

# ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST: THE CONFLICT IN CONTEXT

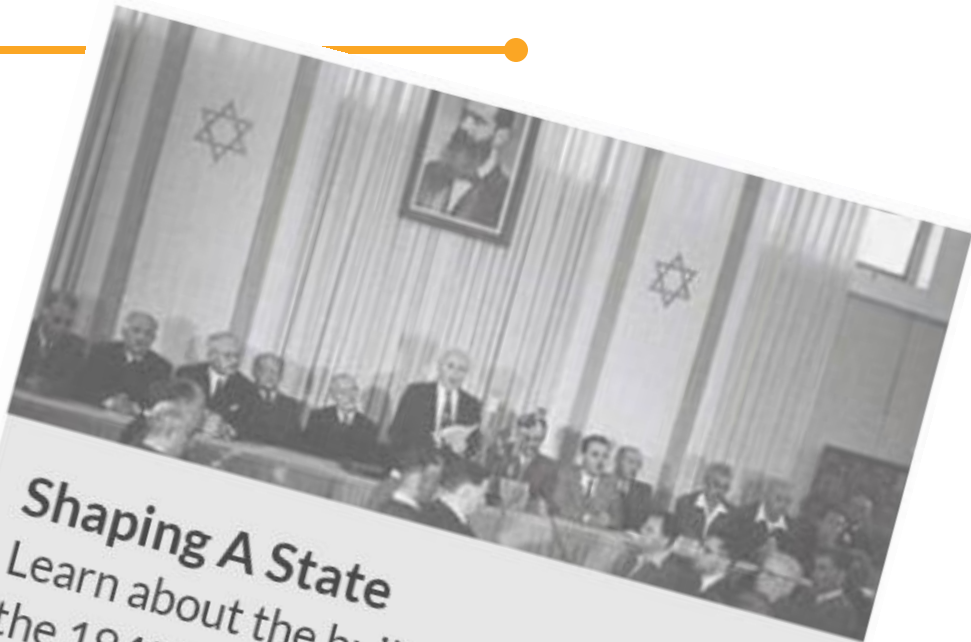
- All criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic.
- Criticizing Israel is never anti-Semitic.
- Anti-Semitism is only when someone specifically says that Jews are the problem.
- Anti-Semitism only applies to extreme situations, such as physical assault.

Which of the discussion prompts do you agree with and which do you disagree with?



## **Nation Reborn**

Learn about the extraordinary events surrounding the State of Israel's formation, and explore the Jewish nation's historical, legal and native rights to the land.



## **Shaping A State**

Learn about the buildup and conflicts of the 1948 War of Independence and 1967 Six-Day War, and the founding ideals of the State of Israel and the Palestinian National Movement.



## Narratives

Understand the role of narrative in shaping our understanding of history. Identify key aspects of the Palestinian narrative as we know it today.



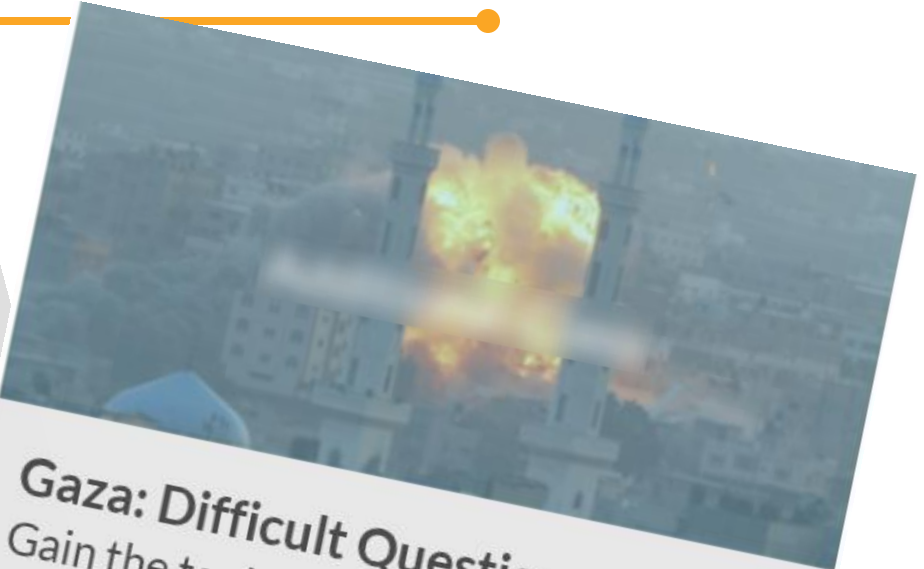
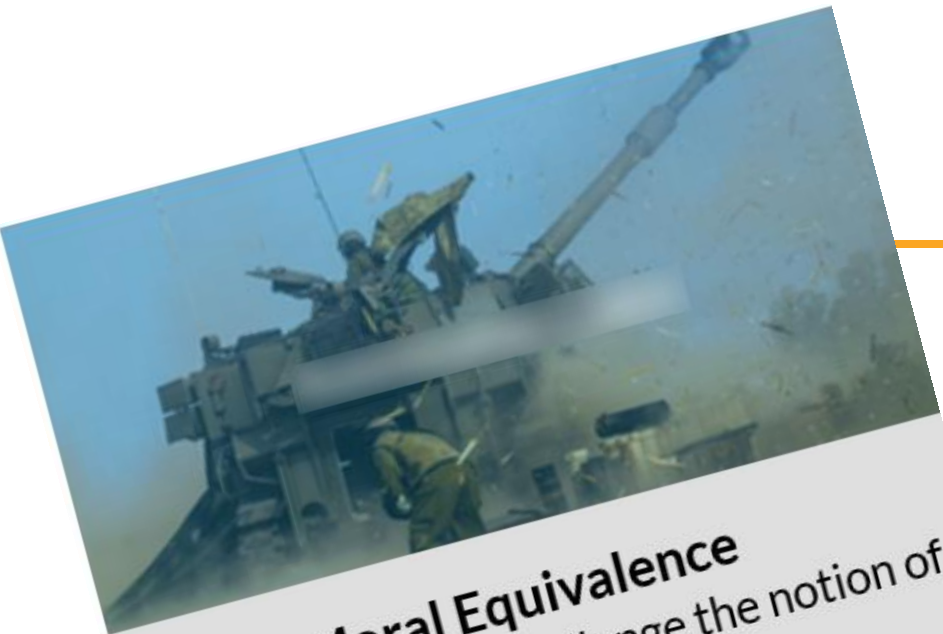
## Understanding Media

Understand how the media works and what purpose it serves. Learn to identify media bias and start playing an active role in spreading the truth about Israel.



## Refugees

Explore the opposing narratives of the 1948 war and the resulting refugee crises on both sides, as well as the definition and perpetuation of Palestinian refugee status.



## **Gaza: Moral Equivalence**

Understand and challenge the notion of moral equivalence by analyzing Operation Protective Edge as a case study of media coverage and perspective.

## **Gaza: Difficult Questions**

Gain the tools—and hopefully the courage—to address difficult questions about the Gaza War both in and out of the classroom.





## Shared Values

Learn about the Western values that form the foundation of modern Israel--freedom, democracy, peace, and human rights--and explore the source of these values.



## Speak Up For Israel

Put everything you've learned into action, learning and practicing techniques to effectively defend your position on Israel.



## **Israel Inside**

Sidestep the usual conversations about politics and conflict, and get a glimpse of the strengths that enabled the Israeli people to turn a desert into an innovative, humanitarian society.



## **Crossing the Line**

Academic boycotts, divestment votes, hostile classrooms and hate speech: Examine what drives these anti-Israel tactics and the BDS movement on university campuses today.

BDS =

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- Boycotts
- Divestments
- Sanctions



# ANTI-SEMITISM ON CAMPUS: A CLEAR-AND-PRESENT DANGER



**“[American college campuses are] islands of anti-Semitism . . . [where] the next generation [is] becoming the new Jews of silence.**

**On the college campus, Israel is epitomized as the epicenter of everything that is hateful in the universe.”**

- Natan Sharansky in U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, *Campus Anti-Semitism* (2005)

## Ayaan Hirsi Ali Talks About Anti-Semitism on Campus

*"The more we pretend that antisemitism is somewhere far away,  
the more hopeless and powerless we feel."*

Ayaan Hirsi Ali addresses Anti-Semitism on campus at the Boston premiere of Crossing the Line 2

# GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM

# ON CAMPUS

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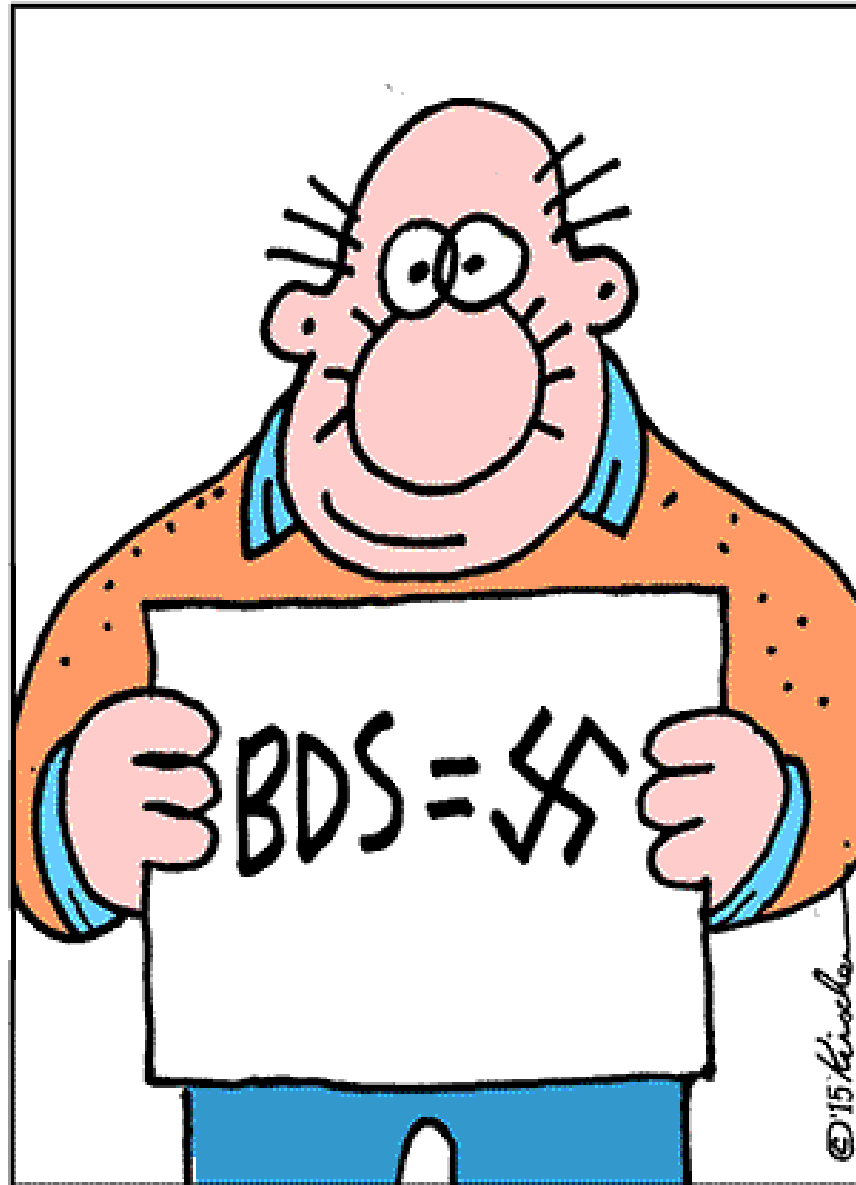
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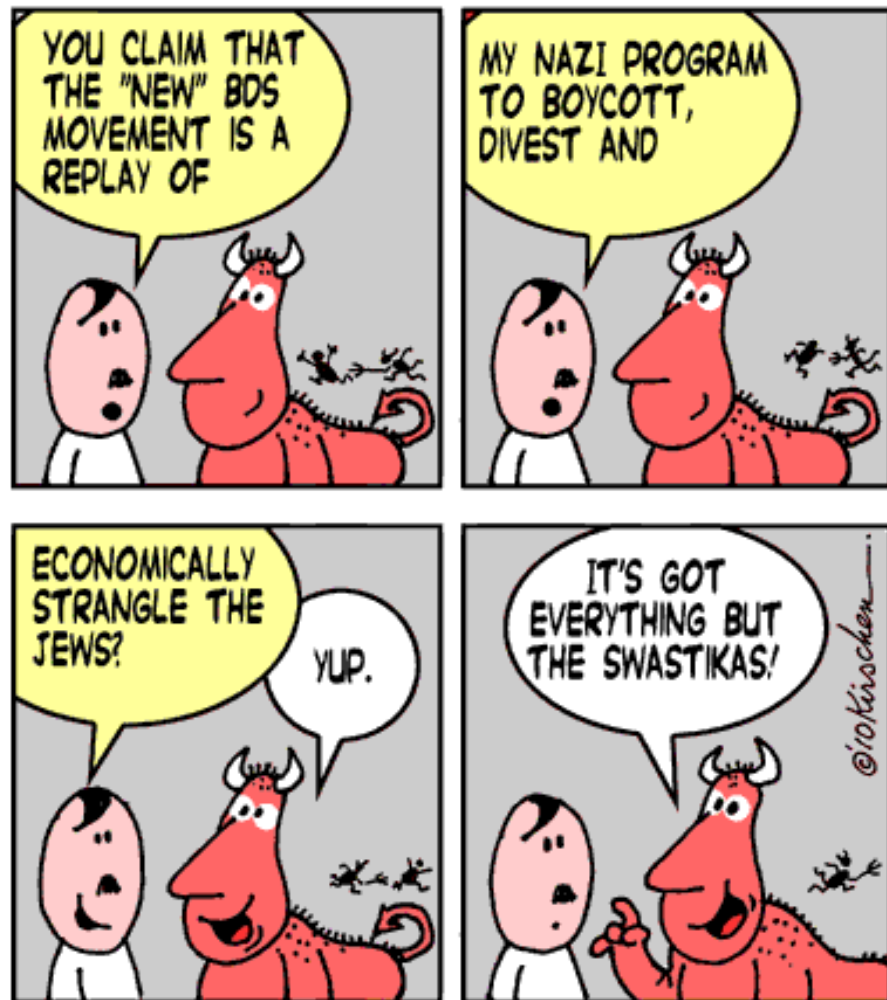
## Anti-Semitism on Campus

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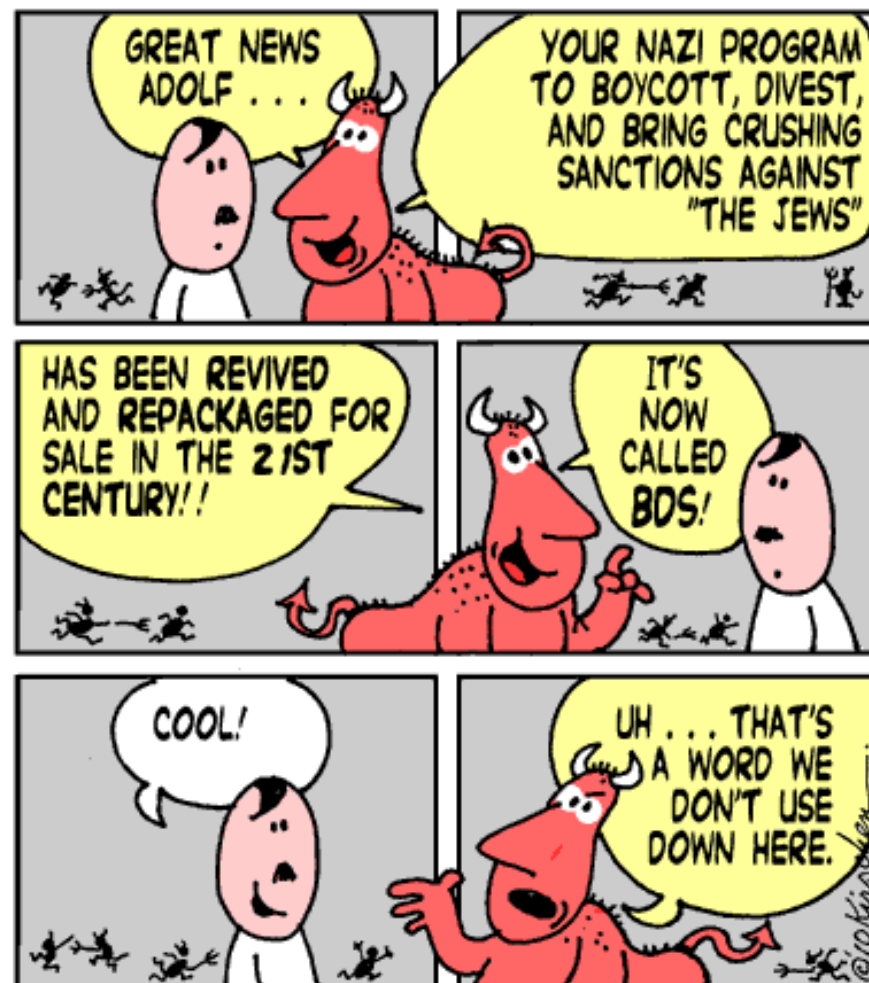
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# Dry Bones IN ISRAEL

AN INSANE ORGY  
OF HATE AND  
VIOLENCE HAS  
ENGULFED SYRIA



AND THE ONLY  
POSITIVE THING  
WE CAN SAY IS



WE'RE LUCKY WE  
WERE NEVER  
TRICKED INTO



GIVING THE GOLAN  
HEIGHTS BACK TO  
THE SYRIANS!

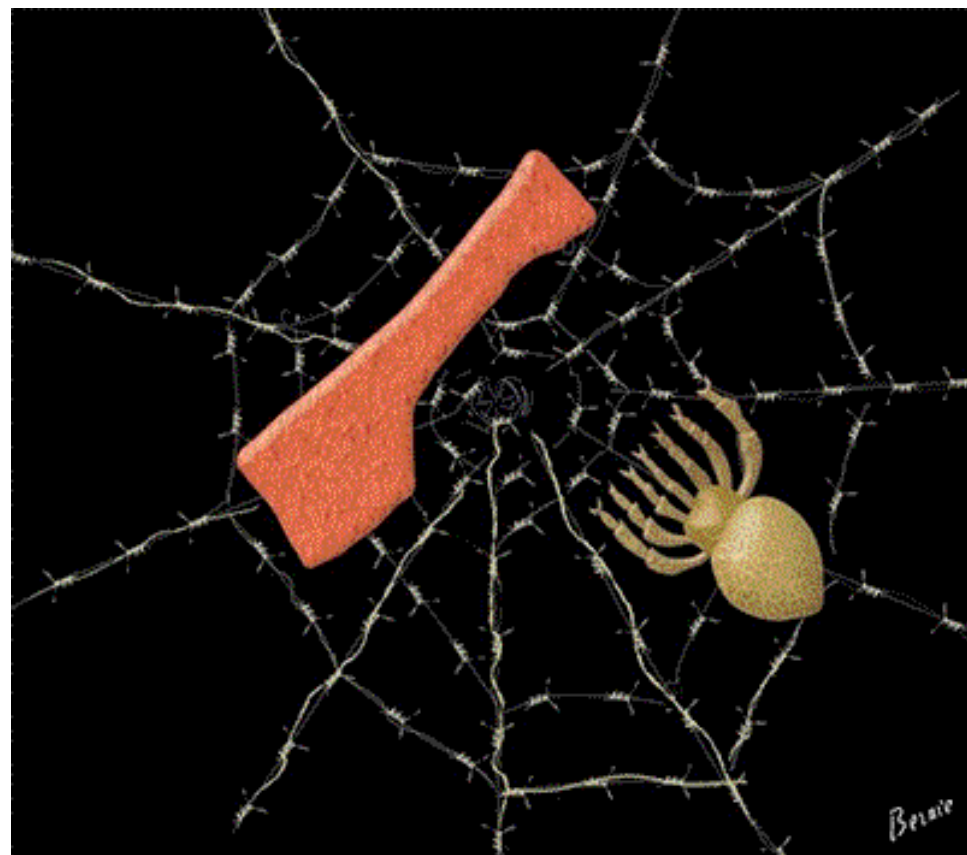


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# Dry Bones TERMINOLOGY





# Legitimate vs. Illegitimate Criticisms of Israel

## Natan Sharansky's 3-D Test:

1. Demonization
2. Double Standards
3. Delegitimization





# Demonization

*“Today we must take note when the Jewish state or its leaders are being demonized, with their actions being blown out of all rational proportion.*

*For example, the comparisons of Israelis to Nazis and of the Palestinian refugee camps to Auschwitz — comparisons heard frequently throughout Europe and on North American university campuses — are clearly anti-Semitic.*

*Those who draw such analogies either are deliberately ignorant regarding Nazi Germany or, more commonly, are deliberately depicting modern-day Israel as the embodiment of evil.”*

*- Natan Sharansky*





# Double Standards

*“Today we must ask whether criticism of Israel is being applied selectively. In other words, do similar policies pursued by other governments produce similar criticism?”*

*It is anti-Semitic discrimination, for instance, when Israel is singled out for condemnation by the United Nations for perceived human rights abuses while proven obliterateors of human rights on a massive scale — like China, Iran, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Syria, to name just a few — are not even mentioned.”*

*- Natan Sharansky*



# Delegitimization

*“In the past, anti-Semites tried to deny the legitimacy of the Jewish religion, the Jewish people, or both. Today, they are trying to deny the legitimacy of the Jewish state, presenting it, among other things, as the last vestige of colonialism.*

*While criticism of an Israeli policy may not be anti-Semitic, the denial of Israel’s right to exist is always anti-Semitic. If other peoples have a right to live securely in their homelands, then the Jewish people have a right to live securely in their homeland.”*

*-Natan Sharansky*

# Pattern of Delegitimization

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1. Arab League Boycott of Israel (1945 - )
2. UN Resolution 3379: “Zionism is a form of racism, and racial discrimination.” (1975)
3. UN NGO Forum against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance (2001)
4. Palestinian BDS Campaign (2005 - )

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- Been there
  - Done that
  - Seen it before

# NEW STRATEGY

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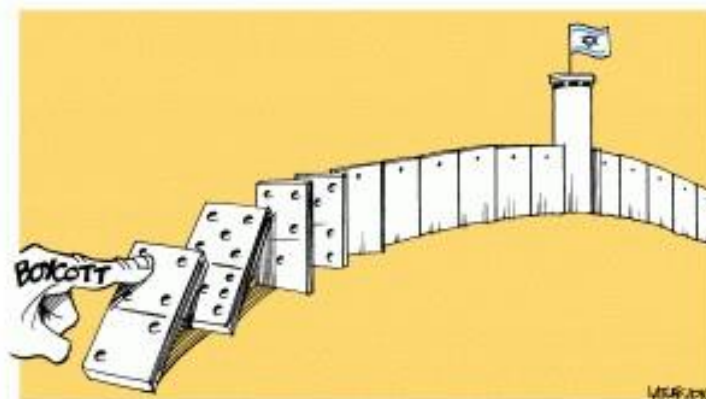
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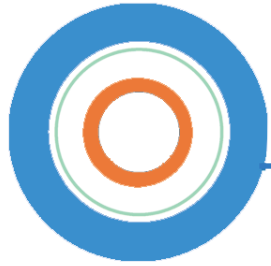
## Introducing the BDS Movement



*The global movement for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights was initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, and is coordinated by the [Palestinian BDS National Committee \(BNC\)](#), established in 2007. BDS is a strategy that allows people of conscience to play an effective role in the Palestinian struggle for justice.*



For decades, Israel has denied Palestinians their fundamental rights of freedom, equality, and self-determination through ethnic cleansing, colonization, racial discrimination, and military occupation. Despite abundant condemnation of Israeli policies by the UN, other international bodies, and preeminent human rights organisations, the world community has failed to hold Israel accountable and enforce compliance with basic principles of law. Israel's crimes have continued with impunity.



# BDS Principles

**Omar Barghouti**

**Co-Founder of the  
Global BDS Movement**

**&**

**PACBI**

**Interviewed**

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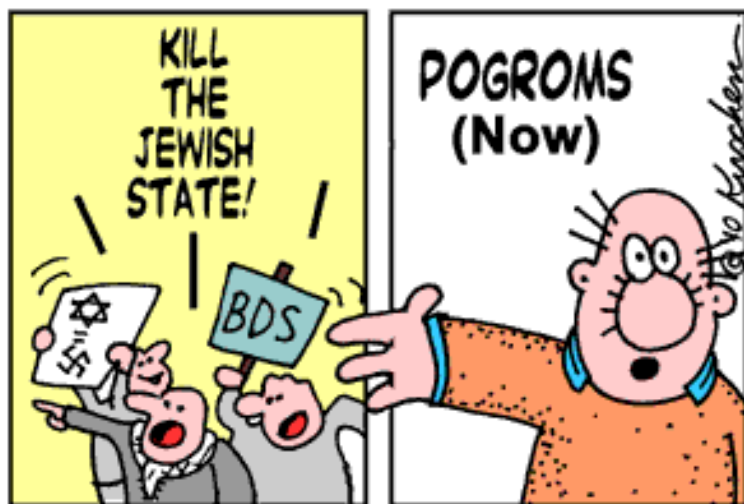
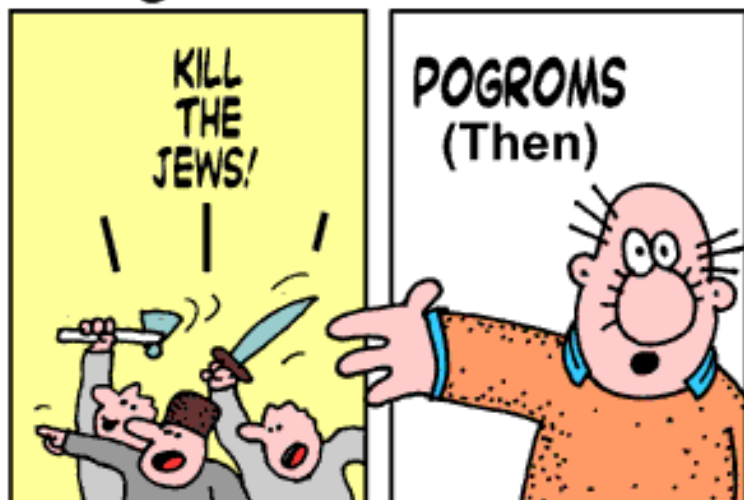


# BDS Triangle

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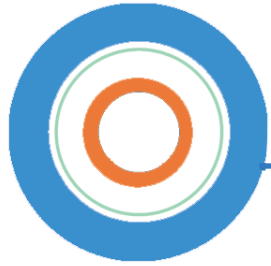


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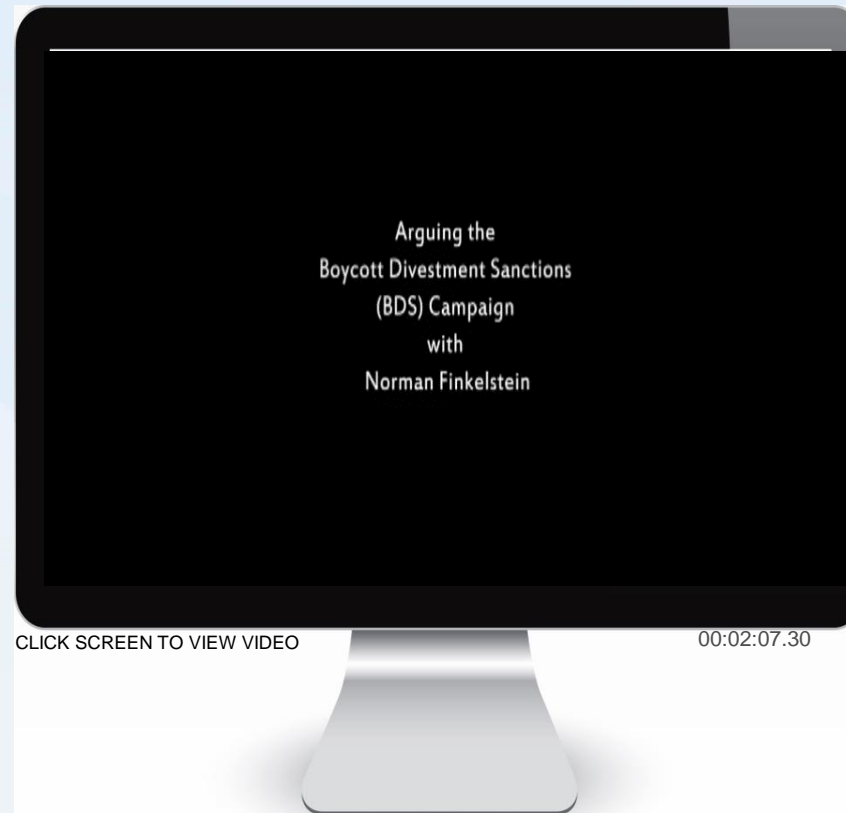


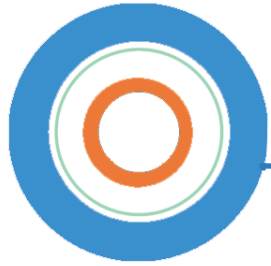
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# Norman Finkelstein on BDS Movement





## ASA Votes to Impose Academic Boycott on Israel



A 21ST CENTURY SOLUTION TO A DECADES-OLD PROBLEM



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# Scholars' Group to Disclose Result of Vote on an Academic Boycott of Israel

By RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA

Published: December 15, 2013

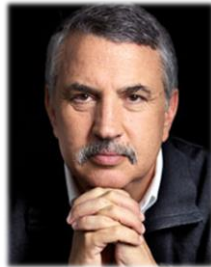
The American Studies Association has never before called for an academic boycott of any nation's universities, said Curtis Marez, the group's president and an associate professor of ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego. He did not dispute that many nations, including many of Israel's neighbors, are generally judged to have human rights records that are worse than Israel's, or comparable, but he said, "one has to start somewhere."

# Example I

## The New York Times

“I’ve never been more worried about Israel’s future. The crumbling of key pillars of Israel’s security — the peace with Egypt, the stability of Syria and the friendship of Turkey and Jordan — coupled with the most diplomatically inept and strategically incompetent government in Israel’s history have put Israel in a very dangerous situation. “

Tom Friedman  
New York Times  
September 17, 2011



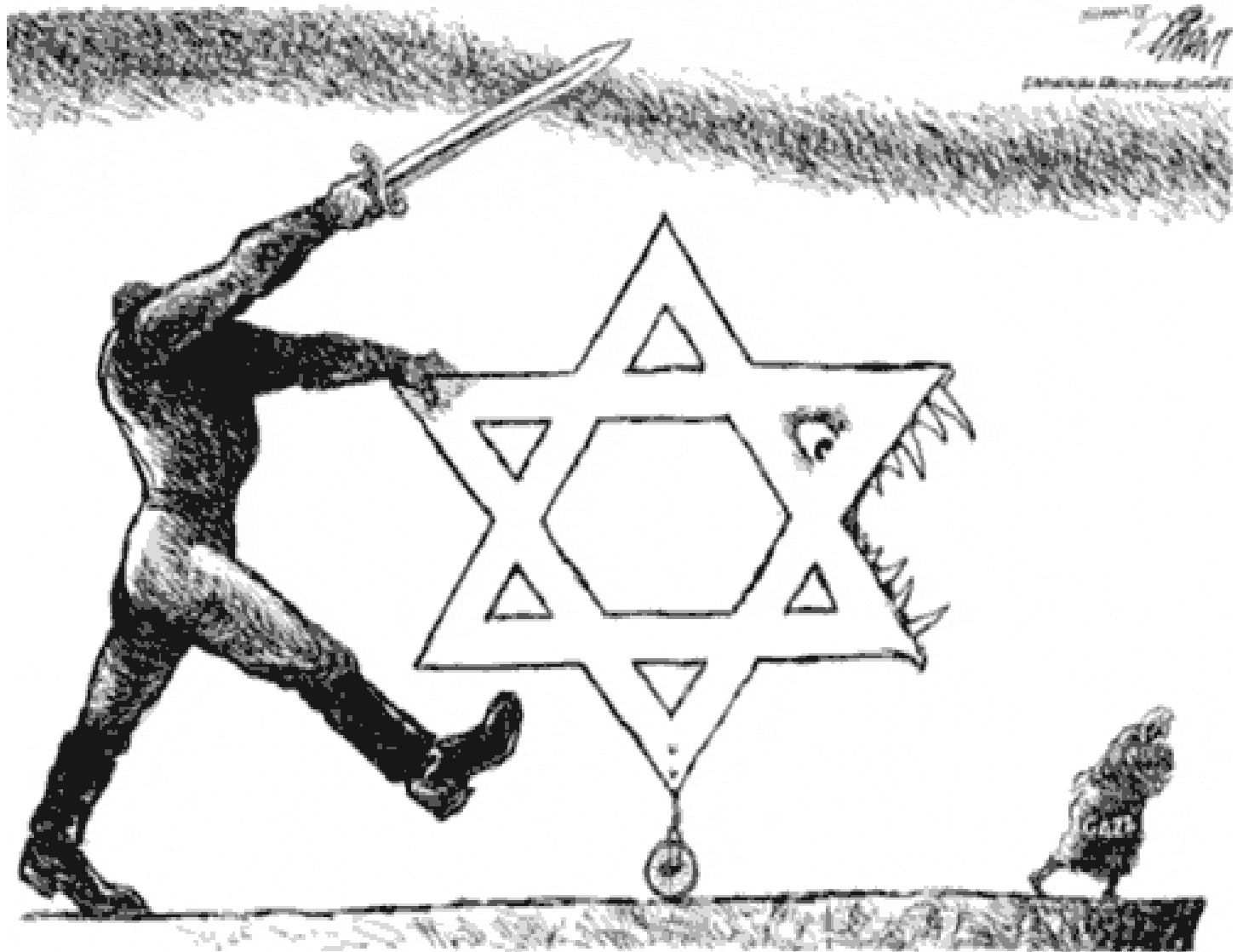


# Is Zionism Just?

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- Jewish People are indigenous to the Middle East
- Zionism is the National Liberation Movement of the Jewish people
- Jewish people have every legal, moral and historic right to a sovereign Jewish state in the Land of Israel

# New York Times Cartoon



On the 30th Anniversary of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid  
The Arab Students' Collective at the University of Toronto presents



# ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK

Monday, February 13, 2006

7pm FitzGerald Building  
150 College St Room 103

**Apartheid: North America, South Africa and the Israeli Connection**

Zainab Amadahy (Writer & Indigenous Solidarity Activist)  
*Canada and the Development of the Reservation System*

Zahir Kolia (Arab Students' Collective)  
*South Africa & Israel: the Apartheid Connection*

Jaggi Singh (No One is Illegal - Montreal)  
*The Globalization of Apartheid*

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

7pm FitzGerald Building  
150 College St Room 103

**Palestinian Refugees and Apartheid in 1948 Occupied Palestine**

Rafeef Ziadah (Al-Awda Toronto)  
*The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine and the Right of Return*

Professor Uri Davis (Founder of: Movement Against Israeli Apartheid in Palestine)  
*Apartheid in 1948 Occupied Palestine: An Overview*

**\*\*Film Screening of 500 Dunams on the Moon**

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

8pm FitzGerald Building  
150 College St Room 103

**Apartheid in 1967 Occupied Palestine**

Adam Hanieh (Al-Awda Toronto)  
*Apartheid in 1967 Occupied Palestine: An Overview*

Nathan Bender (Christian Peacemaker Teams)  
*Al-Khail: The Effects of Apartheid on a West Bank City*

Jon Elmer (Journalist, the NewStandard)  
*The Gaza "Disengagement": Apartheid Entrenched*

Thursday, February 16, 2006

7pm FitzGerald Building  
150 College St Room 103

**Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions: Building an Anti-Apartheid Movement in Canada**

Ahmad Motiar (African National Congress)  
*The Movement against South African Apartheid*

Rachel Gorman (Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation)  
*Canadian Political Support for Israeli Apartheid*

Justin Podur (International Solidarity Movement)  
*Canadian Economic Support for Israeli Apartheid*

Friday, February 17 7pm Earth Science Centre (33 Willcocks Street Room1050)

**Resisting Apartheid: A Global Struggle**

Professor Ward Churchill (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Professor As'ad Abu Khalil (California State University, Stanislaus)

Saturday February 18

1pm **DEMONSTRATE Against Canadian Support for Israeli Apartheid @ Dundas Square (Yonge and Dundas)**

9:30 pm **Poetry Slam** Celebrate the Palestinian Uprising!! Celebrate the Palestinian Struggle against Israeli Apartheid @ Cervejaria; 642 College Street (Toronto)

**One Person, One Vote, One State - THE REFUGEES WILL RETURN**

www.endisrahaup.com email: arabstudentcollective@yahoo.ca Photo From Don't Say You Did Not Know by D. Lucky



# **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

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*HOW  
AMERICANS  
FEEL ABOUT  
ISRAEL:*

Dr. Daniel Gordis  
October 21, 2010  
Chestnut Hill, MA

“An Imperfect Voice is Better Than a Perfect Silence.”



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HIS CONCEPT OF  
A TWO-STATE  
SOLUTION IS

ONE STATE WHICH  
IS NOT RECOGNIZED  
AS THE JEWISH  
STATE,



AND A SECOND  
STATE IN WHICH  
JEWS ARE  
FORBIDDEN TO  
LIVE!

AND HE DOESN'T  
UNDERSTAND WHY  
ISRAEL REJECTS  
THAT SOLUTION.



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BEFORE

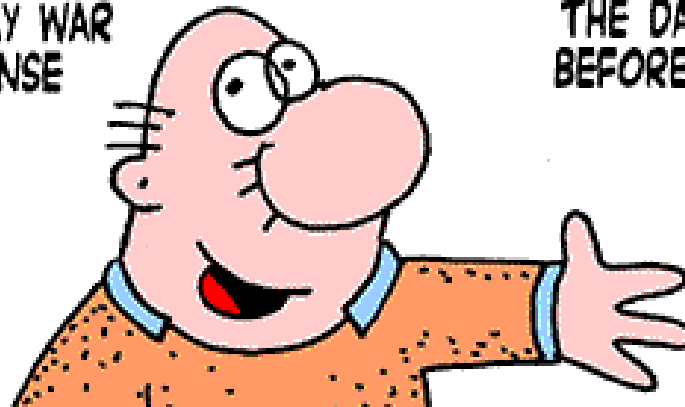
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GATHERED TO  
ATTACK US, EILAT  
WAS BLOCKADED,

AND THE  
DESTRUCTION  
OF ISRAEL  
SEEMED  
ASSURED.



THE WORLD  
REMEMBERS  
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BUT NOT OUR  
"HOPELESS"  
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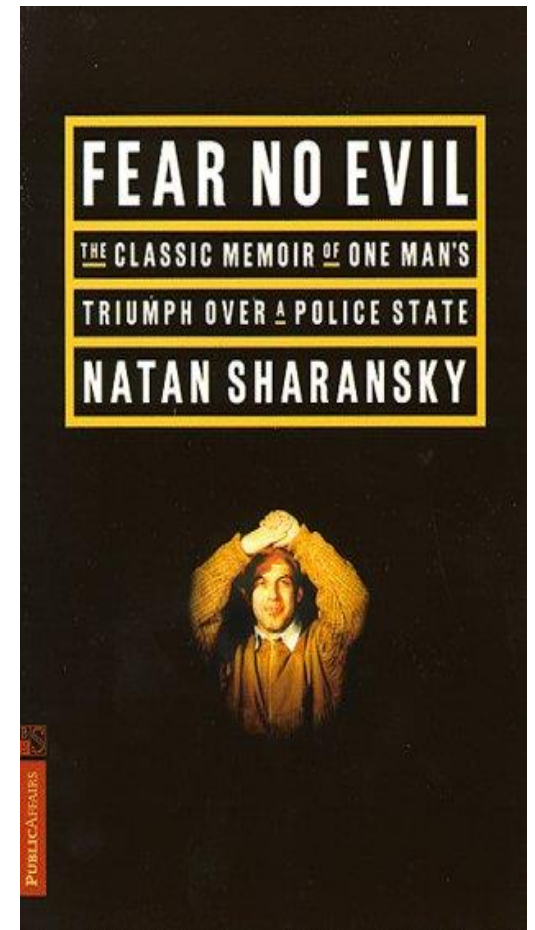


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# **"Disproportionate focus" on Israel?**

**Published on Aug 31, 2014**

Former AP correspondent Matti Friedman gives Brian Stelter his take on media coverage of the conflict in Israel & Gaza.

# Hamas admits 600-700 of its men were killed in Cast Lead

The military group had previously claimed only 49 militants died during Gaza war, though Israel put the figure at 709.

By Haaretz Service

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## A Grim Portrait of Civilian Deaths in Iraq

By [SABRINA TAVERNISE](#) and [ANDREW W. LEHREN](#)  
Published: October 22, 2010

The reports in the archive disclosed by WikiLeaks offer an incomplete, yet startlingly graphic portrait of one of the most contentious issues in the Iraq war — how many Iraqi civilians have been killed and by whom.

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Civilians have borne the brunt of modern warfare, with 10 civilians dying for every soldier in wars fought since the mid-20th century, compared with 9 soldiers killed for every civilian in World War I, according to a 2001 study by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

# Primary Source Focus — The Goldstone Report

- Methodology Based on “International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.”
- 2 Field Trips to Gaza – June & July 2009.
- Israel Declines Participation citing Bias.
- Public Hearings in Amman & Geneva

