender and will go down kicking and screaming.

"I know what they do because I used to ask them to do it. I mean when I was in the Mossad, and we had a guy that gave us problems in the U.S., and he was speaking out, and he was talking, and like Pete talked once [referring to what another presenter said at the same conference], and said **Israel is bombing Lebanon with cluster bombs**. Well, we say, hey, who's that guy? You know, Pete ----- [a Hebrew word for cockroach], we used to call it, yeah, which is Pete the Cockroach, because he makes a lot of noise, and you can't get rid of him. So, what you do is you get in touch with a guy in the [Mossad] station in New York or in the [Mossad] station in Washington, and you say tell the guys at B'nai Brith to label him. And, of course, the campaign starts. And before you know it the guy's labelled, and he's an Antisemite, because that's what we say he is. **And that's one stain you cannot wash**. Now, it shames me as a Jew to tell you that. But that's the fact and it's wrong!"



Left: Quote from Victor Ostrovsky, "former Mossad Agent," from a September 12, 1995, presentation, filmed on C-SPAN. *Source:* YouTube, "Former Mossad Agent on Israel's Influence Over U.S. Policy." Ostrovsky, a Mossad case officer from 1984 – 1986, authored two books (*By Way of Deception*, and *The Other Side of Deception*, on the operations of the Mossad. His first book was temporarily censored in Canada in 1990 by the Israeli Embassy.

Part 4. The Big Reveal about Abella’s Conduct (‘Progressive Except for Palestine’)

The ink was barely dry on Abella’s January 9, 2024 opinion article in the *Globe and Mail*, that within two days a lengthy blog post emerged from eastern Canada with an eyebrow raising account under the title, [revealing a chink in Abella’s human rights record armor](#). Abella’s words and arguments in defence of the Israeli State were so troublesome they triggered an immediate response in Judy Haiven’s blog, *My Encounter with Justice Rosalie Abella and my Dismay with her*:

“I used to think highly of Justice Rosalie Abella [as so many have], who in 2021 retired from the Supreme Court of Canada after 17 years. ... But in [her op-ed](#) in Tuesday’s *Globe and Mail*, she refused to let facts get in the way of her support of Israel. ... Where are the facts behind what Abella says? Where is the evidence of genocide against the Jews? Twenty-three thousand dead Palestinians suggests a genocide against the people of Gaza, not the Jews in Israel.”

Haiven, a former professor in the Management Department of the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary’s University in Halifax, a specialist in Industrial Relations, and “a founder of [Equity Watch](#), a human rights organization dedicated to fighting bullying and discrimination in the workplace,” detailed a private discussion Haiven had with Abella about ten years ago, 2014, the focus of her ‘disappointment’.



“The Religious Studies Department at Saint Mary’s University (where I was a faculty member) invited her [Abella] to give a talk in Halifax. It was part of an annual lecture series meant to knit faiths together to discuss weighty matters. Abella’s talk on the topic of human rights was co-sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council. ... She spoke of all the trouble spots in the world, the Congo, Somalia, Rwanda, China, the Russian orbit of countries, Latin America and explained the lack of democracy and the wars which had caused huge misfortunes for the local people, and the abrogation of their human rights on a grand scale. **She must have named 20 countries, but never once mentioned Palestine. It was a huge oversight, a glaring omission, a leap that showed not only that Palestinian human rights were not an issue, but that Israel’s illegal and brutal military occupation of nearly 60 years did not exist – for her.**

When she ended her speech, there was a standing ovation; she looked pleased and curtsied to the audience. ... After the thanks and gift-giving, **I realized I had to talk to her about her refusal to speak about Palestine and her support for Israel.** ... Finally, she and I were alone in the room. I walked up smiling and presented my business card. I said I had admired her work in labour law, especially her plan for employment equity which lay the ground for the federal Employment Equity Act. She was happy, and glad to get the praise.

Then I said, **“You know, people like you and me have to stand up against injustice committed by Israel – because if we as Jews don’t stand up, we can’t expect anyone else will. We have to**

“speak against the Occupation.” Her face clouded over; sharply and clearly, she stated, **“I will never do that.”** I said, “Surely if you are in favour of human rights you have to see what Israel is doing is wrong.” She turned her back on me and muttered, **“I don’t agree, and I will never say those things.”**

Then she picked up the shawl, the quilt and the pottery and dashed for the front doors.

All these years later I remember the furious look she gave me – I was a traitor. I could not believe that someone who was a Supreme Court judge, someone who was a feminist, someone who challenged existing labour law – could be so wilfully blind.”

Haiven had long ago discovered a troublesome trait, a wrinkle, a singular orientational flaw in Abella’s international human rights portfolio, a thorny weakness in her integrity and conduct. And now, Haiven was finally calling Abella out.

4.1. No, Not There, or PeP

Putting the revelation of Rosalie Abella’s indifference aside, to allow Abella the benefit of our collective doubt, in fairness one might argue that this was merely a single speaking engagement where Abella had mistakenly overlooked referencing the plight of Palestinians within the context of her numerous speeches, presentations and essays on international human rights and constitutional injustices. In pursuit of this possibility, I conducted an inquiry into as many of her public presentations I could find, to verify the question about a possible pattern, a repeated offense, of excluding Palestinians. I managed to find three speaking engagement examples: two prior to 2014 and one after.

* On January 11, 2007, Rosalie Abella presented the opening lecture for the [Trust in Justice series](#) hosted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, the Nova Scotia Barrister Society, and the Dalhousie Law School, held at the McNally Theatre Auditorium, Saint Mary’s University in Halifax. Abella served as Supreme Court Justice at the time, when Israel was constructing the massive walls around Gaza and the Westbank.

“We have genocide in Rwanda, the massacres in Bosnia and the Congo the violent expropriations and judicial constructive dismissals in Zimbabwe, the assassination of law enforcers in Colombia and Indonesia, the slavery and child soldiers in Sudan, the repression in Chechnya, the cultural [_____] of women Hindus in ancient Buddhist temples by the Taliban, the attempted genocide of the Kurds in Iraq, the rampant racism tolerated at the UN World Congress against racism and intolerance in Durban South Africa, the world shocking lassitude and confronting AIDS in Africa, a lassitude interrupted only when Stephen Lewis donated his iconic passion and indefatigable compassion to the issue, and of course Darfur. How come with all our international laws to protect rights we have tolerated these and injustices notwithstanding what should have been the indelible lesson of the Holocaust that indifference is in justice’s incubator we felt somehow entitled to defer consideration of our international moral obligations.”

* No, not there. Well, what about at a symposium at York University on March 28, 2009, when Abella served as Supreme Court Justice:

“The human rights abuses occurring in some parts of the world are putting the rest of the world in danger because intolerance in its hegemonic insularity seeks to impose its intolerant truth on others. Yet we appear to be reluctant to call to account the intolerant countries who abuse their citizens and instead hide behind silencing concepts like cultural relativism or domestic sovereignty or root

causes.” ... Citing massacres and abuses in Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Chechnya and Darfur, as well as those by the Taliban and against the Kurds, she observed: “Clearly what remains elusive is our willingness as an international community to protect humanity from injustice.”

* No, not there either. Well, what about Abella’s December 9, 2020, keynote address for the inaugural Elie Wiesel Lectureship in Human Rights, a prepared address recorded by a video link from her home when she served as Supreme Court Justice:



“In too many parts of the world there are no rights, no tolerance, no justice, and no hope. Those parts of the world are putting the rest of the world in danger because intolerance, the world’s fastest growth industry, seeks in its hegemonic insularity to impose its intolerant truth on others. Yet for some reason we seem far too reluctant to call to account the intolerant countries who abuse their citizens and hide instead behind silencing concepts ...

silence in the face of injustice means that injustice wins. Since the end of World War Two we’ve had the most sophisticated array of laws, treaties, and conventions the world has ever known, all stating that rights abuses will not be tolerated anywhere. But they have been tolerated. We’ve had the genocide in Rwanda, the massacres in Bosnia, Cambodia, and the Congo. The repression in Chechnya, the child soldiers in Sudan, Zimbabwe, the Uygur’s in China, the Rohingya and Myanmar, Pakistan, Syria, Iran, Russia, Darfur, Hungary, Poland, and Turkey. And, of course the refugees dying by the hundreds as they seek refuge from the wrath of African conflicts. These are among many, many others. Clearly what remains elusive is our willingness as an international community to protect humanity from injustice.”

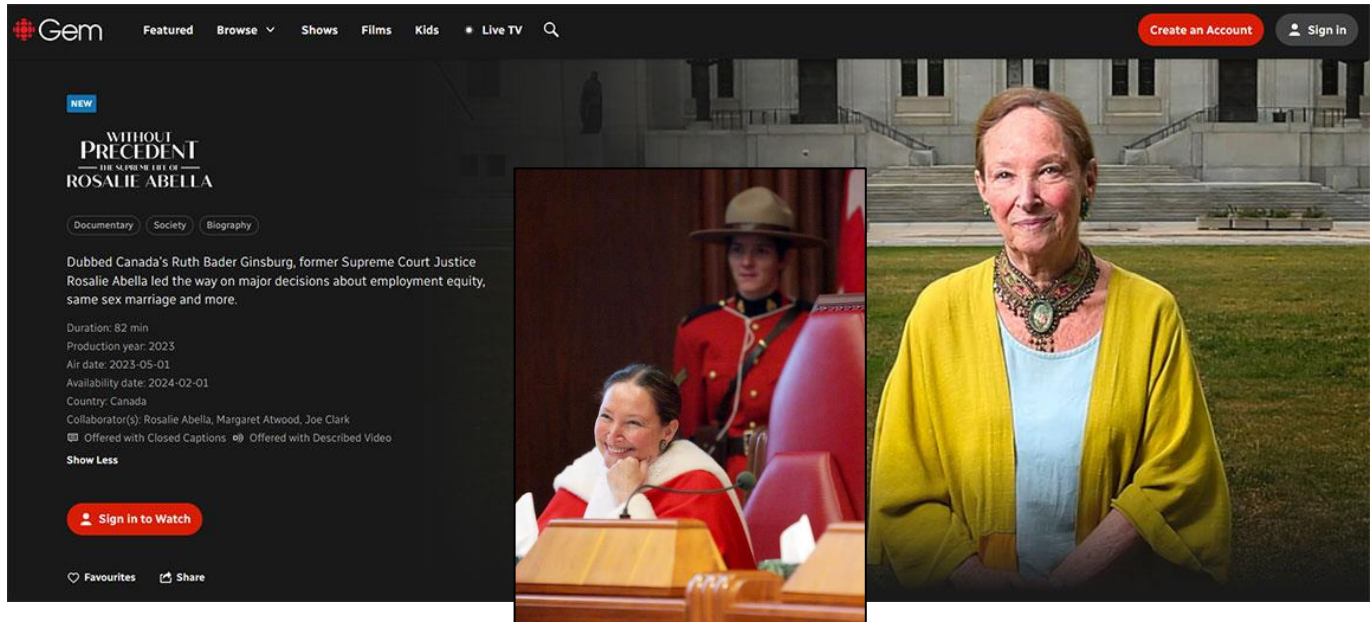
No, not there either. Nowhere, so far. Nothing. A more than likely pattern of withholding references to Palestinians, to Gaza, or the Westbank was found. Perhaps there was some mention of the Palestinians somewhere, but unlikely. And, oddly, no mention of Israel as an oppressor, colonial settler, and Apartheid State, as frequently mentioned by conscientious human rights advocates, as reported on by prominent human rights organizations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, historians, and by special legally trained independent rapporteurs and their formal reports to the United Nations. Abella, for instance, like her good friend Irwin Cotler, had been involved in supporting those oppressed by the former South Africa apartheid regime. What, one might genuinely ask, is with the deafening silence about Palestinians?

Abella did say something of interest most recently on CBC television News, [from a special interview broadcast on January 22, 2024](#): “I’ve never seen anything like this **where people are silenced for taking a side that defends the right of the Jewish state to exist.**” Following in line with her January 9 opinion article thirteen days prior, Abella’s statement provides clarity.

Sensing the vulnerability and inevitability of Abella’s damaged reputation – like bees out to protect the hive and its queen, like the summoning of a Humpty Dumpty directive – the Canadian Israel lobby flexed its influence on the federal CBC to salvage and elevate Abella’s public image. The strategy soon emerged in a

February 2, 2024 CBC news post called [‘Canada’s Ruth Bader Ginsburg’: Justice Rosalie Abella led the way on major decisions that affect your life](#). After a brief introduction on Abella’s legacy, is a link to watch filmmaker Barry Avrich’s 2022 documentary, *Without Precedent: The Supreme Life of Rosalie Abella*, for free:

Rosalie Silberman Abella – “Rosie” to almost everyone who knows her – built a legal legacy in Canada **while becoming a human rights hero and icon around the world**. This is the story of an exceptional woman who spent her entire life reminding us that we must never forget how the world looks to those who are vulnerable.



Similarly, in aid of restoring and or repairing Abella’s self-infliction, the lobby has extended its influence into the United States to provide the same offer, where the Public Broadcast Station (PBS) would also broadcast Barry Avrich’s documentary about Abella. Unlike a vehicle smash-damaged in some traffic accident, Abella’s damaged image may never be repaired.

So, what do we now know? Haiven called out Abella’s conduct in her blog post. And we should all thank her for doing so, because it seems that no one, or should I say, very few may have publicly called Abella out on her conduct before.

For instance, the February 14, 2023, article published by Peter Larson on the *Canada Talks Israel Palestine* website. When [seventy Canadian jurists](#) “signed a letter warning about the proposed changes limiting the independence of the Israeli judiciary” on February 9, 2023, *Statement by Canadian jurists on proposed transformation of Israel’s legal system*, the list included “seven retired Supreme Court judges,” including “former Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin and former Justice Rosalie Abella:”

[The statement](#), written by University of Toronto academics Lorraine Weinrib and Ernest Weinrib, accuses Israel of forgetting the lessons of the Nazis’ mass murder of six million Jews. “*We write out of concern that recent proposals to transform Israel’s legal system will weaken democratic governance, undermine the rule of law, jeopardize the independence of the judiciary and impair the protection of human rights.*”

But while raising the flag about serious potential threats to the human rights of Israelis, the letter totally ignores an even bigger existing Israeli human rights problem in which the Israel’s existing Supreme Court judges has been deeply complicit. Those of the human rights of Palestinians.

“The president of Israel’s Supreme Court, gave an impassioned [speech](#) this month criticizing the radical overhaul of the judiciary proposed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government,” notes Hagar El-ad, executive director of Israeli human rights organization B’Tselem. El-ad notes that in her speech, Justice Esther Hayuit gave many examples of where the Supreme Court has intervened to protect the rights of children, soldiers, LGBT and religious rights. **“But, continues El-ad”, she made no mention whatsoever of Palestinian human rights. This omission cannot be accidental.”**



**Former Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin
and
former Justice Rosalie Abella.**

The above-referenced January 26, 2023, article by Hagar El-ad, *The Silent Branch: How Israel’s Supreme Court Crushes Palestinian Rights*, examines the omissions of Palestinian rights from Israel’s laws, a premediated condition by the Court which El-ad refers to as the “silent branch” of government.

“Palestinians are a large minority within Israel proper and make up half the population in the entire area between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Yet somehow, exactly when she [Supreme Court president Esther Hayuit] was lauding the court’s “effective defense of human rights and civil rights in the country,” Hayut overlooked half the people who live under Israel’s control – even though they are the group that suffers the broadest and most severe violations of their rights, which are ongoing. **How can one honestly talk about protecting human rights in Israel without even mentioning these human beings?**

Why did Justice Hayut choose silence? Of course, she wanted to defend the liberal image of the Supreme Court and of the Jewish state. That is why she could not flaunt the court’s role, under her leadership and that of her predecessors, in legally approving the systemic trampling of Palestinians’ human rights under the Israeli regime. It simply doesn’t add up: a rich history of sanctioning systemic harm to Palestinians with a proud defense of human rights. **The only choice she had was to remain silent—in a dramatic, landmark speech that purported to speak for human rights.**

Further, the current debate in Israel is not about the actual oppression of Palestinians – a matter of broad consensus – but about how and to what extent their rights should be trampled. As in the past, the Supreme Court continues to faithfully play its role in this regime of Jewish supremacy.”

Of further interest are two public comments posted and tagged underneath Peter Larson’s February 14, 2023, on-line article. The first, by Lawyer Paul Tetrault, points out, **“the Israeli Supreme Court does not champion universal human rights but the human rights of Jews in a Jewish state. The human rights of Palestinians are left out.”** The second, by [Wolfe Erlichman](#), a member of the Independent Jewish Voice of Canada, states the following, not only validating my findings about Abella’s pattern of withholding references to Palestinians, but also points to a wider net of those committing the same, or similar omissions:

“Good stuff Peter. **Rosalie Abella** is the Honourary Co-chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR). RWCHR is concerned about the following alphabet soup of human rights

abuses: Armenia, Bahai World Faith, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, China, Christians, Cuba, Darfur, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jews, Khazakstan, Malaysia, Muslims, Poland, Rohingya, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sunni, Thailand, Venezuela, Zimbabwe. **One would think that RWCHR Chair Irwin Cotler could have squeezed a few million Palestinians into his, BUT THEY ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.** However, prominent Zionists like Alan Dershowitz and Gil Troy (who labels Jewish critics of Israel as “un-jews”) are members of RWCHR and **they do a good job of “disappearing” the Palestinians. Rosalie Abella is a typical “PeP”, Progressive Except for Palestine.** Of course, if you are not “progressive” about Palestine, you are not really progressive about anything.”

Erlichman had also called Abella out a year previous. If Abella, heralded as a human rights defender, is found refusing to defend the rights of Palestinians, what does that make of her conduct and of her collective claims to fame? These are critical questions.

An October 19, 2023, internet article, [Crowd calls for Liberation of Palestine at Kingston Rally](#), states that the Independent Jewish Voice of Canada has “chapters in many cities, with a vision for a just peace in Israel-Palestine based on principles of equality and human rights, supporting movements like Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions:”

“His [Erlichman’s] views on relations between Israel and Palestine put him in the minority among Jews around the world. ... Erlichman says he’s not and has never been happy with the way Israel treats Palestinians, and that the conflation of criticizing Israel with anti-semitism is a sentiment that has “worn thin” for him and many other Jewish people. **He says that western governments, including Canada, need to stop adopting the stance that any criticism of Israel is inherently anti-Semitic.**”

4.2. Neglectfulness

Wolfe Erlichman’s and others’ assessment of how Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights chairman, co-chairman, and directors have made the plight of Palestinians “disappeared,” is, sadly, not the whole story. There is far more behind this picture – namely, “the following alphabet soup of human rights abuses,” referenced above – than meets the eye. Their assessment has missed something of greater relevance.

With the advent of Antony Loewenstein’s latest book, *The Palestine Laboratory*, released in May 2023, just five months before Israel’s ‘on-line’ genocide of Gaza began, came disturbing, collected revelations about the Zionist Israel project and its clandestine global military affairs. For those knowledgeable about global human rights issues, and the role of the military and surveillance complex in aiding governments for having committed human rights atrocities and violations, Loewenstein’s investigation sheds invaluable light, revealing disturbing information about Zionist Israel’s global participatory roles in them, and thereby, indirectly, calling out the neglectfulness of two Zionist human rights legal advocates, Irwin Cotler and Rosalie Abella, for denouncing many of these atrocities without referencing Zionist Israel’s complicity in many of them, the colonial state oppressor which they both confess allegiance to and morally support.

An Australian with German dual citizenship, of Jewish ethnicity, and a proclaimed anti-Zionist, Loewenstein is a journalist and author who has developed a keen ability and sense of truth telling. When his first book, *My Israel Question*, was published in 2006, Loewenstein explained in an August 1, 2023, presentation in Australia that when the “Israel lobby” unsuccessfully attempted to censor the book by “putting pressure on Melbourne University Press,” the lobby only helped to make it a “bestseller.”¹⁵

¹⁵ [YouTube, “The Palestine Laboratory,”](#) featuring Antony Loewenstein, presented on August 1, 2023, at the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

By the 2020s, Loewenstein set out to expose Israel's deepest, darkest, coldest inhumane secrets: his finding and theme that its collective harms to Gaza, the Westbank and Lebanon were conducted because they were also profitable human laboratories for developing military applications and spyware. In that exposure he also revealed that by having successfully and laboriously evaded Apartheid South Africa's 1994 fate of collapse and condemnation, and thereby continuing its Apartheid and concentration camp systems against captive Palestinians supported by the global west's 'democratic' states, and after the early 1990s at the outset of the Oslo accord negotiations regarding Palestine, **Israel would rise to become a notorious father ethno-nationalist figure, creating ethno-nationalist offspring and partners for global state suppressions of the 'troublesome hordes.'**

With private contracts for military hardware and surveillance software, supported and controlled, as Loewenstein emphasizes, by the Israeli state to over 130 governments,¹⁶ Zionist Israel could literally buy sleazy political cover for its crimes cumulatively exposed at the United Nations since 1946.

Israel has become a key Global inspiration of ethno-nationalism today ... I would say that the Israel India relationship today is the Israel South African apartheid relationship of yesterday. And what do I mean by that? Yes, it's a defense relationship. India buys huge amounts of weapons defense equipment spyware, so-called smart walls, from Israel. That's part of it. But it's much more than that. It's an ideological alignment. Indian officials under Modi, and Modi himself, have talked extensively about deeply admiring what Israel is doing in the West Bank, wanting to do similar things in Kashmir to the Muslim majority population. So, what India is doing in Kashmir in the last years is bringing in huge numbers of Hindus from the south of the country to settle and occupy the Muslim areas of Kashmir. Now, I'm not saying India is doing that solely because of Israel. They're not. But again, a deep ideological alignment, and to me one of the great threats of this century is ethnonationalism. One of the great threats today is that issue, and we have the world's biggest country and the world's biggest self-described democracy as a proud ethno-nationalist State. Under Modi India is proudly talking about becoming a Hindu fundamentalist state.¹⁷

As Loewenstein was researching his *Palestine Laboratory* expose, he was unaware that author and journalist Ezad Essa was researching the clandestine military and political ethno-nationalist relationships between India and Israel. Essa's book, *Hostile Homelands: The New Alliance between India and Israel*, was released in late February 2023, three months before Loewenstein's. Both authors were later interviewed on October 4, 2023, just days before the genocide began, in a video podcast by The Polis Project channel, [Israel's Palestine Laboratory: From India to the World](#). In the interview, they reveal "this ideological link between Hindutva and Zionism." In the discussion, Essa describes that the military "relationship" between India and Israel originated "in 1962 when India and China go to war," when India's Nehru "writes to David Ben Gurion and he asks for assistance." Ben Gurion then shipped India arms.

"Following 26/11 [November 26, 2008, "India's 9/11"], India was purchasing an implausible variety of hardware from Israel. From sensors, and electro-optical systems, to surveillance and armed drones; night goggles to long-range surface to air missiles; radars that would be installed on balloons on the border with Pakistan to the upgrading of 130mm M-46 guns used by soldiers. The deals amounted to around \$10bn worth of business between 2000 and 2010 alone."¹⁸

"Between 2003 and 2013, India became the single largest purchaser of Israeli arms, accounting for upwards of one-third of all arms exported out of the Jewish state. Israel had become India's second largest arms supplier after Russia. At some point in the 2000s, Prabir Purkayastha writes, Israel was

¹⁶ Ibid. Loewenstein said on October 4, 2023, there were now 145 countries.

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ *Hostile Homelands: The New Alliance between India and Israel*, page 53.

supplying more arms to India than it was the Israeli army. Israel's overall arms exports between 2000–2007 were close to \$29.7bn, a far cry from the early 1980s when exports were closer to \$1bn per annum. In 2012, exports of weapons hit \$7.5bn, an increase of 129% from the previous year, cementing Israel in the top ten bracket of the world's leading defense exporters, with India rapidly featuring as its most dependable buyer.”¹⁹

“When it comes to Hindu nationalism and the *complete* project of Zionism – be it cultural, political, labor, revisionist (right wing) – the two ideas share more than symmetry. They shared kinship. And their differences aside, the pursuit of consolidating dominion to create unified states with a single culture and identity, predicated on erasing the “other” is what ultimately defined their kinship.”²⁰

Since at least 2007, Rosalie Abella has referenced numerous global human rights issues in her public presentations. As noted above, and in Part One of this report, these include the Rwanda genocide, the “massacres in Bosnia,” Darfur, the Congo, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Indonesia, Sudan, Syria, the Uighurs in China, the Rohingya and Myanmar, Hungary, and Turkey. As Abella stated, above: “How come with all our international laws to protect rights we have tolerated these and injustices notwithstanding what should have been the indelible lesson of the Holocaust that indifference is in justice’s incubator we felt somehow entitled to defer consideration of our international moral obligations?” And again: “Clearly what remains elusive is our willingness as an international community to protect humanity from injustice.”

Irwin Cotler, in the multitude of his public presentations, has also referenced global human rights issues, particularly his repeated concerns about the horrors of the Rwandan genocide. And most notably, his former criticisms about Apartheid South Africa, and his unsupportive, oft repeated claim echoed in the media that he was Nelson Mandela’s legal counsel. As a relevant aside, Loewenstein quotes Israeli human rights lawyer Eitay Mack at the beginning of chapter 4, *Israeli Mass Surveillance in the Brain of Your Phone*: “Because of surveillance teck, a country can avoid massacring protesters now. **Today, you’re able to identify and stop surveillance of the next Nelson Mandella before he even knows he’s Nelson Mandela.**”

It was during the April 19 to 24, 2009 Zionist Israel lobby’s counter conferences at Geneva and New York City (detailed in Part 10 of this report), that Irwin Cotler (and his friend Alan Dershowitz) opined against the United Nations (who “seeks its reform”), and for those constantly criticizing Israel, for failing to act on the genocides in Darfur and Rwanda:

“Shocking, scandalous, that in the 21st century we should not only be talking about but having to witness a genocide by attrition in Darfur. And, just as with respect to Rwanda, nobody can say that we do not know. We knew with respect to Rwanda but did not act. We know with respect to Darfur, but we are not acting. ... This UN Council on human rights since its inception in 2006 has adopted some 32 resolutions of condemnation. 26 of those resolutions singled out one member state in the international community. That one-member state happens to be Israel. But the worst thing – and this leads me to the fourth and last manifestation – is that the major human rights violators have enjoyed exculpatory immunity. Not one resolution of condemnation against Iran. Not one resolution of condemnation against Darfur. And I can go on. And so, what should disturb us, those of us, and I suspect that includes almost everyone in this room that care about the integrity of the UN, that care about the authority of international law, that care about the struggle for human rights and the struggle against discrimination, should be concerned about what is being done in our name and what is not being done in our name.”²¹

¹⁹ Ibid., page 52.

²⁰ Ibid., page 84.

²¹ April 22, 2009, UN Watch forum, Geneva.

It is not known if Cotler and/or Abella were cognisant of Israel's participation in the Rwanda genocide, or its other partner participations mentioned below. The fact that Israel was involved in that genocide, is a big, gaping hole in the SS Cotler human rights battleship.

Following, are numerous quotations from Loewenstein's book, *The Palestinian Laboratory*, detailing many of Israel's notorious business dealings with foreign entities and states in human rights afflictions across the globe. They, and many others featured in his book, well demonstrate that the Israel colonial project has long aided and profited by military and police state suppression. When combined with a future forensic review of statements made by both Abella and Cotler who have criticized human rights abuses in these examples, they will help researchers to further expose the integrity of their criticisms, understanding that the colonial state they were and are championing has been involved in them, but never referred to.

(a) Rwanda:

"Israel's posture around the Rwandan genocide in 1994 was even worse. The government dispatched a medical aid team to assist survivors in Rwanda, led by the minister of environmental protection, Yossi Sarid. But that mission was all for show, because the government had shipped weapons to the brutal Hutu regime, which had killed around 800,000 Tutsis in 100 days. Such shipments included Uzi submachine guns and hand grenades, both before and during the genocide. When Sarid was questioned about Israel supporting the Hutu-led massacres, he replied, "We have no control over where our weapons go."

The world knew what was happening in Rwanda, both in the run-up to the genocide and during it, and yet did nothing. No amount of modern technology or heightened surveillance tools was going to stop it when Western powers armed the perpetrators. Israel had the choice at the very least to try to contain the massacres by using its vast surveillance powers to inform the Tutsis, but instead it threw a massive amount of fuel on the bonfire and thus became directly implicated in the slaughter."²²

"The end of the Cold War did not see any less Israeli collusion with violent autocracies. Israeli human rights lawyer Eitay Mack is trying to find out what role, if any, the Jewish state played in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. There is a long history of Israel knowing and ignoring Hutu massacres of Tutsi as far back as the 1960s. Evidence indicates that Israel continued sending weapons such as grenades, guns, and ammunition even when the genocide had started on April 6, 1994. Between 800,000 and 1 million Rwandans were massacred in the next one hundred days.

Mack filed a petition in the Israeli High Court in May 2020 demanding that the government open a criminal investigation into both the arms dealers and government officials who aided and abetted the Rwandan crimes against humanity. He even had a video interview with the pilot who flew the weapons into Rwanda, but this evidence was dismissed by the court on national security grounds. Israel was not alone in being an accomplice in the genocide; the Rwandan army was armed with French weaponry and Paris was a close ally of those perpetrating atrocities."²³

"NSO Group claimed that privacy of individuals included the data used was protected but the London-based investigative organization Forensic Architecture founded by Israeli architect Eyal Weizman reported in late 2020 that there was evidence that personal data used in testing from Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Rwanda was identifiable. Most of these countries had purchased and used NSO's spyware tool, Pegasus."²⁴

²² Intro.

²³ Chap. 2.

²⁴ Chap. 3.

“A full rogue’s gallery of dictatorships has bought and deployed Pegasus, nations that either had official relations with Israel or desperately wanted Israeli spyware. Bahraini and Omani activists have been targeted by NSO tech. Rwanda used Pegasus to monitor dissident Paul Rusesabagina, the man who inspired the *Hotel Rwanda* film, who was tricked and then kidnapped by Rwandan officials in Dubai, put on trial in Rwanda in 2021, and found guilty of terror-related crimes. Morocco used Pegasus to spy on senior French politicians including President Emmanuel Macron. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, a close ally of Netanyahu, bought Pegasus to spy on opposition politicians and critical journalists. When this was exposed in 2021, Orbán’s spokesman defaulted to his government’s usual anti-Semitic refrain when under attack, blaming billionaire Jewish philanthropist George Soros. This was the kind of ally that Israel wanted to foster in Europe as a supporter of the Jewish state.”²⁵

“Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to Israel in July 2017, and Netanyahu returned the favor in India in January 2018. India started using Pegasus in July 2017. Netanyahu visited Rwanda in July 2016 and leader Paul Kagame began using NSO in 2017. Netanyahu visited Azerbaijan in December 2016 and President Ilham Aliyev began use of Pegasus in 2018. Poland’s anticorruption body bought Pegasus after Prime Minister Beata Szydło met with Netanyahu in 2017. El Salvador’s pro-Israel leader Nayib Bukele was accused of using NSO tools to target dozens of activists and journalists who were investigating state corruption from 2020. Ironically, Bukele comes from a Palestinian background and his Christian grandparents emigrated to El Salvador from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the early twentieth century. UAE and Saudi Arabia were also enthusiastic Pegasus users, though Israel didn’t have official relations with them when its use began. Thailand’s pro-democracy movement was targeted by Pegasus, including activists who pushed for reform of the country’s monarchy.”²⁶

(b) Zimbabwe:

“Israel sold defense equipment to disreputable regimes from the outset. These states include Burma in the 1950s in its war against a communist insurgency. Its most successful early weapon was the Uzi gun, first designed in the late 1940s shortly after the birth of Israel. It has sold Uzis in more than ninety countries, and they’re featured in the militaries of Sri Lanka, Rhodesia [today’s Zimbabwe], Belgium, and Germany.”²⁷

“One of the least known aspects of this dynamic [with Africa], just before the Six-Day War, was Israel’s support for the campaign against white minority rule in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Israel condemned the regime led by white nationalist Ian Smith after his unilateral declaration of independence in 1965 and supported a military and civilian boycott of the regime. ... When the first leader of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, visited Israel in 1964, he thanked the Jewish state for its support of his resistance movement and expressed a desire for his fighters to get Israeli training in guerrilla warfare.”²⁸

(c) Congo:

“Black Cube was hired in 2015 by the Democratic Republic of Congo’s then President Joseph Kabila after the corporation’s director, Dan Zorella, a former member of an elite IDF intelligence unit, met him to establish Operation Coltan. Its aim was to spy on his opponents, which included any family members who criticized him in private.”²⁹

²⁵ Chap. 6.

²⁶ Chap. 6.

²⁷ Chap 1.

²⁸ Chap. 5.

²⁹ Page 175.

(d) Bosnia:

“Israel has often hedged its bets in times of war, unwilling to condemn Serbian crimes during the crisis in the Balkans in the 1990s. Even when the Serbs bombed markets in Sarajevo in 1994, killing over a hundred civilians, Israel refused to distinguish between the aggressor and the victim.”³⁰

(e) Colombia:

“Both Israel and the US trained and armed death squads in Colombia well into the 2000s. The former drug trafficker Carlos Castaño, who ran a far-right paramilitary force, explains in his ghost-written autobiography, “I learned an infinite amount of things in Israel [in the 1980s], and to that country I owe part of my essence, my human and military achievements. I copied the concept of paramilitary forces from the Israelis.” He reportedly arrived in Israel in 2004 after fleeing his own country. Colombia has long been the most significant strategic US ally in the region. A Colombian government-appointed truth commission released its findings in 2022 about the grim realities during the country’s civil war between 1958 to 2016. The US was found to have known that its Colombian allies were running death squads and yet Washington’s backing increased.”

“The infamous Israeli-made Galil rifles, once used in the Guatemalan genocide, ended up with Colombian drug lords in the late 1980s. Made by Israel Military Industries, taken over by Elbit Systems in 2018, the weapons were part of a much larger Israeli presence in Colombia. An American investigator, E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., told the *Washington Post* in 1990 that the Israeli government should have been more aware of how so many of its weapons ended up in Colombia. “One would have hoped it would have caused [the government of Israel] to ask questions, unless that is the way business is usually done,” he said.

American and Colombian investigators discovered that the weapons were part of a murky deal between Israeli mercenaries and Medellín cocaine cartel head José Gonzalo Rodríguez Gacha when he wanted to take over the country and build a neofascist state. Wanting Israelis to help him with this project made sense, considering the sort of work elements of the Israeli military had done in Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s.

Decades later, Colombian elites remained in thrall to Israel. A WikiLeaks-released State Department cable from the US Embassy in Bogota in 2009 revealed the presence of Israeli company Global Comprehensive Security Transformation (Global CST), founded by Major General (Res.) Israel Ziv, a former head of the Operations Directorate of the IDF. The firm was contracted to assist the Colombian military in its war against the FARC rebel group.

In a promotional video for Global CST in 2011, made when he was president of Colombia, Santos praised the company as “people with a lot of experience.” Santos told an Israeli TV program that he was excited about the Israeli trainers used by the firm: “We’ve [Colombians] even been accused of being the Israelites of Latin America, which personally makes me feel really proud.” The show mentioned Colombia’s 2008 raid into Ecuador and killing of FARC’s second-in-command Paul Reyes. The narrator praised the mission: “All of a sudden, the methods that proved efficient in Nablus and Hebron begin speaking Spanish.”³¹

(f) Sudan, Darfur:

“Like Daniel Silberman, Traubman felt duty-bound to keep pushing for transparency about Israel’s role during Chile’s darkest days. “Knowing and understanding what happened there involves a

³⁰ Introduction.

³¹ Chap. 2.

universal value of freedom,” she said. “Israel’s ties with South Sudan today [where the Jewish state has armed its repressive government] prove that such relations continue to exist. To ensure that it will not happen again, and for the sake of historical justice, it must be revealed. That is important not only because of the past, but also for the future.” ”³²

“Israeli human rights lawyer Eitay Mack, one of the country’s [Israel’s] leading advocates for transparency in the country’s past and present defense policy, summed up the situation for me:

“Not a lot has changed in Israel’s defense sector over the decades. Its interests and carelessness about human rights and lack of accountability are the same. This is a problem because when I’m filing petitions and approaching the Ministry of Defense and officials it’s like they’re still in the Cold War. There may be a US or UN arms embargo on places, but Israel is still involved, such as in South Sudan, Azerbaijan, Myanmar and other places. These issues never change. I’m trying to expose the past. Not only because of the cliché that history is repeating but because Israel is using gag orders and censorship to stop information coming out.” ”³³

“The US Treasury under the Trump administration imposed sanctions on Ziv in 2018 for supplying weapons and ammunition to both the South Sudanese government and opposition, a nation at war since 2013. Ziv denied that he was an arms dealer by claiming he had helped the poor nation with its agricultural needs. The US lifted its sanctions in February 2020 without giving a reason. A United Nations report in 2015 confirmed that Israeli weapons were fueling South Sudan’s civil war.”³⁴

“Mack is a tireless advocate for the victims of Israel’s defense policies. He led the campaign in 2022 to pressure the Israeli government to arrest the Sudanese General Mohamed Hamdan “Hemeti” Dagolo for his involvement in the genocide in Darfur. Israel had invited Dagolo to visit secretly in 2021 while trying to build relations with the Sudanese dictatorship.”³⁵

“The most honest comment about the company’s real aim came from a former Israeli intelligence officer Tal Dilian, based in Cyprus and head of Intellexa, a cyber-surveillance company working with intelligence agencies in Europe and Southeast Asia. After telling Reuters that his equipment to track Covid cost between US\$9 million and US\$16 million, he acknowledged that dealing with the pandemic was just the beginning of its useful capabilities, saying that Intellexa surveillance tools could fight espionage and aid security. “We want to enable them to upgrade,” he said. Intellexa spyware has been found in the hands of a notorious Sudanese militia and in many other repressive states.”³⁶

“With tens of thousands of African refugees fleeing persecution in Eritrea and Sudan in the last decade seeking shelter in Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu’s regime aimed to bribe, cajole, and negotiate secretly with repressive African states to send people back. Israeli business leaders and politicians pressured South Sudan, Chad, and Central African Republic to accept African refugees, with Israel giving unenforceable promises to protect them in these nations. The Israeli government even considered forcibly returning Sudanese migrants, giving them a small amount of money and recruiting them to a Darfuri militia to fight Sudan, an outfit that was to be initially trained on Ugandan soil.”³⁷

³² Chap. 1.

³³ Chap. 1.

³⁴ Chap. 2.

³⁵ Chap. 2.

³⁶ Chap. 3.

³⁷ Chap. 4.

“Away from the Gulf, a number of states have embraced Israeli cyber tools because the technology was viewed as some of the most effective. South Sudan, a nation that became independent in 2011, bought communications interception technology from Israeli company Verint Systems between 2015 and 2017 despite South Sudan’s intelligence services being a known human rights abuser. Allegations of war crimes against the South Sudanese elites did nothing to stop the sales. Azerbaijan and Indonesia were also buyers of Verint systems and used the tools to target the gay community.”³⁸

(g) Myanmar:

“While Israel’s exact role in the Rwandan genocide remains hidden from public view, the Jewish state was happy to support another regime in its ethnic cleansing. Myanmar was credibly accused by the United Nations in 2018 of committing genocide against the Muslim Rohingya minority: the country’s military had used arson, rape, and murder as weapons of war in its brutal campaign. None of this had bothered Israel, and in 2015 a secret delegation from Myanmar visited Israel’s defense industries and naval and air bases to negotiate deals for drones, a mobile phone-hacking system, rifles, military training, and warships.

One of the visitors who posted on Facebook after attending Yad Vashem, the country’s Holocaust memorial, was Myanmar military chief Min Aung Hlaing. During the visit, he met with then President Reuven Rivlin and the IDF chief of staff. Hlaing was one of six individuals specifically named by a UN Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar for being the most responsible for human rights abuses. In 2018, Israel signed an education pact with Myanmar that allowed both nations to “cooperate to develop programs for the teaching of the Holocaust and its lessons of the negative consequences of intolerance, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia.” Public pressure finally forced the Israeli Foreign Ministry in 2019 to abandon the pact.

Despite an international arms embargo, genocide allegations were no impediment for senior representatives of Myanmar to attend in uniform Israel’s biggest weapons and security conference in Tel Aviv in 2019. After a few journalists reported on the visit, also revealing that South Sudanese officials attended, Israel reluctantly agreed that representatives from Myanmar would no longer be allowed to attend Israeli arms fairs while a global weapons embargo was in place.

This messaging did not reach the Israeli ambassador to Myanmar, who posted a tweet, quickly deleted after being reported by *Haaretz* in 2019, in support of the leaders of Myanmar, including Aung San Suu Kyi, who were about to represent their country in a genocide case at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. “Encouragement for a good verdict and good luck!” Ambassador Ronen Gilor tweeted with a link to a story. Days after the February 2021 coup by the junta, Gilor tweeted a photo of two sisters from Myanmar who had won a competition for honey manufacturing. It was later deleted, but this didn’t stop him later tweeting: “In this harsh time the man is the world and the man is complex; and yet Myanmar people are beautiful and awesome.”

Although Israel claimed to have stopped selling any equipment to Myanmar in 2018, the exact nature or truthfulness of such statements was unclear due to extreme secrecy around weapons dealings in Israel. The ties between the two nations remained strong, with Myanmar’s ambassador to Israel being one of the few foreign dignitaries who attended a ceremony in 2017 in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc in the West Bank to commemorate fifty years of Israeli occupation. Myanmar’s ambassador to Israel admitted to the Israeli media in 2017 that Israel had imposed no restrictions on the weapons sold to them. Newly declassified Israeli documents show that Israel saw a unique business opportunity in the country since its birth in 1948, selling copious amounts of deadly weapons in

³⁸ Chap. 6.

exchange for friendly support in international forums. Even during the worst of the country's atrocities against minorities, Israel stepped up its arms sales and training.

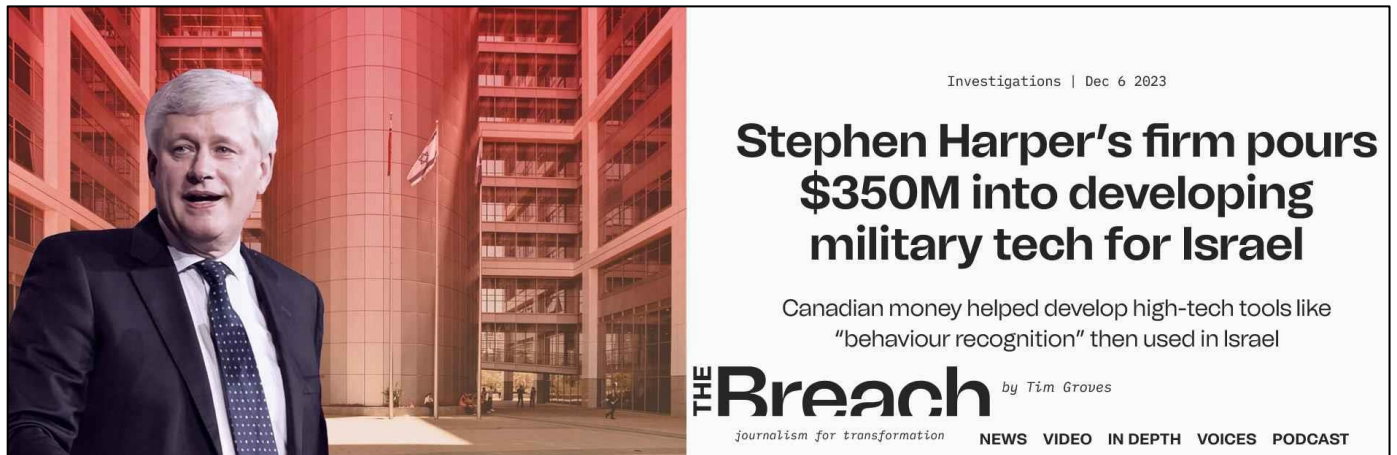
It was not until 2019 that Israel finally condemned “the atrocities that took place in the Rakhine region against the Rohingya,” but according to Israeli human rights lawyer Eitay Mack, it “likely came from the understanding that Ambassador Gilor’s tweet could serve as evidence of criminal intent (*mens rea*) of senior Israeli Defense and Foreign Ministry officials who approved defense exports to aid and abet Myanmar forces in their crimes.” While many countries called on Myanmar to allow Rohingya refugees to return safely from Bangladeshi refugee camps, Israel refused, likely because it had no intention of allowing Palestinian refugees who were forcibly displaced in 1948 to come back to the state of Israel.”³⁹

³⁹ Chap. 2.

4.3. The Occupation of AWZ Toronto Headquarters, and Herr Harper's Sudden Flight to Israel

In the complex societal chain reaction events that occurred after Antony Loewenstein published his *Palestine Laboratory* volume in May 2023, one of those chain reactions in Canada would end up provoking former Prime Minister Stephen Harper from his Alberta, Texas North nest to make a special, embarrassing flight to Israel in late February 2024, that is, amidst the international horror of Israel's then 4 months genocide in Gaza.

On December 6, 2023, two months after Israel's genocide carpet bombing assaults began, Tim Groves, journalist with The Breach, an on-line journalism website, published a hard-hitting probing account, "*Stephen Harper's firm pours \$350M into developing military tech for Israel.*" Grove's investigation hinged on an interview with Loewenstein, integrating his understanding and insights of Israel's complex international military arms trading and involvement history with Grove's investigation into the Toronto City cyber citizenry warfare research investment company called AWZ. As a result, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, "the leading partner at the firm and president of its advisory committee," was in the public limelight again, this time tying him, and his investment company, in aiding Israel's genocide.



Grove reported that when AWZ "launched a start-up accelerator in Tel Aviv that partners with the Israeli Ministry of Defense's research and development wing and other Israeli agencies, including intelligence agency Mossad, security agency Shin Bet, and the Israel Defense Force's (IDF) elite cyber intelligence unit," "that partnership has never before been reported in the Canadian media."

Of the few early mentions that did get reported on AWZ, on April 16, 2021, “award-winning” CBC Radio-Canada news journalist Brigitte Bureau stepped on some toes when she published “*Stephen Harper joined ex-spymasters in company investing in Israeli security tech – Former PM is a partner at firm that includes some of the world’s top former intelligence executives.*” Bureau’s piece included six images showing:

Stephen Harper in 2015 when Prime Minister; a Business Wire photo of Harper with “AWZ Ventures founder Yaron Ashkenazi and EnsureDR CEO Uri Shay;” a 2010 photo of CSIS director Richard Fadden; photos of Haim Tomer, “former head of Mossad Intelligence Division, Mossad Counter-Terrorism International Division,” and Gary Barnea, “former Director of ISA Protection and Security Division, former Deputy



Director of Mossad Special Operations Division;” and of James Woolsey, “the director of the CIA under president Bill Clinton.” Bureau reported something interesting: “The company’s website says AWZ Ventures was launched in 2016. According to Ontario government records, it was incorporated in 2013.” In other words, the idea of AWZ began in 2013 when Stephen Harper was still Prime Minister.

This incorporation date of 2013, three years before AWZ hatched out of its eggshell, taking flight, becomes important for consideration when coupled with information in Grove’s later piece of December 2023. Grove writes Harper “was a hard-line supporter of Israel” when in office as Prime Minister. Groves links to a September 10, 2019, article interview with Israeli **Globes** business paper, “*Stephen Harper is president of the Awz venture capital fund advisory committee,*” wherein Harper frankly stated, “**I want to continue what I did in government**” through AWZ:



“During my term as prime minister, I encouraged greater military cooperation with Israel, probably for foreign policy reasons, but this built many of these bridges. Cooperative efforts were more on the intelligence side, and of course teams that exchanged information and best practice work methods.

We [members of AWZ] met a year ago [in 2018].

All of our friends knew that this was the type of work that we wanted to do. We also had a long list of mutual friends from Yaron’s work at Yad Vashem ([Yaron] Ashkenazi was executive director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, U.B.). It was (AWZ founding partner and chairman, U.B.) Edward Sonshine who introduced us, and we talked about how to work together. I want to see Israeli technology come to Canada, and I want to see Canadians taking advantage of the profit opportunities



in this area. We also want to find opportunities in Israel to grow and enter new markets in North America.

After I left the Canadian parliament in 2016, I and a group of my staff tried to think what our next step should be, and what things we'd like to do. **I was lucky that many of the most senior people who worked with me joined me in this venture.** What we decided that we wanted to do was to combine our experience and global network of connections in order to assist our clients - not necessarily Canadians - to find profitable ventures, to tell the truth, that would be consistent with some of the things that I tried to do in the government.

Today, my involvement in business is to look for profitable opportunities, but **we're doing this in the context of promoting the same values that I had when I was prime minister. We're not interested in values of a surveillance state.**

Harper & Associates is a small company but has global activity. We do business around the world, and we also do business with China, but we're doing this carefully. ... We don't do business involving cybersecurity with China. The only large opportunity of Harper & Associates outside Canada and the US is in Israel. There are also good opportunities in India. I don't think that Israel really knows the global potential of its technology sector, and this is one of our goals.

I'm not here in order to give Israel advice, but there are very few important international Israeli technology companies. Through AWZ, we therefore want to build an important global Israeli technology fund that will in time lead to a wider range of commercial results for technology companies.

There are therefore in effect two models. **We in the fund are learning from the army, from intelligence, and from national security, and are adapting things to corporate commercial purposes. These are purely defensive purposes, it must be emphasized, never aggressive, completely legal and part of what we regard as normal protection of privacy.** These are two different models, and it's very hard to combine them. This is something that the fund is very aware of when it selects investors and partners. We want to make sure that everything developed through the fund is done within the framework of a free democratic society and in the framework of commercial use. This is the interest of free democratic societies like Canada and Israel.

HARPER, THE ACTIVIST INVESTOR?

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2022

BARBARA SHECTER

As word circulated late last year that Stephen Harper, Canada's 22nd prime minister, was planning to launch an activist investing fund with a protégé of Wall Street raider Carl Icahn, some eyebrows were raised on Bay Street and in political circles.

Following his government's defeat in 2015, Harper established a private consultancy called Harper & Associate in partnership with his former chief of staff, Ray Novak. Upon leaving politics, Harper worked out of the Calgary office of international law firm Denton's, where he advised clients on market access and managing global geopolitical and economic risk.

In contrast with other former prime ministers, he also went on to become directly involved in a handful of corporate ventures, mostly with an investment focus.

Among them is AWZ Ventures, a Canadian private investment company that invests in Israeli cybersecurity, intelligence and security technology. Harper is a partner and president of the advisory committee at the firm, whose website boasts management and advisers including former directors and senior executives from global security and intelligence agencies such as Mossad, the CIA, FBI, MI5 and CSIS.

Harper is also an adviser to 8VC, a San Francisco-based venture capital firm that aims to partner with founders and entrepreneurs to build "transformative" technology platforms, and whose managing partner, Joe Lonsdale, was an early institutional investor in Oculus, a virtual reality platform later acquired by Facebook/Meta, and a co-founder of Palantir, a sometimes controversial data-mining software company.

Closer to home, Harper became a director at Toronto-based real estate firm Colliers International, a global leader in real estate services and investment management with operations in 65 countries and \$4 billion in annual revenue.

Ed Waitzer, a former chair of Bay Street law firm Stikeman Elliott LLP, who is an investor in AWZ and did legal business with Colliers over the years, said Harper has proven himself to be "excellent" as a director and adviser.

Waitzer said Harper will undoubtedly "add value" to his latest venture in activist investing with partner Courtney Mather, a former portfolio manager at Carl Icahn's investment fund manager Icahn Capital — if they get the firm up and running as planned.

According to a Bloomberg News report, the firm is to be called Vision One, and the intent is to target mid-sized companies — including those in the consumer and industrial sectors — in which they could unlock value through governance improvements, among other changes.

Harper would be chairman and Mather, whose professional designations in chartered alternative investment analysis, financial analysis and financial risk management, would serve as chief executive and chief investment officer.



We live at a time that is called an age of disruption, whether it's technological disruption, like we're doing here in the AWZ fund, broader political disruption, or a change in social values. There's a lot to be worried about, but **I really believe that we're living in the best time in history, and we're living in Canada and Israel, which are two of the best places to live in.**"

In Tim Grove's December 6, 2023, article, he provides numerous contextual quotes from the Groves' 2019 interview with Harper about AWZ. These quotes form key components and themes of Grove's narrative.

Brigitte Bureau also reports that "former Conservative public safety minister **Stockwell Day** [a staunch evangelical and extreme right-wing conservative, Harper's former political rival, and now chief strategy officer at **International Fellowship of Christians and Jews**] was also involved with the company," and that "despite the many prominent individuals behind it, the company remains low-profile in Canada."⁴⁰ Both AWZ founder Yaron Ashkenazi and AWZ partner and advisory committee president Stephen Harper turned down Bureau's 2021 interview requests.



Bureau's April 16, 2021, article was part of series of five she published on Israeli intrigue in Canada from January 22 through to September 29, 2021, but never published anything afterwards on the same theme:

- January 22 – *Federal government settles lawsuit with Canada's former ambassador to Israel;*
- April 16 – *Stephen Harper joined ex-spymasters in company investing in Israeli security tech;*
- April 20 – *Government officials question ex-ambassador to Israel's office space, private meetings;*
- May 21 – *Former Canadian ambassador to Israel worked for Black Cube, an Israeli intelligence firm;*
- September 29 – *Stephen Harper involved in company looking to arrange sale of surveillance tech to UAE.*

Tim Grove mentions Brigitte Bureau's September 29, 2021, article (cited above) in his piece, which "raised concerns about the company's [AWZ's] potential involvement in selling cyber-surveillance technologies to the country [UAE], which has a history of human rights abuses:"

The article revealed that Canada's former representative to the Palestinian Authority, Katherine Verrier-Fréchette, has been hired to run Awz's Abu Dhabi offices and facilitate the sales of cyber security technology to countries across North Africa and the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia. Awz's Ashkenazi told CBC that the company's operations in the UAE were "in the spirit of the Abraham Accords."

Since the CBC article was published, Awz has kept a low profile about its operations in the UAE. Between [May](#) and [July](#) of 2022, Verrier-Fréchette was removed from the company's website along with her job description as managing director for the UAE. She now works for [another venture capital firm](#).

⁴⁰ The mention of Stockwell Day on the board of AWZ was also posted by [Peter Larson on December 17, 2021](#). Day's name is no longer on the board. In June 2020, Stockwell Day came under severe criticism "for denying existence of systemic racism in Canada," forcing him to "step down from his role as a commentator on CBC News Network's Power & Politics," and "has left senior positions at two major companies." (Source: *Stockwell Day exits CBC commentary role, corporate posts after comments about racism in Canada*, CBC News, June 3, 2020.)

Grove reminds his readers of the context of AWZ's promotional engagement with the UAE, namely the shadow of the temporarily-Gaza-genocide abandoned *Abraham Accords*, signed on September 15, 2020, at the White House's Truman Balcony. With AWZ's numerous newly funded surveillance technology companies, Grove asked Antony Loewenstein what occurred following the signing of the Abraham Accords with "the United Arab Emirates and three other Arab countries:"

Loewenstein pointed out that after the deals were signed, [Israel exported a record](#) \$12.5 billion in defence goods in 2022, a quarter of which went to countries that signed the accords. "What does that practically mean? It means that the Abraham Accords, signed by Trump as this wonderful, glorious acceptance in the Arab world of Israel, was nothing of the sort," he told *The Breach*. "**It was an arms deal.**"

"All this surveillance technology is basically being sold to Arab repressive states because they are completely and utterly paranoid about another Arab Spring-type occurrence," Loewenstein said.

Converging with the launch of the Abraham Accords in 2020 through the blessings of the first U.S. Trump administration, Canadian Avi Benlolo, the founder of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies Canada (2000-2020), launched a new Zionist NGO, **The Abraham Global Peace Initiative**, celebrated in New York City on October 6, 2021. On the Zionist NGO's website, [agpiworld.com](#), on the About page featuring "founding chairman and CEO" Benlolo, "a noted defender of humanity," it states that the AGPI is "a Canadian NGO which promotes Human Rights." This is a similar category of human rights promotional portfolio that underpins Irwin Cotler and Rosalie Abella's professional CVs. Given the staunch defense of colonial Israel by the AGPI and its captain, what narrow definition of human rights advocacy is being referred to here, and what propaganda category of "defender of humanity" is Mr. Benlolo?

In his prepared October 8, 2021, column for the *National Post*, *Avi Benlolo: Fighting anti-Semitism at the UN starts with dialogue*, Benlolo writes:

"We can apply Canada's values system as a framework **to combat the biases that permeate the UN** and many parts of the world. ... Over my 30-year career battling anti-Semitism, confronting hate and discrimination, and educating people about Israel and the importance of Holocaust remembrance, I have realized that we cannot function on our own in accomplishing these lofty goals. The Abraham Accords between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan shows us that peace is possible, and collaboration is critical in this effort. ... The fight against anti-Semitism is being understood by leading advocates as the fight for the preservation of human rights. After all, the United Nations and its Universal Declaration of Human Rights arose from the ashes of the Holocaust, a horrific genocide that manifested from anti-Semitism."



Avi Benlolo, left, presents an award to Bob Rae, Canada's ambassador to the UN, at the launch of the Abraham Global Peace Initiative in New York on Oct. 6. PHOTO BY COURTESY ABRAHAM GLOBAL PEACE INITIATIVE



The "Never Again" slogan on Benlolo's AGPI website, the meaning that the Holocaust / genocide by Germany's fascists upon humanity was not to be repeated. The prophetic warnings by German Rabbis in 1896 following, strongly urging a small secular faction of their ranks against a Zionist settler colonial state for Jews, would inevitably lead to unspeakable atrocities and to international political mayhem.

Seven of AGPI's 27 National Board of Advisors are representatives from Canadian Police Forces.

WHY?

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative

VINCE HAWKES, COM DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL POLICING (IACP)



Vince Hawkes is the former Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police. He is now also based in Washington D.C. where he serves as Director of Global Policing International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute and International Leadership in Counter Terrorism Program. He has an Honorary Doctorate and the Order of Merit.

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CHIEF (RET) JEFF MCGUIRE
O.O.M. EXEC. DIRECTOR OACP



Jeff McGuire is the former Chief of Police of Niagara Region and currently serves as Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief McGuire received the Order of Merit of the Police Forces and was elevated to Officer of the Order of Merit. Alongside many accolades and awards, he is also the recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Medal.

CHIEF (RET) ARMAND LABARGE, O.O.M.



Chief Armand Labarge (Retired) OOM, CSJ, LL.D. (hon), MPhil, MA, B.A.S, BA (Hons), CM(Mil) is Chair of Trent University's Board of Governors, is former Chief of York Regional Police and President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Director of Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. Labarge received the Police Exemplary Services Medal from the Governor General of Canada.

Defending Our Future. Protecting Our Past.



CHIEF (RET) MARK SAUNDERS O.O.M.



Chief Mark Saunders, O.O.M. served as Toronto's police chief for five years. He held the top title there from April 2015 until his last day on July 31, 2020. Prior to being named the first-ever Black chief, Saunders worked in several units of the service, including homicide, professional standards and emergency task force. Saunders has been appointed special advisor of the renewal project of Ontario Place.

ADAM PALMER, C.O.M. CHIEF OF VANCOUVER POLICE



Chief Adam Palmer has been Vancouver's police Chief since 2015. He is highly regarded in Canada. He has received the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, serves on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and is past President of CACP. He serves on many boards including the Board of directors of the Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association.



Who is restricting our Expression in Canada?

TOM STAMATAKIS, PRESIDENT CANADIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION



Tom Stamatakis is the President of the Canadian Police Association, and the International Council of Police Representative Associations. The CPA is the national voice for 60,000 police personnel across Canada. Membership includes police personnel serving in 160 police services across Canada, from Canada's smallest towns to its cities.

DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE, STEVE RAI, OOM



Deputy Chief Rai is the recipient of a Chief Constable's Commendation for "courage and professionalism," two Chief Constable Unit Citations, and a Police Exemplary Service Medal. In 2015, he was the recipient of the Khalsa Diwan Society Exemplary Community Service Award and appointed to the Member of Merit of the Police Forces in May 2016, and promoted to the Order of Merit in May 2020. The Order of Merit is "a fellowship of honour recognizing the highest qualities of citizenship, service to Canada, to the police community and to humanity at large."

Who is breaking Canada's Charter of Rights?

Protecting Who's Future, and Who's Past?

Avi Benlolo's Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies Canada began in 2000 and can be understood as a prelude to Zionist start ups that began following the September 2001 Durban, South Africa international conference on human rights. That's when the Zionist crackdown on North American

universities and colleges (which began in 1967 after the Six Day War, described in Part 7 of this report) took serious flight, engaging, particularly, in countering the BDS movement, which sought to boycott Israel's profiteering and finance networks. From a scan of Benlolo's statements in newspaper media, his role in the Zionist campus crackdowns begins in 2008. On February 5, 2008, both he and Leo Adler (Wiesenthal Center's Director of National Affairs) sent an open letter, published in a full-page ad in the National Post, to Toronto University president David Naylor concerning "Israel Apartheid Week at U of T:"

"Israel Apartheid Week" is not really about apartheid. Indeed, the title is a slap in the face of those who fought against South Africa's apartheid regime. It is a contrived extravaganza to ignite false fury. **Israel is a pluralistic democracy where Christians, Bahai, Jews, Muslims, Druze and others have freedoms and rights that are utterly lacking in neighboring Arab countries.**

Criticism of Israel is not of itself anti-Semitic. However, the specific targeting of Israel alone is anti-Semitic. Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination by claiming that the existence of Israel is a racist endeavor is **anti-Semantic**. ... We believe that freedom of speech should be protected. But we also believe that the University of Toronto should not lend its implied support and its campus to facilitate this baseless racism.

Anti-Israel activist to speak at university

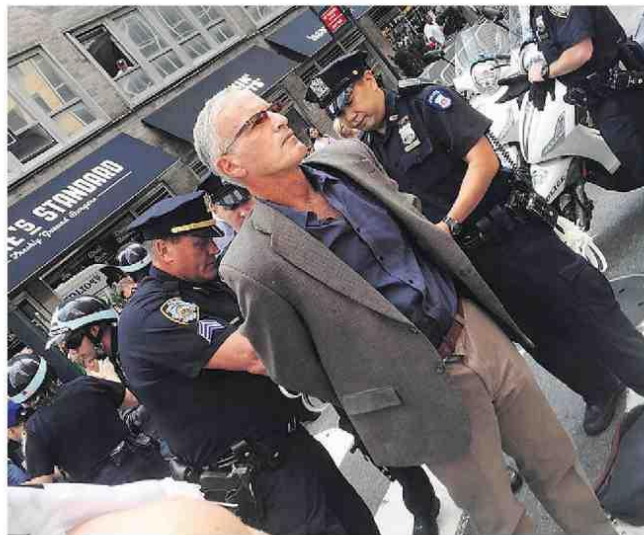
Palestinian group hosts Finkelstein

JOSEPH BREAN

Norman Finkelstein, a former political science professor whose ferocious criticism of Israel has caused him to be denied academic tenure, be banned from Israel, and accused of shaming Holocaust survivors as profiteers in their own misfortune, is the scheduled speaker Tuesday night at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

He is being hosted by the school's Association of Palestinian Students.

The sold-out lecture about Gaza is one of the first high-profile tests of Ontario Premier Doug Ford's new rule about campus free speech, in force as of January, that universities must enforce freedom of expression on campus to "a minimum standard prescribed by government."



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Pro-Palestinian activist Norman Finkelstein is arrested during a 2014 demonstration outside United Nations' headquarters in New York City.

HE IS PART OF THAT PROBLEM ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES.

National Post, March 5, 2019

Ran Ukashi, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, said it opposes "speakers who use their platforms to engage in falsehoods, half-truths, and hateful views."

"There's a war against the Jewish people, essentially. It's been raging on university campuses for 18 years (since the origin of Israeli Apartheid Week, usually held in February or March). This is another spike," said Avi Benlolo, CEO of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. "He is part of that problem on university campuses."

Finkelstein also spoke at UTM in January 2009, about the war in Gaza that was then in its final week.

He was introduced with a mention of his then-forthcoming book, a Farewell to Israel. It could not be immediately determined whether it was ever published.

He began by addressing what he described as speculation that the motive of the Gaza war was the upcoming election in Israel, in February 2009, which would bring Benjamin Netanyahu to power.

Benlolo's voice at the National Post, the newspaper created by Conrad Black in 1998 as a national platform for neo-Conservatism ideologies, first begins in late 2009, slowly working up his newsprint appearances over the years to 2020, when he left his post at the Wiesenthal Center, and begins more consistent, sometimes weekly, columns at the National Post on September 2, 2020, strategically dovetailing national narratives with the signing of the Abraham Accords on September 15, 2020. After a year's publicity in the National Post as regular columnist, Benlolo launched the Abraham Global Peace Initiative.

Time for Palestinians to get on board with peace, too

AVI BENLOLO

National Post, September 15, 2020

A political earthquake is underway in the Middle East, as, all of a sudden, Arab nations seem to be falling head over heels for Israel.

A mere 29 days after the United Arab Emirates made a surprise peace announcement with Israel at the behest of the United States, the Kingdom of Bahrain admirably joined the peace parade. Like the U.A.E., Bahrain agreed to establish full diplomatic ties with the Jewish state. It becomes the fourth country (including Egypt and Jordan) to make peace with Israel.

The timing is impeccable, as Bahrain will join the U.A.E. on the White House lawn today for a historic signing of the peace accord. Everyone is celebrating

these achievements except the Palestinian Authority, which was quick to condemn the peace deal and withdraw its ambassador, as it did when the U.A.E. announced its agreement. Naturally, Hamas and Islamic Jihad also had strong words for Bahrain.

But the wind of change is picking up speed. Speculation persists that Oman, Saudi Arabia or Morocco could be next. It's no coincidence that the Arab League rejected the Palestinian call to condemn the U.A.E.'s embrace of Israel.

Before now, making peace with the Jewish state was always contingent on a peace agreement with the Palestinians. But everyone has lost count of precisely how many times the Palestinians either rejected statehood or missed an opportunity to make peace.

Soon after the Oslo Ac-

ords, then-PLO leader Yasser Arafat turned his focus away from peace and toward suicide attacks against the Jewish state. Other peace initiatives were later rejected by the Palestinians, including generous offers by Israeli prime ministers Ehud Barak

to make peace before entering into economically advantageous trade and diplomatic agreements with Israel?

Nothing ever seems to be good enough for the Palestinians, but the world has been changing all around them.

Arab delegations have been

So much has changed and the time is ripe for peacemaking. Middle East rulers are more interested in prosperity, in science and innovation, than in Hamas' rockets and suicide belts. They are weary of the Iranian threat, the spread of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic State, and the Syria-style anarchy that can spread with public discontent.

A peace agreement not only provides access to Israel's high-tech and medical-sciences sectors, it is also a gateway to U.S. and European markets. It creates more educational opportunities and prosperity in the region. And it provides more access to advanced weapons like the F-35 that can offset emerging threats. The

Palestinian Authority, unfortunately, refuse to realize that a comprehensive peace agreement will help bring

security and sustainability for its people and legitimize its quest for statehood.

More significantly, an Israel buoyed by peaceful relations with its Arab neighbours will soften its posture. This has already happened with respect to the U.A.E.'s demand that Israel back down from its plan to annex some parts of the West Bank. With this in mind, it's time for the Palestinians to embrace the potential that peace can offer them, as well as the leverage that the U.A.E. and Bahrain can bring to the table.

It's only a matter of time before the next Arab country joins the march toward peace in the Middle East. The clock is ticking. Let's make peace.

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SO MUCH HAS CHANGED AND THE TIME IS RIPE FOR PEACEMAKING.

and Ehud Olmert. Even U.S. President Donald Trump's "deal of the century" was rejected.

Is it any wonder that many Arab countries, which are desperate to modernize and gain international acceptance, would not want to continue waiting for the Palestinians

secretly coming to Israel and vice versa over the last three years. The Arab media has softened its hostility toward the Jewish state. Scholars and clergy have called for greater tolerance and acceptance. Business leaders have quietly reached out to one another, even negotiating deals.

John Volpe's blog post of October 5, 2021, "AGPI, launching a new peace initiative," states from an interview with Benlolo that AGPI is a "new global human rights organization," its mission to "advance human rights, peace and democracy and combat racism and intolerance." In it he mentions that hedge fund media mogul "Paul Godfrey of Postmedia," the owner of the National Post, was AGPI's new "Honourary Chair," who also attended the founding ceremony in New York City. The Times of Israel reported on August 21, 2021, "Counteracting UN biases against Israel: The Abraham Global Peace Initiative," that Benlolo's AGPI "also supports Israel." The Times of Israel quoted from AGPI's August 11, 2001, newsletter press release: "AGPI Founder and Chairman Avi Benlolo urged all those who support human rights and Israel to join this organization:

"If you believe in freedom and democracy, in the safety and security of Israel and in protecting the rights and freedoms of all peoples, we invite you to join us". ... As its chosen name implies, their new organization will build upon *The Abraham Accords* to strengthen international cooperation between Israel and an increasing number of Arab states while at the same time counteracting the UN's unfair biases against the Jewish state.

PAUL V. GODFREY, C.M., O.ONT. HONOURARY CHAIRMAN



A Canadian icon, Paul Godfrey is a Member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario and has an Honourary Doctorate. He is the Founder and Chairman of Postmedia; the former Chairman of the Ontario Gaming Corporation; Chairman of Metro Toronto; President & CEO of the Toronto *Sun*; President & CEO of the Toronto Blue Jays, and Rogers Centre. He serves as Honourary Chair of AGPI and sits on many boards including as the former Chairman of RioCan (after serving there for 27 years), and currently with CargoJet, Bragg Gaming Group, among others.

Benlolo and company quickly launched a new branch of the AGPI, the **Abraham Accord Peace Institute**, a digital, quasi-university staging ground to harmonize the wide field of big business in the Middle East with a human rights focus centred on anti-Semitism.

Axios reported on May 5, 2021, “*Scoop: Jared Kushner founds “Abraham Accords Institute,”*” that then former U.S. President Donald Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, “is founding an organization called the **Abraham Accords Institute for Peace**,” a U.S. “non-partisan, non-profit organization” with “a five-year mandate” to “be funded through private donations.” Kushner’s co-founders were: “former White House envoy Avi Berkowitz, who helped negotiate” the Abraham Accords agreement; “Israeli-American businessman and Democratic donor Haim Saban;” “Emirati ambassador to Washington, Yousef Al Otaiba;” Bahraini ambassador to Washington Abdulla R. Al-Khalifa;” and “Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi.” The Institute’s executive director was Rob Greenway, “formerly the top Middle East advisor on Donald Trump’s national security council.” The “group said in a joint statement:”

“In less than a year, **this warm peace is melting decades of misunderstanding and hostility across the region.** This is a peace among peoples as much as it is among nations. **This will be the institute’s focus** – to nurture and deepen these human connections.”

The Kushner group non-profit published its Annual Report for 2023 in April 2024, in the heat of Israel’s genocide. The editors of the Annual Report had to carefully choose their words for investors and readers, so as not dishearten the reality of what the genocide was doing to the promised Abraham Accords and their stated “peace” objectives.

Welcome to the 2023 Abraham Accord Peace Institute Annual Report.

As we have done for the past three years, this report seeks to compile all the available data and information in order to evaluate the growth and trajectory of the Abraham Accords. This year's report, however, is not the same as past reports, as the region changed forever on October 7, 2023, with the cowardly and barbaric attack by Hamas terrorists. As a result, this report evaluates the trajectory of the Accords through the end of September 2023, and then presents an analysis of the resiliency of the Accords post-October 7. Both analyses are important to understanding where the region had been heading, where it is today, and finally, where we believe it can go.

Leading up to my trip to Bahrain, I discussed my dilemma regarding wearing my kippah with many American counterparts. Nearly all of them advised me not to wear the head covering that would openly identify me as a Jew. After some thought, I decided that this view was inconsistent with the premise of the workshop to be held in Manama. In other words, if Bahrain was willing to host a workshop promoting peace, it stood to reason that there should be no issue with me wearing a kippah. On the other hand, if there was an issue with me, an American, wearing a kippah in Bahrain, how successful could the workshop possibly be?

Through a friend I asked for an introduction to two influential Bahrainis, in order to ask them directly. In the end, I didn't need to ask the second Bahraini, because the first was offended that I even felt the need to ask. He explained to me that I would be welcomed in Bahrain, and that as long as I was willing to respect others, that respect would be reciprocated.

It is exactly this basic appreciation for humanity and respect for people's differences that led to the historic Abraham Accords. Tragically, it is the lack of tolerance and the abundance of hatred that has led to the exact opposite.



Wishing all of us a peaceful and successful fourth year of the Abraham Accords,

Aryeh Lightstone

Aryeh Lightstone
Executive Director
Abraham Accords Peace Institute

If we learned anything from Hamas October 7 attack it is that peace is not universally sought, and the Abraham Accords must be supported to withstand the tests that they will inevitably face. Strong U.S. leadership is essential to effectively counter and deter ongoing threats from Iran and its "Axis of Resistance" encompassing groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and the Polisario Front – all of which seek to undermine the Abraham Accords.

The story of the Abraham Accords is one of hope, peace, security, and prosperity. The Accords are the best example of what the region can look like when the United States leads.

Robert Greenway
Board Member
Former President and Executive Director
Abraham Accords Peace Institute



Robert Greenway

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Annual Report 2023

The 2023 Annual Report reflects both the impressive success of the Abraham Accords, as well as the timely importance of preserving and advancing them. As Co-Chairs of the Abraham Accords Caucus in the Knesset, we are grateful to the Abraham Accords Peace Institute for its tireless efforts to strengthen the peace treaties with our neighbors and expand the circle of peace."



MK Dan Illouz and MK Michael Biton
Co-Chairs of the Abraham Accords Caucus in the Knesset

Regional Trade in The Wake of the October 7th Attacks

Trade numbers from the fourth quarter of 2023 demonstrate that the conflict in Gaza has not had a significant impact on trade between Israel and the other Abraham Accords countries. In fact, the war seems to have impacted Israel's trade with the region to a lesser extent than Israel's trade with the rest of the world. While Israel's trade in the last three months of 2023 dropped 18% compared to the last three months of 2022, from USD \$43 billion to USD \$36 billion, trade with Abraham Accords countries dropped by only 4%, from USD \$937 million to USD \$903 million.

In these difficult times, it is imperative to achieve total victory over the axis of terror. Doing so will advance our shared goals of safety, stability, and peace. I'm confident that we will emerge victorious and the best is yet to come for all the children of Abraham.



Ofir Akunis

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Consul General of Israel in New York

Ofir Akunis served as Israel's Minister of Regional Cooperation from 2020 to 2021 and as Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology from 2015 to 2020 and again from 2022 to 2024. In March 2024, Akunis was unanimously approved by the Israeli Cabinet to be Israel's next Consul General in New York.

The 2023 Annual Report included a review on the Peace Institute's discussions on cyber-security. It reports that after a meeting of some "150 officials from the UAE, Israel, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, and the United States" met in Abu Dhabi in January for the "Steering Committee and Working Groups of the Negev Forum," the "national security advisors of the UAE, Bahrain, Israel, and the United States" convened a private "virtual" meeting **after** the Negev Forum. The private meeting took place two weeks before "the Cybertech 2023 conference in Tel Aviv," where the "cyber chiefs from the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, Israel, and the United States **appeared for the first time:**"

2023 also saw intergovernmental multilateral forums that expanded beyond the Accords signatory countries themselves. In April, the



I2U2 Group

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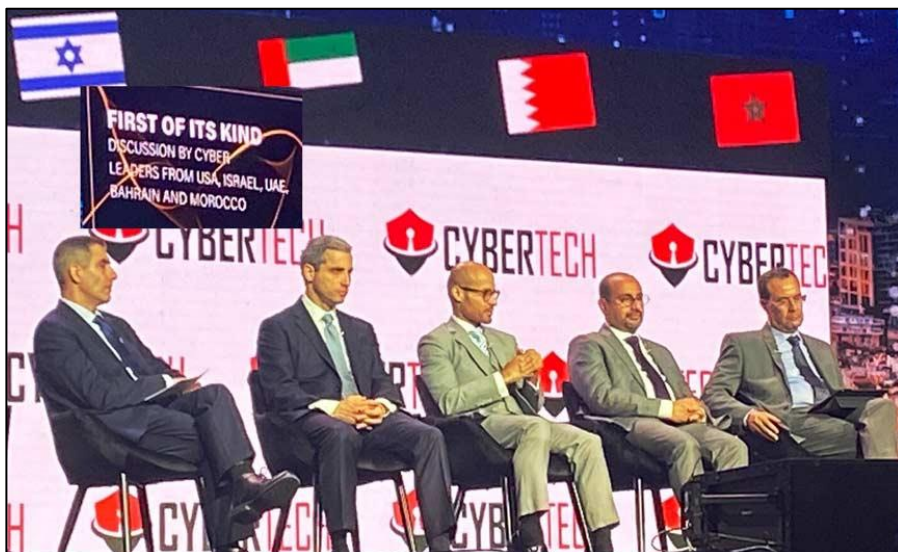
The **I2U2 Group** is a grouping of **India**, **Israel**, the **United Arab Emirates**, and the **United States**. The group's first joint statement, released on July 14, 2022, states that the countries aim to cooperate on "joint investments and new initiatives in water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security."^[1]

Background [edit]

In an essay for the **Middle East Institute**, Mohammed Soliman, a foreign policy thinker, made the strategic case for a broader "**Indo-Abrahamic Alliance**" that includes India, Israel, the UAE, and the United States and would expand in the future to include Egypt and Saudi Arabia to create a favorable balance of power that maintains peace and security in West Asia.^{[2][3]} Indian commentator **Raja**

Lithuania. A key focus of the dialogue was how the Abraham Accords can help address energy security issues around the world.

One particularly central partner to the Abraham Accords countries in 2023 was India. **The leaders of Israel, India, the United States, and UAE first came together in July 2022 to form the I2U2 Group** with the aim of bringing together both the public and private sectors in the four countries. Key areas identified by the forum as drivers for cooperation included food security, energy, water, space, transport, and health. ... In February 2023, a meeting of the I2U2 Forum took place in Abu Dhabi, jointly organized by the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development. The Forum brought together senior private and public sector representatives to discuss cooperation between the business communities of the four countries.



of water, energy, transportation, space, health, food security, and technology. The announcement also included the launch of the I2U2 Private Enterprise Partnership, a new public-private partnership to bring greater awareness of the I2U2 initiative to the business community.

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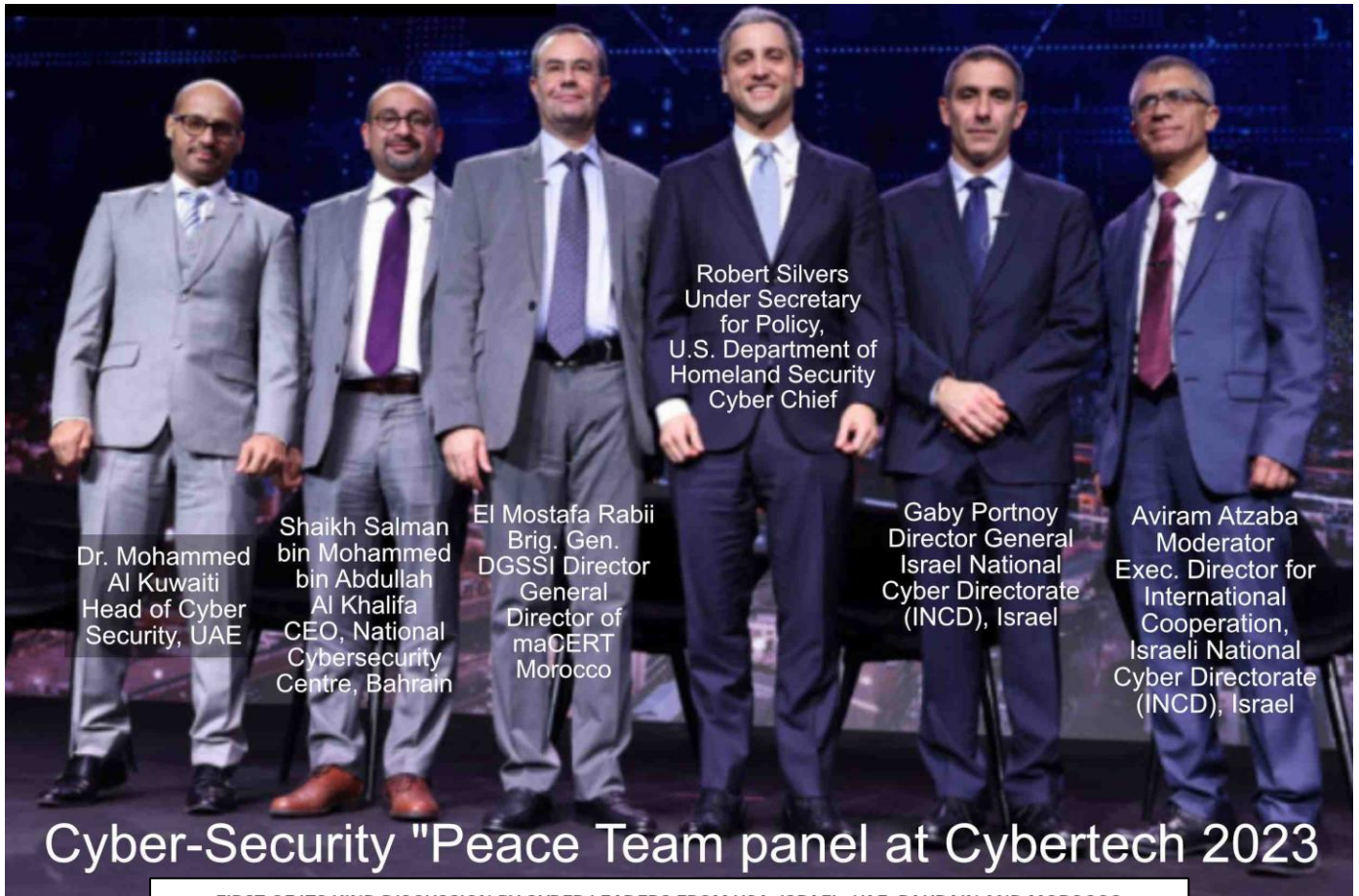
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Hall A

08:30-13:00
THE BIG OPENING PLENARY OF CYBERTECH GLOBAL 2023
Global Keynote Speakers from Governments & Industry

18:30-20:30
FORMAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION (By Invitation Only)

U.S. House and Senate Abraham Accords Caucuses, **together with AIPAC and the American Israel Education Foundation** led an inter-parliamentary dialogue that included lawmakers and officials from the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, the United States, Israel, Austria, Hungary, Portugal, Canada, Germany, Singapore, France, Japan, Cyprus, UK, Greece, Serbia, Estonia and



FIRST OF ITS KIND DISCUSSION BY CYBER LEADERS FROM USA, ISRAEL, UAE, BAHRAIN AND MOROCCO
 Moderator: Aviram Atzaba, Executive Director for International Cooperation, Israeli National Cyber Directorate (INCD), Israel
 11:25-11:55
 Robert Silvers, Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USA
 Gaby Portnoy, Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD), Israel
 H.E Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cyber Security, United Arab Emirates Government, UAE
 Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, CEO, National Cybersecurity Centre, Bahrain
 Brig. Gen. El Mostafa Rabii, Director General, DGSSI; Director of maCERT, Morocco

The “first of its kind” public meeting of the Cyber-Security Peace team was covered in the Jerusalem Post on January 31, 2023, “5 Abraham Accords cyber chiefs appear publicly in Israel for 1st time.” The Bahraini cyber chief, Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, said “we are the new kid on the block,” and “I want to compliment Gabi [Portnoy, Israeli Director General of cyber security] on his achievements. We have been working together behind the scenes – past stage of trust. The sooner we move past bureaucracy, the sooner all of the countries can provide better cyber defense.”

US Cyber chief Silvers said that “we want to cement our role as a beacon or lighthouse for the broader cyber community about what to do in the throes” of a major cyber incident where wild volumes of conflicting and unclear information are streaming in. ... “There was an old way of doing business with cybersecurity which didn’t get us where we needed to be. We needed to try things that haven’t been tried,” added the top US cyber official.

[Israeli] INCD chief Portnoy explained that “the trust was there from the beginning. ... Cooperation is better to have a secure region and maybe to affect the whole Middle East regarding cybersecurity. Governments – we are the problem and not the solution,” he said. “We don’t run fast enough. With cooperation from industry, we will be a lot faster. We see Iran quite well and Hezbollah and Hamas, but we need visibility all over. Big companies have visibility all over,” he said.

The Middle East Abraham Accords, primarily steered by Israel, were forging a new and extravagant highway business trading corridor from India to the Mediterranean, and the Mediterranean hub would be on

the west coast of Palestine, and the Palestinians were not part of the deal – they were in the way, and the thievery was on a new, brazen level. A proposed parallel sea route was being planned just to the north of the Red Sea route, a new (U.S.) \$50-billion-dollar canal with its western terminus at the northern end of the Gaza concentration camp. It's probably why newly elected US president trump, in links with son-in-law kushner, stated in late January 2025 that Palestinians should vacate the carpet-bombed Gaza lands.

Two weeks before Palestinian resistance fighters via Hamas broke through the heavily secured concrete prison walls surrounding Gaza, Israel's Zionist Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke before the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. On September 20, 2023, two days before his address to the UN, he met with then U.S. president Joe Biden at the Intercontinental Hotel, for a prelude, staged performance event, ushering in the Abraham Accords. At the Biden meeting, the Israeli Prime Minister said:

“You spoke about an economic corridor that would link Asia, the Middle East and Europe together, and such a corridor will make Israel a very important hub on a highway of unprecedented prosperity. But I think and you think it can do something much bigger than this. I think that under your leadership, Mr. President, we can forge a historic peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia, and I think such a peace would go a long way, first, to advance the end of the Arab-Israel conflict, achieve reconciliation between the Islamic world and the Jewish state, and advance a genuine peace between Israel and the Palestinians. This is something within our reach.”



Anyone who has carefully followed the statements of Israeli statesmen and stateswomen recognizes that you cannot trust a single word they say. This was true of Netanyahu's words to Biden in full view of the media watching the event. "Reconciliation," and "a genuine peace" with Palestinians were never on the table. Predictively, his words would soon turn out to be deceptively hollow.

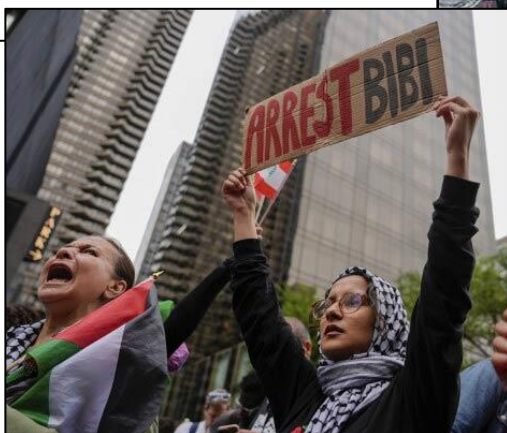
Netanyahu also stated at the Biden meeting: "I want to reassert here before you, Mr. President, that one thing is certain, and one thing will never change and that is **Israel's commitment to democracy. We will continue to uphold the values that both our proud democracies cherish.**" Those undefined "values" would soon come to bear, as the United States (and other states) would arm and participate in the Israel's barbaric atrocities upon Palestinians, Lebanese, and Syrians.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 **NETANYAHU PAINTS OPTIMISTIC PICTURE FOR MIDDLE EAST:**

This morning, AGPI congratulated Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for an optimistic address to the UN General Assembly about the future of the Middle East. He said, "I believe we are on the cusp of an historic peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia. It will enhance peace with the Palestinians...it will enhance reconciliation between Jerusalem and Mecca. All these are tremendous blessings".

Benlolo's AGPI congratulated Netanyahu's UN address. Demonstrations are shown here before Netanyahu's September 22, 2023, speech at the United Nations.



















Tim Grove’s December 6, 2023, examination of Stephen Harper’s profiteering complicity for Israel’s military tech surveillance through the AWZ investment corporation, revealed a web of spin-off companies involved in it. For instance:

In 2021, Awz launched a start-up accelerator in Tel Aviv that partners with the Israeli Ministry of Defense’s research and development wing and other Israeli agencies, including intelligence agency Mossad, security agency Shin Bet, and the Israel Defense Force’s (IDF) elite cyber intelligence unit.

Critic Antony Loewenstein said that AWZ’s technologies “allow investors to profit off of Israel’s repression of Palestinians and its illegal occupation of Palestinian lands.” Grove writes:

 Yaron Ashkenazi Founder & Managing Partner	 Edward Sonshine Founding Partner & Chairman of the Board	 Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper Partner & President of Advisory Committee	 Daniel Mak Executive General Partner, Strategic Growth
 Avi Libman Executive Partner	 Josh Gutenberg Executive Partner, Finance & Compliance	 Dr. Amira Sharon Strategy & Technology Partner	 Ran Bar Or General Partner, President Global Business
 Ofer Simchony Partner, Strategic Relationships	 Erez Kreiner Venture Partner, Awz Ventures I & II	 Osher Shapira General Partner, Awz Ventures II, AWZ Resilience Tech. Fund	 Roni Alsheich General Partner, Awz X-Seed
 Eyal Beinart CEO, Awz Data Centers	 Assa Abramsky Real Estate Advisor, Awz Infrastructure	AWZ Ventures "Leadership" Team	

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Loewenstein also said that Israel’s defence sector is one of the most secretive in the world, so it would be difficult to determine whether Awz companies are involved in the killing of Palestinians in Gaza.”

Grove identified that “Awz Ventures’ advisory board includes several former spymasters: **Richard Fadden**, who headed [Canada’s] CSIS; **James Woolsey** who led the CIA [Woolsey was on the advisory council with Zionist **NGO Monitor**]; as well as former heads from the British MI5 [**Dame Stella Rimington**] and the Israeli Mossad [**Tamir Pardo**]. The venture also recruited officials from agencies such as the FBI [**Buck Revell**], the IDF [**Ehud Schneorson**, Unit 8200], Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs [**Ambassador Yuval Rotem**] and the Canadian Armed Forces [Lt. Gen. **Michael Day**]. Grove failed to mention **Haim Tomer**, former Mossad Chief of Intelligence.



AWZ - Strategic Advisors

 Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper Partner & President of Advisory Committee	 Dame Stella Rimington Former MI5 Director-General	 Richard Fadden Former CSIS Director	 James Woolsey Former CIA Director	 Tamir Pardo Former Director of the Mossad
 Buck Revell Former FBI Associate Deputy Director	 Richard Nesbitt Strategic Advisor, Financial Services	 Ronit Atad Strategic Advisor	 Jacob Frenkel Strategic Advisor	 Michael Loparco Strategic Advisor
 Prof. Leonardo Leiderman Strategic Advisor	 Prof. Michael Halberthal Strategic Advisor	 Prof. Peretz Lavie Strategic Advisor	 Erez Kreiner Venture Partner, Awz Ventures I & II	 Brig. Gen. (Ret) Ehud Schneorson Venture Partner, Former Commander of Unit 8200
 Ron Lubash Venture Partner, Awz Resilience Tech Fund	 Roni Alsheich General Partner, Awz X-Seed	 Yuval Harari Private Equity Advisor, Awz Infrastructure	 Ambassador Yuval Rotem	 Haim Tomer Venture Partner
 Dr. Nigel Meir Venture Partner	 Ilan Azouri Venture Partner	 Bob Hoey Strategic Advisor, Awz USA	 Gary Barnea Strategic Advisor	 Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Michael Day Strategic Advisor
 Ariel Zamir Strategic Advisor	 Patrice E. Merrin Strategic Advisor	 Ross Johnson Strategic Advisor	 Nadine Miller Strategic Advisor	 David Posluns Strategic Advisor
 Peter Tanenbaum Strategic Advisor	 Michael Shapiro Strategic Advisor	 Joshua Goldman Strategic Advisor	 Andrew Goldman Strategic Advisor	 David Amsalem Strategic Advisor
				 Dr. Tahel Altman VP Strategy & Medical Advisor

Information from Tim Grove's December 6, 2023 article in The Breach

Valued at \$1 billion in 2022, founded by former head of Israel's IDF cyber warfare group, Arik Liberzon, used at 10 government departments

Pantera

Octopus Systems

Integrates multiple technologies to manage multimedia for Israel's Central Command and for its security and intelligence agencies

Advanced facial recognition – used by police forces around the world

Corsight AI

Unity and hi-tech: Israel's tools to recover from Hamas's war - opinion

Corsound AI

Advanced voice recognition

By YARON ASHKENAZI
OCTOBER 18, 2023

THE JERUSALEM POST

We at Awz Ventures are helping in the way that we know best: by providing Israel – and the world – with the technological tools to stop these evil terrorists in their tracks.



I have always felt that my first mission in life was serving my country in the paratrooper unit of the IDF and then as a Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) officer.

Creates artificial intelligence programs to recognize human behaviour from video surveillance in real time, used in 12 Israeli cities, including Jerusalem

Viisights

Awz X-Seed Hub

Funds apprenticeships in cyber tech

Drone communication technology for Israel's police, border patrol, SWAT units, etc.

Elsight

Ultra Information Solutions

Advanced online activity monitoring

AI company that analyzes shipping port data, and sells products used by Shin Bet

Conbo

Armonic

Head-mounted command and control displays, in partnership with Israel's Police Aviation Unit

Zionist AWZ founder, Yaron Ashkenazi, resides in Toronto City, where numerous incorporations, registered at the Toronto address of Suite 1008, 20 Eglinton Avenue, bears the three-letter logo of the founder's company. CBC News reported on October 4, 2021, "Israeli-Emirati collaboration being financed by former Canadian PM's company," that AWZ's website "has investments in 18 Israeli cyber security companies."

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Peppered in his AWZ analysis, Grove uses descriptives such as “Israeli security industry,” “sophisticated spy tools,” “facial and behavioural recognition software,” “use of surveillance footage:”

Loewenstein argued that Israel’s bombardment of Gaza, which has [killed 16,248 Palestinians](#) as of Tuesday, has allowed the military to test weapons for an audience of international buyers. “They’re putting that on social media, which is not just for domestic and international public audiences. It’s also for foreign investors,” Loewenstein said. He said Israeli defence companies are “looking to maximize and make profits from Israel’s war against Gaza.” **“What Israel has been doing in the last month is live testing these tools on a scale that they never have before.”**



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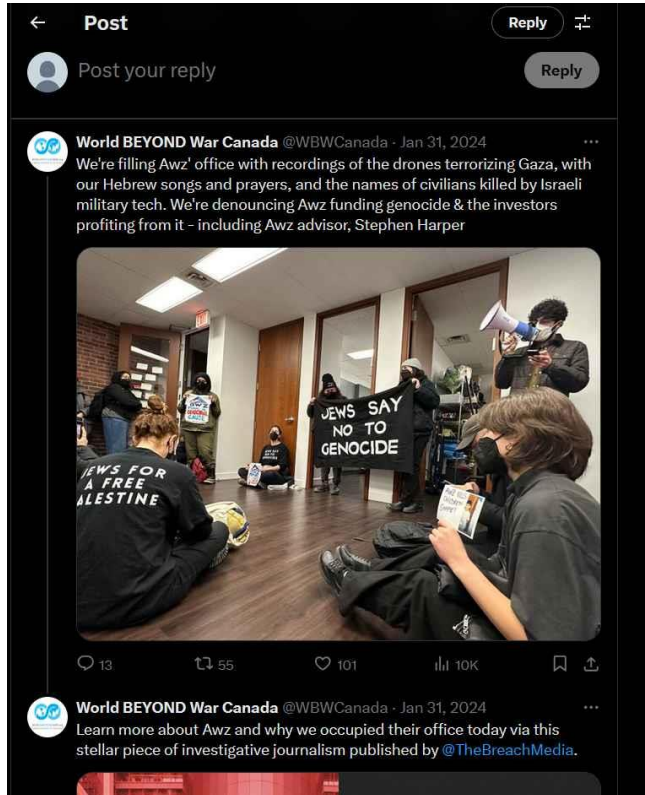
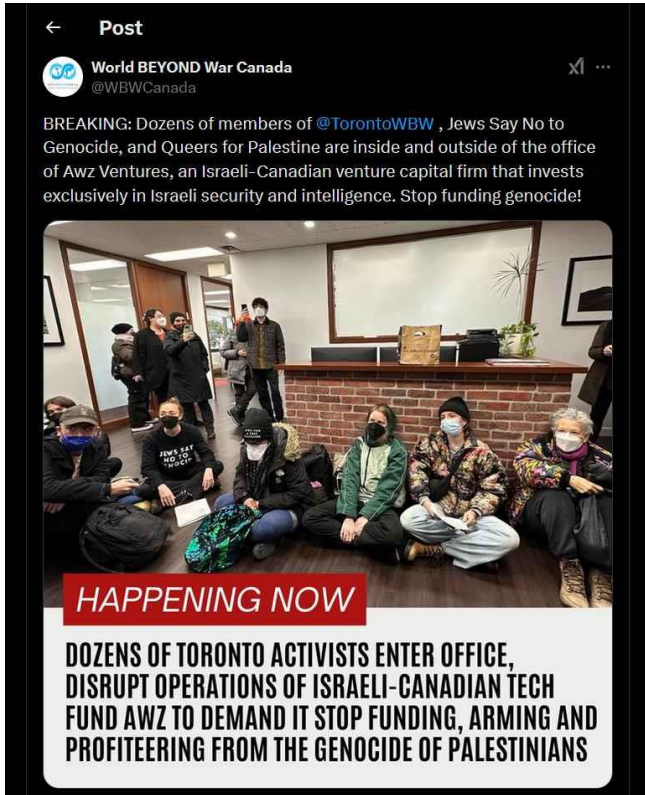
A [May 2023 report by Amnesty International](#) titled “Automated Apartheid: How facial recognition fragments, segregates and controls Palestinians in the OPT [Occupied Palestinian Territories],” focused on Israel’s use of facial recognition technology.

Israel is “using these tools to entrench their system of oppression and domination over Palestinians,” the report said. The country’s use of the technology has expanded in recent years with city-wide networks of cameras in East Jerusalem and elsewhere.

“Canadians should be outraged,” said Simon Black, an organizer with Labour Against the Arms Trade. “Canadian capital is complicit in Israeli apartheid and occupation.” “People should be worried about these kinds of technologies in general, in terms of what they mean for our democratic rights to protest and to assemble.”

Amnesty International documented that young Palestinian activists have said Israel soldiers at checkpoints scan their “faces with the phone camera, and suddenly their behaviour towards us changes, because they see all the information...it’s in the hands of every soldier in their mobile phones.”

Tim Groves’ exposition of Harper and AWZ was responsible for generating public concern and outrage, which would lead to an organized public demonstration outside and inside AWZ’s office in downtown Toronto City on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. This action was planned by local groups and organizations: Toronto World BEYOND War; Queers4Palestine; Jews Say No to Genocide (coalition of Independent Jewish Voices); If Not Now Toronto; United Jewish People’s Order; The Morris Winchevsky Centre; Jewish Faculty Network; and Jewish members of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).



The brave Canadians that occupied the domain of AWZ headquarters, the first such occupation since the Zionist venture corporation began its operations in 2016, accusing the company of aiding a genocide, were treading on dangerous waters. The property is owned by [RioCan founder, and real estate magnate, Edward Sonshine](#), the founding partner of AWZ, and a board member of the Royal Bank of Canada. This was an international embarrassment for AWZ, for both Sonshine and Stephen Harper in particular. For their bravery in the sit-in, some would later be charged.



In April 2024, Toronto police arrested and charged three of the AWZ demonstrators, “released on conditions that prevent them from using devices to amplify their voice when attending demonstrations.” Martin Lukas with *The Breach* reported on June 17, 2024, “Inside the ‘shocking’ police operation targeting pro-Palestine activists in Toronto,” that a large contingent of Toronto Police officers, recently grown from 6 to 32 in number, were part of a newly “expanded Hate Crimes Unit and operating under the name **“Project Resolute”**.”

As of early April, the costs of Project Resolute [reached](#) \$12 million – though additional legal costs associated with the operations would likely increase that tally by millions more.

Policing scholars and lawyers say the Toronto police have undermined Charter-protected rights of protest and expression by misapplying “hate crime” charges, with some saying the aim is “strategic incapacitation” of a growing Palestinian solidarity movement.

“The Jews Say No to Genocide Coalition has been showing up in solidarity with Palestinians to say we refuse to allow the siege on Gaza to be carried out in our name,” said Anna Lippman. “We are participating in this action at Awz to say that we refuse to have Jewish safety used as cover for investors to profit from genocide and occupation. Our offering today is prayers, songs, and poems from our many Jewish traditions that allow us to mourn and call for peace, healing, ancestral connection, and resilience.”



THE Breach

Inside the ‘shocking’ police operation targeting pro-Palestine activists in Toronto

A heavily-resourced Hate Crimes Unit has engaged in surveillance, night raids, and ‘trumped up charges’ against the Palestinian solidarity movement

by Martin Lukas
Investigations | Jun 17 2024

Yet in several instances, months after the arrests and showy police press conferences, the cases are falling apart, and charges are being withdrawn. But, in the time it has taken for the Crown to acknowledge that charges lacked a prospect of conviction, media headlines have caused significant damage to the livelihoods and reputations of those targeted.

But one officer who *The Breach* is not naming because they were not authorized to speak to the media said police had set up a “fully-integrated intelligence sharing model,” getting fed information by RCMP’s Integrated National Security Enforcement Team and CSIS, Canada’s spy agency.

Palestinian scholar Muhannad Ayyash was preparing to deliver a presentation at York University when [two uniformed police officers entered the room](#). After being challenged about their presence, officers said that they had been called by the university to address a “possible protest.” But according to *The Breach*’s investigation, this wasn’t true. York administrators revealed to a select group of professors that the police were acting on an alert from a “special intelligence unit.”

When a special flight was organized for Stephen Harper to visit the Prime Minister of Israel some three weeks later, few would have linked his visit as a direct consequence of the demonstration event in the offices of AWZ in Toronto. At first, I was unaware of this connection. The media event strategy was to solicit full, unconditional political support for Israel's genocide which Harper referred to in his February 20, 2024, tweet "as a difficult time," necessary as "the only path toward durable peace." The strategy began with a prelude, a February 18 opinion article published in the National Post by Harper himself, "Stephen Harper: Israel's war is just, Hamas must surrender or be eliminated." It had all the talking points of Zionist Israel's Prime Minister, applying the duplicitous 'turning the table' on the Palestinians: the events on October 7, 2023, by Hamas "were acts of extermination ... the urge to commit genocide at its most evil ...

Stephen Harper makes surprise 'solidarity' trip to Israel

Harper will be in Israel until Tuesday and also plans on meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Ari Blaff
Published Feb 18, 2024

NATIONAL POST

the consequence of decades of institutionalized antisemitic indoctrination of a population. ... The core problem is not Israel ... Israel could have incorporated all Palestinian territory long ago, and it has not done so." The timing of his article was published the day Harper landed on the tarmac of Tel Aviv's international airport.

On Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Day 137 of Israel's genocide, photographer Kobi Gideon took a portrait of a smiling Harper, an extreme 'Christian' Zionist, shaking hands with a smiling Netanyahu, a war criminal, an extreme 'Jewish' Zionist. Harper and entourage then shared photos of the meeting on Elon Musk's X (formerly Twitter) platform for all the world to witness.



← Post

Stephen Harper @stephenharper 8:56 PM · Feb 20, 2024

I appreciated the opportunity to spend time with Prime Minister @netanyahu in Jerusalem today. I also spoke to President Herzog by phone to express solidarity at this difficult time. I witnessed these few days an Israel scarred by the unprovoked horrors of October 7, but also united in its determination to end the threat of Hamas once and for all. This is the only path toward durable peace. Israel has overcome all previous trials and emerged with even greater strength. It will do so again.

Photo credit: Kobi Gideon / GPO

TIMES OF GAZA @Timesofgaza

Day 137 | During the past 24 hours:

- 9 massacres committed by the Israeli occupation
- 103 people killed
- 142 injured

The Washington Post Democracy Dies in Darkness

U.S. vetoes U.N. resolution on Gaza cease-fire, hostage releases

Updated February 20, 2024 at 4:52 p.m. EST | Published February 20, 2024 at 2:20 a.m. EST

Israel's war on Gaza updates: US vetoes ceasefire as north Gaza starves

By Ali Harb and Brian Osgood

20 Feb 2024

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The National Post reported on February 18 that Harper "arrived" in Tel Aviv "alongside Lord Ashcroft, the former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom." Both had attended the Munich Security Conference, held at

the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich, Germany, from February 16 to 18. The Security Conference lists Harper as one of the participants, but not Lord Michael Ashcroft.

Ashcroft is Honorary chairman of the International Democracy Union and was seated next



to its chairman on the flight to Tel Aviv. Ashcroft was at a meeting on Monday February 19 in Tel Aviv with Stephen Harper, seen here in Lord Ashcroft's X post sitting at the head of the table next to Israel Katz (red tie), Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Israeli Minister of Energy. Behind the two Zionists are screen titles saying, "We won't stop until they're all back."



In the lengthy list of statesmen, dignitaries, and such at the Munich conference, were Israel Katz, David Chinn (Managing partner, McKinsey & Company Israel, Tel-Aviv), Isaac Herzog (president of Israel), his wife Michal Herzog, Gal Hirsch (Brigadier General, Israel Coordinator for the Hostages and the Missing), and Tzipi Livni (Former Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament of the State of Israel; former Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs).

Stephen Harper: Israel's war is just, Hamas must surrender or be eliminated

It is foolish to think a two-state solution will emerge while so many Palestinians still reject the existence of a Jewish state

Stephen J. Harper, Special to National Post Published Feb 18, 2024

Robert Fife @RobertFife

Robert Fife is Ottawa Bureau Chief of the Globe and Mail.

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IfNotNow @IfNotNowOrg

This morning Biden vetoed a ceasefire in Gaza. Tonight he goes to a fundraiser hosted by AIPAC billionaire Haim Saban, with donors giving up to \$250,000 each.

Haim Saban: I'm Not Suggesting We Torture Muslims, but They Should Be Scrutinized

Haim Saban, July 7 2010 Credit: Bloomberg

Even Robert Fife, the Globe and Mail's Ottawa Bureau Chief, shamelessly tweeted out notice to his followers to read Harper's article in the National Post.

Mustafa Barghouti @Mustafa_Barghouti

USA used the Veto power to block a UN security council resolution of immediate ceasefire in Gaza although 13 out of 15 members supported it. A shameful American position allowing the continuation of the Genocide, collective punishment and starvation of 2.3 million Palestinians.

9:40 AM · Feb 20, 2024



Arab-Israeli legislator Ahmad Tibi stormed out during Prime Minister Stephen Harper's speech to the Knesset on Monday. "Why [is he] totally neglecting the absence of freedom of the Palestinians under occupation? It is a double-standard," Tibi says. (Muhammad Hamed/Reuters)

- Here's what happened today** 20 Feb 2024 - 23:45 (23:45 GMT)
- The United States vetoed a resolution introduced by Algeria at the UN Security Council calling for an immediate ceasefire, the third time it has blocked such measures since Israel began its offensive in Gaza.
 - The World Food Programme announced suspending aid deliveries to northern Gaza, citing a "breakdown of social order" in an area of the territory where extreme hunger is spreading amid an Israeli blockade.
 - The Gaza Health Ministry said 103 people were killed in Israeli attacks in the previous 24 hours.

Weekly Report of the OIC Observatory on Israel's Crimes against Palestinians 13 – 19 February 2024

Date: 20/02/2024



OIC Observatory for Israel's crimes against the Palestinians
30 January - 19 February 2024



Reuters

Stephen Harper has been called an evangelical, social-conservative, nationalist Christian. He admits as much, couched in the smile he exudes on almost every public performance. Given his performance so far as a person living on planet earth, those who are properly trained and observant in the “Christian” way, would not, would never acknowledge Mr. Harper as one. Rather, he is a hypocrite as is the air he breathes, is as hollow as they come: he is a fruit without the fruit, an olive without its oil, a shiny apple with a rotten core.

The very One he purports to give his allegiance to walked on the same planet some 24,000 months ago and set forth a super ripping revolution, in essence transforming legalist Judaism’s ideas of Jerusalem City into



something remarkably other, extending a new way of thinking and doing over the realms of a planet whose name was baptised the ‘new’ heart-filled and compassionate Jerusalem. That rainbow revolution turned the preceding spiritually bankrupt and gray-scaled world inside out, including the thinking and long-held belief about the significance of the lands of Israel as the image of all things ‘holy’ and ‘sacred,’ now merely an historical reference point in the Christian Bible and in the Jewish Talmud, not the misunderstood and manipulated centre of political Christian Zionism’s earth center. The revolution’s mandates demanded peace-making, “loving thigh neighbor,” “do as I do,” not letting the sun go down before removing one’s hate and anger toward the other. Clearly, Mr. Harper walks and breathes alongside a host of twisted hypocrites, the self-righteous private real estate ideologues out to plunder, war monger, and obliterate the earth and its creatures who are not in their right-wing political and hierarchal domain club, all the while earth’s inhabitants are slowly cooking themselves like frogs trapped in a giant climate pot.

Not to dwell on this matter too much, but Jewish Reform spokesmen like former Rabbi Elmer Berger and Christian statesmen like former Palestinian Fayez Sayegh (discussed later on in Part 8) understood the wisdom and warnings from the Old Testament prophets and their pronouncements upon the wicked, wayward ways of the Israelites, who were stealing, lying and cheating, neglecting and taking advantage of fellow widows and orphans, not caring and providing for their poor and homeless, etc. In Jack Ross’s 2011 book, *Rabbi Outcast, Elmer Berger and American Jewish Anti-Zionism*, he summarizes the foundation of the prophetic tradition in the “Classical Reform movement” upon “Reform Jewish belief,” which was “issued in 1885” known as the “Pittsburgh Platform,” an outright rejection of Zionism:

Thus did the Zionist project definitively demonstrate itself to be the very thing that the Prophets, so venerated by the Classical Reform doctrine, took their stand directly against: the instrument of a rapacious empire, though it would be as the ancient kingdoms of the Pharisees in service to the empires of antiquity.⁴¹

The idea central to Classical Reform theology, upheld as such by both its proponents and its detractors, is the centrality of the biblical prophets. That is, that the essence of Judaism is not in the “national narrative” that ostensibly constitutes the Old Testament but rather in the example of those, namely the prophets, who spoke out against the kings and priests who corrupted the nation and the people. It has been said by many that there is no greater polemic against arbitrary power in all of human literature than the warning of the Prophet Samuel against the Israelites’ desire for a king. Also widely celebrated has been the message of the minor prophets with respect to the just treatment of the

⁴¹ Prologue, page 15.

poor and the corrupting power of wealth. Binding all of this together were the backward-looking rebukes of Isaiah and Jeremiah, with their emphasis on the all-corrupting nature of war.⁴²

As Marci McDonald explains in her book, *The Armageddon Factor*, Harper kept “his faith” mostly hidden from the national media during the election campaign years leading to his being crowned Prime Minister in 2006:

“Although Harper had succeeded in remaining an enigma to all but a close circle of advisers, there had never been a hint that beneath his opaque mask lurked a covert Bible thumper. Even a four-hundred-page biography by his admiring Boswell, William Johnson, made no mention of his interest in a higher power.”⁴³

In November 2024, two weeks before the State of Syria’s sudden ambush demise aided by Turkey, Israel, the United States, and Qatar, and as Israel’s genocide was about to enter its 53rd week, Stephen Harper took to the stage in Toronto City to receive the Abraham Global Peace Initiative’s **Defenders of Israel** award. Unlike the previous year’s Defenders of Israel award to Stockwell Day, retired Colonel Richard Kemp, and Raheel Raza, the event’s location in Toronto City remained un-advertised, until it was discovered and publicized. The event gave “its inaugural Defender of Media Award to **Rob Roberts**, editor-in-chief of the National Post, recognizing his journalist courage.”⁴⁴

⁴² Page 24.

⁴³ Page 24.

⁴⁴ *Avi Benlolo: I sat down to ask Stephen Harper, ‘What happened to Canada’?*, November 15, 2024, AGPI website.

The Harper government and the ethnic cleansing of Palestine

Ahmad Moussa
June 8, 2015,

The Harper government’s stance against Palestinians is perpetuating the Nakba

As the 67th year remembrance year of the Palestinian Nakba passes and federal elections in Canada approach, there is one aspect of the Harper government that will be remembered regardless of the election outcomes: his unequivocal and unwavering support for the state of Israel.

The Harper government’s stance toward Israel has gone beyond comprehension, even shaming the United States for their position on Israel.

The Harper government has also given the Jewish Defense League the right to legally operate an office headquartered on Canadian soil. The Jewish Defense League is considered and designated as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union and even Israel.

The Anti-Defamation League has criticized and denounced the Jewish Defense League for its violent extremism and racism against Arabs. The Jewish Defense League has even made alliances with white supremacist groups like the British Nationalist Party, joining forces in their Islamophobic and anti-Arab code of conduct.


The Harper government has been vocal in its lack of respect for international law, especially on issues pertaining to Israel’s permanent violation of Palestinian people’s rights. Canada lost its seat bid at the United Nations Security Council due to its support for Israel’s conduct towards the Palestinians.

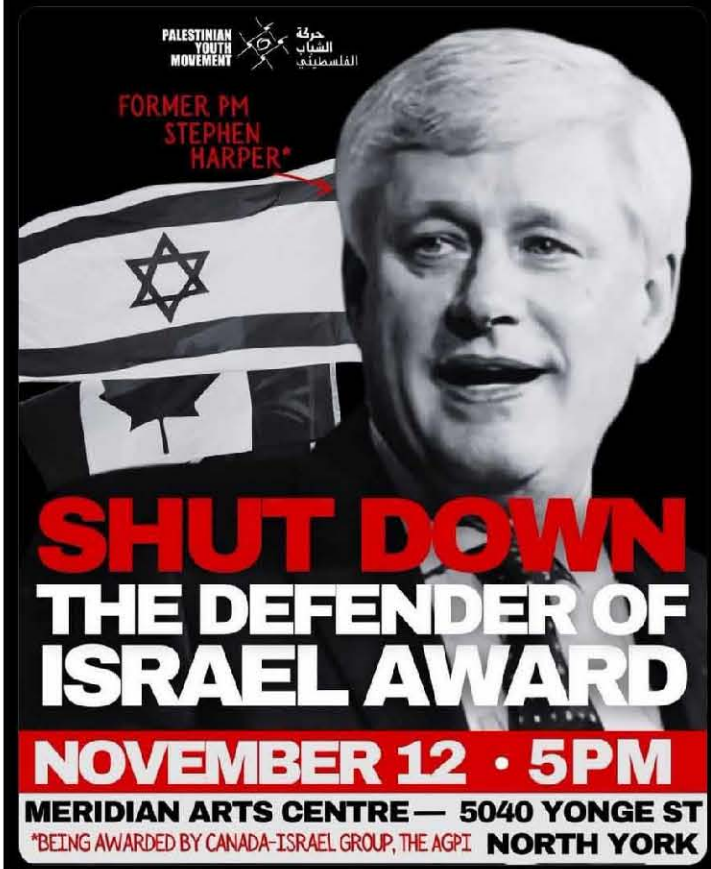
Canada’s international reputation has been further damaged with its decision to refuse a United Nations plan to hold a disarmament conference in the Middle East in relation to nuclear weapons, which would have held Israel accountable to its undeclared nuclear weapons.

Last but not least, with the recent introduction of the draconian Bill C-51, which gives excessive powers to police and security apparatuses for surveillance and arrests, the Harper government is seemingly heading towards the criminalization of any criticism of policies and conduct of the state of Israel towards the Palestinians in the name of fighting hate speech and Antisemitism.

The Harper government’s recent stance on Israel’s military bombardment campaign known as Operation Protective Edge has prompted an incitement of genocide against the Harper government. The siege resulted in the destruction of an entire civilian infrastructure and severe civilian casualties, including the bombing of United Nations-run schools.

An international investigation into war crimes committed during Operation Protective Edge was heavily criticized and shunned by the Harper government.

THE ELECTRONIC INTIFADA
 Canadian students challenge
Harper’s support for Israeli apartheid
Charlotte Kates
Vancouver
7 March 2013



Owned by Postmedia Network, Rob Roberts became National Post editor-in-chief on July 8, 2019. On Postmedia’s media release, Lucinda Chodan, Postmedia’s senior vice president of Content, said: “Because he [Roberts] was part of the Day One team, he is highly familiar with the thought-provoking, conservative vision that has earned the Post a strong and engaged national audience.” Paul Godfrey, the media mogul owner of Postmedia, is the honorary chair of AGPI, who gave his own National Post employee the not-so-esteemed Defender of Israel Media award.

Why is Herr Stephen Harper a top international political point person for the colonial Zionist Israel project? Who has Mr. Harper become since fed-up Canadians booted his Canada-destroying-quasi-Reform-Conservative-Supreme Court-appointment party's ass out in 2015? Who are the stick handlers on puck Harper? How much is he earning annually, way beyond his handsome Canadian pension plan?

In just under three years after the October 2015 federal election, Israel super salesman Harper was appointed to head the Miami, Florida based **Friends of Israel Initiative (FOII)** – created in 2010 to counter BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) “waged by the enemies of the Jewish State” – taking over the position of chairman held by former Prime Minister of Spain. In the most recent list of founder members, is a ‘who’s who’ of world statesmen, politicians, advisors, and businessmen. One of them include John Baird, Harper’s former Cabinet colleague, a rather staunch defender of Israel as frequently reported in the media during his time in office. The list also includes Vikram Sood, India’s former head


of RAW, the Foreign Intelligence Agency. As noted above in Part 4, Israel has had military ties with India since the early 1960s, and shares spying intelligence of the unwanted.














Founder Members

My premise is very simple: Israel, contrary to commonly accepted propaganda, is a positive model, a case study for anyone who finds himself living in a democratic society that must eventually confront a defensive war – one that encompasses the entire universe of Western democracy today.

— *Fiamma Nirenstein*



Stephen Harper appointed Chairman of the Friends of Israel Initiative | Friends of Israel...

 Stephen Harper Chairman	 José Maria Aznar former Prime Minister of Spain	 Lord William David Trimble former First Minister of Northern Ireland	 John Howard Former Prime Minister of Australia	 Andrés Pastrana Former President of Colombia	 Václav Havel Last president of Czechoslovakia
 John Baird Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada	 John R. Bolton Former US Representative to the United Nations	 Luis Alberto Lacalle Former President of Uruguay	 Larry Ellison Co-founder and Chairman of Oracle Corporation	 Elliott Abrams senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations	 Timo Soini former Deputy Prime Minister of Finland
 Alexandr Vondra Former Foreign and Defense Minister of Czech Republic	 Alexander Downer Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia	 Zoran Jolevski Former Minister of Defense and Ambassador of Macedonia	 Giulio Terzi Former Foreign Minister of Italy	 Uri Rosenthal Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	 George Weigel Catholic theologian
 Karel Schwarzenberg Former Foreign Minister of Czech Republic	 Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg former German Minister of Defense Chairman and Founder, Spitzberg Partners LLC	 Professor Andrew Roberts British historian and writer	 Bill Richardson Former Governor of New Mexico	 Roberto F. Agostinelli Managing Director at Rhône Group Goldman, Sachs & Co. founded its International Mergers and Acquisitions	 Marcello Pera President of the Italian Senate from 2001 to 2006.
 Allen West Former US Congressman U.S. Army Lt. Col. (R)	 Vikram Sood former head of the RAW, India's foreign intelligence agency	 Pierre Richard Prosper former United States Ambassador -at-Large for War Crimes Issues partner at Law Firm Arent Fox LLP.	 Carlos Alberto Montaner Exiled Cuban author and journalist	 Richard Kemp Former British Military Commander	 Carlos Bustelo former Minister of Industry and Energy of Spain.
 William Shawcross British author and writer	 Fiamma Nirenstein Italian journalist, author and politician				

On the FOII list is Italian journalist Fiamma Nirenstein, who most likely had many unkind words to say about Francesca Albanese, the utterly remarkable and indefatigable U.N. Italian rapporteur for Palestine and Palestinians. Nirenstein has a nauseating feature quote in the FOII's website: "My premise is very simple: Israel, contrary to commonly accepted propaganda, is a positive model, a case study for anyone who finds himself living in a democratic society that must eventually confront a defensive war – one that encompasses the entire universe of Western democracy today."

In the beginning of September 2016, Stephen Harper set up **Harper & Associates Consulting Inc.** In 2018, MacLean's magazine reported that Harper quickly "signed on with the Virginia-based **Worldwide Speakers Groups**; was named to the board of **Colliers International**, a Toronto-based global property heavyweight; and announced his consultancy's "strategic affiliation" with multinational law firm **Dentons** . . . Harper and his staff have office space in Dentons Calgary office. . . Harper retains a formal party fundraising role, sitting on the eight-member board of the **Conservative Fund Canada**. . . In February [2018], he became chairman of the **International Democrat Union**, the league of right-of-centre parties founded in the era of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan."

MacLean's also mentioned that **Origin Merchant Partners** was Harper's "consultancy and investment bank."

Of the few secret contracts revealed to the public from Harper's consultancy firm, was the revelation about negotiating a "mining lease on a massive swath of Jordanian oil shale" for **Michael Binnion**, the ceo for

MACLEAN'S What on earth is Stephen Harper up to?

The former prime minister is back—with a new book, a consultancy and a flurry of lucrative speaking engagements. He also took his one-man show to Trump's doorstep.

BY JASON MARKUSOFF

JULY 12, 2018

Corporate records show his Colliers directorship brought him about \$191,000 last year in fees and options, more than half his \$334,800 salary for chairing the government of Canada. Harper's speaking engagements—listed by a speakers' agency at more than US\$50,000 per appearance—have taken him from a policy talk in New Delhi to a mortgage professionals' conference in Niagara Falls, Ont., to a fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago.

His sharpest post-political advocacy is for the Jewish state, after steadfast rhetorical support during his time in government. *Maclean's* counts at least 10 Israel-related speaking engagements or events Harper has attended since leaving office, including three in June—plus a private event at the mansion of pro-Israel casino magnate Sheldon Adelson for the Republican Jewish Coalition while still an MP in 2016. Harper has become a director of the Friends of Israel Initiative, a group of former political leaders—and it was through that group that he co-signed a full-page ad in the *New York Times* praising Trump's pulling out of the Iran nuclear accord, which Israel hotly advocated but Canada's current government didn't.

Harper's consultancy work, meanwhile, has involved one of Israel's friendlier neighbours in the Arab world: Jordan, with which Harper signed a free-trade deal while prime minister. He's working for Calgary-based **Questaerre Energy**, which wants to negotiate a mining lease on a massive swath of Jordanian **oil shale**, for which it currently has exploratory rights.

While there are restrictions on former Canadian ministers and senior aides lobbying the government (Harper's own government enacted a five-year lobbying ban)—no such restrictions exist for Canadian leaders representing companies to foreign governments abroad. It's unclear if Harper & Associates has been speaking directly to Jordanian officials about Questaerre's oil plans. "Strategic advice on how to position ourselves to minimize our political risk—that's what we hired him for," CEO Michael Binnion says. "Does he have a lot of contacts? Of course."

Questaerre is better known in Canada for its bid to frack for natural gas in Quebec, an activity the province has tightly restricted. In his western business speeches, Harper touted an industry-commissioned poll that suggested Quebecers support more energy development—research he'd heard about at Questaerre's annual meeting, Binnion says. "Do I want to say that I've never asked Stephen Harper: 'Hey, what do you think about this in Quebec?' or, 'We've got a Montney [natural gas] play in Alberta, what do you think about the NDP government?' **I may have done that.**"

Canadian energy corporation **Questaerre**, who had acquired "exploratory rights" for the shale oil. I had videotaped Binnion who spoke at a fracking conference held at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs on October 14, 2010. In 2011, I authored two reports posted

on the B.C. Tap Water Alliance website, with information on Questerre's fracking proposals in Quebec: "Ants to the Picnic."

Canaccord's 2008 New Frontier Emphasis to Investors on the Development of Quebec's Utica Shale Gas, and an account of what happened to the Larin Family in Saint Louis (February 23, 2011); and Backgrounder on Shale Gas & Oil Companies in Quebec (March 15, 2011).

The March 21, 2024, media release by Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., announcing that Harper was appointed to its Board of Directors, stated the following of Harper's professional qualifications, avoiding reference to his top position at AWZ Ventures:

Mr. Harper is chairman and ceo of Harper & Associates Consulting, which acts as a strategic consultant to clients around the world, providing advice on matters relating to market access, the management of global geopolitical and economic risk, and the maximization of value in global markets. He sits on the board of directors of Colliers International Group Inc., a Canada-based diversified professional services and investment management company, where he also sits on the Governance Committee. Mr. Harper is a founding partner and chairman of **Vision One Management**, a fundamental value-oriented equity fund that applies a private investment approach to public markets. Mr. Harper also serves as the Chair of the International Democracy Union and International Friends of Israel Initiative.

MarketScreener states that Harper is also a director at **Colliers International Property Consultants Inc.** and serves as an advisor at **Prime Movers Lab LLC**. It also states that he was a former director/board member of **Good Works II Acquisition Corp**. The Financial Post stated on January 20, 2022, *Stephen Harper – activist investor? Why the former PM's path after politics shouldn't surprise anyone*, that:

Harper is also an adviser to **8VC**, a San Francisco-based venture capital firm that aims to partner with founders and entrepreneurs to build "transformative" technology platforms, and whose managing partner, **Joe Lonsdale**, was an early institutional investor in **Oculus**, a virtual reality platform later acquired by Facebook/Meta, and a **co-founder of Palantir**, a sometimes-controversial data-mining software company.



Questerre enters into MOU for oil shale acreage in Jordan

May 22, 2015

Calgary, Alberta – Questerre Energy Corporation ("Questerre" or the "Company") (TSX,OSE:QEC) announced today that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the appraisal and development of oil shale acreage in Jordan.

The MOU encompasses two blocks covering 388 square kilometers in the Isfir-Jafr area, approximately 200 km south of the capital, Amman. To date, a total of 35 core holes have been drilled on these two blocks by the Natural Resources Authority of Jordan. The Company is analyzing available data from these wells to develop its work program.

The primary objective of the work program will be to assess the acreage for potential oil shale development. The assessment will include economic viability, geologic, geophysical, hydrological studies as well as the feasibility of internal project electrical generation using oil shale. The initial term of the MOU is two years and may be extended. The Company estimates its commitments could be range between \$3 million – \$5 million over the two year initial term of the MOU. Subject to results, the Company intends to develop a subsequent work program that would be conducted during the initial phase of a future concession agreement.

Avi Benlolo: I sat down to ask Stephen Harper, 'What happened to Canada?'

Avi Benlolo

NATIONAL POST

Published Nov 15, 2024

In one of the most striking moments of our talk, Harper addressed the growing confusion over antisemitism and anti-Zionism. "Being against a particular Israeli policy isn't antisemitic," he explained, "but being against the existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish state is unquestionably and unambiguously antisemitic." He went on to add, "Saying things like 'from the river to the sea' or calling Israelis 'settler-colonists' – that's genocidal antisemitism." He expressed his abhorrence that any mainstream politician in Canada would tolerate this kind of language. "There is no distinction between that kind of anti-zionism and antisemitism." And on Israel's right to defend itself, he was equally resolute: "If you believe in Israel's right to exist and the right of its people to live in security, then you have to believe in its right to take military action against those who threaten its existence."

The Financial Post article provided more information about Harper’s Vision One Management:

“According to a Bloomberg News report, the firm is to be called Vision One, and the intent is to target mid-sized companies – including those in the consumer and industrial sectors – in which they

could unlock value through governance improvements, among other changes. Harper would be chairman and [Courtney] Mather [a former portfolio manger at Carl Icahn’s investment fund manager Icahn Capital], whose professional designations in chartered alternative investment analysis, financial analysis, and financial risk management, would serve as chief executive and chief investment officer. Educated at Rutgers and the U.S. Naval Academy, Mather spent more than a decade at Goldman Sachs & Co., from 1998 to 2012, where he became the managing director for private distressed trading and investing and was responsible for finding investment opportunities for both Goldman Sachs and the firm’s clients. He has also served on the boards of Newell Brands and Caesars Entertainment.”

Stephen Harper spotted leaving the White House’s West Wing

Former prime minister was expected to meet with 2 top Trump advisers



Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Jul 02, 2018 12:23 PM PDT | Last Updated: July 20, 2018



Former Canadian prime minister Stephen Harper departs the West Wing of the White House, Monday, July 2, 2018, in Washington. (Alex Brandon/Associated Press)

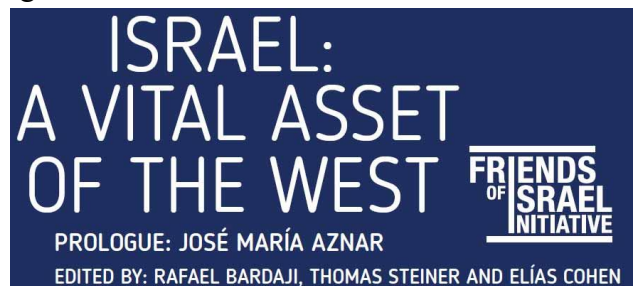
Stephen Harper was spotted leaving the West Wing on Monday, but little is known about what the former prime minister said inside the White House.

Harper was expected to meet with Larry Kudlow — the director of the National Economic Council and U.S. President Donald Trump’s go-to economic adviser — and John Bolton, the president’s national security adviser, according to multiple sources who spoke to CBC News on the condition of anonymity.

An Associated Press photographer snapped a photo of the former Conservative leader leaving the White House, but neither Harper’s team nor the U.S. administration has responded to CBC’s requests for comment about what happened during Monday’s trip to Washington.

A media photographer happened to spot Stephen Harper “leaving the White House” on Monday, July 2, 2018. He had a secret meeting with White House economic advisor Larry Kudlow and John Bolton, President Trump’s National Security Advisor. **Bolton is still a member of the Friends of Israel Initiative** of which Harper then chaired and still chairs. The meeting occurred five months after Harper became chairman of the International Democrat Union. MacLean’s stated, “The White House confirmed the meeting took place but declined to comment on both the agenda and any imagined outcome.” MacLean’s also noted that Harper “disliked responding to such scrutiny while in office and his post-politics career is also largely post-accountability.”

The article, *The Friends of Israel Initiative*, which appeared in the Jerusalem Report on October 15, 2018, stated that the Initiative’s aim “is committed to disseminating its members’ **vision of Israel as a democratic, open, and advanced nation like any other, and to insist that it should be perceived and treated as such,**” and that “its major project for 2015 was to prepare a full and carefully reasoned report aimed at changing the perception that many have about Israel.” In other words, the FOII is a high-level, shameless political propaganda organization. The article cites a section from that report, “*Israel: A Vital Asset of the*



West”, which “was launched at a meeting in the UK’s House of Commons in November 2015,” that is, as the new Trump U.S. administration took office:

“We want to introduce some rationality when talking about Israel and because of that, this report highlights the many positive aspects of a dynamic, vibrant, and promising Israel, yet without keeping silent about some controversial issues. In any case, what we want is for the reader to feel and see the positive effect of having Israel, a strong Israel, at our side. Having a secure Israel means more security for us; **having a prosperous Israel enriches us all**. Thinking the opposite is simply wrong as this report demonstrates with clarity and simplicity.”

Of interest in the super propaganda report is a section called *Cybersecurity*. Its context anticipates the launch of Sonshine’s and Ashkenazi’s AWZ Ventures in 2016. And it reflects the findings in Antony Loewenstein’s book, “*The Palestine Laboratory*,” on the continuous, sleazy machinations of military and intelligence profiteering.

“Innovation going on in Israel is critical to the future of the technology business”
Bill Gates (2006)
“The next Google could come from Israel”
Eric Schmidt (2014)

ASK NOT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR ISRAEL BUT WHAT CAN ISRAEL DO FOR YOU

CYBERSECURITY

Israel is the most cyber-secure country in the world, along with Denmark and Sweden, earning 4½ out of 5 stars in a report prepared with the support of McAfee in February, 2012.

In 2013, Israel had \$3 billion worth in cyber security exports, that currently accounts a 7 % of the \$60 billion a year global cyber-security market and as much as 13 % of new R&D in the sector.

In 2013, Israeli cyber-security start-ups raised more than \$140 million in funding, according to the Israel Venture Capital Research Center.

In 2014, more than 220 Israeli companies alongside with 20 foreign R&D centers develop security solutions for Paypal, IBM, EMC, RSA, GE, VMWare, Cisco, Deutsche Telekom, Lockheed Martin, CA Technologies, and McAfee.

Israel holds every year the Cyber-tech Conference, sponsored by the Israeli National Cyber Bureau, where more than 8,000 experts from 50 nations such as US, UK, Finland, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Canada, and many other countries. The Cyber-tech conference hosts leading decision makers as keynote speakers from Israeli and international cyber companies.

David Pollock and Michael Eisensdat noted in November 2012 in Foreign Affairs that “R&D Israeli military has pioneered many of the advanced technologies that are transforming the face of modern warfare, including those of cyber weapons.”

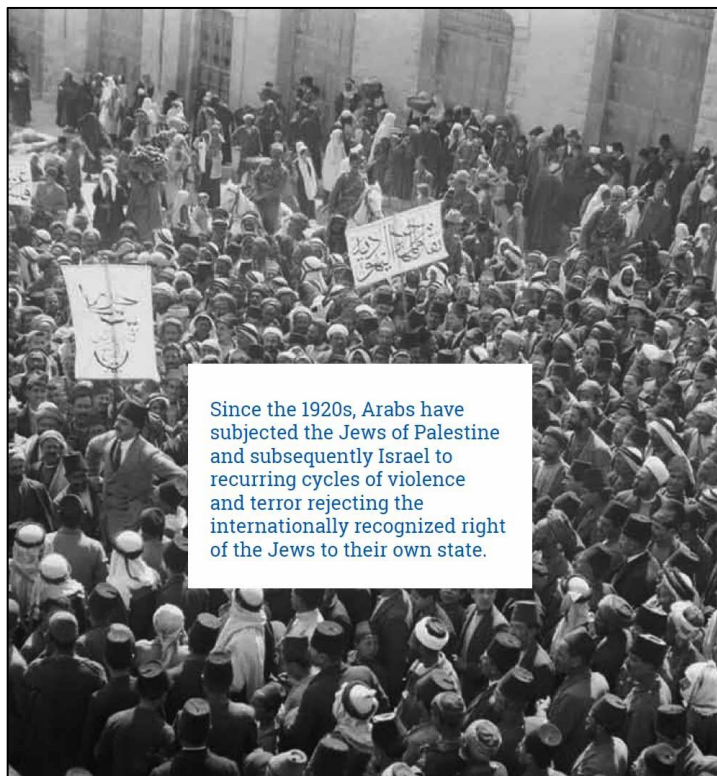
The Israeli stronghold of cyber-security is the Cyber-Spark complex, located in Beersheva, auspiced by the Ben Gurion University and established in collaboration with EMC, Deutsche Telekom, and IBM.

I have examined a lot of materials for this report. FOII’s 2015 report, in my honest opinion, remains one of the worst (or best) pieces of disingenuous, extremist propaganda advertisements printed by and for the colonial Zionist Israel project. Congratulations are not in order.

THE TREASURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST: WATER

In the pre-State of Israel, Jews began to build, produce, and innovate in order to set up their ancestral land. Due to the aridity and lack of natural resources, they had to create new irrigation techniques to make the desert bloom — as stated in the Declaration of Independence. Fighting drought became one of the top challenges many years before the establishment of the State of Israel—and it still is. New techniques were applied like the revolutionary drip irrigation, which has helped Israel to overcome drastic shortages.

Excerpt and image from the 2015 report.



Since the 1920s, Arabs have subjected the Jews of Palestine and subsequently Israel to recurring cycles of violence and terror rejecting the internationally recognized right of the Jews to their own state.

“Publicly available Canadian securities information does not disclose how much Harper has been financially compensated for his role in Awz.” (“Stephen Harper’s firm pours \$350 million into developing military tech for Israel,” The Breach, December 6, 2023)

It is of great and apocalyptic significance that the **International Democrat Union**, or IDU, (which changed its 1983 originating name to the **International Democracy Union** 40 years later, in 2023) would appoint Stephen Harper as its chairman in February 2018, a position he still holds. Mr. Harper’s arrival during the middle of the first U.S. Trump administration has brought a new branding and impetus to the IDU, which is made up of ‘right-of-center’ organized and recognized political parties from global states. **Part** of that newly crowned Harper impetus is to harmonize, rationalize, and embrace the poisonous Zionist Israel project into the IDU’s political framework, machinery and narratives. **Another part** of the aircraft-fuel-guzzling world traveller Harper impetus circus show is to transform and undo the world into what he aspired to undo in Canada but failed to complete, and now hopes to complete with his faithful student, Pierre Poilievre.

And Mr. Harper brought into the IDU fold his faithful political Prime Minister office companion, and co-founder and managing director of Harper & Associates, **Ray Novak**, assigned to serve as one its board of directors. Who better else to strategically message-massage-aid Harper as ambitious top dog at the IDU?

Stephen J. Harper appointed Chairman of the Friends of Israel Initiative



The Friends of Israel Initiative (Foll) is pleased to welcome the Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Canada’s 22nd Prime Minister, as its new Chairman. Mr. Harper succeeds José María Aznar, former Prime Minister of Spain and founding Chairman of Foll, who has served in the role since 2010.

About Friends of Israel Initiative

FOLL is a not-for-profit entity, committed to eradicating bias, discrimination and unjust treatment of the State of Israel. Founded by José María Aznar in 2010, the Friends of Israel Initiative is comprised of former world leaders, politicians, diplomats and thought leaders. Through their advocacy, programming and communications, Foll members are committed to act consistently in their effort to disseminate Foll’s vision of Israel as a democratic, open and advanced country, and to ensure the State of Israel and its leaders never stand alone.

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Conservative Party, Canada

Deputy Chairman
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Liberal Party, Australia

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Lord Ashcroft KCMG, PC
United Kingdom

Assistant Chairmen
Snap from November 2020

Marco Solares
Partido Unionista, Guatemala

Christopher J. Fussner
Republican Party, USA



Ray Novak is a Co-Founder and Managing Director of Harper & Associates, a global consulting firm led by Canada's 22nd Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper.

Prior to his work with H&A, Ray worked in the Prime Minister's Office for nearly a decade, serving as Chief of Staff (2013-2015), Principal Secretary (2008-2013), and Executive Assistant (2006-2008) to the Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper.

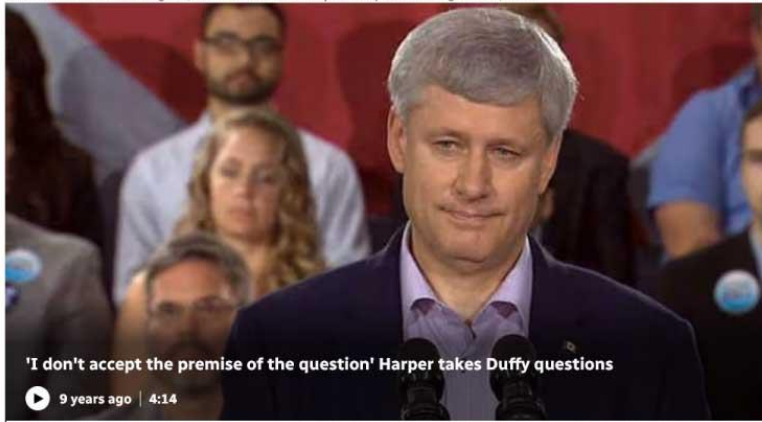
Ray serves on the board of Directors of the International Democrat Union, a global not-for-profit organization of more than 80 centre-right political parties committed to freedom and democracy. He holds a B.A (Honours) from Western University and also studied at the University of Calgary. Ray resides in Ottawa.

The still youngish highly motivated Novak heads the **Canada Strong & Free Network**.

Stephen Harper stands by Ray Novak amid questions of his role in Duffy scandal

Conservative leader says those responsible are 'being held accountable' **NEWS**

CBC News - Posted: Aug 16, 2015 9:57 AM PDT | Last Updated: August 16, 2015



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper fielded more questions about the Mike Duffy affair while on the campaign trail Sunday, particularly over the apparent involvement of his current chief of staff Ray Novak.

Evidence presented during Senator Duffy's criminal trial this week suggested that Novak, then Harper's deputy chief of staff, may have been aware of Nigel Wright's secret plan to repay Duffy's questionable expense claims with a \$90,000 personal cheque.

An Ottawa court heard on Thursday that, in an email sent on March 23, 2013, Wright — Harper's chief of staff at the time — wrote to Novak and the lawyer for the Prime Minister's Office saying, "I will send my cheque on Monday."



In a sea of international hobnobbing and spotlighting, **another** pivotal impetus of IDU chair Harper was to attract and boost the political involvement of the world's 'Christian' nationalists and 'Christian' Zionists, his 'missionary position,' in particular the recent shift to the political right in Europe, one of the homes of early Christian kingdoms.

One of the frightening European power shifts came in Hungary, with the rise of an extreme right-wing party under Prime Minister Viktor Orban. As Michael Harris notes in the April 5, 2024, edition of The Tye, "Democracy is Under Siege Globally – Canada is Being Tested," that the "global organization" IDU, "run by

former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper,” which is “dedicated to electing right-wing governments around the world,” its membership now “extends to the extremely right-wing.” He also notes that Harper visited Viktor Orban in Hungary on July 6, 2023. There “Harper met and fawned over Hungary’s Orban, who pronounced Harper “a great ally.”

Not covered in Harris’s analysis is the other side of the Orban- IDU intrigue, namely the political endorsement and military alliance pact between Hungary and Israel, and political alliances between IDU-member European states and Israel, such as the United Kingdom, and in particular the military alliance and evolving extremist policies recently generated in Deutschland (Germany, literally German Land).



Why Are the Conservatives in a ‘Union’ with Viktor Orbán and Narendra Modi?



Peter Geoghegan 3 November 2023



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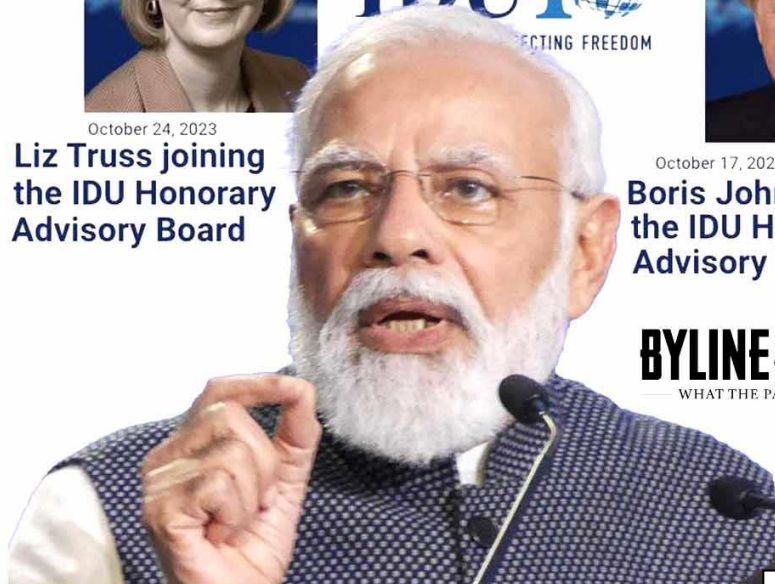
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Peter Geoghegan examines the membership and funding of the International Democracy Union.



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Similarly, in Peter Geoghegan’s short, November 3, 2023 investigative look at the IDU’s operations for on-line Byline Times, “Why are the Conservatives in a ‘Union’ with Viktor Orban and Narendi Modi?,” he asks pointed questions about the IDU, about “who is involved,” and “who is bankrolling it?” Goeghegan was somewhat perplexed to learn that both “disgraced British prime minister” Boris Johnson and former prime minister Liz Truss were added to the IDU’s advisory board on October 17, 2023, nine days after Israel began its genocide on Gaza’s Palestinians. How could “a PM who prorogued parliament, introduced voter ID and ran roughshod over parliament standards give advice on democracy,” he asks:

“Sometime between Sept. 22 and Nov. 8, 2023, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party was quietly dropped from the IDU website as a member. India joined the IDU in 2016, and there was no explanation for its removal from the organization. What makes that development even more mysterious is that IDU chairman Stephen Harper and PM Modi were close associates. Interestingly, Harper’s right-wing lobby group also changed its name in the same time period. **What was once known as the International Democrat Union is now the International Democracy Union.**” (Quote from Michael Harris in the April 5, 2024, Tyee article, *Democracy is Under Siege Globally – Canada is Being Tested.*)

The IDU has an address in Munich and lists 84 parties as members, including the Tories, German CDU and the Swedish Christian Democrats and a host of other centre-right outfits – but the ‘union’ also includes members on the extreme right of the political spectrum.

Viktor Orbán’s party Fidesz is a member. A self-styled ‘illiberal democrat’, Orbán has gerrymandered Hungary’s electoral system, nobbled the judiciary and banned LGBT teaching in schools. While Orbán is [busy shaking hands with Putin](#), his party has [trumpeted its membership of the IDU](#) as evidence of its success.

Orbán is not the only voice from the radical right involved in the IDU. Perennial GOP presidential hopeful Ted Cruz, who has [perpetuated Donald Trump’s myth of a stolen election in 2020](#), gave the keynote speech at the IDU’s annual conference in Washington DC in December.



Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was listed as a member on the IDU website [as recently as August](#). While novelist Arundhati Roy has accused Modi of presiding over a “fascist drift”, the IDU congratulated the Indian prime minister on his most recent election victory. (I asked the IDU if the BJP had left the union but have yet to receive a response.)

Orbán, Modi, [Trump](#). These are hardly friends of democracy.

Edward McMillan-Scott, who led the Conservatives in the European Parliament from 1997 to 2001, said that the IDU began as a mainstream centre-right alliance but started to move rightward from the 2000s.

“David Cameron’s association following the 2009 Euro-election with Europe’s far-right parties – Poland’s PiS, the Czech ODS and later the post-fascist Brothers of Italy – set a new direction for the Tories – and the IDU,” said McMillan-Scott.

“It is tragic that the IDU, once the home of moderate centre-right politicians, has now allowed these extreme parties into its ranks,” he added.

Today, the IDU hierarchy is peppered with British Conservative politicians – and a notable political donor.

Tory MP Alec Shelbrooke is an assistant chairman. Former MEP Daniel Hannan is a vice-chairman. David Cameron and William Hague are on the advisory board. Foreign secretary [James Cleverly](#) attended the IDU’s 40th anniversary in London in June, while Boris Johnson delivered a [“rousing speech”](#) to delegates at the Savile Club.

Geoghegan, author of *Democracy for Sale: Dark Money and Dirty Politics*, asked “author and authoritarianism expert Anne Applebaum” to comment on the role of the IDU. Applebaum “told me that “if the IDU admits Orbán as a member, then **it isn’t an organisation that defends democracy, but rather one that whitewashes illiberal autocrats**”.” Applebaum was referring to the IDU name, the misappropriate, misleading use of the word “Democracy.”

In Geoghegan’s question about “who is bankrolling” the IDU, he provides one clue, one piece from the large (private?) bankrolling puzzle box. He cites Lord Michael Ashcroft, “IDU’s honorary chairman,” the man who accompanied Stephen Harper on his flight to Tel Aviv on February 18, 2024, as one of the IDU’s bankrollers. He referred to Ashcroft as a “Belize-based Tory” who “paid for Liz Truss and former Tory party chairman Sir Jake Berry to travel to Washington for December’s conference, at a cost of £12,210 and £6,420 respectively, according to the Register of Members Interests.” But where did Lord Ashcroft get the funds from for the December conference, and did Lord Ashcroft pay for Harper’s flight and accommodation in Israel February 2024?

According to Forbes on-line, Ashcroft is worth a cool \$2 billion, and as of February 1, 2025, it makes him the 1,671st wealthiest person on earth:

The top part of the image is a screenshot of an Instagram post. The post is for the "Reagan Thatcher Dinner" organized by the IDU (International Democracy Union). The event is scheduled for September 30, 2024, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The post features a photograph of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher in front of a building. The text of the post reads: "internationaldemocracyunion The IDU's Reagan Thatcher Dinner series visited the heart of #Europe. This week, we had the pleasure hosting distinguished guests from all over the world for an evening of insightful exchange and discussions themed around 'A Centre-Right Vision for Europe'." Below the main text, it says: "We were pleased to welcome centre-right politicians from Europe as we deeply value having the @epp and @ecrparty as pillars of our global political family. We are confident that centre-right forces working together is a prerequisite for a prosperous and strong Europe." The bottom part of the image is an organizational chart for the IDU. At the top is the IDU logo, "The Global Alliance of the Centre Right". Below it are the "REGIONAL UNIONS": IYDU (International Young Democrat Union), IWDU (Women's Democrat Union), APDU (Asia Pacific Democrat Union), CDU (Caribbean Democrat Union), DUA (Democrat Union of Africa), epp (European People's Party), and ECR (European Conservatives and Reformists Party). The chart also includes logos for UPL (Union of Latin American Parties) and the IDU logo.

“Michael Ashcroft’s fortune comes from buying and selling a number of companies, most notably home security giant ADT. He purchased ADT in 1987 then flipped it to Tyco International in 1997 for \$6.7 billion; proceeds from the sale still form the bulk of his fortune.” That insight lets one understand that he can easily finance fund his friends at the IDU, including Herr Harper, if he so chooses, and its probably the main reason as to why he was made honorary chair.

PressProgress editor Luke LeBrun writes in his February 5, 2024, on-line article, *Stephen Harper’s Global Alliance of Conservative Parties Quietly Scrubbed India off its Website*, that “the **Conservative Party of Canada has among the deepest ties of any party around the world to the IDU in its current formation.**” He also states that the IDU “organization,” which operates out of Munich, Germany, “is **legally registered at the address of a downtown Ottawa law firm,**” but fails to name the law firm, most likely because the name is undisclosed. LeBrun mentions Ray Novak, Harper’s aid for some 15 years.

Though LeBrun doesn’t mention Novak’s ties to the downtown Calgary City-based **The Canada Strong and Free Network**, where Novak sits on its board, the Network’s website has a page describing the IDU and a link to the IDU’s website. Of interest, alongside Novak, is board member Michael Binnion, “president and founding shareholder of Questerre Energy,” the man which Stephen Harper had a contract with regarding an oil shale lease in Jordan (see above). On Preston Manning’s Strong and Free Network board sits Joe Oliver, the former Minister of Natural Resources appointed by Harper during his third term reign as Prime Minister.

Some six years before the Harper appointments began streaming in, CBC News reported on September 27, 2012, that Mr. Harper had received “the World Statesmen of the Year” award, an award “bestowed by a U.S.-based inter-faith group” called the **Appeal of Conscience Foundation** which is run out of New York City. The Appeal was founded in 1965 by Rabbi Arthur Schneier. Wikipedia states that it promotes



“partnership of corporate and spiritual leaders from all faiths who come together to promote “peace, tolerance and ethnic conflict resolution”.” The Wikipedia page also states that the Appeal’s “true motivation” was “called into question” after “honoring of Indonesian president Yudhoyono” with the World Statesman of the Year award in 2013, the year following Harper’s award, “despite controversy within Indonesia and the ongoing genocide Yudhoyono’s government is overseeing in West Papua:”

Petitions to Rabbi Schneier to withdraw the award garnered over 10,000 signatures from around the globe. Instead of heeding the concerns of persecuted minorities, Rabbi Schneier granted the award and helped President Yudhoyono to, “whitewash his legacy.” **Human rights activists eventually concluded that the Appeal of Conscience Foundation was little more than a vehicle for publicity-seeking and influence-peddling.**

CBC News stated the Appeal of Conscience Foundation “group says its World Statesman Award is meant to honour “heads of state who have exemplified their **commitment to freedom, human rights, peace, and respect for religious and ethnic diversity**, and endeavor to advance these essential democratic values on the international scene”.”



CBC News included a photo showing black bow-tied, black-and-white-suited 82-year-old Schneier, alongside black bow-tied, black-and-white suited 89-year-old, former 1999 World Statesman awardee, Henry Kissinger, standing on either side of black-and-white suited Stephen Harper who was clutching the award. The award trophy is an 8-inch diameter shiny ‘golden globe,’ attached to an eight-inch-long golden shaft, attached to a golden tapered stand. Visible in the photo showing the shiny golden globe is the shiny reflection of Kissinger’s subdued smiling face as he looks smugly toward the audience and the cameras. The photo also shows Schneier’s lefthand forefinger outstretched and touching the shiny golden globe, with Schneier’s eyes and face looking intently at the shiny globe, and not toward the audience. Behind Schneier are the national flags of the United States and Canada.

In his prepared speech Harper stated, in parts:

“We Canadians are very conscious of our own sovereignty and we expect our governments to make pragmatic decisions in Canada’s national interest but we also want those governments to be good world citizens to try to understand other points of view and to act in concert with our partners for the wider interests of humanity. That is of course not the same things, friends, as trying to court every dictator with a vote



at the United Nations, or just going along with every emerging international consensus no matter how self-evidently, wrongheaded. When confronted with evil in the world, we do take a stand, we take strong principled positions in our dealings whether popular or not.”

“It is important to state that whatever Israel’s shortcomings, neither its existence nor its policies are responsible for the pathologies present in that part of the world. And we are also mindful of an

important lesson of history that those who single out the Jewish people as a target of racial and religious bigotry will inevitably be a threat to all of us. Indeed those who so target Israel today are by their own words and deeds also a threat to all free and democratic societies.”

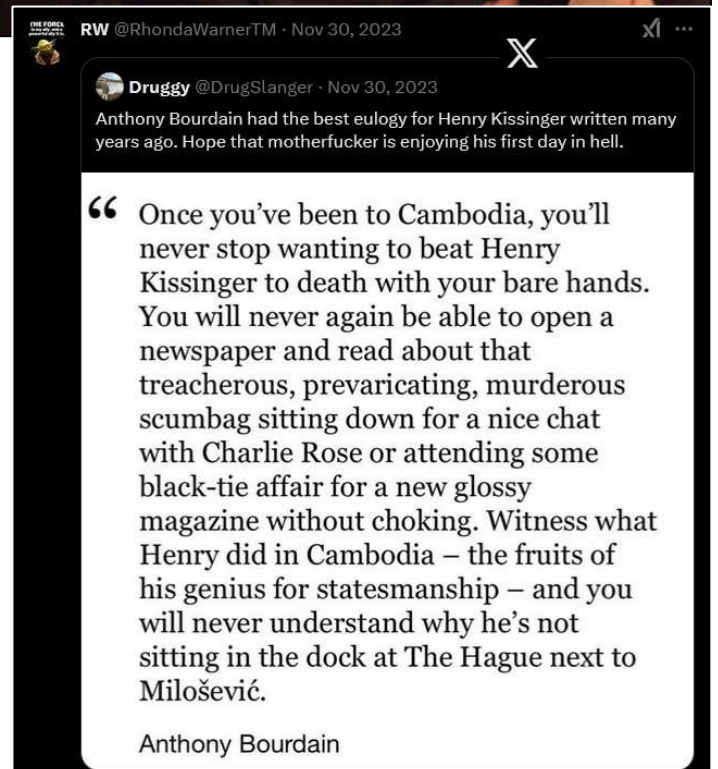
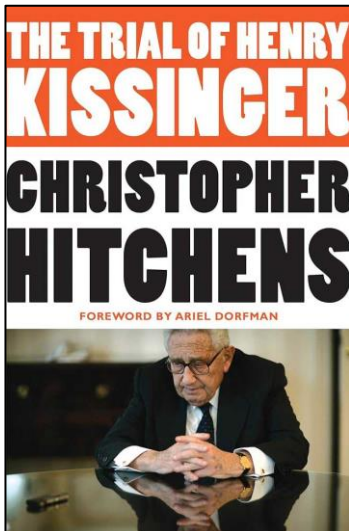
The CBC news noted, as did other news agencies, comments from “opposition politicians” in Canada criticizing Harper for not attending and speaking at the United Nations while in New York:

The prime minister has only spoken to the General Assembly twice since taking office in 2006. To the opposition, it’s a clear sign the prime minister simply doesn’t like the UN. World leaders have been addressing the UN General Assembly this week. Everyone from U.S. President Barack Obama to Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has taken the podium to address the world. But when Canada’s turn to speak comes up, Harper won’t be there.

Calgary correspondent Joshua Blakeney commented for PressTV the following day (found on YouTube):

“So, anybody who can read and use the internet understands that Israel is a violator of human rights. And, so of course, anyone who whitewashes those crimes is going to ingratiate themselves with the Zionist regime and that appears to be what Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been doing. And for doing so, he’s received an award. I mean, some would say it’s almost Kafkaesque that you have someone like Henry Kissinger who throughout the Cold War participated in many violations of human rights in Vietnam, in Chili with the coup d’etat. Christopher Hitchens wrote a whole book on it, indicting

Henry Kissinger for his war crimes. That he should be handing an award to Prime Minister Harper for human rights, freedom and democracy is perhaps appropriate seeing as he himself opposed all those pinnacles throughout his career as a statesman.”



In Chapter 3, "A Sample of Cases: Kissinger's War Crimes in Indochina," of Christopher Hitchens book, he summarizes:

The US Senate Subcommittee on Refugees estimated that in the same four-year period [1968-1972] rather **more than three million** civilians were killed, injured or rendered homeless. In the same four-year period, the United States dropped almost 4,500,000 tons of high explosive on Indochina. (The Pentagon's estimated total for the tonnage dropped in the entire Second World War is 2,044,000.)



SEAN KILPATRICK THE CANADIAN PRESS
Prime Minister Stephen Harper receives the World Statesman of the Year Award by Rabbi Arthur Schneider.

'Evil dominates' in Iran: Harper

PM calls for support of Israel while accepting statesman award

Sanctions failed, says Netanyahu

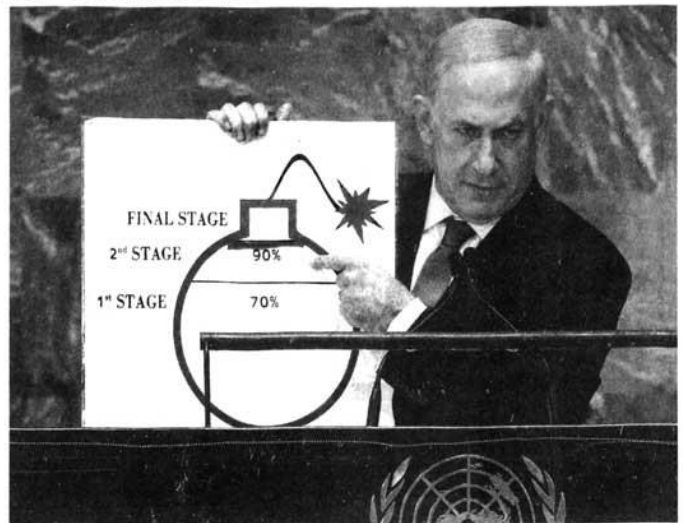
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'Red line' must be drawn to prevent attack

ARON HELLER
The Associated Press

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Thursday that Iran will have enough enriched uranium to make a nuclear bomb by next summer and urged the world to draw a clear "red line" to stop it in its tracks.

Saying it was getting "late, very late" to stop Iran, Netanyahu flashed a diagram showing the progress Iran has made toward creating a bomb. He said Iran had already completed the first stage of uranium enrichment, and then he drew his own red line on the diagram



MARIO TAMA GETTY IMAGES
At the UN, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Iran is close to building nuclear weapons.

Ottawa Citizen, September 28, 2012

Harper attacks Iran's 'evil' regime

PM accepts statesman award, urges world to isolate rogue nation



The deep Zionist and U.S. state Stephen Harper award ceremony in New York was part of a carefully planned, integrated, staged blitz event by Zionists and friends. They certainly made the most of it in the span of a few days, especially with all the press coverage! It was similar to the staged success the Zionists orchestrated 10 years previous, when Netanyahu paraded through Canada and onto the centre stage in Washington D.C. on the first anniversary of the 9/11 attack, with Netanyahu drumming and urging the United States to invade Iraq (see Part 12 of this report). The very day that Canadian opposition politicians were chastizing Harper for not attending the U.N., Benjamin Netanyahu gave a speech at the U.N., with his conniving crosshairs firmly aimed at Iran. He lifted a diagram showing that Iran was making a nuclear bomb, and getting close to finishing it.

During the entire same week, “hundreds of world leaders have been gathered ... discussing the biggest global issues of the day, including the situation in Syria, the ominous dispute between Israel and Iran and the eruption of anti-American violence in the Middle East.”⁴⁵

The United Nations bashing / Iran hating roadshow ended, of course, with global actors Harper and Netanyahu “in a tiny hotel room,” “in front of a crush of Canadian cameras before the men held their private, 30-minute discussion.” on Friday, September 28, 2012. Their statements were well-rehearsed and unabashed:

“I think what you did, severing ties with Iran [closing the Canadian embassy in Tehran], was not only an act of statesmanship but an act of moral clarity,” he [Netanyahu] told the prime minister. “The fact that you took such clear, decisive steps is a great example to be followed by other nations, many of which attended a conference in Tehran and said nothing.” He added to the assembled Canadian media: “He’s a great champion of freedom and a great friend of Israel.”⁴⁶



As Herr Harper was lifted on high by Zionist political elites in New York on September 27, 2012, a contextual whirlwind of political processes were unfolding in Canada the same day, concerning initiatives underway by Harper’s Conservatives. 87 of 163 Conservative MPs (Members of Parliament) were in support of a motion by Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth to “study whether or not a fetus is a human being before the moment of birth,” was defeated on September 26.⁴⁷ Then, the controversy of Canada approving China’s CNOOC Ltd’s “\$15.1 billion bid” and “takeover of Nexen Inc.,” on “Harper’s policy of selling more of the nation’s natural resources to Asia.”⁴⁸ The public opposition to a proposed pipeline to transport Alberta’s tar sands oil to the west coast of British Columbia.⁴⁹ After passing the surprise bombshell omnibus Bill C-38 in April 2012, changing “70 different laws covering everything from environmental reviews to the role of charities,” the Conservatives were ponying up the same scheme in the new Fall session of Parliament, as “government House leader Peter Van Loen announced the first order of business would be another omnibus bill,” to “give the government more latitude to sign free trade deals, export resources and offer business-enhancing tax credits.” Columnist Carol Goar commented about “Harper’s implicit message: I have a parliamentary majority. I’m setting the rules now:”

“His rules ... violate the fundamental tenet of democracy: the government acts without the consent of the people. Canadians never gave their assent to Harper’s just-trust-me approach. ... They contravene his own pledge of “open government”.”⁵⁰

⁴⁵ Harper, Netanyahu discuss threats posed by Iran in New York, Whitehorse Star, September 28, 2012.

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ Tory MPs divided over abortion, Windsor Star, September 27, 2012.

⁴⁸ Harper urged to allow Nexen bid while Suncor Shielded, Ottawa Citizen, September 17, 2012.

⁴⁹ Feds should horse-trade for Northern Gateway – Open B.C.’s offshore, National Post, September 27, 2012.

⁵⁰ Harper rewrites the rules of democracy, Guelph Mercury, by Carol Goar, September 27, 2012.

THE HARPER DECADE

CANADA HAS CHANGED
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A Fierce Attachment: Canada, Israel, Palestine and the Harper Years

AUGUST 25, 2015 BY MICHAEL LYNK

Canadian legal academic Michael Lynk wrote an essay for the 2015 on-line *Harper Decade* in



2015, **before** he became the March 2016 – April 2022 United Nations’ “Special Rapporteur for the human rights situation in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967.” The following are excerpts from his essay.

“In the Harper years, Canada stands quite isolated on Middle East policy within the international community, and our broader cachet has plummeted. While many reasons have contributed to our reputational decline since 2006 – our environmental performance, the more bellicose use of the Canadian military in international conflicts, and the government’s growing disengagement from the United Nations and multilateralism generally – Stephen Harper’s tight embrace of Israel over the past decade has been a significant contribution. Even as Israel’s governments have steadily marched rightward, as the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem have substantially thickened, as the faint hope that Israel would allow a genuine Palestinian state to emerge from any peace process has been eclipsed, and as most of the world, and particularly Europe, has recoiled from defending recent Israeli conduct, Canada has stood virtually alone in siding with Israel on every major issue dealing with the Middle East conflict. Even on those occasions when Israel has been publicly admonished by the United States – as when its intransigence triggered the collapse of the 2013-14 peace process, when it shelled United Nations schools in Gaza that were sheltering civilians, and when Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu vowed on the eve of the March 2015 Israeli elections to never permit a Palestinian state to emerge during his tenure – no criticisms were issued by Canada. “I think Canada’s an even better friend of Israel than we [Israelis] are,” stated Israel’s then-Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz from the right-wing Likud Party in 2012.”

“When Harper spoke to the Israeli Knesset in January 2014, he said ... principle demands that “the shared values” between the two countries – particularly Israel’s experience as a “vibrant democracy, a freedom-loving country with an independent and rights-based judiciary” – commits Canada to stand by Israel “through fire and water”.”

“As Henry Seigman, the former national director of the American Jewish Congress, has observed about Israel: “A political arrangement that limits democracy to a privileged class and keeps others behind military checkpoints, barbed-wire fences and separation walls does not define democracy. It defines its absence.” Israel has occupied the Palestinian territories for 48 years, **by far the longest occupation in the modern world**. While it disputes that it occupies these lands – it refers to them as “Judea and Samaria” and, if pressed, it will call them “administered territories” – the rest of the world (including the United States) considers them to be occupied under international law, and therefore beyond any legitimate Israeli claim of sovereignty. The 220 settlements that Israel has built in the West Bank and East Jerusalem are expressly illegal under the Fourth Geneva Convention according to the United Nations Security Council, the International Court of Justice and even Canada’s Foreign Affairs website. The 570,000 Israeli settlers in the Palestinian territories live under Israeli law, travel primarily on settler-only roads, enjoy full citizenship rights and provide a reliable bloc of votes for the right-wing parties that now dominate the Israeli government. For the 2.75 million Palestinians living among them, every single aspect of their daily lives is determined by their ethnicity and their lack of rights. As the Israeli philosopher and Ghandi scholar David Shulman has recently written in the *New York Review of Books*, “Israel’s policy of colonizing the West Bank” includes “the massive theft of land, the disenfranchisement of millions of Palestinians, an entrenched regime of state terror, and the lack of meaningful legal recourse to those living under the Occupation.” Gaza, where another 1.8 million Palestinians reside, has been free of formal Israeli rule for a decade, but its land borders, airspace and access to the sea have been completely blockaded by Israel since 2007, making it, in the words of British Prime Minister David Cameron, “a giant open prison”.”

Part 5. Developments and Applications of the Anti-Semitic Trump Cards

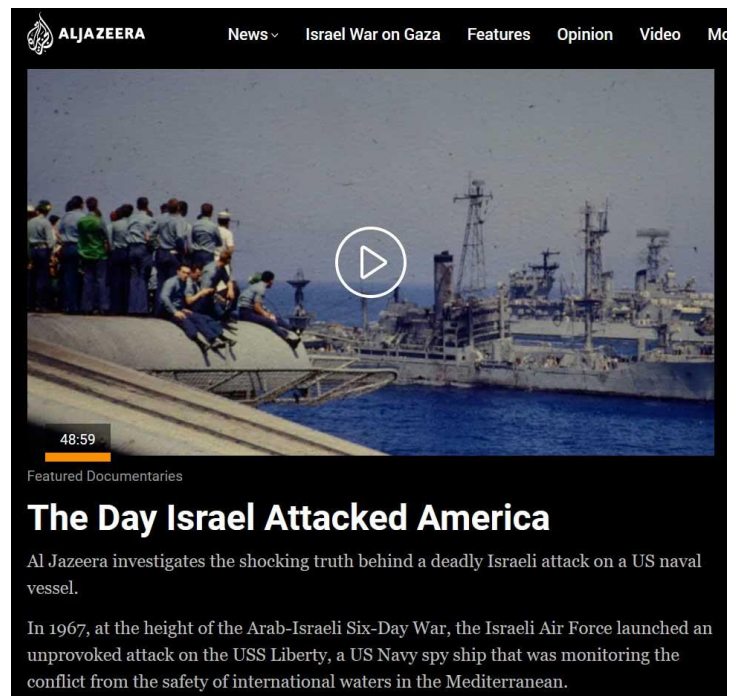
The settler colonial State of Zionist/Israel's primary defence hammer for its domination policies and aggressions over Palestinians has been its **anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism trump cards**. Its implemented effectiveness – the painful and emotional reminder to anyone and everyone of the genocide holocaust – has been well-documented, well-demonstrated for decades.

One of the more infamous and shocking episodes of this application occurred following the napalm bombing, torpedoing, armor-piercing bullet-holing of the USS Liberty, a United States top-of-the-line communications navy vessel 58 years ago on June 8, 1967, while sailing in international waters off the Egyptian coast. It was the wicked, merciless murder and slaughter by Israeli jet fighters, under orders by military commanders, of 34 American sailors, and the wounding of 172 sailors, killing and injuring just over two thirds of all crew members, some of which were machine gunned with 50-calibre bullets by jet fighters whilst paddling in vulnerable life raft boats in open water. To boot, America was now on the cusp of becoming Israel's strategic ally and financier after defeating the Egyptians!

Just before a national election, Israeli emissaries in Washington D.C. **threatened U.S. president Lyndon Johnson with anti-Semitism and "blood libel"** if he should further reveal the truth to the American public about the Liberty incident, which Johnson quickly covered up. These details and threats were revealed almost five decades later, when Al Jazeera published the fascinating 50-minute documentary on November 3, 2014, [The Day Israel Attacked America](#). Here is a segment from that documentary:

Narrator: Back in Washington the government ensured there was little information for the press while politics went on behind closed doors. ...

Wolle: My name is Bill Wolle. I was in charge of the Arab Israeli desk sit-in because the Secretary of State himself, Dean Rusk, had summoned ambassador Harman of Israel to come in urgently. And so, I sat through the meeting taking notes. And in a loud voice the Secretary was really demanding some explanation for why and what had happened. The Ambassador himself seemed to be ignorant of the incidents. He immediately said, I can't believe what you're telling me. It would be impossible. It would be unheard of.



Narrator: It was especially tough for Lyndon Johnson. **To date, the most Pro Israeli American president in history.**

Hughes: Johnson was in a very tough mood. I'm Tom Hughes. I was director in the State Department, Director of Intelligence and Research at the time of the Liberty incident in 1967. The attack on the Liberty, Johnson himself [briefed Newsweek magazine off-the-record](#) that the Israelis had attacked. And the reason they had attacked was that they thought this was an intelligence ship that was intercepting perhaps Israeli, as well as Egyptian communications.

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Sinking the Liberty: Accident or Design?

The Israeli attack on the naval communications ship U.S.S. Liberty has left a wake of bitterness and political charges of the most serious sort. First of all, the Liberty was no ordinary vessel but an intelligence-gathering ship on a "ferret" mission. It carried elaborate gear to locate both Israeli and Egyptian radio and radar and to monitor and tap all military messages sent from command posts to the battlefield. Although Israel's apologies were officially accepted, some high Washington officials believe the Israelis knew the Liberty's capabilities and suspect that the attack might not have been accidental. One top-level theory holds that someone in the Israeli armed forces ordered the Liberty sunk because he suspected it had taken down messages showing that Israel started the fighting. (A Pentagon official has already tried to shoot down the Israeli claim of "pilot error.") Not everyone in Washington is buying this theory, but some top Administration officials will not be satisfied until fuller and convincing explanations of the attack on a clearly marked ship in international waters are forthcoming.

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Newsweek
June 19, 1967
page 21

Narrator: But then everything changed.

Hughes: The fact that Johnson himself was the leaker and briefer of Newsweek was soon leaked. **And this alarmed of course the Israeli Embassy and their leading friends in the Jewish organizations. The Israeli Embassy regarded this as a major problem, and that what Johnson had told Newsweek practically amounted to blood libel.**

Narrator: Declassified Israeli documents show they *were* going to threaten President Johnson with blood libel, gross antisemitism and that would end his political career.

Bobby Ray Inman: Blackmail. This is Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, U.S. Navy retired, a former director of the National Security Agency. But they

[Israelis] know if he [President Johnson] is thinking about running again, he's gonna need money for his campaign. So, alleging that he's blood libelling is going to arouse the Jewish donors.

Narrator: **The Israeli government hired teams of lawyers, some of whom were close friends of Lyndon Johnson, and began an all-out offensive. They leaned on the media to kill critical stories, and slanted others in favor of Israel.**

Hughes: There was a campaign mounted to see if what could be done about returning Johnson to his normal and predictable pro-Israeli position.

Narrator: At the time Johnson was still undecided as to whether to run for president the following year. Hughes: Efforts were to be made to remind the president of the delicacy of his own position that he personally would, might lose support for his run for re-election in 1968.

Narrator: **Israeli tactics were clever.** They identified Johnson's soft spot, the war in Vietnam, and gave him two extraordinary gifts, neither of which were made public at the time. The first was political.

Hughes: One of Johnson's complaints about Israel was that many of the Jewish positions in the heads of the leaders in the Jewish community were opposing him on Vietnam, and they were suddenly becoming more silent on Vietnam as the Liberty crisis moved. So, he also knew that there was a move back in his favor if he was moderate-Israel.

Narrator: There was a second gift, much more secret, but vital to the American president. The dreadful death toll in Vietnam was dominating the domestic news agenda. The North Vietnamese had Russian surface-to-air missiles which were bringing down American aircraft on a daily basis. The American military attaché in Israel got a surprise visit from a senior Israeli intelligence officer.

Bobby Ray Inman: [He] took some helicopters and went across the North Red Sea to the surface-to-air missile sites. And not only captures them but took back everything, the launchers, the missiles, the

maintenance manuals, the rest of it. And then he went to the U.S. Embassy to the area attaché and said I think I have something you might be interested in. Of course, those were the same missiles that our aircraft flying over North Vietnam were encountering day to day. And countermeasures was a huge issue.

Narrator: So grateful was the American government, they gave Israel two gifts in return. They re-supplied them with the weapons they had just lost in the [1967] war, and the Liberty inquiry, run by the Department of Defense, the DoD, was watered down.

Bobby Ray Inman: All that [the Israel strategy] is influenced by what have we benefited from, from the captured SA-2 missile sites.

Hughes: Soon Johnson did respond, and he took a much more lenient line, and wished that the whole incident could be put behind us as soon as possible.

Narrator: Johnson's softer approach to Israel was immediately reflected in the American Navy inquiry which was now underway onboard the Liberty.

Lloyd Painter, Liberty research officer: We began to realize that a cover-up was descending upon us.

The matter of Israel's sustained human rights violations and ethnic cleansings aimed upon segregated, ghettoed populations of Palestinians since about 1947 came into political focus on November 10, 1975, with the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly resolution # 3379. The resolution: **“Determines that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination,”** was / is often referred to as **“Zionism is Racism”** (Z=R). The resolution's foundation was based on a November 20, 1963, United Nations General Assembly declaration, the *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*. In turn, that Declaration was based on the structure of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* passed by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, when, ironically, the newly formed State of Israel became an apartheid regime following the first ongoing “Nakba.” Resolution 3379 officially condemned the discriminatory and human rights violations by the

UN General Assembly Resolution 3379	
Date	10 November 1975
Meeting no.	2400
Code	A/RES/3379 (Document)
Subject	Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination
Voting summary	72 voted for 35 voted against 32 abstained
Result	Adopted, but revoked on 16 December 1991

State of Israel. Israel's U.N. Ambassador, Chaim Herzog, responded with [a lengthy letter of condemnation](#). The 1975 bluntly worded Resolution would haunt, humiliate, and dog the colonial settler State of Israel and its Zionist nationalist spokespeople from that day forward.

Photo: The United Nations 1975 “Zionism is Racism” nickname was often later used in public demonstrations, as in the massive marches in South Africa during the International conference on Racism (August 29 – September 8, 2001).



Demonstrators outside the opening session of the World Conference Against Racism on Aug. 31, 2001, in Durban, South Africa.



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3379 (XXX). Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1904 (XVIII) of 20 November 1963, proclaiming the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and in particular its affirmation that "any doctrine of racial differentiation or superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous" and its expression of alarm at "the manifestations of racial discrimination still in evidence in some areas in the world, some of which are imposed by certain Governments by means of legislative, administrative or other measures",

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3151 G (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, the General Assembly condemned, inter alia, the unholy alliance between South African racism and zionism,

Taking note of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1/ proclaimed by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, which promulgated the principle that "international co-operation and peace require the achievement of national liberation and independence, the elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, foreign occupation, zionism, apartheid and racial discrimination in all its forms, as well as the recognition of the dignity of peoples and their right to self-determination",

Taking note also of resolution 77 (XII) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twelfth ordinary session, 2/ held at Kampala from 28 July to 1 August 1975, which considered "that the racist regime in occupied Palestine and the racist regimes in Zimbabwe and South Africa have a common imperialist origin, forming a whole and having the same racist structure and being organically linked in their policy aimed at repression of the dignity and integrity of the human being",

Taking note also of the Political Declaration and Strategy to Strengthen International Peace and Security and to Intensify Solidarity and Mutual Assistance among Non-Aligned Countries, 3/ adopted at the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975, which most severely condemned zionism as a threat to world peace and security and called upon all countries to oppose this racist and imperialist ideology,

Determines that zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination.

1/ E/5725, part one, sect. I.

2/ See A/10297, annex II.

3/ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex, p. 3.

*2400th plenary meeting
10 November 1975*

THE UNHOLY LAND

A.C. FORREST

Second American edition, 1974



The *Just Peace Advocates* blog published: [The Unholy Land by Rev. Dr. A.C. Forrest](#):

“Attempts were made to silence editor of the United

Church of Canada’s *Observer* magazine, Rev. Dr. A.C. Forrest when in 1973 the **United Church of Canada signed an agreement with B’nai Brith**. This is an agreement that continues to be in place until today. This agreement was put in place primarily to silence Rev. Dr. Forrest about his writing on the United Nations Resolution 194, Right of Return, and his publication of *The Unholy Land*. It was also meant to squash the grassroots church support for Palestine.”

“It just hadn’t occurred to me that anyone would ever charge me or the United Church Observer with being racist, or bigoted, or, of all things, anti-Semitic. ... **“We have a file on you, and it goes back twenty years,”** John Devor, a leading Toronto Zionist, said to me, wagging his finger. ... New Testament professor, David Dempson, of my own college, seemed to imply: “If you don’t want to be thought anti-Semitic, don’t disagree with Jewish people on political matters.” (Quotes from *The Unholy Land*, chapter 8)

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editor A.C. Forrest dies at 62

Calgary Herald
 December 30, 1978

Born in 1916 in Maple, Ont., Rev. Forrest grew up there. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1937 with an arts degree and in 1940 with a bachelor of divinity degree.

In 1961, he received an honorary doctorate in divinity from Huntington University in Sudbury, Ont.

He worked as a minister in several Ontario communities and was a chaplain in the Royal Canadian Air Force during part of the Second World War.

Dr. Forrest was well-known in the Calgary area, being a frequent visitor and guest speaker on many occasions.

The Rev. Donald McMahon of Southwood United Church was a close personal friend and remembers him as a person of “deep, deep love and amazing integrity.”

During a 1973 tour of the Middle East with Dr. Forrest, McMahon observed, “He seemed to have a

most remarkable way of relating to people in a way that even those who disagreed very strongly with his positions on the Arab-Israeli question nevertheless respected and trusted him as a person.”

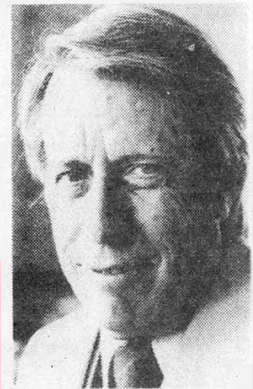
Forrest “didn’t have any of the arrogance that you find in some people from down east,” said McMahon. “He saw us as individuals and as people, and he was deeply interested in what we were saying and doing.”

United Church broadcaster Ralph Milton remembers him as a fine journalist.

“His book, *The Unholy Land*, brought a new light on many issues in the Middle East that up till that time had simply been buried in partisan propaganda,” he said.

“It was a first-rate example of investigative journalism under very difficult circumstances, more than once at the risk of his own life.”

Rev. Forrest is survived by his wife, Esther, and four daughters.



REV. A.C. FORREST
 ... supported Palestinians

Israel, as a Zionist settler colonial state, often hid and denied its cumulative crimes upon Palestinians, camouflaged through fabrications, contrived persuasions, emotional sympathy and empathy, defensive dirty tricks. Accounts of such incidents abound. Canada was among 35 nation states that opposed “Zionism is Racism” Resolution #3379 in 1975. Israeli Zionists had already begun propagandist messaging therapies within Canada well before that. In the early 1970s, came the [lobby’s campaign to redirect the United Church of Canada’s criticism](#) of Israel’s inhumane treatment of Palestinians. After sequential fundraising preparations and events by Canadian Jewish associations and donors in 1972, the Toronto branch of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) sponsored a special mission to Israel. That plan was conceived by JNF of Canada’s president Bernard Bloomfield. The 78-year-old former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker went on a 10-day special trip to Israel, accompanied by his physician and by fifty-one members “of the Canadian Jewish community, most of them from Toronto.” The event was a seemingly innocuous ceremony to honour his namesake, and that of Canadians, namely the christening of a strip of highway dubbed the **Diefenbaker Parkway**, and an adjacent area that was dubbed **Canada Park**.

Apartheid Israel and the Jewish National Fund of Canada: The Story of 'Imwas Yalu, Beit Nuba and Canada Park 24 September 2004
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What Bloomfield and the JNF failed to disclose to the former Prime Minister and to Canadians was that the dedicated lands in the by then \$15 million fund-donated “7,500-acre recreation area and the largest in Israel,” located in the Jerusalem hills, and within the western peninsula of the Palestinian Westbank territory, and the Parkway highway, were former properties – farms, orchards, structures, and homes – belonging to **three Palestinian villages**. These villages and almost all tell tale signs had been destroyed and bulldozed, its 10,000 or so inhabitants forced out, displaced by Israeli soldiers in 1967. Some Palestinians died resulting from their displacement, falling down on roads and paths, desperate, tired, without food or water, the elderly and the sick. The Diefenbaker Parkway and Canada Park were stolen lands soaked in the expelled blood of Palestinians, and by association and implication, Canadians had now become silent accomplices of the atrocity. Israel, through its Canadian supporters, suckered Canadians, abusing their trust.





“Then he [Diefenbaker] climbed on a tractor and drove to cut a ribbon at the start of the parkway, leading into the huge recreation area that will take five or six years to finish. Impressed by the park’s proximity to Jerusalem 10 miles to the east, **Diefenbaker quoted from the Bible, compared Israel’s pioneering experiences to those of Canada, and praised the Israelis for what he called “their willingness to shed blood in defence of their liberty.”**”

Yaacov Tsur, president of the Jewish National Fund, saluted Diefenbaker as a friend of the Jewish state and Canadian Ambassador Paul Malone praised Diefenbaker for his “efforts to promote friendly relations

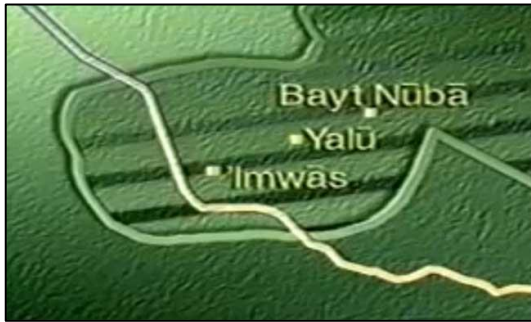
between Canada and Israel.” James Kay, president of the Toronto Jewish National Fund, and David Dennis, chairman of the Negev dinner which launched the parkway project also praised Diefenbaker’s friendship for the Jewish state and presented him with a leather-bound memorial album.” (Source: ‘Now they’ll know’ who Dief is, The Province, April 20, 1974)



On October 21, 1991, a month after the end of the First Intifada (December 1987 to September 1991), CBC television’s Fifth Estate aired a documentary, *Canada Park – Park with no Peace*. Tipped off by concerned Canadians, Fifth Estate staff travelled to Israel to interview Israeli officials, Israeli citizens, and Palestinians, to document the scandal. The airing of the special investigation was highly embarrassing for the Canadian Israeli lobby, just as the lobby was gearing up and reorganizing their operations in Canada: a minor setback.



CBC Narrator: “The three villages [’Imwas, Yalu, and Bayt-Nuba] were levelled by the Israeli army. About 10,000 people were driven out. ... The names of the Canadians who gave \$15 million to build the park are displayed at its entrance. Their money was donated to the Jewish National Fund [JNF], an agency affiliated with the Israeli government that reforests and procures land for Israel. ... The destruction of what used to be here was then protested by then Israeli Parliament [Knesset] member Uri Avneri.”



Avneri: “By putting this park there, and calling it Canada Park, you give a Canadian cover-up to a war crime. ... Civilian population is protected under international law, under the Geneva Convention. It was certainly a war crime. No question about it. The eradication of these villages, the deportation or expulsion of the villagers, especially in the very inhumane way this was done, according to what Amos Keinan testified to. These are crimes under any standard of international law.”

CBC Narrator: “This is what’s left of Mr. El Shaik’s house, a door, some rusted steel rods, and rubble. It’s the sort of rubble that litters this park, but it’s not mentioned in the JNF guide. It directs visitors to ancient ruins and ignores that only 24 years ago [in 1967] these were the homes of Arab families. Prior to our visit to Canada Park, the Jewish National Fund’s Toronto office assured us the Park was built on only the fields of these villages, not on their remains. But this is clearly Yalu village. There is evidence everywhere. ... Yet despite all of this [evidence], the JNF in Israel denies this village is in their park.”



Amos Keinan: “I think it is a very stupid idea on the part of those Canadian people who helped calling this park, Canada Park. It’s no business of any Canadian to intervene in a disputed issue. The land of Palestine, Arab Israel, is disputed between two people. And let us not call any park Canada before peace is settled.”

Canada Park: Canadian Complicity in a War Crime

By Dr. Ismail Zayid

Source: “*OUTLOOK*”, Published by Canadian Jewish Outlook Society - September / October 2001 issue.

No fighting took place in these villages when they were occupied in the early hours of June 6, 1967. The three villages were once part of what was called the Latrun salient. Over 10,000 people lived there; they had schools, mosques, agricultural land and many centuries of history. It was in Imwas (Emmaus) where Christians believe that Jesus Christ first appeared after the Crucifixion.

Canada Park



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Not to be confused with List of National Parks of Canada.

Canada Park (Hebrew: פארק קנדה, Arabic: حديقة كندا, also **Ayalon Park**,^[1]) is an **Israeli national park** stretching over 7,000 **dunams** (7km²), and extending from **No man's land** into the **West Bank**.^[2] The park is located north of **Highway 1 (Tel Aviv-Jerusalem)**, and is situated near the **Ayalon**

Imwas village elder: "I used to live here."



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NEWS

Canada Park, a popular picnicking spot for Israelis, created upon the rubble of Palestinian homes

BY MERSIHA GADZO · JUNE 19, 2017 · 85

Lawyer, and Canadian Senator (Joseph James Guillaume) Paul Martin (center of photo, with bow tie), was the father of former Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin (2003-2006), under whom human rights attorney, former Canadian Jewish Congress president, Irwin Cotler was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice in 2003. Martin senior was appointed Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs under the Lester Pearson government. Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau appointed Martin Sr. to the Canadian Senate in 1968. In 1974, Martin Sr. was appointed as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.



Windsor Star
August 1, 1974

PAUL MARTIN HONORED — Sen. Paul Martin was honored by the Jewish National Fund at the fourth annual Negev dinner Wednesday night for his contributions in domestic and external affairs. In his honor 10,000 trees will

be planted in Israel and will be known as Paul Martin Forest. Looking on in appreciation is (from left) Mrs. Martin, Lazarus Phillips making the presentation, Mr. Martin and dinner chairman Jacob (Jake) Geller.

*A tribute to Sen. Paul Martin...
10,000 trees will grow in Israel*

In Walter Lehn's 1977 essay, The Jewish National Fund: an Instrument of Discrimination, published in *Zionism & Racism, Proceedings of an International Symposium*, he states:

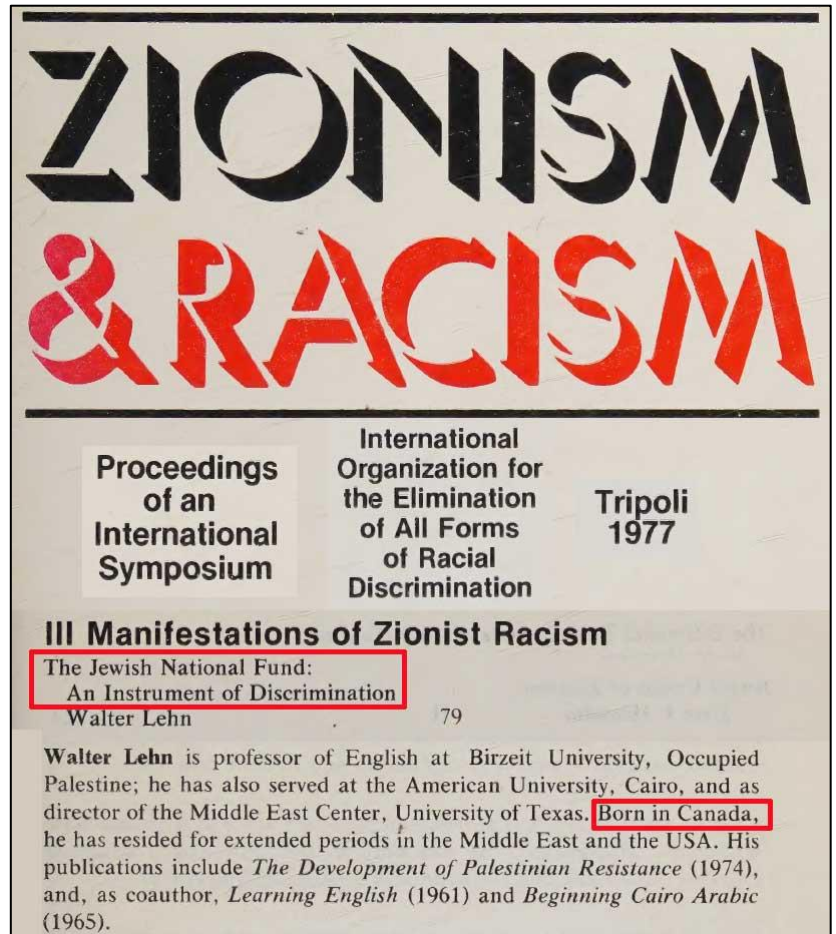
“As clear an example as can be found of a Zionist institution which practices, by design and by intent, **discrimination against non-Jews ... is the Jewish National Fund (JNF).**”

“In May 1954 the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, “Perpetual Fund for Israel,” was incorporated in Israel; it should be noted that the Hebrew name (from which the abbreviation KKL, also denoting the JNF, derives) is not a translation of the English Jewish National Fund. This new company acquired all the assets, liabilities, etc. of the JNF incorporated in England in 1907; thus, the JNF became an Israeli corporation. ... Whatever the intent, this appears to authorize the JNF to operate in the territories occupied in 1967, since they are indubitably under the control and hence effective jurisdiction of the government of Israel, whatever their status under international law. Is it too far-fetched to suggest that in 1954 the possibility of territorial expansion was foreseen and provision for this eventuality was made?”

“In November 1961 the JNF and the Israeli government signed a Covenant, based on legislation enacted in July 1960, clarifying the relationship of the JNF to the state, spelling out their respective powers and responsibilities, and setting up two bodies: an Israel Lands Administration (controlled by the government) and a Land Development Administration (controlled by the JNF). The latter is responsible for reclamation, development, and afforestation of all state and JNF lands, with costs borne by the respective owners. ... **the most significant effect of which is the application of JNF restrictive land policies to all state lands, which together with JNF lands constitute over 90 per cent of the land in pre-1967 Israel.**”

“... As a consequence of these developments, the JNF has gradually expanded its activities – since 1967 also in the occupied territories – to include, in addition to land acquisition, land reclamation, large-scale afforestation, road building (not insignificant from a military point of view), and various forms of assistance to new Jewish settlements. **It should be noted that some of these activities in the occupied territories are in clear violation of international law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, making the JNF a party to these violations by Israel.**”

“**Lest anyone think** that the JNF is today concerned mainly with land reclamation and afforestation in Israel, an announcement quoting the Director General of the Israeli Land Fund (as the JNF is also known in Israel) over Radio Israel on 23 March 1976 is of more than passing interest. The announcement was that in 1975 the JNF and the Israel Lands Administration, through a jointly owned subsidiary, spent “50 million Israeli pounds (\$6.6 million)” to purchase land in the occupied West Bank, including “buildings, public institutions, and church property.” According to the Director General, **the purchases are all secret and**



“many of the Arab inhabitants, living on the acquired lands, do not yet know that these lands are in the possession of the Israeli Land Fund.”

Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, October 1991, Page 34

Canada Calling

"Canada Park" Built on Ruins of Palestinian Villages

By John Dirlik

Canada Park and Israeli "memoricide"

Jonathan Cook The Electronic Intifada 10 March 2009

Dossier on Canada Park

Obsequious Canadian Gov't's Complicity in a War Crime



.... a screen of prejudice had been erected between them and the rest of the world, against which the truth seemed powerless to prevail.....


From the editors of the Shunpiking Magazine

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5.1. The Troublesome Matter of Canadian Resident Professor Klaus Herrmann

United Nations' 1975 Resolution #3379, "Zionism as a form of racism and discrimination," was vehemently denounced by Israel and the United States administration. Pro-Israel lobbies in America and Canada quickly responded. They uniformly demonized the United Nations, promoted international anger and hate, and launched a disingenuous counterclaim that those promoting 'antizionism' were themselves racists, responsible for advocating a "new antisemitism." Echoes of this counterclaim were recycled and refined over the decades by the pro-Israel lobbies who advocated the adoption of 'new antisemitism' to American, Canadian, and European lawmakers for carefully defined inclusions into racial discrimination policies and law: i.e. the February 16, 2024, *Hate Crimes Policy* by the British Columbia government.



**AN ATTACK ON
ZIONISM
IS AN
ATTACK ON THE JEWS**

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AT 8 P.M.
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THE ARABS AND THEIR ALLIES AT THE U.N.
EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM.**

COME TO PROTEST!
Montreal Star, October 25, 1975

Canada condemns anti-Zionism vote

Toronto Star
November 11, 1975

UNITED NATIONS (CP)
Canadian Ambassador Saul Rae described the Arab-sponsored resolution as "inappropriate, imprecise, contentious and unnecessary."

Rae told the assembly yesterday that the resolution "corrupts and distorts" the UN program for a Decade of Action to combat racial discrimination.

"For over a quarter of a century, successive Canadian governments have expressed their abhorrence for the policies of apartheid as practised in South Africa. "We shall continue to condemn these policies and we shall never relax our opposition to these degrading and oppressive laws," he said.

It Is Happening Again

When they came for the Jews, I was silent because I was not a Jew.
When they came for the trade-unionists, I was silent because I was not a trade-unionist. When they came for the Catholics, I was silent because I was not a Catholic. When they came for me, there was no one left to protest.

PASTOR MARTIN NIEMOLLER
WENT TO NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR REASONS OF CONSCIENCE

Last week in the United Nations, the Arab-Communist axis bulldozed through a resolution labelling Zionism as "racist."

WHO IS BEHIND THIS OBSCENE LIE?

- X Uganda's IDI AMIN, the vicious "village tyrant" who idolized Hitler, expelled thousands and murdered tens of thousands of his own citizens.
- X Libya's MUAMMAR KHADAFY, underwriter of world terrorism and provider of haven for hijackers and assassins. He even conspired to torpedo the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth II.
- X Sudan's NUMEIRI, whose regime persecuted and massacred hundreds of thousands of native Christians.
- X And an assortment of bloodied dictatorships both of the Right and the Left led by none other than the Soviet Union whose acts against human rights are legend.

WHO STOOD UP AGAINST THE BIG LIE?

Unfortunately, only the few remaining democracies — including CANADA — voted against the resolution. Our government is to be commended on its stand.

WHAT IS ZIONISM?

Zionism is probably the world's oldest Liberation Movement. It is the National Liberation Movement of the Jewish people which began centuries ago with the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. For four thousand years, Zionism has been the force for the preservation of the Jewish People and their heritage. In modern times, Zionism has produced in Israel a model of self-determination for many peoples. And who were the Zionists and lovers of Zion? To name but a few: Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Maimonides, Halevi, Heine, Weizmann, Churchill, Einstein, Mrs. Roosevelt, Truman, John Diefenbaker and every self-respecting Jew and friend of the Jews throughout the millennia.

"Zionism is probably the world's oldest Liberation Movement"

LET NO ONE BE MISLED!

The attack on Zionism is not just anti-Semitism; it is also an assault on basic democratic values.

Join with your fellow Canadians in protest against the tyrannical coalition manipulating the U.N.

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The Province
October 25, 1975

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UN braced for hard time

Ottawa Citizen, November 12, 1975

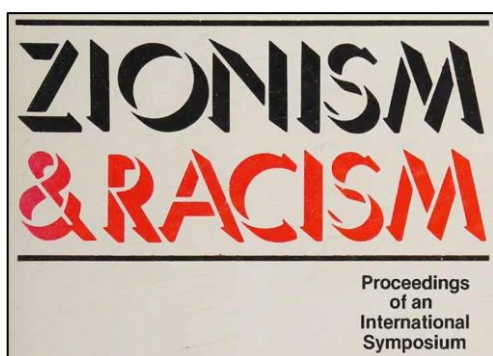
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United Nations braced for hard times Tuesday as the United States reacted angrily to a resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly branding Zionism "a form of racism."

Zionism is the religious and political yearning of Jews for their homeland.

Some UN officials feared that the U.S. Congress will show its displeasure by cutting voluntary appropriations for such UN programs as aid to developing countries, refugees—including Palestinians—and emergency relief. The U.S. also is assessed \$80 million of the UN's \$290-million regular budget for this year.

So, what was the meaning and definition of this most troublesome resolution? Who defined it? Why was it adopted? Why was Zionism declared to be associated with racism, as discrimination? Why were the source definitions of these resolutions being distorted and attacked by Israel, America, Canada, other national governments, and by many in the media?

The answers to these important and related questions were addressed in written presentations by professors, lawyers, clergymen, authors, and statesmen at the July 24-28, 1976, *International Symposium on Zionism and Racism*, held in Tripoli, Libya. The symposium's purpose was to address the 1975 U.N. Resolution. The conference "was attended by some 500 participants from 80 countries." From this conference was born the establishment of **EAFORD (Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination)**, which had its first office located in London in 1979, in Geneva in 1983, and by 1986 its international secretariat was moved to Geneva and an office in Washington, D.C. The EAFORD organization would later be smeared, for instance, by Israel's propaganda lobby in Geneva, NGO Watch. According to Keith Feldman, in his 2015 book, *A Shadow Over Palestine*, Faye Sayegh – an important critic of Zionism whose role is described at length in Part 8 of this report – founded EAFORD. The introduction of the proceedings stated:



"On 10 November 1975 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution 3379, determining "that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination." **The response of Zionists and their supporters to this resolution was, not to attempt to demonstrate that the finding was in error, but to mount a campaign designed to discredit the UN and to impugn the motives of the 72 member states voting in support of it.** In order to provide an opportunity for a careful study of Zionism, within the context of the definition of racial discrimination accepted without dissent by all members of the UN since 1965, the

Bar Association of the Libyan Arab Republic decided to hold an International Symposium on Zionism and Racism and to invite as participants individuals of recognized stature in their several professions and countries."

According to the introduction of the Symposium's proceedings (published in 1977), the western media ignored the conference: "It is a sad commentary on the objectivity of the western information media that **they virtually ignored the symposium, in spite of the importance of the subject and the international character of the assembly.**" A search for the conference title in digitized newspaper collections in the U.S. and Canada was made, but nothing was discovered. It is likely that media were instructed to boycott the conference, and nothing about the event was reported on! Small wonder, what with the daily, constant smear attacks, hundreds upon hundreds, in the print media, on the November 1975 resolution. A careful read, however, of the presenters' biographies and their publications and expertise, would help to understand why the Israelis were not keen on publicizing the experts' cumulative knowledge about Zionism and racism. The matter was simply buried: there was to be no revelations, no information, no public debate!

Take for instance Klaus J. Herrmann's 14-page presentation, "Perspectives on Political Zionism and Antisemitism," part of a "panel discussion with three others on 'The Law Relating to the Middle East, South Africa and Rhodesia'." ⁵¹ Herrmann, American born and resident of Canada, "associate professor of political science [for 11 years] at Concordia University, Montreal, has served as visiting professor at the Institute of Judaists, Free University, Berlin." Reading through his paper, it is evident that he had an excellent grasp of his subject matter and understood the deep religious and discriminatory flaws in political Zionism. But what is unfortunately interesting about Herrmann, explains Canadian born Walter Lehn, the

⁵¹ Source: Canadian Jewish News, September 26, 1976.

editor of the Proceedings in his introduction, is that Herrmann was among others that were “publicly censured later for their nonracist views:”

“Klaus J. Herrmann, a member of B’nai B’rith, was, in his words, “tried in public” by **Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Director Alan Rose and by Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens** who declared that “**someone who takes part in a conference which gives aid and comfort to the enemy should be barred** [from B’nai B’rith];” [documented in] *Canadian Jewish News* (Toronto), 1 and 15 October 1976. Columnist J.B. Salzberg, writing in the same newspaper (26 November 1976), addressed Herrmann in these words: “**Your extremism, visa-vis Zionism and the state of Israel, places you in the same bed with the most Orthodox, most extreme, and most fanatical enemies of Israel who operate from Meah Shaarim in Jerusalem,**” i.e. the Neturei Karta. Readers can judge for themselves the “**extremism**” of these “**fanatical enemies of Israel**” by reading the papers by Klaus J. Herrmann and G. Neuberger, a member of Neturei Karta.”

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Members of the Zionist/Israel lobby in Canada, who, alongside American lobbyists, were attacking U.N. Resolution 3379 as anti-Semitic. They were now attacking someone of their own tribe for exposing their hypocrisy and twisted ideology. Many of the strident Zionists with B'Nai B'rith, and those in other organizations, were intolerant of criticism. As Herrman deeply understood, this was nothing new.

In the October 1, 1976, Canadian Jewish News article below, *B'nei B'rith Investigating Trip to Libya by Anti-Zionist Member*, Herrmann had been "invited to the Libyan meeting by the Bar of Libya after he delivered an anti-Zionist speech in Canada." Contrary to what Sheldon Kirshner stated in his article, Herrmann never gave a "speech in Canada" prior to the Tripoli symposium, because he had been away for a year on a sabbatical. Herrmann had presented a paper prior to the symposium, but far away in Germany.

B'nei B'rith investigating trip to Libya by anti-Zionist member

By Sheldon Kirshner

TORONTO —

An investigating committee appointed by B'nei B'rith's District 22 has launched a preliminary investigation to determine whether one of its members, an anti-Zionist who attended a recent conference in Libya, is guilty of violating the cardinal principles of the international organization.

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The committee of three will also attempt to ascertain whether Prof. Klaus Herrmann of Montreal is guilty of immoral conduct and misbehavior, according to Herb Levy, executive director of District 22, which encompasses Eastern Canada.

Against Racial Intolerance in Tripoli.

The conference, hosted by Libyan leader Muammar Quaddafi, a fierce anti-Zionist who has called for the liquidation of Israel, endorsed last year's United Nations resolution equating racism with Zionism.

One of the Canadian participants was Yvon Charbonneau, head of Quebec's French Catholic teachers union, who urged the province's teachers to teach their pupils the relationship between racism and Zionism. Charbonneau vowed to fight the "pro-Zionist propaganda" that he said exists in Quebec. In the wake of Charbonneau's Sept. 7 press conference, the Canadian Jewish Congress sent a strong letter of protest to the archbishop of Montreal, Msgr. Paul Gregoire.



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Herrmann, whose transportation and hotel expenses were paid for by the Libyan government, denied that he has any relationship with the PLO. "I have nothing to do with them and I do not wish to be identified with their program," he said.

talk" with Herrmann to determine whether "his views are compatible with being a member of B'nei B'rith."

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It was Alan Rose, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), who "pointed out to B'nei B'rith that one of their representatives was present at the conference." Rose filed a complaint to B'nei B'rith's District 22 which began conducting a "preliminary" investigation, to determine "whether one of its members, an anti-Zionist ... is guilty of violating the cardinal principles of the international organization."

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Levy, executive director of District 22, which encompasses Eastern Canada. If the Committee finds cause, University Lodge, of which Herrmann is a member, can prefer charges and theoretically oust or reprimand the 47-year-old political science professor from the brotherhood. Levy, asserting that B'nai B'rith has no rule or regulation barring an anti-Zionist from membership said ... that the German-born academic will receive a fair hearing.

The Palestinian Expulsion: A Canadian's Awakening

A. C. Forrest

I have been asked to address myself to the Palestinian exodus, based on what I saw and heard in Jordan, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and in Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank of Palestine during the summer of 1967. I made that visit at the request of editors of the leading religious papers of the USA and Canada, to study and report on what they called "the new refugee problem."

But first let me put the story into perspective in the context of the scattering of the Palestinian people. I also want to add something about the role of the western churches and about North American attitudes and Jewish reaction and defensiveness.

With the exception of western Europe and North America, the entire world has learned that in order to set up a Zionist-Jewish state in Palestine, the indigenous Palestinian majority had to be robbed of their homes and lands and to be dispossessed of their national patrimony. Most of them were driven out by one means or another, while those who remained were eventually deprived of their independence and dignity, forced to exist under military occupation in Gaza and the West Bank, or with limited human and civil rights in Israel and Jerusalem.

John H. Davis, former Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency, has put it succinctly: "The extent to which the refugees were savagely driven out by the Israelis as part of a deliberate master-plan has been insufficiently recognized."¹ He also notes:

A Jewish state could not have come into being except by resort to pressure and force against the indigenous Arab population Once the Zionists gained sufficient support from major powers to bring Israel into being, it became inevitable that the indigenous Arab people would be driven from their homes, their return blocked by force, their property seized and awarded to immigrants; and that a new government would be created under which immigrants would be citizens, and Jews throughout the world be made potential citizens, whilst the exiled native Arabs would be relegated to the status of refugees and foreigners.²

Herrmann identified that Joel Pinsky, vice chairman of the CJC Eastern Region, had also ratted on him. Herrmann said that “certain highly placed Zionist leaders” were “trying to use all kinds of means to make my stay at B’nai B’rith impossible.” Herrmann, “former member of the Eastern Region’s Holocaust Committee,” “a longtime member of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism,” “was one of the approximately 20 Canadians who participated at the International Association Against Racial Intolerance in Tripoli.”

Historical Perspectives on Political Zionism and Antisemitism

Klaus J. Herrmann

The September 24, 1976, edition of the Canadian Jewish News identified (exposed) ten more of the 20 Canadian participants, but not the remaining nine: “Yvon Charbonneau, “head of the Quebec’s French Catholic’s teachers union;” Michael Chartrand, former head of the Confederation of National Trade Unions; Professor Richard Blackburn of the University of Toronto; Charlotte McEwen of the Voice of Women, Ottawa; Khaled Mouammar, president of the Canadian Arab Foundation; Mordechai Briemberg, a one-time professor at Simon Fraser University; Abie Weisfeld of the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews; **Dr. A.C. Forrest**, editor of the United Church Observer; MP Ralph Stewart (Liberal, Cochrane); MP Derek Blackburn (NDP, Brant). Because the symposium was held in Libya, Sheldon Kirshner fingered the “host” of the conference “Libyan leader Muammar Quadaffi” as “a fierce anti-Zionist.”

Asked whether he believed Zionism to be a form of racism, Herrmann said **it was a type of “national exclusionism” which discriminated against Palestinian Arabs and therefore was “contrary to Jewish teachings”.** ... He said that **“any member of B’nai B’rith should have the right to be an anti-Zionist”.**

A member of the Montreal’s Reform Temple Emanuel, Herrmann said he was an opponent of political Zionism and a proponent of the messianic Zionism expounded by the Satmar rebbe and Jerusalem’s Neturei Karta. **“I believe Judaism is a religious faith ... and it is not incumbent on Jews to be committed to the establishment of a national state in Palestine. Political Zionism is totally opposed to the traditions of Judaism, and I consider it detrimental to the citizenship status of Canadians of the Jewish faith.”**

Elaborating, he said he favored what he termed the “de-Zionification” of Israel.” Denouncing the Canadian Jewish Congress, Herrmann said he was against Jewish organizations acting as political spokesmen “for the legitimate or illegitimate positions of Israel,” and stressed that their championing of Israel was “conducive to anti-Semitism.”

An American citizen who has taught at Concordia for the past 11 years, Herrmann explained that **he believed in the creation of a bi-national state where Jews, Moslems and Christians can live in peace.** Asked to explain the differences between a binational state and a secular state, a concept supported by the PLO, Herrmann proclaimed: “If the PLO has copied the program of Rabbi Judah Magnes (the first president of the Hebrew University who spoke in favor of a bi-national state), that is not my responsibility.”

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“Alec Fineberg, who has served as president of Herrmann’s lodge on two separate occasions ... was disturbed by his colleague’s recent statements:”

“We’ve known him to be what you might call different,” he said. “Normally, we’re happy to have diverse opinions. But B’nai B’rith does have rules. **A member doesn’t have to be a Zionist, but there is a difference between being a non-Zionist and an anti-Zionist**.”

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As Herrmann pointed out, some of the Canadian Zionists were dishonest brokers, and there was little room for an honest discussion and debate on a matter that was now clearly understood as off limits. Herrmann’s blame on such Zionists causing anti-Semitism, and his claim that he had a right to be an anti-Zionist in their midst, were two important matters for public discourse. But some Zionists would endeavor to turn these matters of fact on their heads.

Two weeks later, came another article in the Canadian Jewish News about Herrmann, *Herrmann charges he is being made a target of campaign*, October 15, 1976.

Klaus Herrmann ... has bitterly denounced what he calls the “public campaign” now being waged against him by leaders of the Canadian Jewish community. “My membership in B’nai B’rith is not the business of Congress. I think it is most inappropriate that I am being tried in public. There have been no charges laid against me and I look forward with equanimity to any investigation against me.”

Contrary to what was reported in the CJN, Herrmann claimed he had made no anti-Zionist speech in Canada as he had been on a sabbatical in Germany for over a year, only returning Sept. 4. He said he had written an article, “Judaism & Zionism No Identity,” on his interpretation of anti-Zionism for the Protestant Student Movement

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When my stories and others appeared in the western press there were two reactions: **First**, I was bitterly criticized and was charged with exaggeration, distortion, lying, and being employed by the Arab Information Service in Ottawa. Eventually, suggestions that I was antisemitic were made, and my church was criticized for employing me as an editor. Secondly, the churches made substantial contributions to Palestinian aid. And some passed resolutions urging a just settlement of the refugee problem, and calling for the immediate return of the Palestinians. Some went further, passing resolutions similar to UN resolution 242 of 22 November 1967. My own church and others passed resolutions urging our governments to press for a just peace in the Middle East. Then we were to learn how effectively Canadian and American Zionists had organized their lobbies in Ottawa and Washington.

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of Germany which was delivered in the presence of Dr. Israel Shahak-Himmelstaub of the Hebrew University and president of the Israeli Committee for Civil Rights. As a result, he was invited by the Bar of Libya to the Tripoli conference.

I undertook to visit two off-limits areas, the West Bank of the Jordan at the Allenby Bridge, and the sites of three Latroun villages.

I kept asking permission to visit the villages of Beit Nuba, Yalu, and Imwas, in the Latroun area, and I kept being put off. Finally I became insistent, and was told, "Sorry you can't go." Why? "The villages aren't there any more." What happened? "They harbored Palestinian commandos and were a threat to the airport." So when they had their chance, and under cover of war, the Israelis bulldozed the communities out of existence.³

A.C. Forrest tried to visit Canada Park before it was conceived as "Canada Park" by Jewish National Fund of Canada's president Bernard Bloomfield.

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In reply to Canadian Zionist Federal president Phil Givens, who stated "someone who takes part in a conference which gives aid and comfort to the enemy should be barred from B'nai B'rith," Herrmann said: "I was not aware that the United States, of which I am a citizen, or Canada, where I am a resident, were at war with the Arab republic of Libya. Therefore, **I find it most disturbing to refer to Libya as the enemy. I am not a citizen of Israel, and not subject to the laws of that country. To cast Libya as the enemy is absurd, from a Jewish point of view, as I perceive Judaism is asking us to build bridges with people of other religions, such as the Moslems, and not characterizing them as enemies.**" Herrmann calls himself a "reformed Israelite," and **an opponent of political Zionism**, which he describes as **contrary to Reform Judaism**. Herrmann believes a Jew can be a nationalist of any country but **cannot be a Jewish nationalist without denying the precepts of Judaism**. He differentiates between the "republic of Israel" and the biblical use of the word "Israel."

"Political Zionism has no bearing on Christian-Jewish relations. [Responding to a letter Joel Pinsky wrote to the Archbishop of Montreal.] To infuse political Zionism into dialogue is detrimental, as it will automatically alienate Christian Arabs," said Herrmann, a former member of the Joint Community Relations Committee, as well as the cabinet of the League for Human Rights.

The reason that Zionist propaganda has been so effective in our part of the world is the result of many factors: Ignorance of the conflict over Palestine, its issues and its development, guilt feelings over former antisemitism and especially over what happened during the Nazi period in Europe, misunderstanding of biblical prophecies, especially among fundamentalist and literalist Christians, and the existence of anti-Arab prejudice, the result of distortion of the history of the Crusades and the presence of anti-Arab stereotypes in our literature. In addition, a sort of sporting admiration for what is considered the under-dog and the relative failure of the Arabs to articulate their story to western ears are also involved. All of these factors have been skillfully exploited, and at times even cultivated, by extremely able Zionist propagandists, experts so good that the infamous Goebbels might have learned from them.

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Another jab at Herrmann was printed in the October 15, 1976. edition of the Jewish National News. The letter to the editor from Jerry Lerman of Toronto said:

It does assure us that **the new anti-Semitism** comes not only from assorted Third World, Communist and Arab Nations; but from the 'pious,' asserting non-Zionist Jew as well. Perhaps today's spokesmen for the Canadian Jewish leftist viewpoint on Israel and the Middle East could do a little more homework on the subject before saying Judaic religious principles and political Zionism are totally opposed to one another.

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