



# The Jew-Hatred Mindset: A Scriptural Guide

Identifying Antisemitism and Antisemites through Biblical sources tested and proven through Jewish history, with cogent current examples from modern political debates.

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## PART I: INTRODUCTION

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*TL;DR: An antisemite believes that all Jewish property is somehow ill-gotten gain, and that Jews feel entitled to treat others unfairly and destroy or desecrate what they hold dear. These two accusations are the only things AOC claimed to know about the Middle East when first elected (see Part III, Section 2), and underlie everything said about Israel and Jews by Francesca Albanese, Carrie Prejean Boller, Rashida Tlaib, and Zohran Mamdani. This is not a “new” antisemitism, but its classic form.*

For over thirty-three hundred years, the Jewish People have faced a vicious and fundamentally irrational hatred. In each generation, antisemites delude themselves and others into believing that their positions are reasonable, even meritorious. In truth, they work with what Hitler called the “Big Lie”—an assertion so fantastically at odds with reality that people, paradoxically, take it seriously. [Like so many antisemites before and after him, Hitler projected his own defect onto the Jews, blaming Jews for using “big lies” while spreading them himself.]

Is current advocacy against Israel and Zionism new and different? Or is Israel serving as a convenient facade for ancient hatred? It should be trivial to spot the difference between legitimate disagreement with Israeli leadership and demonization of Jews. Indeed it is, but only if one knows what to look for. Providing the necessary tools is the goal of this document.

What is written here is for those who do not, themselves, fall for lies about Jews or Israel, but who, on the contrary, find them difficult to comprehend. How could anyone claim that Israel wishes “genocide” while hostages were being held, starved, tortured, and raped, by members of an openly genocidal terror organization? Why is the only country in the Middle East to grant Arabs, much less Jews, basic civil rights denounced as “racist” or “apartheid”? How can Jews be accused of perpetrating ethnic cleansing, when Israel is the refuge for Jews ethnically cleansed from their homes across the Arab world?

Understanding antisemitism begins by recognizing that bigotry against Jews has a unique character all its own, distinct from other forms of hate. Antisemitism is simultaneously irrational and acceptable, juvenile but subtle. At the same time that society has focused upon tolerance, diversity, and dispensing with stereotypes, Jews remain exceptional, with hatred against them at a high in America unseen since at least the 1940s.

This document, then, has twin goals. First, the reader will acquire a working knowledge of the *mindset* of the antisemite as understood and identified by rabbis throughout history. This will help the reader understand equally the rantings of Tucker Carlson, Candace Owens, Jeremy Corbin and Ilhan Omar.

But second, having developed a checklist of indicators unrelated to any modern issue in American or Middle Eastern politics, the reader will then be able to recognize the signs of genuine antisemitism even when couched as criticism of Israel. This document will explain why educated, traditional rabbis, students of those who guided our people through millennia of persecution and hate, recognize anti-Zionism as classic hatred, with a new pretense to make it palatable and honorable today. This is, in fact, how antisemitism has always operated.

## THE SUBTLETY OF JEW-HATRED

The popular view, backed by numerous surveys, is that higher education is associated with less antisemitism, at least in the West.<sup>1</sup> A recent study demonstrated, however, that the opposite may well be true. While those with higher levels of education are more likely to provide socially-acceptable responses to direct questions, they also proved significantly more likely to demonstrate hostility towards national or minority interests when a neutral question, such as whether military codes should permit religious headgear, was accompanied by an example that refers to Israel or Jews rather than a different nationality or minority.<sup>2</sup>

Given the methodology used, it is possible, even probable, that respondents were unaware of their own bias. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the previous Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, was a prolific writer and scholar of Jewish history. Among his trenchant observations to the House of Lords was this one: “One of the enduring facts of history is that most antisemites do not think of themselves as antisemites.”<sup>3</sup> Antisemitism, in other words, is subtle, hiding behind facades that give it a veneer of respectability in each new era—so effectively that antisemites themselves often do not recognize the facades for what they are.

Thus, while most of today’s Jew-haters can look back into history and identify the bigotry of antisemites of previous eras as accurately as the rest of us, they simultaneously delude themselves into believing that their current claims are both new and all too real, justifying a malice towards Jews that is, in actuality, neither new nor truthful. Or, to quote further from Lord Rabbi Sacks, “We don’t hate Jews, they said in the Middle Ages, just their religion. We don’t hate Jews, they said in the nineteenth century, just their race. We don’t hate Jews, they say now, just their nation state.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ADL, “Global Index of Anti-Semitism, 2015 Update in 19 Countries,” p. 18. Retrieved Sep. 3, 2025. <https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/ADL-Global-100-Executive-Summary-2015.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Jay P. Greene, Albert Cheng, and Ian Kingsbury, “Are Educated People More Anti-Semitic?”, *Tablet*, Mar. 29, 2021. <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/are-educated-people-more-anti-semitic-jay-greene-albert-cheng-ian-kingsbury>

<sup>3</sup> Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, “Antisemitism, or any hate, becomes dangerous when three things happen,” Address to the House of Lords, Sep. 13, 2018. <https://rabbisacks.org/videos/antisemitism-becomes-dangerous/>.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

Higher levels of education also help make Big Lies believable. Germany was considered the most intelligent and scholarly of nations going into the Nazi era, yet over half the attendees at the Wannsee Conference, the architects of Hitler's Final Solution, held doctorates.<sup>5</sup>

At that time it was considered completely reasonable and, indeed, scientific, to devise theories of racial superiority and inferiority. This gave rise to "anti-Semitism," the idea that Jews, as Semites, were inferior to Europeans and especially the pure Aryan race. Yet Hitler partnered with Semites, the Mufti of Jerusalem and the Arab League, in "uncompromising war against the Jews."<sup>6</sup> Thus, in reality, academics were distorting their own purported devotion to objective science to steer Germany towards hatred of Jews.

Today's contemporary Western society, in turn, claims to despise open bigotry, regardless of whether the target is an ethnic or religious minority—and thus it is easy, today, to condemn the race-based hatred that was the core ideology of the Third Reich. Modern antisemitism is instead couched in the language of indigenous rights, occupation, and human rights. Like religion and race in previous eras, antisemitism has put up a new facade, appealing once again to what Lord Rabbi Sacks described as the "highest source of authority available within the culture."<sup>7</sup>

This means that antisemites do not appear today wearing sheets or Nazi insignia. Instead, they lecture in major universities, maintain positions at the United Nations, and even lead human rights organizations, including ones that in previous decades did admirable work. To all appearances, they are not merely credible but authoritative.

They use their purported devotion to human rights to steer America and the world towards hatred of Jews, under the facade of Anti-Zionism. And that is what makes their hatred so dangerous.

## FOOLED BY FACADES

Modern academia focuses upon the rationales presented by the antisemites of each generation. Thus Greco-Roman and Christian antisemitism are described as distinct, with Christianity itself blamed for manifestations of Jew-hatred in Europe.<sup>8</sup> Others write, similarly, that Islamic theology is the root cause of hatred of Jews in the Middle East today.<sup>9</sup> In reality, these are examples of

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<sup>5</sup> Bloomsbury Publishing, "Wannsee Protocol, January 24, 1942." Retrieved Dec. 15, 2024.

<https://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/primary-source-133-wannsee-protocol.pdf>

Simon Wiesenthal Center, "About the Simon Wiesenthal Center." Retrieved Dec. 15, 2024.

<https://www.wiesenthal.com/about/about-the-simon-wiesenthal-center/>

<sup>6</sup> Times of Israel, "Full official record: What the mufti said to Hitler," Oct. 21, 2015, retrieved Nov. 18, 2024.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/full-official-record-what-the-mufti-said-to-hitler/>

<sup>7</sup> Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, "The Mutating Virus: Understanding Antisemitism," Address to the European Parliament, Sep. 27, 2016.

<https://rabbisacks.org/videos/mutating-virus-understanding-antisemitism/>

<sup>8</sup> e.g. John Gager, *The Origins of Anti-Semitism*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1983.

<sup>9</sup> e.g. Andrew Bostom, *The Legacy of Islamic Antisemitism*, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2008.

the phenomenon described earlier: Jew-hatred finding a mask that makes it appear acceptable, even meritorious, in the eyes of a new era.

Contemporary understandings of antisemitism are also inherently vulnerable to challenges to their authenticity. Take, for example, the working definition of antisemitism developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).<sup>10</sup> The IHRA definition is a fine work of scholarship which accurately describes instances of contemporary Jew-hatred, and CJV proudly supports the Antisemitism Awareness Act and the adoption of the IHRA definition by governments and institutions throughout the world.

But it is for precisely this reason, its listing of contemporary examples, that today's antisemites, like those at the pro-terror "Electronic Intifada," describe the IHRA definition as "a bogus Israel lobby definition of anti-Semitism."<sup>11</sup> Others devised alternate definitions, such as the Nexus Document<sup>12</sup> and the Jerusalem Declaration,<sup>13</sup> not in order to illuminate Jew-hatred, but to *shield and advance* antisemitism when couched as demonization of Israel.

How much better, then, to look back into history for a definition of antisemitism that cannot be challenged as serving a political cause, and that also focuses upon the root, unchanging beliefs. The call of the Hamas Covenant is precisely that of Hitler's Final Solution: the extermination of every Jew. That is no coincidence. And, of course, identifying the essential mindset of antisemites is the only way to recognize future facades before they are even built.

## RABBIS ON JEW-HATRED

The truth is that rabbis have never lacked the ability to identify bigotry against Jews. For more than 3,300 years the Jewish people have battled this phenomenon, and its leaders have known what to look for. Recognizing the animosity that drove centuries of invaders and neighbors alike to seek our destruction has been essential to Jewish survival—if rabbis did not know how to identify and respond to antisemitism, the Jewish People would long since have vanished.

Whatever one's personal faith or belief system, no credible person denies that the Hebrew Bible is an ancient document that has guided and shaped Jewish civilization for thousands of years. A definition of antisemitism that stems from its texts, then, has clearly stood the test of time, and is entirely immune to accusations of being developed in service of a contemporary cause. One need not be a Jew, a Christian, or of any religion, to appreciate the historical and contemporary significance of an ancient, Bible-based, indisputable definition of antisemitism.

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<sup>10</sup> IHRA, "Working definition of antisemitism," adopted May 26, 2016, retrieved Nov. 29, 2024. <https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definition-antisemitism>

<sup>11</sup> Tamara Nassar and Ali Abunimah, "AOC votes to back Israel lobby's bogus 'anti-Semitism' definition," Electronic Intifada, Nov. 21, 2024.

<https://electronicintifada.net/content/aoc-votes-back-israel-lobbys-bogus-anti-semitism-definition/50066>

<sup>12</sup> Nexus Task Force, "The Nexus Document: Understanding Antisemitism at Its Nexus with Israel and Zionism," updated June 2024, retrieved Nov. 29, 2024.

<sup>13</sup> Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, "Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism," 2020, retrieved Nov. 29, 2024. <https://jerusalemdeclaration.org/>

## PART II: A SCRIPTURAL GUIDE TO JEW-HATRED

Jewish scholars regard hatred of Jews as an inherent part of world history. The Bible, of course, tells us that the Jews received the Torah, G-d's Law, on Mount Sinai. But the Talmud relates the word Sinai to *Sinah*, Hebrew for "hatred"; it says that the mountain was called Sinai because hatred against Jews stems from there.<sup>14</sup> What the Sages meant by this is that antisemitism is not simply an ethnic hatred of Jews, but begins from hatred of Judaism and the teachings that Judaism brought to the world.

At a fundamental level, this is obvious: the notion of a single, Divine moral authority, whose determinations of good and evil are not ours to question or change, does not sit well with totalitarians and dictators. But hatred for Jews cloaks itself in whatever society values, masking its true agenda, enabling it to fester and grow in a new host society. As Rabbi Sacks put it, "when people have sought to justify antisemitism, they have done so by recourse to the highest source of authority available within the culture."<sup>15</sup>

This idea of hatred against the Jewish People as an historical constant is a key lesson of the Passover *Haggadah*. Passover, of course, is the annual celebration of G-d's salvation of the Jews from the antisemitic Pharaoh of Egypt, when He took them from slavery to be His nation (as documented in the Book of Exodus). The Passover *Seder*, an elaborate, hours-long ritual with special practices to interest participants, spark discussion, and provide tangible reminders, remains one of the most observed Jewish practices today. And the center of the *Seder* is the *Haggadah*, literally the "Telling," a guide that directs readers through the *Seder* while teaching them the lessons of the holiday.<sup>16</sup>

In the *Haggadah*, Jews read that the Enslavement and Redemption of the Jews in Egypt fulfilled a Prophecy made to Abraham their forefather: "Know with certainty that your offspring will be aliens in a land not their own. They [the Jews] will serve them and they [the oppressors] will oppress them for 400 years. But also, I will execute judgment on the nation which they will serve, and afterwards they [the Jews] will leave with great possessions."<sup>17</sup>

And then the *Haggadah* pauses, to state that the hatred experienced by the Jews in Egypt was not a one time event. This paragraph is so central to the holiday lessons that attendees at the *Seder* lift their cups of wine, raise their voices, and recite it together:<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Talmud, *Shabbos*, p. 89b

<sup>15</sup> Sacks, Lord Rabbi Jonathan, "The Mutating Virus: Understanding Antisemitism."

<sup>16</sup> The text of the Passover *Haggadah* is over 1500 years old, and the passages discussed here span all traditions of European, Middle Eastern, and Yeminite Jewry.

<sup>17</sup> Genesis 15:13-14; translation adapted from The Family *Haggadah*, Mesorah Publications Ltd., January 1981, pp. 30-31.

<sup>18</sup> Attributed to Rabbi Isaac Luria, the leading Kabbalist of the 16th C. CE., among others. This tradition is part of the instructions in most published editions of the *Haggadah*.

*And this has stood for our forefathers and for us. For it was not merely one individual who stood over us to eradicate us; rather, in every generation they rise over us to eradicate us, and the Holy One, Blessed be He, saves us from their hands.<sup>19</sup>*

Judaism thus regards hatred of Jews as an enduring blight. Mankind will be guilty of the sin of antisemitism throughout history, and G-d promises the Jews that they will survive nonetheless, protected from annihilation. In discussing this, the Haggadah connects readers to two key Biblical models of antisemites: the Pharaoh who oppressed the Jews in Egypt, and Laban, Jacob's father-in-law. Studying these figures, then, is essential to understand how rabbinic literature understands hatred of Jews.

## THE STORY OF LABAN

*The lesson of Laban shows us that we should be aware that there are two causes for this hatred: jealousy of wealth and suspicion of theft and fraud, intermixed with hatred for our faith and service of the Almighty G-d Blessed be He, as will be explained. —Shear Yisrael, Ch. 1, by Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin (1816-1893)*

Students of the Bible know that Laban was Jacob's father-in-law twice over. He is also the first archetype of the antisemite, and the account of their relationship is instructive.

In exchange for the right to marry Rachel, Laban's younger daughter, Jacob agreed to work for Laban for seven years. Jacob recognized that Laban was deceitful, and specified that he wished to wed "Rachel, your younger daughter" to avoid the least ambiguity.<sup>20</sup>

Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah, Rachel's older sister, nonetheless, and even insinuated that it was Jacob who had done wrong by asking to marry the younger of two sisters before the older was married. Laban then coerced Jacob into working for another seven years for the right to marry Rachel as well.<sup>21</sup>

Throughout their relationship, Laban attempted to defraud Jacob as he had done from the outset. Jacob worked honestly, succeeded despite Laban's trickery,<sup>22</sup> and Laban even admitted that he was receiving Divine blessing due to Jacob's presence.<sup>23</sup>

Despite this admission that their arrangement was profitable for him, Laban harbored growing resentment nonetheless. Jacob overheard Laban's sons accusing him of taking "everything" away from Laban, precisely inverting the reality,<sup>24</sup> and he knew that this must have originated

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<sup>19</sup> Passover Haggadah, translation by authors.

<sup>20</sup> Genesis 29:18 and Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki *ad loc.*

<sup>21</sup> Genesis 29:23-27.

<sup>22</sup> Genesis 31:7-11.

<sup>23</sup> Genesis 30:27.

<sup>24</sup> Genesis 31:1.

from Laban himself. This was the first signal to Jacob that it was time to leave Laban and return to his homeland.

The lessons from Laban's antipathy towards Jacob are elucidated by Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin (1816-1893), known in Rabbinic literature as "the Netziv."<sup>25</sup> He was the dean of the foremost Rabbinic school in Europe, the famed Volozhin Yeshiva, until it was forced to close due to (antisemitic) intervention by the Russian government in 1892.<sup>26</sup> He is known for his *Ha'amek Davar* commentary on the Torah, the Five Books of Moses.<sup>27</sup> At the end of the 19th Century CE, he also authored a short work he called *Shear Yisrael*, "the Remnant of Israel," on the hatred of Jews. The precise year it was written and first printed is unknown, but we know the term "Antisemite" was so new at that time that he was compelled to define it.<sup>28</sup>

The Netziv described the antisemitic outlook of Laban as resting upon two fundamental falsehoods: that Jewish property is inherently stolen, and that due to the special service of G-d that Jews do, Jews feel entitled to treat others as lesser humans and to swindle, deceive, and defraud them.<sup>29</sup> In the Netziv's view, it is upon these twin foundations that all the lies of antisemitism rest.

In the original Hebrew, when Laban tells Jacob that "I have the power in my hands to do you wrong,"<sup>30</sup> the word "you" is stated in the plural form. Whom does Laban mean, given his belief that Jacob alone stole from him, and his expressed concern for his progeny, "the daughters are my daughters, and the sons are my sons"?<sup>31</sup> The answer, the Netziv says, is that Laban was referring to the many disciples whom Jacob had influenced to follow G-d.<sup>32</sup> To the antisemite, all Jews are one unit, conspiring to harm humanity. The Netziv writes as follows: "This is the way of the (hostile) nations of the world: when they see one Israelite steal, they say that all G-d-serving (Jews) are thieves, and it is appropriate to harm all of them."<sup>33</sup>

For this reason, the Netziv explains, Laban wished to uproot Judaism and destroy all those who followed it. His goal was genocide—but not to stamp out a people so much as an ideology, Judaism itself, which he perceived as hostile. Having murdered Jacob and his peers, Laban could then have taken his daughters and their young children into his home, and uprooted any remnant of Judaism from them.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> *Netziv* is the Hebrew acronym of Rabbi Berlin's name. In the style of Rabbinic literature he is referred to herein by this acronym.

<sup>26</sup> Orthodox Union, "Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin (The Netziv)," June 14, 2006.

<https://www.ou.org/judaism-101/bios/leaders-in-the-diaspora/rabbi-naftali-tzvi-yehudah-berlin-the-netziv/>  
Retrieved June 28, 2024.

<sup>27</sup> Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the first five books of the Bible.

<sup>28</sup> Netziv, *Shear Yisrael*, Ch. 1.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>30</sup> Genesis 31:29

<sup>31</sup> Genesis 31:43

<sup>32</sup> Netziv, *Shear Yisrael*, Ch. 1, and *Ha'amek Davar*, Genesis 31:29.

<sup>33</sup> Netziv, *Ha'amek Davar*, Genesis 31:29.

<sup>34</sup> Netziv, *Ha'amek Davar*, Genesis 31:29.

So the study of Laban gives us at least six lies told by antisemites to justify their sentiments and actions; the first two of these are, per the Netziv, the core myths from which all others flow:

### ANTISEMITIC BELIEFS LEARNED FROM LABAN

1. **All Jewish property is stolen; Jews don't belong anywhere.**
2. **The Jews are a threat, believing themselves entitled to abuse non-Jews.**
3. **Jews are a single unit; all are to blame for the actions of one.**
4. **Jews are falsely accused of crimes desired or done by antisemites.**
5. **Jews are responsible for the hatred and crimes committed against them.**
6. **Genocide is the appropriate method for addressing the "Jewish problem."**

### THE STORY OF PHARAOH

*Then a new king came to power in Egypt, who did not know Joseph. "Look," he said to his people, "the nation of the Children of Israel has become too numerous and powerful for us. Come, we must outsmart him or he will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will be added to our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."*

—Exodus 1:8-10

The Bible describes the Egyptian Pharaoh's overwhelming fear of the Jewish minority in his land. While Pharaoh was neither the first nor last xenophobe, suspicious of a growing population of foreigners in his country, his fears of the Jewish community in particular were not merely overblown, but posterous.

The first thing we learn about the new king is that he "did not know Joseph." Joseph, as we learn in the Book of Genesis, had saved the country from starvation: he foresaw the future from the previous Pharaoh's prophetic dreams, and then implemented a program of taxation during the years of plenty and disbursement during famine—a strategy that both sustained the populace and enriched the state coffers.<sup>35</sup> Because of his close relationship with Joseph and in acknowledgement for all that Joseph had done for Egypt, that Pharaoh had rolled out the red carpet for Jacob and his family: "The land of Egypt is before you, in the best of the land you shall dwell."<sup>36</sup> This occurred even though Joseph's brothers admitted that they only intended to live there temporarily.<sup>37</sup>

All of this was "forgotten" by the new Pharaoh in true Orwellian fashion: who the Jews were, where they came from, how they arrived in Egypt, and the incredible, positive contribution that the Jews had made, and were still making, to Egyptian society overall. The erasure of objective history was a necessary component of Pharaoh's effort to characterize the Jews as not merely a drain and a burden, but a parasitic danger.

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<sup>35</sup> Genesis 41.

<sup>36</sup> Genesis 47:6.

<sup>37</sup> Per Genesis 47:4, "we have come to dwell in the land." In the original, the word used for "dwell" is from the same root as the word meaning "stranger," implying a visitor rather than permanent citizen.

The original Hebrew-language Biblical text reveals a key element of Pharaoh's outlook: in the passage cited above, although he is referring to the all the Children of Israel, he refers to them in the singular: let us outsmart *him*, lest *he* multiply, and in a war *he* add to our enemies. Like Laban, Pharaoh regarded all of Israel as a single, hostile unit conspiring to harm others. And, of course, he adopted the same strategy as Laban: genocide, via the slaughter of every Jewish boy.<sup>38</sup>

The beliefs of Pharaoh also exemplify the “Big Lie” technique, that which Hitler later accused the Jews of doing while employing himself.<sup>39</sup> The stack of fantastic lies which Pharaoh foisted upon his credulous nation are described in the commentary of Rabbi Meir Leibush ben Yehiel Michel Wasser (1809-1879), known as the Malbim.<sup>40</sup> The Malbim was a warrior for preservation of traditional Judaism and also a prolific commentator, who wrote detailed explanatory notes to most of the Hebrew Bible.<sup>41</sup>

Pharaoh's belief that the Jews were a threat to Egypt's national security was preposterous, completely out of touch with reality. First, merely seventy Jews came down to Egypt, so the notion that they could have become “too numerous and powerful” for the entire country of Egypt in the span of a few generations was nonsense, even if their population was growing exponentially. Second, there were no grounds upon which to accuse the Jews of disloyalty, which was utterly contrary to how they had conducted themselves as loyal citizens. Third, his fear rested upon the improbable notion of a future attack from a hostile army, at a time when the Egyptians lived securely, with no threats on the horizon. And finally, he did not even fear that the Jews would do anything wrong, simply that they might leave—when the Egyptians had accepted them to live there on a temporary basis, and even then freedom of movement was understood to be a basic right.

All of this amounts to what we would call an irrational obsession. Due only to his own baseless fantasies, Pharaoh launched a genocidal effort to eliminate the Jews.

So from this story of Pharaoh, four additional antisemitic beliefs about Jews emerge:

### **ADDITIONAL ANTISEMITIC LIES FROM THE STORY OF PHAROAH**

- 7. The Jews are disloyal and parasitic (ignoring any positive contributions).**
- 8. The “Big Lie,” a stack of malignant fantasies, are believable about Jews.**
- 9. Jews are shrewd and cunning, and we must preempt the threat they pose.**
- 10. The “Jewish threat” justifies an irrational and overarching obsession.**

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<sup>38</sup> Exodus 1:22.

<sup>39</sup> European Center for Populism Studies, “Big Lie,” Dictionary of Populism, retrieved Nov. 11, 2024. <https://www.populismstudies.org/Vocabulary/big-lie/>

<sup>40</sup> *Malbim* is the Hebrew acronym of Rabbi Wasser's name. In the style of Rabbinic literature he is referred to herein by this acronym.

<sup>41</sup> Mizrachi, Isaac. “The Malbim's Legacy.” The Jewish Press, Dec. 23, 2022.

<https://www.jewishpress.com/sections/features/features-on-jewish-world/the-malbims-legacy/2022/12/23/>

## THE STORY OF HAMAN

Haman, the arch-villain of the Book of Esther, is never mentioned in the Passover Haggadah; all the core beliefs underlying antisemitism are found in the Five Books of Moses. Yet study of the Book of Esther demonstrates how the phenomenon of antisemitism develops in a new environment and different situation:

In the Book of Esther (3:1-3) we read as follows:

*After these events, the king made Haman, son of Hamdasa the Agagite, great, and elevated him and placed him on his throne, above all the ministers that were with him. And all the servants of the king that were at the gate of the king bowed and prostrated themselves to Haman, for so the king had commanded, but Mordecai did not bow nor prostrate.*

Haman, per the *Medrash*, made himself into an idol, as Pharaoh had before him, and this was why Mordecai refused to bow down to him.<sup>42</sup> At first, Haman did not notice this, but the king's servants informed on Mordecai, emphasizing that he was a Jew.<sup>43</sup>

The *Medrash*, the early recording of oral accounts and explanations of Biblical passages, tells us that Mordecai was an advisor to the king like Haman himself, and was also the head of the *Sanhedrin*, the Supreme Court of the Jewish nation. Esther, who became Queen and after whom the book is named, was his cousin, and Mordecai raised her in his home "for she had no father or mother" (Esther 1:7).

It was true, of course, that Mordecai refused to bow to Haman due to his religious precepts, but it was equally clear that not all Jews observed as he did. Haman nonetheless thought it beneath him to deal with Mordecai as an individual, or to accuse Mordecai of something so petty and self-serving as refusing to bow to him—and so he turned his anger on all of Mordecai's people, blaming every Jew for the actions of one, exactly as Laban did with the crime of theft.

In comparison to Laban, who merely hinted to his hatred, or Pharaoh, who decreed only that Jewish baby boys be murdered, Haman was a forerunner of Hitler in the truest sense: he drafted his own "Final Solution," a plan for genocide against the Jews. And it was all due to a personal slight.<sup>44</sup>

The Book of Esther describes Haman's approach to the King thusly (3:8):

*And Haman said to the King, Ahasuerus, "there is a particular nation, dispersed and isolated among the nations, in all the countries of your kingdom. And their beliefs are*

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<sup>42</sup> Rabbi Shlomo Yizchaki, commentary to Esther 3:2.

<sup>43</sup> Rabbi Eliyahu Kramer (1720-1797) to Esther 3:4.

<sup>44</sup> Esther 3:6.

*different from every nation, and they do not follow the laws of the king, and it is not worthwhile for the king to leave them be.”*

Haman spoke of “a particular nation.” The Malbim, from whom we learned the fantastic lies of Pharaoh above, explains that Haman deliberately obfuscated the truth; he failed to inform the king that he intended to target the Jews, because even in exile they were known for their benefits to society.<sup>45</sup> One common element of the three accounts is that the Jews had objectively made a positive contribution, and were hated nonetheless.

Instead, Haman constructed his own “Big Lie,” collecting half-truths into an imagined threat. First, he demonized the Jews for being “scattered and dispersed among the nations.” The trope that Jews don’t belong, that their property is illicit gain, applies wherever Jews are found. While Pharaoh targeted Jews living separately in Goshen, Haman blamed Jews for being forcibly exiled from their homeland to other countries.

Then, he condemned their “different” beliefs and practices. Much as various nations in the ancient world worshiped different idols, their beliefs were not necessarily contradictory: when one country was conquered by another, its residents might start worshiping the victor’s idols. But not only did the Jews reject all idolatry, their religion caused them even to dress differently and eat different foods (as anyone who has seen a carefully wrapped, kosher meal brought to a table at a Washington dinner can attest). Haman portrayed this as damaging to the empire.<sup>46</sup>

He then moved on to accuse the Jews of disloyalty, stating that “they do not follow the laws of the king.” Jews used their own rabbinical courts to arbitrate financial disputes between observant Jews, as they do today, and to Haman, this was evidence that the Jews did not respect the king or believe in good citizenship. And for all this, Haman not only proposed genocide, but offered to pay for it.<sup>47</sup>

Having built a web of lies and half-truths so thick that he himself was ensnared into believing them, Haman became a man obsessed. As the Book of Esther tells us (5:9-13), after Queen Esther invited only Haman and the King himself to a banquet she had prepared, and asked both to return to a second banquet that she would prepare the next day:

*Haman went out on that day happy and good-hearted. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the gate of the king, and he did not get up and he did not move, Haman was filled with rage against Mordecai. Haman controlled himself and went home, and sent and brought his close friends and Zeresh his wife. And Haman related to them the honor of his wealth, and his many children, and the way the King had elevated him and lifted him above all the ministers and servants of the King. And Haman said, “Further, Esther the queen has brought no one but the King to the banquet that she made, except for me,*

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<sup>45</sup> Rabbi Kramer says that Haman feared that King Ahasueros might respond that he likes Mordecai and the Jews, given that Mordecai was his advisor as well.

<sup>46</sup> The Malbim, commentary to Esther 3:8.

<sup>47</sup> The Malbim, commentary to Esther 3:8.

*and tomorrow as well I am called to her with the King. And none of this is worthwhile to me any time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the gate of the King.”*

Consider the words that Haman used: “*none of this is worthwhile.*” His wealth, his large family, and even the position and power given him by the King, all meant nothing to him simply because Mordecai the Jew was sitting in the King’s gate, minding his own business. The very existence of Mordecai the Jew, and his failure to bow to Haman, provoked fear and feelings of inferiority to the point that nothing else had value.

Thus the story of Haman reinforces our understanding of antisemitism, as he brings up familiar tropes under different guise. He manufactured his own, very different Big Lie, yet he familiarly regarded Jews as a cunning, disloyal, and hostile force, all collectively responsible for the actions of one Jewish individual and worthy of collective punishment. And, of course, he concluded that genocide was the answer.

### **PART III: PALESTINE—A CASE STUDY**

Despite living millennia apart in world history, Pharaoh, Haman, and Hitler were all delusional megalomaniacs who demanded obeisance, were obsessed with Jews, and desired genocide. But the consistent markers of Jew-hatred did not fade after the Holocaust. By now, the astute reader has no doubt noticed accusations made today that mirror the lies that Scripture reveals to us within its accounts.

The following section will primarily focus upon key elements of the “anti-Zionist” narrative and how they require the same mindset that rabbis identified in the distant past. We will also mention other familiar accusations, but it is most frequent today to use Israel as a convenient facade, to substitute “Zionists” for Jews.

It is important to note that when we speak of Israel or Zionism, we are not talking about the opposition of the Satmar Rebbe, Rav Yoel Teitelbaum, or of other Rabbinic leaders before and after creation of the modern State. The Rebbe himself said that opposition to the concept of self-determination for Jews was antisemitic.

Obviously, we cannot hope to address all of the multitudinal libels and false accusations leveled against Israel or the Zionist cause. Instead, we address key examples in an attempt to equip the reader to see not only how the lies of today match the framework that we have developed, but even those that will surely arise tomorrow.

It is important to note that many of those taking antisemitic positions are not consciously motivated by hatred. As we explained earlier, they delude themselves into believing that an antisemitic perspective is not only acceptable, but morally superior. This tendency is deliberately exploited by malevolent actors, anxious to find and manufacture an appropriate cloak for their repugnant views. To cite Rabbi Sacks at greater length:

Throughout history, when people have sought to justify antisemitism, they have done so by recourse to the highest source of authority available within the culture. In the Middle Ages, it was religion. So we had religious anti-Judaism. In post-Enlightenment Europe it was science. So we had the twin foundations of Nazi ideology, Social Darwinism and the so-called Scientific Study of Race. Today the highest source of authority worldwide is human rights. That is why Israel—the only fully functioning democracy in the Middle East with a free press and independent judiciary—is regularly accused of the five cardinal sins against human rights: racism, apartheid, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and attempted genocide.<sup>48</sup>

The contention that this is a political matter, a land dispute, something that could end if only there were an Arab country called Palestine, is erroneous at a very fundamental and dangerous level. All of the manufactured charges against Israel used to justify the atrocities of October 2023 cannot explain the massacre of the Jews of Hebron in 1929.<sup>49</sup> Antisemitism can, and does.

### **Lie No. 1: All Jewish property is stolen; Jews don't belong anywhere.**

“Surely Israelis and Palestinians will be better off if Palestinians reject incitement... (and) Israel recognises that it cannot permanently occupy and settle Palestinian land.”—Then-President Barack Obama<sup>50</sup>

The term “occupation,” as applied to Israel, implies that Jews of the past abandoned the Land of Israel, their homeland, and are now European colonialists moving in, displacing the indigenous Palestinians, who are Arabs. This argument is obviously designed to satisfy this underlying antisemitic belief that Jews don't legitimately belong anywhere.

This claim denies the 3,500-year history of continuous Jewish presence in the Holy Land, and the uninterrupted prayers to return to Jerusalem said by faithful Jews during centuries of exile.<sup>51</sup> It denies the deliberate attempts to remove the Jews from their homeland during the Roman and Crusader occupations. It defies even modern history: Jews were the plurality of Jerusalem's population since the

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<sup>48</sup> Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, “The Mutating Virus: Understanding Antisemitism.”

<sup>49</sup> Charlie Laderman, “Hamas' genocidal massacre on October 7 has deep historical roots,” Engelsberg Ideas, Oct. 16, 2023.

<https://engelsbergideas.com/notebook/hamas-genocidal-massacre-on-october-7-has-deep-historical-roots>

<sup>50</sup> Jeff Mason, “Obama urges Israel end occupation and Palestinians accept Israel,” Reuters, Sep. 20, 2016.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/obama-urges-israel-end-occupation-and-palestinians-accept-israel-idUSKCN11Q22Z/>

<sup>51</sup> “5 Facts About the Jewish People's Ancestral Connection to the Land of Israel,” American Jewish Committee, February 26, 2024.

<https://www.ajc.org/news/5-facts-about-the-jewish-peoples-ancestral-connection-to-the-land-of-israel>

mid-19th Century, and from 1897 have been an absolute majority, since before the Zionist movement existed.<sup>52</sup> This, despite attempts at ethnic cleansing of Jews by Ottoman,<sup>53</sup> British, and Arab leaders.<sup>54</sup>

Consider, too, that the idea of a Promised Land, where that land is, and to whom it was promised are all exceedingly well-known.<sup>55</sup> The story is told in a text holy to all three Abrahamic faiths,<sup>56</sup> found in the world's most published book.<sup>57</sup> That territory is associated with more than ten indigenous names as old as the Hebrew Bible, all equally associated with the People of Israel: Canaan, Israel, Zion, Judea, Samaria, the Galil, the Golan, and the Negev are all found in the Bible, along with the Holy Land, the Promised Land, and the "land flowing with milk and honey." All of these describe, in whole or in part, the land promised by G-d to the Jewish Nation. So one might imagine that the indigenous nature of Jewish life in Judea would be unquestioned, at least throughout countries with large Christian and/or Muslim populations.

To deny the connection between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel is also a direct contradiction to both the Bible and to religious freedom: the Bible ties the People of Israel to the Land of Israel in a way not found in other faiths. Even today, there are many Biblical Commandments that can only be performed in the Holy Land,<sup>58</sup> and the restoration of the Temple and the Davidic Kingdom remains a fundamental tenet of the Jewish faith.

Throughout 2000 years of exile, great Jewish leaders moved to the Land of Israel at great personal sacrifice, all for religious rather than nationalistic reasons: Maimonides,<sup>59</sup> Nachmanides;<sup>60</sup> Rabbi Yosef Karo, author of the Code of Jewish Law;<sup>61</sup> and the famed Kabbalist and Jewish Mystic Rabbi Isaac ben Solomon Luria Ashkenazi,<sup>62</sup> among many others. At no time did Jews voluntarily leave their homeland en masse, or relinquish their indigenous rights to their land. Even today, the majority of Jews moving to Israel do so for religious reasons, to escape persecution in other countries, or both.

"Palestine," on the other hand, is a European colonialist moniker of Greek origin.<sup>63</sup> The Greeks were the first to use *Palaestina* as a name for the territory, but Judea was formally renamed Syria-Palaestina

<sup>52</sup> "Demographics of Israel: Population of Jerusalem," Jewish Virtual Library, retrieved January 25, 2025. <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/population-of-jerusalem-1844-2009>

<sup>53</sup> Glenda Abramson. The 1914 deportation of the Jaffa Jews: 'a little footnote of war'? Israel Affairs, 28(5), 706–723, Aug. 19, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13537121.2022.2112388>

<sup>54</sup> Toby Klein Greenwald and Bayla Sheva Brenner, "Remembering the 1929 Hebron Massacre," Jewish Action, 2019. <https://jewishaction.com/jewish-world/history/remembering-the-1929-hebron-massacre/>

<sup>55</sup> See the Divine Promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:7 and to Jacob in Genesis 28:13.

<sup>56</sup> Also called the Five Books of Moses, the Torah comprises the first five books of the Christian Bible. In Islam, it is known as Tawrat and considered Allah's revelation to the Children of Israel and their prophets.

<sup>57</sup> "Best Selling Book of Non-Fiction." 2015. Guinness World Records. March 15, 2015.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150315025558/http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/best-selling-book-of-non-fiction>

<sup>58</sup> See, for example, David Strauss' translation of a talk by Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein on "Laws Dependent Upon the Land of Israel," Sep. 21, 2015, retrieved Nov. 18, 2024.

<https://www.etzion.org.il/en/halakha/yoreh-deah/eretz-yisrael/laws-dependent-upon-land-israel>

<sup>59</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, "Moses Maimonides," Dec. 11, 2024.

<sup>60</sup> Jewish Virtual Library, "Moshe ben Nachman (Nachmanides/Ramban)," retrieved Dec. 15, 2024.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/moshe-ben-nachman-nachmanides-ramban>

<sup>61</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, "Joseph ben Ephraim Karo," Mar. 20, 2024.

<sup>62</sup> Jewish Virtual Library, "Isaac Ben Solomon Luria," retrieved Dec. 15, 2024.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/isaac-ben-solomon-luria>

<sup>63</sup> David Jacobson, "When Palestine Meant Israel," Biblical Archaeology Society, Washington, DC, 2001.

by the Roman Emperor Hadrian after the Bar Kochba Revolt, “to suppress any connection between the Jewish people and that land.”<sup>64</sup> In other words, the very name Palestine is rooted in antisemitism. This is one reason why many writers, Jewish scholars in particular, persisted in using the indigenous, Jewish names from ancient times through to the present day.<sup>65</sup>

It is also true that for 2000 years prior to 1948, references to “Palestinians” were to Jews. The Jerusalem Talmud, composed in the late fourth and early fifth century CE, is also called the Palestinian Talmud. There were essentially no Arabs in the land at the time, and Islam did not yet exist.

The Yeshiva of Palestinian Jewry was one of the world’s leading Jewish academies from the ninth to eleventh centuries.<sup>66</sup> In the sixteenth century, the “Four Holy Cities of Palestine”—Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias, and Safed—banded together to solicit support from the global Jewish community.<sup>67</sup> In the eighteenth century, German philosopher Immanuel Kant used the term “Palestinians” when complaining about Jews.<sup>68</sup>

During the early Zionist era, the Palestine national football team of the 1930s played in Hebrew,<sup>69</sup> while Jewish women vied for the title of “Miss Palestine.”<sup>70</sup> On December 4, 1945, the *New York Times* reported, “Arabs to Boycott Palestinian Goods.”<sup>71</sup> And the day after Israel declared its independence, newspapers around the world reported the Arab League’s war upon and invasion of “Palestine.” The Hollywood Citizen News made clear what this meant: “Egypt to Fight Jews.”<sup>72</sup>

As if to demonstrate the absence of Arab history in Palestine, in June of 2016 Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas presented Saudi King Salman with a “commemorative gift”—a framed copy of the front page of the *Palestine Post* of August 13, 1935, which described the visit of the Saudi Crown Prince.<sup>73</sup> He did not mention that the Palestine Post was the Zionist English-language journal created in 1932 by Gershon Agron, a Jewish writer, or that the paper changed its name to the *Jerusalem Post* in 1950.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>64</sup> Ariel Lewin, *The archaeology of Ancient Judea and Palestine*. Getty Publications, 2005. p. 33

<sup>65</sup> Nicole Belayche, “Ways of Romanization from 135 onwards.” *Iudaea-Palaestina: The Pagan Cults in Roman Palestine (Second to Fourth Century)*. Religion der Römischen Provinzen 1. Mohr Siebeck, 2001.

<sup>66</sup> S. Elizur, *A contribution to the history of the gaonate in the eighth century : An elegy for the head of the academy in Palestine*, Siyyon 1999, vol. 64, no 3, pp. 311-348, [Note(s): XXI (39 p.)]. Historical Society of Israel, Jerusalem, ISRAEL (1935).

<sup>67</sup> Joseph Jacobs and Judah David Eisenstein, “Palestine, Holiness of,” *Jewish Encyclopedia*, Funk & Wagnalls, New York, 1906.

<sup>68</sup> Kant, Immanuel. Quoted in *Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View*, tr. Mary J. Gregor. Martinus Nijhoff, 1974, p. 77.

<sup>69</sup> Yvette Alt Miller, “Palestine Soccer Team and Other Appropriations of Jewish History,” Aish.com, retrieved Dec. 20, 2024.

<https://aish.com/palestine-soccer-team-and-other-appropriations-of-jewish-history/>

<sup>70</sup> Hizky Shoham, “Carnival in Tel Aviv,” Academic Studies Press, Boston, 2014.

<sup>71</sup> “Arabs to Boycott Palestinian Goods.” *The New York Times*, December 4, 1945.

<sup>72</sup> “Matthew Litman, “75 Years Ago, Israel Gained Independence. How Did the Media Cover It?,” *The Forward*, May 12, 2023.

<https://forward.com/culture/546434/israel-independence-palestine-anniversary-israeli-1948/>

<sup>73</sup> Joe Settler, “The Palestine Post,” *Jewish Press*, Brooklyn, NY, June 26, 2016.

<sup>74</sup> Jewish Virtual Library, “Gershon Agron,” retrieved Dec. 17, 2024.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/gershon-agron>

This was just a month after Abbas opened his \$24 million project, a Palestinian Museum in Birzeit. It featured “a stunning, contemporary new building... an outdoor amphitheater; a terraced garden,” but had no exhibits at all.<sup>75</sup> Well over a year later, the museum finally featured works from “50 Palestinian and international artists,” contemporary writers offering no actual study of the history the Museum claimed it would celebrate.<sup>76</sup>

We must try to understand, then, how Arabs became the dominant population in parts of the Holy Land. The answer is *Jihad*, bringing with it further murders and expulsions of Jews and other “non-believers.” This persisted to the present day: Hebron, one of the four central cities for Jewish scholarship in the Holy Land through and after the Middle Ages, was rendered *Judenrein* in 1929 after Arab mobs massacred Jewish scholars and families. Jews were tortured, raped and slaughtered, precisely as they were in October 2023. The British, rather than protect the remnant, forced them to move to Jerusalem.<sup>77</sup>

With the end of the British mandate in 1948, Jordan illegally seized land around Hebron and eastwards to Jerusalem, in the center of Israeli territory. After the promised Arab “war of extermination and momentous massacre”<sup>78</sup> failed to materialize, Jordan settled for the ethnic cleansing of every Jew from its territory. Jews were denied access to the Cave of the Patriarchs, where the forebears of the Jewish Nation are buried, the site of the Battle of Jericho, and a host of other sacred Jewish sites, most of all the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. Housing built for Jewish families was expropriated by Arabs. The neighborhood of *Nachlat Shimon HaTzaddik*, named after a High Priest buried there millennia ago, was renamed “*Sheik Jarrah*” as Arabs took over homes built by and for Jews.<sup>79</sup>

Jordan was not satisfied with this, and sought to exterminate the remaining Jews in 1967. Instead, it lost the territories it had illegally occupied, and today, for the first time in history, there is unimpeded freedom of worship for Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Holy City of Jerusalem. Despite this history, Jews moving back to the land from which they were ethnically cleansed are demonized as “occupiers” and “settlers.”

Yasser Arafat, an Egyptian Arab, created the “Palestine Liberation Organization” in 1964, and the notion that Palestinians were Arabs came along with it. The PLO took the flag of the genocidal Army of the Holy War, and declared that every square inch of Israel is rightly “Palestine.” When Israel, in a stunning upset, not only beat back genocidal invaders in 1967 but gained territory, the borders of Palestine moved immediately to comprise the new territory.

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<sup>75</sup> James Glanz and Rami Nazzal, “Palestinian Museum Prepares to Open, Minus Exhibitions,” New York Times, May 16, 2016.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/17/world/middleeast/palestinian-museum-birzeit-west-bank.html>

<sup>76</sup> Ben Panko, “Palestinian Museum’s First Exhibit Opens,” Smithsonian Magazine, Sep. 13, 2017.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/palestinian-museums-first-exhibit-opens-180964649/>

<sup>77</sup> Charlie Laderman, “Hamas’ genocidal massacre on October 7 has deep historical roots,” Engelsberg Ideas, Oct. 16, 2023.

<https://engelsbergideas.com/notebook/hamas-genocidal-massacre-on-october-7-has-deep-historical-roots>

<sup>78</sup> David Barnett and Efraim Karsh, “Azzam’s Genocidal Threat,” Middle East Quarterly 18:4, Fall 2011.

<https://www.meforum.org/middle-east-quarterly/azzam-genocide-threat>

<sup>79</sup> Mitchell Bard, “Sheikh Jarrah,” Jewish Virtual Library, retrieved Feb. 20, 2025.

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/sheikh-jarrah>

The use of “Palestinian” as a descriptor for Arab Muslims is thus a modern invention that belies millennia of history. If one were trying to create a method to invert history, and mislead people into believing the Jews were stealing their own homeland, one could hardly find a better way than having others grasp onto the colonialist moniker discarded by the Jewish government.

## **Lie No. 2: The Jews are a threat, believing themselves entitled to abuse non-Jews.**

Shortly after her upset primary victory in 2018, the previously-unknown Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) presented herself to America on the PBS show *Firing Line*. Host Margaret Hoover noted that AOC had said almost nothing about foreign policy besides criticizing Israel. AOC rambled a bit and then got to her point: there’s an “occupation of Palestine,” by which she meant that “settlements are increasing” and that “Palestinians are experiencing difficulty in access to their housing and homes.” Asked to expand on that, AOC immediately said that she is “not the expert on geopolitics on this issue.”<sup>80</sup>

In other words, AOC, despite having a degree in International Relations, disclaimed any knowledge of the Middle East or foreign policy *except* that (a) Israel (the Jews) is taking land away from non-Jews, and (b) Israel is trampling the rights of non-Jews. These are, of course, the two root lies of antisemitism as identified by the *Netziv*, a leading rabbinic scholar writing a century before her birth, conveyed to her in modern language by the Democratic Socialists of America, which selected and trained her to run as its candidate for New York’s 14th District. And this, she claimed, was how she looks at the situation through a “human rights lens.”

The reality is obvious: concern for all is key to Jewish belief and culture. Unlike other religions, Judaism does not expect everyone to become Jewish, and declares, to the contrary, that “the righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come.”<sup>81</sup> G-d tells Abraham that Jews are conduits bringing blessing to all humanity.<sup>82</sup>

Jewish concern for all humanity is expressed in the overrepresentation of Jews in healing professions, the outstanding and life-saving medical technologies created in Israel,<sup>83</sup> and famous American hospitals with names like Mount Sinai and Maimonides. Jewish Americans are more likely to give, and give more generously, than Catholic, Protestant, and secular Americans.<sup>84</sup> European researchers argue that Jewish financial acumen was so beneficial to

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<sup>80</sup> *Firing Line* with Margaret Hoover, “Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez,” PBS, July 13, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATQlrk3GULA> 18:25-20:56.

<sup>81</sup> Maimonides, *Yad HaChazakah*, Laws of Repentance 3:5. Written 1170-1180 CE.

<sup>82</sup> Genesis 12:3.

<sup>83</sup> Abigail Klein Leichman, “The Top 12 Most Amazing Israeli Medical Advances,” *Israel21c*, December 16, 2024. <https://www.israel21c.org/the-top-12-most-amazing-israeli-medical-advances/>

<sup>84</sup> Hanna Shaul Bar Nissim, “American Jews and charitable giving: An enduring tradition,” *The Conversation*, December 10, 2017. <https://theconversation.com/american-jews-and-charitable-giving-an-enduring-tradition-87993>

every participant in the local economy that European regions that did *not* expel their Jews have a higher GDP to this day.<sup>85</sup>

Yet the lie declaring that Jews believe themselves entitled to abuse non-Jews is, like the preceding one (that all Jewish property is stolen, and Jews don't belong anywhere), a foundational belief without which accusations made against Israel today are inexplicable. Consider these core components of the “anti-Israel” narrative:

- *Racism or apartheid.* Israeli Arabs, over 20% of Israel's population, have full voting rights—despite Wikipedia's rampant antisemitic bias,<sup>86</sup> it nonetheless acknowledges ten current Arab members of Israel's Knesset (parliament), plus 90 former members dating back to the first Knesset elections in 1949.<sup>87</sup>

But, on the other hand, there are no Jewish citizens of the Palestinian Authority, much less Hamas-controlled Gaza—or Kuwait, for that matter. Or Jordan. There are about 12 Jews in Egypt,<sup>88</sup> 27 in Lebanon,<sup>89</sup> and 4 in Syria.<sup>90</sup> Jews are also prohibited from praying on the Temple Mount, the site of the two Jewish Holy Temples. In other words, those leveling this accusation against Israel are racist themselves.

- *Ethnic cleansing.* Leveling this accusation against Israel, which has five times as many Arabs today as in 1967, both within its 1948 as well as post-1967 borders, is still more contrary to reality. Referring back to the previous point and its list of current Jewish populations of the countries surrounding Israel, note that there is no Arab state with even 5% of the Jews today that it had in 1948, if it consoled a Jewish presence prior to that year.<sup>91</sup> The genuine ethnic cleansing was the expulsion of Jews from Muslim Arab nations.

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<sup>85</sup> Richard Gray, “Kicking Medieval Jews out of Europe damaged the economy,” Daily Mail UK, March 10, 2016.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3484434/Kicking-Medieval-Jews-Europe-damaged-economy-effects-seen-TODAY-Regions-expelled-lower-GDP-didn-t.html>

<sup>86</sup> Yaakov Menken, “Wikipedia hates Israel and Jews,” Jewish News Syndicate, Aug. 6, 2024.

<https://www.jns.org/wikipedia-hates-israel-and-jews/>

<sup>87</sup> Wikipedia, “List of Arab members of the Knesset,” updated Sep. 9, 2024, retrieved Nov. 29, 2024.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Arab\\_members\\_of\\_the\\_Knesset](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Arab_members_of_the_Knesset)

<sup>88</sup> “Interviewing Egypt's Vanishing Jewish Community,” Dartmouth, March 15, 2022,

<https://home.dartmouth.edu/news/2022/03/interviewing-egypts-vanishing-jewish-community>

<sup>89</sup> Stéphanie Khouri, “The Last Jews of Lebanon, a Life Shrouded in Secrecy,” *L'Orient Today*, June 16, 2022,

<https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1302830/the-last-jews-of-lebanon-a-life-shrouded-in-secrecy.html>

<sup>90</sup> Itamar Eichner, “Only 4 Jews Remain in Syria, and They Refuse to Leave the Country,” *Ynetglobal*,

Dec. 24, 2024. <https://www.ynetnews.com/jewish-world/article/bkij400ubye>

<sup>91</sup> Andrea Mifano, “The expulsion of Jews from Arab countries and Iran – an untold history,” World Jewish Congress, February 2, 2021.

<https://www.worldjewishcongress.org/en/news/the-expulsion-of-jews-from-arab-countries-and-iran--an-untold-history>

- *Genocide*, the effort to exterminate a people. Israel was accused of a “slow genocide” for decades,<sup>92</sup> up until October 2023—when it was suddenly acknowledged that, to the contrary, Arabs throughout Israeli territories have enjoyed exponential growth, such that half of those living in the Gaza Strip were under 18.<sup>93</sup> This is the only time in history that purported victims of genocide chose when the genocide both started and ended.

Furthermore, to accuse Israel of “genocide” during its prosecution of the war in Gaza is impossible without believing that Jewish lives have no value, even to Jews. As a matter of law, the charge of genocide requires intent, with no tenable alternative explanation. If Jewish lives are worth saving, then the rescue of hostages provides exactly that alternative. In reality, Israel routinely put its own forces at risk to avoid civilian casualties in a way that American and European armies would not tolerate.<sup>94</sup>

Note that all of the foregoing—racism, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and genocide—are also examples of Lie No. 4, accusing Jews of precisely that which its enemies actually do, or wish to do, *to the Jews*. More on this below.

### **Lie No. 3: Jews are a single unit; all are to blame for the actions of one.**

None of the aforementioned nonsense would gain traction were certain individuals not predisposed to regard all Jews as a single, hostile threat to the populace at large. In late 2019, Grafton Thomas searched for “Zionist Temples” and “why did Hitler hate the Jews” before attacking a Hanukkah celebration in a non-Zionist rabbi’s home in Monsey, New York.<sup>95</sup>

The practice of stereotyping is a constant feature of antisemitic beliefs. The *Netziv* wrote about one Jewish thief “proving,” to the antisemite, that all Jews are thieves; this was realized in antisemitic reactions to, for example, the Bernie Madoff scandal.<sup>96</sup>

This explains the “BDS” (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) Movement, which launched in 2005 but stems from the Arab boycott of Palestine in 1946. Economic warfare against Jews is yet older than the

<sup>92</sup> Steve Lendman, “Israel’s Slow-Motion Genocide in Occupied Palestine,” In: Cook, W.A. (eds) *The Plight of the Palestinians*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York. [https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230107922\\_2](https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230107922_2), January 2010.

<sup>93</sup> Linah Mohammad, Tinbete Ermyas, and Ailsa Chang, “Half of Gaza’s population is under 18. Here’s what that means for the conflict,” NPR, October 18, 2023. <https://www.npr.org/2023/10/18/1206897328/half-of-gazas-population-is-under-18-heres-what-that-means-for-the-conflict>

<sup>94</sup> John Spencer, “Israel Has Created a New Standard for Urban Warfare. Why Will No One Admit It?” *Newsweek*, March 25, 2024. <https://www.newsweek.com/israel-has-created-new-standard-urban-warfare-why-will-no-one-admit-it-opinion-1883286>

<sup>95</sup> U.S. Dept. of Justice, “Orange County Man Charged with Additional Federal Hate Crimes for December 28, 2019, Machete Attack at Rabbi’s Home,” Jan. 9, 2020, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/orange-county-man-charged-additional-federal-hate-crimes-december-28-2019-machete-attack>

<sup>96</sup> ADL, “Anti-Semitism and the Madoff Scandal,” December 19, 2008. <https://www.adl.org/resources/news/anti-semitism-and-madoff-scandal>

Nazis, who declared in 1933, "Germans! Defend yourselves! Don't buy from Jews!" It has a long and ugly history, always linked to the falsehoods of Jewish theft, hostility, and collective culpability.<sup>97</sup>

But this is not limited to the foundational lie of Jewish theft. Jews, as a body, are accused of being capitalists<sup>98</sup> and communists,<sup>99</sup> rich and welfare-dependent, simultaneously. Criminals like Bernie Madoff, Harvey Weinstein<sup>100</sup> and Jeffrey Epstein<sup>101</sup> are treated not as predators who happen to be Jewish, but representatives of Jewry. At times, the model "Jew" in question is not Jewish at all, as when Candace Owens repeatedly claimed Josef Stalin was a Jew and asked her followers, "why do you believe so many Christians were mass murdered?"<sup>102</sup>

An obvious expression of this phenomenon is the surge of antisemitism that followed the Hamas massacre in Israel. Any Jew, anywhere, was targeted due to the purported (but false) claims made about Israel.<sup>103</sup> During a "pro-Palestinian" demonstration in April of 2024, London police told a man not to approach because he appeared "openly Jewish." Officials insisted the city was safe for Jews, but when crowds gathered for Palestine, Jewish identity itself became a provocation that might trigger violence.<sup>104</sup>

Advocacy for "Palestinians" routinely mistranslates or takes out of context a single statement by an Israeli politician, TV anchor, or IDF soldier, and presents it as the "Israeli" view.<sup>105</sup> Indeed, it

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<sup>97</sup> The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, "Boycott of Jewish Businesses," Holocaust Encyclopedia, retrieved Jan. 2, 2026. <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/boycott-of-jewish-businesses>

<sup>98</sup> W.H. Blanchard, "Karl Marx and the Jewish question." *Political Psychology*, 5(3), 365–374. September 1984. <https://doi.org/10.2307/3790882>

<sup>99</sup> André W.M Gerrits, *The Myth of Jewish Communism*. Monographs, 2009.

<sup>100</sup> Marc Howard Wilson, "Who cares If Harvey Weinstein is Jewish?" *Greenville News*, November 4, 2017. <https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/2017/11/04/who-cares-if-harvey-weinstein-jewish/802733001/>

<sup>101</sup> Marcus Geduld, "Is the behavior of Jeffrey Epstein typical of the Jews?" posted answer on Quora, July 2024. <https://www.quora.com/Is-the-behavior-of-Jeffrey-Epstein-typical-of-the-Jews>

Robert Walker-Smith, "Are Jews like Jeffrey Epstein, Harvey Weinstein, and the Rothschilds what Hitler meant as 'International Jewry'?" posted answer on Quora, February 2024. See responses. <https://www.quora.com/Are-Jews-like-Jeffrey-Epstein-Harvey-Weinstein-and-the-Rothschilds-what-Hitler-meant-as-International-Jewry>

<sup>102</sup> "Fact Check: No evidence Joseph Stalin was Jewish, experts say." *Reuters*, September 5, 2024. Retrieved October 14, 2024.

<https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/no-evidence-joseph-stalin-was-jewish-experts-say-2024-09-05/>  
Montefiore, Simon Sebag. *Young Stalin*. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2007.

<sup>103</sup> Andrew Macaskill and Estelle Shirbon, "Open hatred of Jews surges globally, inflamed by Gaza war," *Reuters*, November 1, 2023.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/open-hatred-jews-surges-globally-inflamed-by-gaza-war-2023-10-31/>

<sup>104</sup> TOI Staff and Canaan Lidor, "London cops apologize for implying Jewish man's kippa 'provoked' anti-Israel crowd." *Times of Israel*, Apr 20, 2024. Retrieved October 10, 2024.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/london-cops-apologize-for-implying-that-activists-kippa-provoked-anti-israel-crowd/>

<sup>105</sup> See, for example, the "Palestine Advocacy Project," <https://www.palestineadvocacyproject.org/quotes/>

took almost no time for the International Criminal Court's bogus accusations against Israel's leaders to be used to justify mistreatment of any Israeli soldier daring to travel abroad.<sup>106</sup>

#### **Lie No. 4: Jews are falsely accused of crimes desired or done by antisemites.**

Projection is a well-known concept in psychology, paraphrased from the Talmud as "those who [falsely] invalidate others, do so with their own defect."<sup>107</sup> As Elon Musk recently said to Sean Hannity, "when these attacks occur, the thing that they're accusing the administration of is what they are guilty of."<sup>108</sup>

This form of inversion has long been used to shift blame from those who perpetrate injustice onto their victims. That those harboring animosity toward Jews accuse Jewish communities of the very actions and intentions that they themselves have or hope to perpetuate against Jews is but one typical example. As mentioned above, the risible accusations of racism, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and genocide against Israel are all apt descriptions of that which Israel's Arab enemies have done or wish to do to the Jews.

"If you want to enter paradise, you need to kill children and women," intoned the Palestinian Authority's media commentator, Mahmoud Khalouf.<sup>109</sup> Yet he claimed that this was what *rabbis* were teaching *Israeli soldiers*, though his words paraphrased the Hamas Covenant, which declares that the murder of Jews is a religious act:

The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.' (Article 7)<sup>110</sup>

Since the end of the British Mandate, Arab armies have attacked Israel in 1948, 1956, 1967, 1982, 2006, 2008, 2014, 2021, and 2023. All of these wars share two common features: they were initiated by Arab forces, and Israel was blamed by antisemites for starting them.

Current events provide a particularly cogent example of the importance of projection among those claiming to simply oppose "Zionism." Until October 2023, that IDF soldiers did not rape

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<sup>106</sup> Dana Karni and Tim Lister, "Israeli soldiers face growing risk of arrest abroad after Gaza service," CNN, January 6, 2025.

<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/05/world/israel-gaza-soldiers-arrest-war-crimes-intl/index.html>

<sup>107</sup> c.f. statement by the Talmudic Sage Shmuel, Babylonian Talmud Tractate Kiddushin p. 70b.

<sup>108</sup> Sean Hannity / Fox News, "Exclusive Interview with President Trump and Elon Musk," Fox News, February 18, 2025.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/president-trump-elon-musk-address-lefts-cries-constitutional-crisis-allegations-hannity-exclusive>

<sup>109</sup> Nan Jacques Zilberdik, "PA antisemitic libel: 'Rabbi said kill children and women to enter Paradise,'" Palestinian Media Watch, September 12, 2024, <https://palwatch.org/page/35490>

<sup>110</sup> Israel Embassy, "The Hamas Covenant," Government of Israel. Retrieved September 12, 2024. <https://embassies.gov.il/holysee/AboutIsrael/the-middle-east/Pages/The%20Hamas-Covenant.aspx>

Arab women was acknowledged as fact even by Israel's enemies.<sup>111</sup> This, of course, meant that the IDF's moral conduct outranked that of most military forces, even the U.S. Army.<sup>112</sup> Antisemites even claimed that this was evidence of *racism* on the part of Israelis.<sup>113</sup> Never in history has racism made rape *less* likely,<sup>114</sup> but antisemitism is immune to factual grounds.

After the Hamas pogrom against Israel, though, this narrative was no longer tenable. Hamas engaged in rape and sexual atrocities to such an overwhelming degree that even the U.N.<sup>115</sup> and the BBC<sup>116</sup> were compelled to admit reality. The truth that IDF soldiers did not sexually assault female prisoners and civilians, even if "explained" by the lie that this was motivated by racism, was no longer a sufficient rebuttal. Immediately the narrative was inverted, with the U.N.,<sup>117</sup> CAIR,<sup>118</sup> the Palestinian Youth Movement,<sup>119</sup> Columbia Professor Joseph Massad<sup>120</sup> and others all falsely declaring, contrary to all they had themselves said and published prior to October 7, that Israeli soldiers routinely rape Palestinian Arab women.

The consequences of western antisemites blaming Israel, rather than Hamas, cause even more casualties for Arabs than for Jews. Hamas attempted to maximize Arab civilian casualties as a PR benefit, knowing that its global propaganda partners would blame Israel for the results of its war crimes.<sup>121</sup> Hamas put its fighters in tunnels under civilian residences,<sup>122</sup> its data center

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<sup>111</sup> Israel National News, "Haaretz: IDF soldiers don't rape Arab women due to racism," June 20, 2024. Retrieved October 14, 2024. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/en/news/391832>

<sup>112</sup> International Humanitarian Law Databases, "United States v. Green (Mahmudiyah killings case)," International Committee of the Red Cross, September 4, 2009. <https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/en/national-practice/united-states-v-green-mahmudiyah-killings-case-district-court-western-district>

<sup>113</sup> David Lange, "Those Damn Racist Israelis Who Won't Rape Palestinians," Israellycool blog, October 15, 2013. <https://www.israellycool.com/2013/10/15/those-damn-racist-israelis-who-wont-rape-palestinians/>

<sup>114</sup> National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, "Racism and Rape," Retrieved January 20, 2025. [https://endsexualviolence.org/where\\_we\\_stand/racism-and-rape/](https://endsexualviolence.org/where_we_stand/racism-and-rape/)

<sup>115</sup> Anna Schechter, "U.N. finds 'clear and convincing' information that hostages have been raped in Gaza," NBC News, March 5, 2024. <https://www.nbcnews.com/investigations/un-finds-clear-convincing-information-hostages-raped-gaza-rcna-141789>

<sup>116</sup> Lucy Williamson, "Israel Gaza: Hamas raped and mutilated women on 7 October, BBC hears," BBC, December 5, 2023. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67629181>

<sup>117</sup> UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, "Israel/oPt: UN experts appalled by reported human rights violations against Palestinian women and girls," February 19, 2024. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israelopt-un-experts-appalled-reported-human-rights-violations-against>

<sup>118</sup> CAIR, "Israeli Guards Rape Palestinian Women," retrieved February 23, 2025. [https://www.cair.com/cair\\_in\\_the\\_news/israeli-guards-rape-palestinian-women/](https://www.cair.com/cair_in_the_news/israeli-guards-rape-palestinian-women/)

<sup>119</sup> Palestinian Youth Movement, "The Israeli Army is using Rape and Sexual Assault as Weapons of War Against Palestinians," March 28, 2024. <https://www.instagram.com/palestinianyouthmovement/p/C5EDdL5Axv4/>

<sup>120</sup> Joseph Massad, "Why raping Palestinians is legitimate Israeli military practice," August 12, 2024. <https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/why-raping-palestinians-legitimate-israeli-military-practice>

<sup>121</sup> Itamar Marcus, "Hamas is sending civilians in Gaza to die for media coverage, says Abbas' advisor," Palestine Media Watch, April 8, 2018. <https://palwatch.org/page/14078>

<sup>122</sup> Adolfo Arranz et al, "Inside the tunnels of Gaza," Reuters, December 31, 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/graphics/ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS/GAZA-TUNNELS/gkvldmzorvb/>

underneath UNRWA headquarters,<sup>123</sup> and its weapons in mosques,<sup>124</sup> hospitals,<sup>125</sup> and schools.<sup>126</sup> Under the laws of war, all of these deliberate actions were war crimes—which also meant that Israel was fully justified when it targeted terrorist bases and weapons depots, regardless of what they were before Hamas took them over.<sup>127</sup> But Hamas knew that antisemites around the world would ignore the facts and blame Israel.

### **Lie No. 5: Jews are responsible for the hatred and crimes committed against them.**

Immediately after the Hamas massacre of October 7, thirty-one Harvard student organizations declared that Israel was “entirely responsible” for the unprovoked attack by Arab terrorists, which they described as “unfolding violence.”<sup>128</sup> Although Israel had voluntarily removed all Jews from Gaza to permit Arab self-governance in 2005,<sup>129</sup> and continued to allow Gazans to cross the Gaza-Israel border into Israel for work, travel, and medical treatment, activists falsely claimed that Israel had turned Gaza into an “open-air prison” and was thus responsible for the rapes of Israeli women and the beheading of Israeli babies. Once again, these reprehensible beliefs, which were met with no consequences or even condemnation from Harvard administrators,<sup>130</sup> defy explanation without recourse to the unthinking, illogical hatred that characterized the Nazis and their predecessors.

In 2025, a “Pro-Palestinian” demonstration was called in an Orthodox neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. The supposed target was a real estate fair selling land in the “settlements,” but this was only a thin pretense: none of the advertised locations were outside of Israel’s 1948 borders, so those opposing this event did not want Jews moving to any part of their homeland. In addition, that neighborhood has a large population of visibly-Orthodox Jews, many of whom

<sup>123</sup> Emanuel Fabian, “Directly beneath UNRWA’s Gaza headquarters, IDF uncovers top secret Hamas data center,” Times of Israel, February 10, 2024. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/directly-beneath-unrwas-gaza-headquarters-idf-uncovers-top-secret-hamas-data-center/>

<sup>124</sup> I24 News, “IDF unveils proof Hamas, PIJ use mosques for terror,” February 2, 2024. <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel-at-war/1706883562-idf-unveils-proof-hamas-pij-use-mosques-for-terror>

<sup>125</sup> Nidal Al-Mughrabi, “Hamas command centre, weapons found at Gaza hospital, Israeli military says,” Reuters, November 15, 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-raids-gazas-al-shifa-hospital-2023-11-15/>

<sup>126</sup> Jerusalem Post Staff, “WATCH: IDF uncovers weapons stored in UNRWA school,” Jerusalem Post, May 30, 2024. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-804383>

<sup>127</sup> See e.g. International Committee of the Red Cross, International Humanitarian Law Databases, Rule 28. Retrieved March 1, 2025. <https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/en/customary-ihl/v1/rule28>

<sup>128</sup> Melissa Koenig, “Thirty-one Harvard organizations blame Israel for Hamas attack: ‘Entirely responsible’,” New York Post, Oct. 9, 2023. <https://nypost.com/2023/10/09/thirty-one-harvard-organizations-blame-israel-for-hamas-attack/>

<sup>129</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, “Israel’s disengagement from Gaza in 2005,” revised October 2024. <https://www.britannica.com/event/Israels-disengagement-from-Gaza>

<sup>130</sup> Emma Haidar and Cam Kettles, “House Committee Reveals Private Deliberations Behind Harvard’s Disastrous October 9 Statement,” Harvard Crimson, November 1, 2024. <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2024/11/1/house-committee-antisemitism-report/>

neither support political Zionism nor Israeli military service. Every “reason” given, in other words, was merely a way to blame Jews for antisemitism; the victims’ only crime was being Jews.<sup>131</sup>

This is consistent. In a speech delivered to Fatah’s Revolutionary Council earlier in 2023, Mahmoud Abbas declared that the Holocaust was not a manifestation of antisemitism. Instead, he said, Hitler “fought” the Jews because of their financial practices.<sup>132</sup> This is even more notable when one considers that Abbas, in 1982, wrote a PhD thesis claiming that the Zionists *collaborated* with the Nazis in order to get more Jews to move to Palestine.<sup>133</sup> The only constant between these two antipodal positions is that the Holocaust was the Jews’ own fault. Today, Abbas and his allies continue to claim that Israeli policies or actions are the root cause of antisemitism, and are the reason Jews are attacked not only in Israel, but in Europe and around the world.

As mentioned above, Hamas worked to maximize civilian casualties as a PR tactic. It knew that its allies would condemn Israel, identified with Jews, for its own war crimes.<sup>134</sup>

### **Lie No. 6: Genocide is the appropriate method for addressing the “Jewish problem.”**

Laban, Pharaoh, Haman, Hitler, Hamas,<sup>135</sup> and Hezbollah,<sup>136</sup> have all advocated for the same goal: to eradicate the Jews. Not just to destroy Israel or ethnically cleanse the Jews from particular lands, but to exterminate them. This is always the final goal of antisemitic activity.

If eradication of Jews is not practical, expulsion from the region is a close second-best. Jews have been expelled from locations over 100 times,<sup>137</sup> from the Assyrians through to the

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<sup>131</sup> Ben Sales, “Brawls break out surrounding pro-Palestinian protest in heavily Jewish neighborhood of Borough Park,” Jewish Telegraphic Agency, February 19, 2025. <https://www.jta.org/2025/02/19/united-states/brawls-break-out-surrounding-pro-palestinian-protest-in-heavily-jewish-neighborhood-of-borough-park>

<sup>132</sup> MEMRI, “Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas: Hitler Fought The European Jews Because Of Their Usury,” September 6, 2023. <https://www.memri.org/reports/palestinian-president-mahmoud-abbas-hitler-fought-european-jews-because-their-usury-money>

<sup>133</sup> Yair Rosenberg, “Mahmoud Abbas: Still a Holocaust Denier,” Tablet Magazine, April 27, 2014. <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/mahmoud-abbas-still-a-holocaust-denier>

<sup>134</sup> Summer Said and Rory Jones, “Gaza Chief’s Brutal Calculation: Civilian Bloodshed Will Help Hamas,” *The Wall Street Journal*, Retrieved October 14, 2024. <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/gaza-chiefs-brutal-calculation-civilian-bloodshed-will-help-hamas-626720e7>

<sup>135</sup> Bruce Hoffman, “Understanding Hamas’s Genocidal Ideology,” *The Atlantic*, October 10, 2023. <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2023/10/hamas-covenant-israel-attack-war-genocide/675602/>

<sup>136</sup> Alan Dershowitz, “Hezbollah’s Final Solution,” *Aish.com*, retrieved February 23, 2025. <https://aish.com/48906402/>

<sup>137</sup> Lou Hackett Silberman and Theodor H. Gaster, “Marginalization and expulsion,” *Encyclopedia Britannica*, revised September 2024. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Judaism/Marginalization-and-expulsion>

expulsions of Jews from Muslim countries after 1948.<sup>138</sup> This is why every proposed “two-state solution” suggests one country that has both Jews & Arabs, and one that is *Judenrein*. The “Pro-Palestine” demonstrators claim to be “anti-colonialist,” but what they mean is the ethnic cleansing of all Jews from at least part of their homeland.

Many tactics are used to bring this ethnic cleansing about: propaganda and rhetoric, harassment, graffiti and vandalism, and actual violence. But given that the goal is genocide, violence lies beneath the surface from the outset. “Pro-Palestine demonstrations” do not *descend* into violence; as Rep. Ritchie Torres put it, “Violence is not a bug but a feature of the so-called ‘Free Palestine’ movement.”<sup>139</sup> The only question is whether a particular rally will engage in violence or merely threaten it; either way, they are inherently hateful and designed to instill fear in Jews.

Within hours of the massacre in Israel, National Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) emerged with a “Day of Resistance Toolkit” for demonstrations on October 12 (as an ongoing lawsuit alleges, SJP acts as collaborators and propagandists for Hamas and may have readied materials in advance, with some knowledge of what Hamas was planning).<sup>140</sup> The toolkit proudly declared that “We as Palestinian students in exile are PART of this movement, not in solidarity with this movement” (emphasis in original).<sup>141</sup>

SJP declared all its members were *part* of the Hamas gang of murderers, rapists, kidnappers, burners of babies, and mutilators of bodies. To be a member of SJP is to glorify and desire genocide. Yet SJP is not merely tolerated, but welcomed, at over 150 campuses across America, receiving funding that, in a more sane world, would be seen as a violation of federal statute 18 U.S.C. § 2339B regarding providing material support or resources to designated foreign terrorist organizations.

### **Lie No. 7: The Jews are disloyal and parasitic (ignoring any positive contributions).**

No one accuses Italian Americans of disloyalty when they favor trade with Italy, much less blaming ethnic Chinese for the brutal repression of Uyghur Muslims (and the Chinese populace) by the Chinese government. But it is routine for even leading politicians to allude to dual loyalty when Jewish Americans back Israel, support the American alliance with Israel, or favor American action against Iran.<sup>142</sup>

<sup>138</sup> Jewish Virtual Library, “Fact Sheet: Jewish Refugees from Arab Countries,” retrieved February 23, 2025. <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-refugees-from-arab-countries>

<sup>139</sup> Ritchie Torres, Post to X, February 18, 2025. <https://x.com/RitchieTorres/status/1892033141998485607>

<sup>140</sup> *Parizer v. AJP Educational Foundation Inc.*, Complaint 1:24-cv-00724, May 1, 2024., pages 19-21. <https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/68493840/parizer-v-ajp-educational-foundation-inc/>

<sup>141</sup> National Students for Justice in Palestine, “Day of Resistance Toolkit,” retrieved February 24, 2025. <https://dw-wp-production.imgix.net/2023/10/DAY-OF-RESISTANCE-TOOLKIT.pdf>

<sup>142</sup> Rabbi Shraga Simmons, “Calling Charles Schumer a Traitor,” Aish.com, retrieved February 23, 2025. <https://aish.com/calling-charles-schumer-a-traitor/>

Consider the following: The Temple Mount is unquestionably the holiest site in the Jewish religion. It is the site where both of the Jewish Holy Temples once stood, and the place where the Third Temple will stand in the Messianic Era. The Al-Aqsa Mosque is located at that site *only* because it was the site of the Jewish Temples. It is considered the holiest mosque in all of Israel, not because Mohammed ever visited it, but because it is identified in the Bible as the primary resting place of G-d's Divine Presence.<sup>143</sup>

Yet when UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres acknowledged that the two Holy Temples that once stood on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem were in fact Jewish, Fatah called this recognition of historical reality and Islamic belief an “assault on Palestinians’ rights in the city” and demanded an apology.<sup>144</sup> The UN thereafter has referred to the Temple Mount exclusively as a Muslim holy site, pretending that it has no legitimate ties to Jews.<sup>145</sup>

American media picked up on this trend as well. The Washington Post reported that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth “has voiced support for Jewish control of the Temple Mount, a Muslim holy site where the al-Aqsa Mosque now stands,” implying Jewish “control” is somehow hostile, and omitting its status as the holiest site in Judaism.<sup>146</sup> Only once the Post faced serious blowback did it acknowledge reality days later, changing its wording to “a holy site for Muslims and Jews.”<sup>147</sup>

Besides referring us back to the lie that all Jewish property is illegitimately held, the clear message from the word choices, from the UN to the Washington Post, is that the Jews have no genuine claim, they are unfairly ruling over the holy sites of others. Note that even after the correction, the Washington Post places Muslims before Jews, though the site is only holy to Muslims due to its status as the holiest place in Judaism.

Mahmoud Abbas would also have us believe that today’s Jews, especially those who created the Zionist philosophy, are not actually Jews, or even Semites at all. In a speech to Fatah’s Revolutionary Council, he resurrected a long-refuted claim that today’s Ashkenazic Jews originated in the Khazar empire a millennium ago, and are not part of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.<sup>148</sup> In reality, genetic studies show that, for example, both Ashkenazic and Sephardic

<sup>143</sup> Adam Zeidan, “Al-Aqsa Mosque,” Encyclopedia Britannica, upd. December 11, 2024.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Al-Aqsa-Mosque>

<sup>144</sup> Yair Rosenberg, “New UN Secretary General Acknowledges Jewish Ties to Jerusalem; Palestinians Demand Apology,” Tablet Magazine, February 3, 2017.

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/new-un-secretary-general-acknowledges-jewish-ties-to-jerusalem-palestinians-demand-apology>

<sup>145</sup> I24 News, “UN resolution only calls Temple Mount by Muslim name,” February 1, 2022.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy/1638435562-un-resolution-only-calls-temple-mount-by-muslim-name>

<sup>146</sup> Missy Ryan et al, “Tensions over Palestinians at heart of Trump’s Middle East gambit,” Washington Post, original version of February 15, 2025. <https://archive.ph/9RAZL>

<sup>147</sup> Missy Ryan et al, “Tensions over Palestinians at heart of Trump’s Middle East gambit,” Washington Post, revised version of February 17, 2025. <https://archive.ph/GuxJg>

<sup>148</sup> Ehud Yaari, “Abbas and the Khazar Claim: Separating Myth from Fact,” Fikra Forum, September 12, 2023. <https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/abbas-and-khazar-claim-separating-myth-fact>

descendants of Aaron, the first Kohen (priest), share common characteristics in the Y chromosome, which is passed uniquely from father to son.<sup>149</sup>

For a more realistic view of Jewish contribution to society, review what was said under Lie No. 2 about Jewish hospitals, medical and technological advances, charitable giving, and even financial expertise. Consider, further, that the United States has military bases in over 80 countries, and is sworn to protect over 50. Israel is one of the few countries in this group that does not ask the United States to provide boots on the ground, and put its own soldiers in danger.

### **Lie No. 8: The “Big Lie,” a stack of malignant fantasies, are believable about Jews.**

For the antisemite, lies are not an irrelevant distraction; everything they say is, at most, a half-truth. Notable examples:

In late October, 2023, as Israel was beginning to respond to the worst massacre in its history, the Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry declared falsely that an Israeli air strike had struck the Al-Ahli Hospital, with 500 casualties.<sup>150</sup> This was reported by the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Post, ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CNN, NPR, PBS, the Associated Press, the Guardian, and Al Jazeera.<sup>151</sup> The truth was that a Palestinian Islamic Jihad rocket had misfired, landing in the hospital parking lot, killing several Arabs instead of Jews as intended.<sup>152</sup>

We were told of famine and genocide in Gaza, although the number of live births exceeded even the ridiculously-inflated casualty counts,<sup>153</sup> and the world witnessed healthy, well-fed men, women and children dancing in front of the coffins of Israeli children strangled to death.<sup>154</sup> This became the only conflict in the world in which the aggressor, Hamas, claimed both to have suffered a genocide and also to have won the war. Yet this indifference to truth spread to campuses across America.

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<sup>149</sup> Rabbi Yaakov Kleiman, “The Cohanim - DNA Connection,” Aish.com, retrieved March 2, 2025. <https://aish.com/48936742/>

<sup>150</sup> Nidal Al-Mughrabi, “In deadly day for Gaza, hospital strike kills hundreds,” Reuters, October 18, 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/least-500-victims-israeli-air-strike-hospital-gaza-health-ministry-2023-10-17/>

<sup>151</sup> David Zweig, “Did the Entire Media Industry Misquote a Hamas Spokesperson?” October 28, 2023. <https://www.silentlunch.net/p/did-the-entire-media-industry-misquote>

<sup>152</sup> New York Times, “Editors’ Note: Gaza Hospital Coverage,” October 23, 2023. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/23/pageoneplus/editors-note-gaza-hospital-coverage.html>

<sup>153</sup> AFP / TOI, “Nearly 20,000 babies born in Gaza ‘hell’ since Oct. 7, says UN official mum on Israeli baby hostage,” January 19, 2024. [https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog\\_entry/nearly-20000-babies-born-in-gaza-hell-since-oct-7-says-un-official-mum-on-israeli-baby-hostage/](https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/nearly-20000-babies-born-in-gaza-hell-since-oct-7-says-un-official-mum-on-israeli-baby-hostage/)

<sup>154</sup> Aaron Boxerman and Rawan Sheikh Ahmad, “With Coffins and Taunts, Hamas Hands Dead Hostages to Israel,” New York Times, February 21, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/20/world/middleeast/israel-hamas-hostages-bodies.html>

In reality, the narrative of Palestine is itself an example of the Big Lie. Zuheir Mohsen, then-leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization's Pro-Syrian Faction, said bluntly in a 1977 interview that their self-identification as Palestinians was not intended to create a Palestinian state, but to eliminate the Jewish one: "The Palestinian people do not exist," he said. "Between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese there are no differences. We are all part of one people, the Arab nation... Palestinian identity exists only for tactical reasons... Once we have secured our rights in all of Palestine, we must not delay for a moment the reunification of Jordan and Palestine."<sup>155</sup>

### **Lie No. 9: Jews are shrewd and cunning, and we must preempt the threat they pose.**

There is a well known Yiddish aphorism, "two Jews, three opinions." But to antisemites, it does not matter—Coalition for Jewish Values, the ADL, and the Reform movement (three different groups which rarely agree) are somehow acting in concert. This is why a distortion of a random statement by a former member of an earlier Israeli government is somehow an expression of government policy, or a quip by a random Orthodox rabbi (there are tens of thousands of Orthodox rabbis) is "the" Jewish position, in the hands of the antisemite.

In practical terms, this means a "European NGO" produces what it claims are "500 instances of Israeli incitement to genocide,"<sup>156</sup> when what it actually collected are 500 quotes by individual Israelis, as likely to be journalists or opinion writers as members of its Parliament, much less its decision-makers. These statements are almost universally distorted to mischaracterize their meaning. The NGO's not only stereotype all Jews as sharing one opinion or goal, but tie all Jews to a distorted interpretation of an innocent statement into something sinister.

Combine the lies of Jewish theft and the need to preempt that threat, and you get BDS, the effort to Boycott Jews, Divest from Jewish businesses, and Sanction Jews who live in the Jewish homeland, or at least the territory they claim is "occupied." it claims to "only" desire Israel's withdrawal from the religious and defensive center of the country.

History shows us that the first thing the Nazis did, shortly after coming to power, was to institute a boycott against Jewish businesses. The Nazi boycott came with the claim that Germans needed to "protect themselves" by not buying from Jews. Today, BDS claims to believe that replicating an old Nazi tactic ("Germans! Defend yourselves! Don't buy from Jews!") is a good way to convince Jews to compromise the security of their families. Only an idiot would imagine such a tactic would be productive—demonstrating the inherent irrationality of antisemitism.

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<sup>155</sup> James Dorsey, "Wij zijn alleen Palestijn om politieke reden," *Trouw*, March 31, 1977, <https://resolver.kb.nl/resolve?urn=ABCDDD:010827275:mpeg21:p007>

<sup>156</sup> Ghanem, Noureldein. "Database exposes 500 instances of Israeli incitement to genocide in Gaza." TRTWorld. Retrieved Sep 25, 2024. <https://www.trtworld.com/middle-east/database-exposes-500-instances-of-israeli-incitement-to-genocide-in-gaza-16537146>

## Lie No. 10: The “Jewish threat” justifies an irrational and overarching obsession.

The very name of BDS, standing for Boycott *and* Divestment *and* Sanctions, is obsessive.

In 2015, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors claimed the end of Israel was mandatory for the survival of civilization in a presentation to students at Harvard Law School: “[I]f we don’t step up boldly and courageously to end the imperialist project called Israel, we’re doomed.”<sup>157</sup> Although her purported concern was racism in America, she declared that *all of humanity* was “doomed” if Jews were permitted self-determination in their indigenous homeland.

Similarly, the United Nations spends more time maligning Israel than in addressing the world’s problems and crises—over twice as much time, in fact. From 2015 to 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted 154 resolutions about Israel, as compared to 71 about the rest of the world. In order to castigate Israel, in 2024 alone it ignored: Syria’s history of shelling Israeli communities and its war of aggression in 1967; Palestinian Arab incitement to violence; 900,000 Jews displaced from their homes in Arab states; Iran’s efforts to acquire nuclear weapons; Hezbollah’s acts of terrorism and Lebanon’s failure to disarm Hezbollah; UNRWA’s operating as a UN-funded branch of the Hamas terror organization;<sup>158</sup> the ongoing human rights abuses perpetrated against millions of Uyghur Muslims in China; and the list goes on.<sup>159</sup>

Long before the Hamas pogrom of October 2023, campus groups abandoned all concern for genuine human rights crises around the world in order to focus upon Israel. Whereas it was formerly common to find students protesting actual genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur, today there is no notable advocacy for Christians in Nigeria, Yazhidis in Iraq, Alawis or Christians in Syria, or Uyghur Muslims in East Turkestan.<sup>160</sup> In other words, students of today are not merely obsessed with and hostile towards Jews; they ignore situations where their voices could have a positive impact. Perhaps it is not coincidental that the state of global freedom has declined around the world for over 18 consecutive years.<sup>161</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> Samuel Chamberlain, “BLM co-founder called in 2015 to ‘end imperialist project’ of Israel,” New York Post, May 30, 2021.

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/30/blm-co-founder-called-to-end-imperialist-project-of-israel/>

<sup>158</sup> Times of Israel, “Israel cuts ties with UNRWA over links with terror groups, as ban comes into effect,” January 30, 2025.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-cuts-ties-with-unrwa-over-links-with-terror-groups-as-ban-comes-into-effect/>

<sup>159</sup> UN Watch, “2024 UNGA Resolutions on Israel vs. Rest of the World,” November 3, 2024.

<https://unwatch.org/2024-unga-resolutions-on-israel-vs-rest-of-the-world/>

<sup>160</sup> Yaakov Menken and Lela Gilbert, “A Hate Group Grows on Campus,” Townhall.com, October 29, 2021.

<https://townhall.com/columnists/yaakovmenken/2021/10/29/a-hate-group-grows-on-campus-n2598228>

<sup>161</sup> Yana Gorokhovskaia and Cathryn Grothe, “The Mounting Damage of Flawed Elections and Armed Conflict,” Freedom House, February 2024.

<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2024/mounting-damage-flawed-elections-and-armed-conflict>

## PART IV: CONCLUSION

From the preceding sections, one sees that practically everything said against Israel today is tied to one or more of the classic lies told by Jew-haters for millennia. The underlying beliefs and motivations of the antisemite have not changed, only the pretense.

The markers outlined herein enable the astute reader to identify antisemitic bias in cases not mentioned. Indeed, they lie beneath every valid effort to define antisemitism.

Natan Sharansky's three D's: demonization, double standards, and delegitimization, are other ways to phrase seeing Jews as an irrational threat, projecting upon the Jews the very agenda of their haters, and imagining that anything owned by Jews is stolen rather than legitimately theirs.

The ADL's list of eleven stereotypes,<sup>162</sup> which it uses to identify levels of antisemitism based upon the percentage of those surveyed who say the majority of them are probably true, are all related to these ten underlying beliefs, and, indeed, the first two in particular. We invite the interested reader to compare and contrast the ADL list with the one developed herein. The ADL's tropes can easily be tied to the markers laid out in this document, or to the interplay between several of them.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism<sup>163</sup> provides an overly-vague core definition, but then has a list of clear examples of antisemitic accusations and attitudes. All of these, again, are found tied to the markers outlined herein, but these markers, based as they are upon writings from millennia past, are immune to efforts to disqualify them as politically-motivated or tied to modern Zionism. The reader is invited to inquire if any of the ties are not obvious upon examination.

The key markers of antisemitism have been here, waiting for us to find them in the words of the Biblical text, and thus we can recognize them not only today, but tomorrow as well. We hope this enables policymakers and interested parties to see beyond all facades, past, present, and future, to identify and reject antisemitism wherever and whenever it appears.

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<sup>162</sup> ADL, "The ADL Global 100: Index of Antisemitism," Retrieved Feb. 27, 2025.

<https://www.adl.org/adl-global-100-index-antisemitism>

<sup>163</sup> International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, "Working definition of antisemitism," May 26, 2016.

<https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definition-antisemitism>