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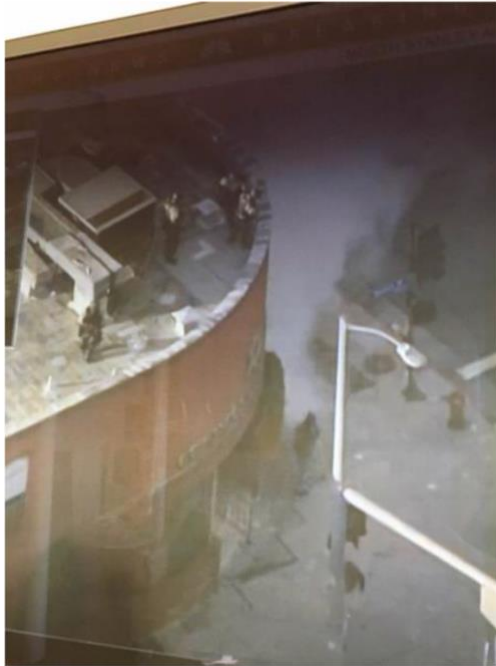
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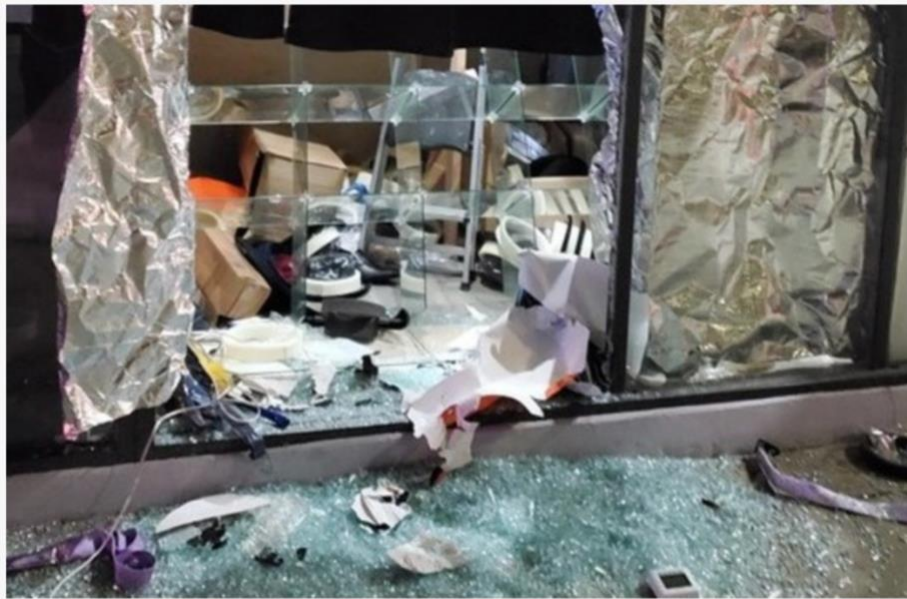


*Graffiti spray-painted at Congregation Beth Israel in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles (Lisa Daftari/Twitter)*

[continued]



*BLM rioters set Fairfax District, Los Angeles synagogue on fire after vandalizing it earlier in the day.<sup>1</sup>*



The Hat Boxar  
(photo credit: ARYEH ROSENFELD)

*BLM rioters vandalized Jewish stores in Los Angeles.<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.joshwho.net/la-rioters-set-a-synagogue-on-fire-after-vandalizing-it-earlier-in-the-day-more-evidence-islamists-and-domestic-terrorists-are-behind-us-riots/>

<sup>2</sup> See “Jewish Business Owners Describe Vandalism, Looting of Businesses in LA,” by Kelly Hartog, Jerusalem Post, June 3, 2020, at <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/jewish-business-describe-vandalism-looting-of-businesses-in-la-630089>





*Getty LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – MAY 30: A man throws a Molotov cocktail as another loots a business on Melrose Avenue in the Fairfax District during demonstrations following the death of George Floyd on May 30, 2020.<sup>3</sup>*



*Getty LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – MAY 30: Looters target businesses on Melrose Avenue in the Fairfax District during demonstrations following the death of George Floyd on May 30, 2020. (Id.)*

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/george-floyd-protest-los-angeles-police-lapd/2370927/>



*Baba Sale Congregation, located on Fairfax avenue, was spray-painted with graffiti during last weekend's protest in the Fairfax district. Courtesy of Baba Sale Congregation. Also see [video](#).*



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*A vandalized, Jewish-owned pharmacy in the Fairfax district. (Joey Brecher)<sup>4</sup>*

Is it a coincident the antisemitic groups of #BLM, #ANTIFA and #BDS targeted Jewish synagogues and businesses during the #LARiots? Clearly, the rioting, looting and desecrating of Jewish property were purposefully planned for the Fairfax/Beverly area of LA



*Synagogue Beit Morasha defaced.<sup>5</sup> Comment tweeted by activist Adam Milstein.*

<sup>4</sup> <https://hamodia.com/prime/caught-middle-los-angeles-jewish-community-hit-anti-police-rioters/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1267181594437173248.html>

Wonder why [#LARiots](#) looting and destroying private property happened in the Jewish Fairfax area of LA? Word on the street is that rioting and looting were purposefully planned for that area by the Islamo-Left coalition comprised of [#BLM](#), [#ANTIFA](#) and [#BDS](#), all are vile antisemitic



*Comment by activist Adam Milstein. (Id.) Widespread arson also damaged the Fairfax District.*



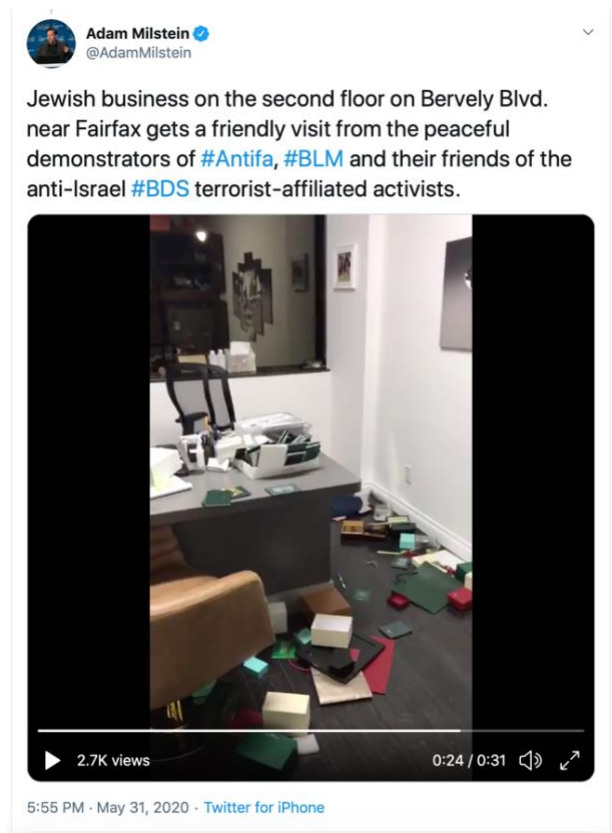
*The comment is self-explanatory.<sup>6</sup>*

<sup>6</sup> <https://twitter.com/AdamMilstein/status/1269706198800048128>





*Protestors scream “No justice, no peace,” while carrying sign saluting Hezbollah senior leader Abu Ali al-Aksari and “USA The End!”<sup>7</sup>*



*BLM and Antifa “protestors” also trashed Jewish business offices. See video at link below.<sup>8</sup>*

<sup>7</sup> <https://twitter.com/RealSarahIdan/status/1269011228552126464>

<sup>8</sup> <https://twitter.com/AdamMilstein/status/1267213020586893312>

## **Exhibit B-1 - Movement for Black Lives Platform (BLM is part of M4BL)**

Cut Military Expenditures Brief, which can be accessed from the platform contents page at:

<https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/invest-divest/?fbclid=IwAR3irnIKClM1JUVR4n54urjWB3tNZL0fXzuH1MxSNa4UQS1tIuZK4FJq60Y>



### **A Cut in US Military Expenditures and A Reallocation of those Funds to Invest in Domestic Infrastructure and Community Wellbeing**

#### **What is the problem?**

- America is an empire that uses war to expand territory and power. American wars are unjust, destructive to Black communities globally and do not keep Black people safe locally. The military industrial complex offers massive profits to private corporations from the death of our global diaspora by handing out massive government contracts to expand US military presence across the globe, while resources for domestic infrastructure and social programs to meet the needs of Black people and working class communities within the US diminishes.
- The US military accounts for over 50 percent of discretionary federal spending, a total of 598.5 Billion dollars spent annually, as compared to 70 billion spent on education, 66 billion spent on healthcare, \$63.2 billion spent on housing and 29.1 billion spent on social security and unemployment.<sup>1</sup> In addition, approximately 3 billion dollars in US aid is allocated to Israel, a state that practices systematic discrimination and has maintained a military occupation of Palestine for decades. Together with aid to Egypt -- Israel's most important regional ally -- this figure represents nearly 75 percent of all US aid dollars. As these figures demonstrate, resources and funds needed for reparations and for building a just and equitable society domestically are instead used to wage war against a majority of the world's communities.
- In the years since September 11 and the US-driven "global war on terror", US military spending has increased by 50 percent. This war has led to the killing of 4 million civilians in the Middle East. US arms and military corporations have made billions of dollars in profit off of waging disaster and destabilization in the Middle East, while increasing western control over the land and resources of the region. In South America and the Caribbean the war on terror has combined with a long-running war on drugs intensifying forced migrations, land grabs, and political disenfranchisement. The war on terror, has not made us safer and has only increased hopelessness as our fears are realized.
- In 2006, AFRICOM was established by the US government to expand US military presence on the continent under the claim of protecting the region against "terror" and "radical Islam". In reality, this effort was designed to expand western colonial control over

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nationalpriorities.org/budget-basics/federal-budget-101/spending/>



the region, its people and their resources. AFRICOM is a major example of U.S. empire and is a direct threat to global Black liberation.

- The U.S. militarization of Africa includes air strikes and commando raids in Libya; "black ops" missions and drone murders in Somalia; a proxy war in Mali; secretive actions in Chad; anti-piracy operations that result in increased piracy in the Gulf of Guinea; wide-ranging drone operations out of bases in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Niger, and the Seychelles; "special" operations out of bases in the Central African Republic, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo; CIA bungling in Somalia; over a dozen joint training exercises a year; arming and training of soldiers in places like Uganda, Burundi, and Kenya; a "joint special operations" operation in Burkina Faso; base construction aimed at accommodating future "surges" of troops; legions of mercenary spies; the expansion of a former French foreign legion base in Djibouti and joint war-making with France in Mali.<sup>2</sup>
- Somalia has not only experienced extended military intervention as a result of AFRICOM but has been treated as an experimentation site for the U.S. devastating drone policy.<sup>3</sup> The Democratic Republic of Congo as a region has had a long history of U.S. intervention that have coincided with some of the worst genocides in the world.<sup>4</sup> Not only have U.S. backed African intervention armies committed atrocities but U.S. private companies extract the worlds wealth from Congolese soil.<sup>5</sup> And as is true here, women and the most vulnerable in our communities pay the price of U.S. intervention and the accompanying genocides and civil wars. The U.S. must make room for African-led development and peace-making that is led by grassroots decision-making of the most marginalized and directly affected. We insist on African leaders and demand resources be made to begin the process of community-building at home.
- The Garifuna have experienced rounds of forced migration leaving ancestral homeland in Honduras and across the Central American region in part because of U.S. war-making. Garifuna community members now living as part of the expanding local Black diaspora have dealt with U.S. backed coups in Honduras along with U.S. trained

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.globalresearch.ca/a-preview-of-coming-wars-do-black-lives-matter-in-africa/5446393>

<sup>3</sup>

<https://theintercept.com/2016/03/08/nobody-knows-the-identity-of-the-150-people-killed-by-u-s-in-somalia-but-most-are-certain-they-deserved-it/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.workers.org/2009/world/africa\\_0827/](http://www.workers.org/2009/world/africa_0827/)

<sup>5</sup> <http://blackagendareport.com/content/second-wave-genocide-looms-congo-susan-rice-point>





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militaries that have devastated the region.<sup>6</sup> They enter an American landscape where the resources for community life have been drained by the last 50 years of post-civil rights cuts. We need end to war, and shift of national resources to rebuilding our local communities and repairing the damage done by American empire abroad.

- There may not be a greater example of the disastrous impact of U.S. military intervention and manipulation than Haiti. We remember and celebrate Haiti as a key center of global Black struggle, and we are disheartened as we recall the continual U.S. intervention that has filled modern Haitian history with coups and violence.<sup>7</sup> On the border of Haiti we have also seen Dominicans of Haitian descent deported and mistreated with the most brutal violence. We can not sit idly by as U.S. funds are used to finance deportations and the border guard that violate the rights of Dominicans of Haitian descent under the guise of our global wars on terror and drugs.<sup>8</sup> We need those funds to be repurposed to heal the damage U.S. intervention has wrecked and rebuild our communities locally.
- The US justifies and advances the global war on terror via its alliance with Israel and is complicit in the genocide taking place against the Palestinian people. The US requires Israel to use 75 percent of all the military aid it receives to buy US-made arms. Consequently, every year billions of dollars are funneled from US taxpayers to hundreds of arms corporations, who then wage lobbying campaigns pushing for even more foreign military aid. The results of this policy are twofold: it not only diverts much needed funding from domestic education and social programs, but it makes US citizens complicit in the abuses committed by the Israeli government. Israel is an apartheid state with over 50 laws on the books that sanction discrimination against the Palestinian people. Palestinian homes and land are routinely bulldozed to make way for illegal Israeli settlements. Israeli soldiers also regularly arrest and detain Palestinians as young as 4 years old without due process. Everyday, Palestinians are forced to walk through military checkpoints along the US-funded apartheid wall.
- The expansion of the war on terror has been vividly expressed in the violence the West with U.S. leadership used to attack the people of Libya. Not only was a government overthrown but arms were given to rebel groups who have violated the human rights of all Libyans.<sup>9</sup> In the wake of this war crime Somalis, Nigerians, Eritreans and other communities who have been taking the risk of traveling through Libya for decades have

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.counterpunch.org/2015/06/29/honduras-bleeding/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.globalresearch.ca/us-sponsored-coup-detat-the-destabilization-of-haiti/5323726>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/11/border-patrol-us-haiti-dominican-republic>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/feb/1/hillary-clinton-libya-war-push-armed-benghazi-rebe/>



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are experiencing even more hardship. The right of migration for many Africans inside and outside Libya has been placed in even greater jeopardy. Our family, our diaspora are now faced with rebel groups who attack them and smugglers who make them risk their lives in unsafe boats in dangerous waters. It is now not uncommon for hundreds of Africans to drown in the mediterranean every week.<sup>10</sup> This happens as the west ignores its role in creating this crisis, but we can not sit by.<sup>11</sup> We can no longer fund coups, and civil wars. Our resources should be used to repair the damage we have done to our global community and rebuild our neighborhoods domestically.

- The interlinked systems of white supremacy, imperialism, capitalism and patriarchy shape the violence we face. As oppressed people living in the US, the belly of global empire, we are in a critical position to build the necessary connections for a global liberation movement. Until we are able to overturn US imperialism, capitalism and white supremacy, our brothers and sisters around the world will continue to live in chains. Our struggle is strengthened by our connections to the resistance of peoples around the world fighting for their liberation. The Black radical tradition has always been rooted in igniting connection across the global south under the recognition that our liberation is intrinsically tied to the liberation of Black and Brown people around the world.
- The movement for Black lives must be tied to liberation movements around the world. The Black community is a global diaspora and our political demands must reflect this global reality. As it stands funds and resources needed to realize domestic demands are currently used for wars and violence destroying communities abroad. State violence within the U.S. is intimately linked with empire and war-making globally.

### What does this solution do?

- Severely limits the war-making ability of the American military.
- Cuts the US military budget by 50%, which will lead to the closure of the over 800 U.S. military bases the U.S. around the world, the elimination of the the sale of weaponry to violators of human rights, reduces the use and stockpiling of nuclear weapons<sup>12</sup> and return all troops back from the current theatres of war..
- Increases accountability of federal spending. Careful audits of Pentagon and military contractors to retrieve and address misallocated funding. 70% of pentagon budget goes

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/30/world/europe/migrants-deaths-mediterranean-libya-italy.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/30/world/europe/migrants-deaths-mediterranean-libya-italy.html?_r=0)

<sup>11</sup> <http://blackalliance.org/realmigrationcrisis/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/cut-military-spending-2>

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to private contractors reviewing military contracts that currently have minimal to zero accountability is central to expanding resources for reparations.<sup>13</sup>

- Drastically lowers war casualties by eliminating large share of casualties of civilians, "enemy combatants" and American soldiers.
- Provides reparations to countries and communities devastated by American war-making, such as Somalia, Iraq, Libya and Honduras
- Cease the military aid and funding of countries and organizations with human rights violations.<sup>14</sup>
- Shifts national resources away from war-making institutions to peace-making.
- Deploy military personnel in domestic peace-making roles that redesign and rebuild the country's polluting and crumbling infrastructure with released funds from war-making.
- Expands resources available for reparations and the various demands of the broad movement for Black lives:
  - [Universal health care](#).
  - Full [employment](#).
  - [Housing](#) for all.
  - Free quality public [education](#) at all levels.
  - Etc.
- Contributes to the stabilization of regions throughout the world who have been devastated by US and US-backed military intervention, including Somalia, Kenya, Congo, Libya, Honduras, Colombia, El Salvador, the Middle East and across the world.

### Federal Action:

- Build invest/divestment campaigns that ends US Aid to Israel's military industrial complex and any government with human rights violations.<sup>15</sup>
- Detail rebuilding and repair plan for domestic infrastructure across the country based on a commitment to a green economy and deep understanding of the threat of climate change.
- Expand American public transportation system with federal job guarantee for re-trained military personnel.
- Repair domestic infrastructure that is currently dilapidated.

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.dailydot.com/via/bernie-sanders-defense-spending/>

<sup>14</sup> [http://www.jill2016.com/halt\\_us\\_arm\\_sales\\_to\\_saudi\\_arabia](http://www.jill2016.com/halt_us_arm_sales_to_saudi_arabia)

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.vocativ.com/311094/saudi-u-s-tensions-havent-slowed-obamas-weapons-spigot/>





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- Engage the Leahy Law, which prohibits the U.S. government from providing military assistance to a foreign military unit where credible information exists that the unit has committed a gross violation of human rights.
- Organize campaigns against G4S and other global private prison companies that are profiting from the shackling of our community in the US, in Palestine, in Brazil and around the world.
- Detail funding needs of priority community building efforts like healthcare, education, and housing and re-route funding to address outlined needs.

#### **State Action:**

- Pass state resolutions supporting cuts in military spending and local re-investment in operations and resources for Black and working class communities.
- Fight the expanding number of Anti-BDS bills being passed in states around the country. This type of legislation not only harms the movement to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine, but is a threat to the constitutional right to free speech and protest
- Circulate sign-on letters demanding an end to the building of military bases and factories locally.
- Map out state wide infrastructure needs and pass resolutions calling for the necessary reinvestment and rebuilding efforts.
- Coordinate direct actions of solidarity with South Africa, Columbia and liberation movements across the globe.

#### **Local Action:**

- Organize direct actions demanding a cut in military spending and local re-investment.
- Circulate sign-on letters demanding an end to local military spending.
- Fight for the de-militarization of local police forces and elimination of purchases of military surplus equipment.
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#### **How does this solution address the specific needs of some of the most marginalized Black people?**

- Eliminate much of the destruction and loss of life Black people experience as soldiers and victims of U.S. war-making.
- Provides massive resources for reparations.
- Increase available resources to address a number of needs including:
  - Health care for Black LGBT youth and undocumented immigrants.



- Housing for Black homeless community members.
- Childcare for Black working class children and parents.

**Resources:**

- [How Can I Help Cut the Military Budget by 25 to 50 Percent](#)
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**Organizations Currently Working on Policy:**

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- NAACP
- Green Party<sup>17</sup>
- United for Justice with Peace<sup>18</sup>
- The Dream Defenders
- The US Campaign to End the Occupation
- The Institute for Middle East Understanding
- American Friends Service Committee
- The Black Alliance for Just Immigration
- The Black Immigration Network
- Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

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<sup>16</sup> <http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/node/986>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.jill2016.com/plan>

<sup>18</sup> <http://justicewithpeace.org/taxonomy/term/26>

**KEY EXCERPTS (The full platform brief is above):**



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### **What does this solution do?**

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- Cease the military aid and funding of countries and organizations with human rights violations.<sup>14</sup>
  - Shifts national resources away from warmaking institutions to peacemaking.

### **Federal Action:**

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- Organize campaigns against G4S and other global private prison companies that are profiting from the shackling of our community in the US, in Palestine, in Brazil and around the world. [NOTE: G4S was targeted because it did business in Israel.]
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## **EXHIBIT B-2: BLM/M4BL Platform's "Black Palestinian Solidarity" Resource:**

<http://www.blackpalestiniansolidarity.com>



Black-Palestinian solidarity is neither a guarantee nor a requirement- it is a choice. We choose to build with one another in a shoulder to shoulder struggle against **state-sanctioned violence**. [Read our statement for more.](#)

[On Facebook](#)

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Black-Palestinian solidarity is neither a guarantee nor a requirement - it is a choice. We choose to build with one another in a shoulder to shoulder struggle against state-sanctioned violence. A violence that is manifest in the speed of bullets and batons and tear gas that pierce our bodies. One that is latent in the edifice of law and concrete that work together to, physically and figuratively, cage us. We choose to join one another in resistance not because our struggles are the same but because we each struggle against the formidable forces of structural racism and the carceral and lethal technologies deployed to maintain them. This video intends to interrupt that process – to assert our humanity – and to stand together in an affirmation of life and a commitment to resistance. From Ferguson to Gaza, from Baltimore to Jerusalem, from Charleston to Bethlehem, we will be free.

### **Background:**

During the summer of 2014, state-sanctioned racialized violence was on full display by the United States and Israel. For 51 days, Israel used sophisticated weapons technology with precision-targeting capability to kill 2,200 Palestinians, including 535 children, to demolish or damage 140,000 homes, to destroy 319 businesses, 36 fishing boats, and 42,000 acres of agricultural land, and to target critical civilian infrastructure, including Gaza's sole power plant.



In many instances, Israel targeted unarmed civilians: it shot fleeing civilians in Khoza'a, killed 66 Palestinians in Shujai'yeh in 60 minutes, shot at UNRWA schools sheltering civilians on seven different occasions. In perhaps the most chilling attack, Israeli missiles targeted four young boys aged 11 to 13 playing soccer on Gaza's shore. Throughout the operation, Israel, an occupying power, the only nuclear power in the Middle East, and the US's most unique ally, claimed it was exercising its right to self-defense and blamed the mounting death toll on Hamas.

Four weeks into Israel's onslaught against the besieged Palestinian population of the Gaza Strip, an officer shot to death Mike Brown an unarmed Black teenager in Ferguson, Missouri. Darren Wilson shot Brown six times, twice above the chest at close range. Brown died from gunshot wounds to his head and chest and was left in the middle of the street for the next four hours before his body was removed. This scenario of **unchecked racialized state-violence** continues centuries of anti-black violence in the United States. A March 2014 study conducted by [the American Psychological Association's Journal of Personality and Social Psychology](#) found that "black boys can be seen as responsible for their actions at an age when white boys still benefit from the assumption that children are essentially innocent." Together with the still-fresh exoneration of George Zimmerman for the killing of Trayvon Martin, another unarmed Black teenager, it functioned as a climax and precipitated a national mass movement and convergence upon Ferguson. Ferguson police initiated a military response replete with Kevlar vests, helmets, assault rifles, armored tanks, curfews, and tear gas. Throughout these violent attacks, US mainstream media disproportionately focused on the destruction of property and dealt with the killing of Mike Brown as a singular incident thus obfuscating the material and structural violence endured by Black communities.

In the course of resilience against the merciless edge of state-violence, **protesters in Ferguson held up signs declaring solidarity with the people of Palestine**. In turn, Palestinians posted pictures on social media with instructions of how to treat the inhalation of tear gas. Organically, an analysis emerged highlighting similarities, but not sameness, of Black and Palestinian life, and more aptly, of their survival. This critical moment was built on a rich historical legacy of intellectual production on, as well as **movement building between, Black and Palestinian communities**. During the Baltimore protests against systemic deprivation and sparked by the murder of Freddie Gray, Palestinians recognized the protests as an uprising and a number of Black protesters renamed their convergence an intifada, bridging the struggles against state-sanctioned violence from the bottom up. Since the devastating attacks on Gaza and in Ferguson, the assault on Black and Palestinian bodies has continued unabated. As we mourn the lives of Tanisha Andersen and Mohammed Abu Khdeir, Ali Dawabshe and Eric Garner, Sandra Bland and Nadeem Nowarah, we are making connections between the systems of violence and criminalization that makes Black and Palestinian bodies so easily expendable. The onslaught on Black and Palestinian lives is rife with a discourse of victim-blaming that softens the edge of systematic violence and illuminates the dehumanization process. This video is a message to the world as much as it is a commitment among ourselves that **we will struggle with and for one another**. No one is free until we all are free.

### **EXHIBIT B-3: BLM/M4BL Platform’s “BDS Movement” Resource, Containing Multiple Anti-Israel Campaigns:**

<https://www.bdsmovement.net/campaigns>

[NOTE: This is just one page of a huge anti-Israel website, detailing multiple-anti-Israel campaigns linked to the BLM/M4BL platform]

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The Palestinian BDS National Committee, the coalition of Palestinian civil society that leads and supports the BDS movement, has prioritised a number of global campaigns. Click on one of the squares below to find out more.

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- [Read more about Academic Boycott](#)
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Find local organizations and campaigns

There are organisations working on BDS campaigns all across the world. Get active and connect with a group in your country now!

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Discover our successful campaigns

Thanks to strategic campaigning and the tireless work of people of conscience and organisations across the world, the impact of the BDS movement is increasing substantially.

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## BDS

This website is maintained by the Palestinian BDS National Committee ([BNC](#)), the coalition of Palestinian organisations that leads and supports the BDS movement and by the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel ([PACBI](#)), a BNC member organisation.

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**Exhibit B-4: Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs Report on BLM Platform Author Dream Defenders' Intertwinement with Terrorist Organization PFLP. DD is a Key Part of BLM.**

<https://jcpa.org/article/american-non-government-organizations-are-intertwined-with-pflp-terror-group/>

**American Non-Government Organizations Are Intertwined with PFLP Terror Group**

[Omri Weisman](#), Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, December 6, 2018



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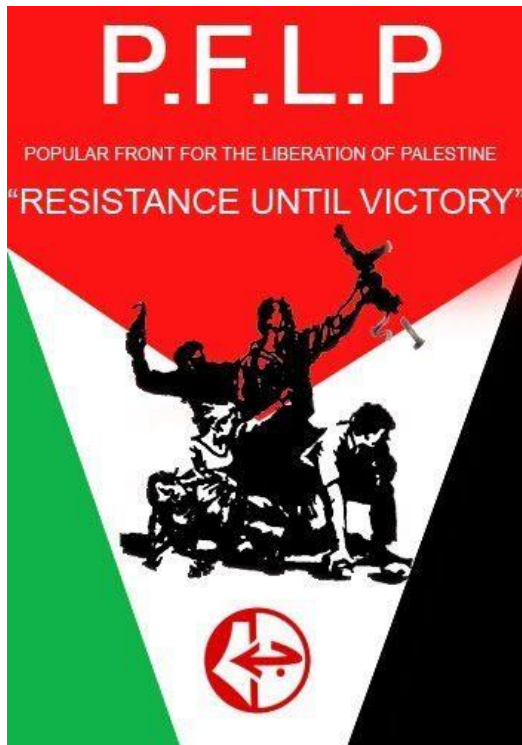
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*No. 619, December 6, 2018*

- **Two American NGOs – Interfaith Peace-Builders and Dream Defenders – support and promote the mission of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a U.S.-designated terror organization. The PFLP has used bombings, shootings, and plane hijackings to achieve its political goals.**
- **Interfaith Peace-Builders (IFPB), also known as “Eyewitness Palestine,” claims to have led more than 60 delegations to the Palestinian Authority. IFPB houses its participants in the homes of PFLP terrorist operatives and encourages them to participate in violent demonstrations against Israel.**
- **Dream Defenders and its members endorsed the PFLP and espoused its tactics by backing PFLP terrorists on social media and at various public events. It brings people to the Middle East to meet with PFLP members and PFLP-affiliated organizations.**
- **In March 2016, Dream Defenders put together an alternative school curriculum that includes the PFLP as one of nine “heroes” that should be used to teach “rebellion” strategies and tactics.**
- **The group identifies with the PFLP’s struggle, stating: “They [the PFLP] want to be free from global imperialism. They want liberation. They want equal rights. Just like the Dream Defenders.”**

Many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Europe and the United States are supporters of the Palestinian cause, but two American NGOs support and promote the mission of a U.S.-designated terror organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The following report describes the activities and overall agenda of the two NGOs during their visits to Israel and the Palestinian Authority in recent years. Specifically, it shows how delegations from two 501(c)3 non-profits, Interfaith Peace-Builders (also known as “Eyewitness Palestine”) and Dream Defenders, work closely with the PFLP.



## Part I: The Interfaith Peace-Builders (IFPB) – “Eyewitness Palestine”

[Part I, detailing IFPB’s extensive anti-Israel propaganda trips is eye-opening, but omitted here. Please see the full report for more info on IFPB, at <https://jcpa.org/article/american-non-government-organizations-are-intertwined-with-pflp-terror-group/> ] . . .

## Part II: The Dream Defenders

In April 2012, Umi Selah (also known as Phillip Agnew), Ahmed Abuznaid, Gabriel Pendas, Ciara Taylor, and Nelini Stamp organized a march from Daytona to the Sanford police station in Florida in protest of Florida’s “Stand Your Ground Laws” in the wake of the Trayvon Martin shooting.<sup>22</sup> In the aftermath of the protest, this group of activists from across Florida joined together and founded the “Dream Defenders.”<sup>23</sup> Dream Defenders aims to “confront systemic inequality”<sup>24</sup> through community empowerment and training youth and students in nonviolent civil disobedience, civic engagement and direct action.”<sup>25</sup> Its main objectives include: an immediate end to all wars domestic and abroad, the end of capitalism, imperialism, and patriarchy, free education, the immediate release of all U.S. prisoners, and the end to federal, state, and private prisons.<sup>26</sup> As such, Dream Defenders takes up various minority causes within the United States under an “intersectional” philosophy, that all struggles of marginalized people and minorities are inherently related.<sup>27</sup> At its core though, Dream Defenders is part of the Black Solidarity Movement and Black Lives Matter Movement, supporting and standing up for Black and Brown communities around the world.<sup>28</sup>

Despite being a relatively small organization, Dream Defenders has several U.S. chapters, also known as “squaDDs,” in Miami, Broward, and St. Petersburg (all situated in Florida),<sup>29</sup> as well as in the Bay Area, Gainesville, and Tallahassee.<sup>30</sup> The organization is established on eight Florida college campuses and in 2013 claimed to have about 250 members.<sup>31</sup> In terms of

funding, its budget is less than \$50,000/year,<sup>32</sup> mostly generated through small donations paid in its website.

Dream Defenders also receives money from a fiscal sponsor, the Tides Foundation. Tides is a public charity, which, through donor-advised funds, acts as a fiscal sponsor to smaller grassroots charities to advance progressive efforts in the United States.<sup>33</sup>

Among the supporters and benefactors of Dream Defenders are Remi Kanazi<sup>34</sup> and Linda Sarsour,<sup>35</sup> two prominent BDS activists.<sup>36,37</sup> Kanazi previously referred to Israel as an apartheid state and does not think Hamas or the PFLP, two U.S.-designated terror organizations,<sup>38</sup> are problematic. Sarsour is a known American-Muslim public figure and an avid supporter of the BDS movement.

### Promoting a School Curriculum Based on PFLP's Violent Agenda

In March 2016, Dream Defenders put together an alternative school curriculum called “Black Out History: Rebellion Curriculum” that “focused on revolutionary organizations from around the world to highlight their elements of rebellion” and glorify “overlooked heroes.”<sup>39</sup> The curriculum includes the PFLP as one of nine “heroes” that should be used to teach “rebellion” strategies and tactics.



Dream Defenders’ Tweet depicts the “Black Out History” curriculum, associating it with the PFLP agenda.

Looking into the curriculum, the specific section on the PFLP describes it as a “secular Palestinian Marxist-Leninist and revolutionary socialist organization.” While it acknowledges

that the United States, Canada, and the European Union have designated the PFLP as a terror organization, it doesn't condemn the PFLP's tactics since other countries have not designated it.

The curriculum describes the PFLP's main objectives, long-term goals, and ideology, stating: The PFLP aims to liberate all of Palestine by establishing a democratic socialist Palestinian state that includes the destruction of Zionism and the return of the Palestinian refugees to their homeland... Their collective goal is to break down conservative Arab states, **destroy Israel**, and apply Marxist doctrine to the Palestinian struggle... [The] PFLP seems to have a love/hate relationship with their community. They want to "free" Palestine but are using violent methods to achieve it...when the leader of PFLP (Abu Ali Mustafa) was assassinated by the Israeli military forces, three days of national mourning was declared, and thousands of Palestinians attended his funeral. His death was avenged by killing the Israeli Minister of Tourism, so it seems that the PFLP receives support from some people in their community.<sup>40</sup>

Dream Defenders then goes on to identify with the PFLP's struggle, stating: They [the PFLP] want to be free from global imperialism. They want liberation. They want equal rights. Just like the Dream Defenders.<sup>41</sup>

Moreover, when publishing the "Blacked-Out History" toolkit, Dream Defenders posted a photo of PFLP "comrade" Shireen Abu-Oun, chairwoman of the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary rally of the PFLP, held December 12, 2009 in Gaza. The picture of Abu-Oun came from the PFLP's website, and Dream Defenders superimposed the words, "Palestine, all of Palestine. From the River to the Sea."





*Dream Defenders' Twitter posted a photo of Shireen Abu-Oun, PFLP operative from Gaza. Dream Defenders superimposed the words, "Palestine, all of Palestine. From the River to the Sea."*

Thus, while it claims to believe that non-violent resistance is “the only morally and practically sound method open to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom,”<sup>42</sup> Dream Defenders continuously supports the PFLP,<sup>43</sup> an organization that has used extremely violent methods, including bombings, shootings, and plane hijackings to achieve its political goals. Last but not least, it aims to teach these “strategies and tactics” to children from grades 6 through 11.<sup>44</sup>

### **Delegations to Palestine, Strong PFLP Affiliation**

Once a year, Dream Defenders organizes a delegation to the Palestinian Authority. In January 2015, Dream Defenders led its first delegation, which included 14 members. This delegation hosted several notable attendees, including: Former CNN commentator, Marc Lamont Hill,<sup>45</sup> Patrisse Khan-Cullors of Black Lives Matter, Cherrell Brown of the African American Policy Network, Tef Poe (Kareem Jackson) and Tara Thompson of Hands Up United, and Christopher Hazou of the Institute for Middle East Understanding.<sup>46</sup> Similar to IFPB’s delegations, members of DDPalestine visited the Dheisheh refugee camp, an exposure that is likely to influence the stances they take on important political issues and the causes they promote back home (in the United States). As such, it seems that Dream Defenders is providing an outlet for the PFLP to influence civil rights groups inside the United States, therefore promoting “agenda laundering” for a U.S.-designated terror organization.

Another indication of the affiliation with PFLP’s personnel can be found in the 2016 Dream Defenders’ visit to east Jerusalem led by Afro-Palestinian activist and former member of the PFLP, Mahmoud Jedda.<sup>47</sup> Jedda served 17 years in an Israeli prison before he was released in 1985 during a prisoner exchange deal. Jedda’s past links with the PFLP were known and highlighted while he was leading the group and were a cause for admiration.

In the summer of 2017, Dream Defenders organized the latest DDPalestine delegation. The group visited Dheisheh as well as Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, a PFLP affiliate organization.<sup>48</sup> Of note, Addameer is governed by multiple members of the PFLP. Addameer’s vice-chairperson Khalida Jarrar is a senior PFLP official,<sup>49</sup> and Sumoud Sa’adat, an Addameer staffer,<sup>50</sup> is the daughter of PFLP general secretary, Ahmad Sa’adat, who is in an Israeli prison for his role in the assassination of an Israeli minister.<sup>51</sup>

On several occasions, Dream Defenders and its members endorsed the PFLP and espoused its tactics by backing PFLP terrorists on social media and at various public events. Here are a few examples:

1. Ahmad Abuznaid, Dream Defenders co-founder, lauded Leila Khaled, former PFLP terrorist who attempted to hijack two Israeli (El Al) airplanes in 1969 and 1970.<sup>52</sup>

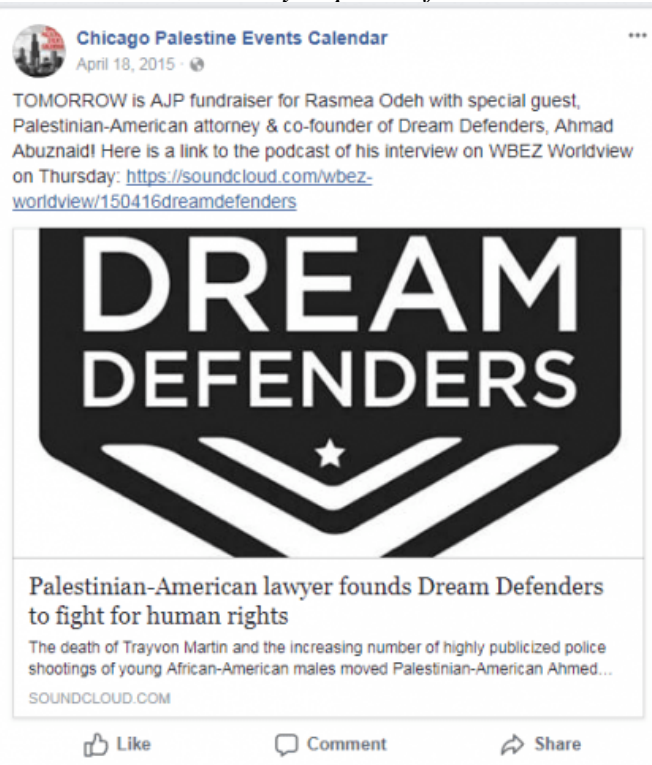


Ahmad Abuznaid's Twitter post supports Leila Khaled, PFLP member and former hijacker of two Israeli airplanes (in 1969 and 1970).

2. Abuznaid also advocated for convicted former PFLP terrorist, Rasmea Odeh, who was deported to Jordan in 2017 because she failed to disclose in her U.S. citizenship application her conviction in Israel on terrorism charges.<sup>53</sup> Abuznaid served as the keynote speaker at a fundraising event held for Odeh by the Americans for Justice in Palestine (AJP) Educational Foundation, Inc. AJP is the fiscal sponsor for American Muslims for Palestine, which is one of the largest BDS organizations in the United States.



*Ahmad Abuznaid hugs Rasmea Odeh, a PFLP operative and perpetrator of a terrorist attack in Israel that killed two, recently deported from the United*



States.

*Facebook post depicting Abuznaid as a keynote speaker in a fundraising event for Rasmea Odeh.*

### **Ties with the BDS Movement**

Dream Defenders' 2015 and 2016 delegations met with Omar Barghouti, the co-founder of the BDS Movement<sup>54</sup> and member of the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) secretariat,<sup>55</sup> to discuss the importance of BDS in the Palestinian struggle against Israel. Barghouti is also a founding committee member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI).<sup>56</sup>



*Dream Defenders' 2015 delegation met with Omar Barghouti, the co-founder of the BDS Movement.*

Moreover, Dream Defenders regularly coordinates projects with the Institute for Middle East Understanding<sup>57</sup> and Students for Justice in Palestine,<sup>58</sup> and the co-founder of Dream Defenders, Ahmad Abuznaid, has been given a platform at Jewish Voice for Peace events.<sup>59</sup>

Dream Defenders is not simply another organization in the Black Solidarity Movement. Dream Defenders brings people to the Middle East to meet with PFLP members and PFLP-affiliated organizations. Alarming, through the Rebellion curriculum, social media posts, “report back” events, and activities with other BDS organizations, Dream Defenders allows PFLP ideology to infiltrate into the United States. With its sway and connection to the Black Lives Matter Movement and BDS Movement, and under the guise of “racial oppression” and “human rights activism,” Dream Defenders spreads the agenda of a designated terror organization, giving legitimacy to an illegitimate entity.

## Appendix

### **The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)**

- The PFLP is a secular Palestinian socialist organization founded in 1967 by George Habash.
- It has consistently been the second-largest of the terror groups forming the Palestine Liberation Organization (the PLO, founded in 1964), the largest being Fatah (founded in 1959).
- The organization was responsible for more than a dozen high-profile airline hijackings, bombings, and shootings starting in the late 1960s and ‘70s, including the Lod Airport massacre, which led to the deaths of 28 people. Leila Khaled and Rasmea Odeh are among the organization’s most familiar terror activists. Odeh was deported from the United States in 2017, after she failed to disclose in her immigration papers that she was involved in terror attacks (on behalf of the PFLP) before her arrival to the United States.
- Since 2000, PFLP has carried out at least 13 suicide bombings, stabbings, shootings and ax attacks, including the murder of Israeli Minister for Tourism, Rehavam Ze’evi.
- Altogether, the PFLP is responsible for the murder of more than 90 Israeli civilians.
- Ahmad Sa’adat serves as Secretary-General of the PFLP since 2001, succeeding Abu Ali Mustafa who took office in 2000 but was killed by Israeli forces shortly after. Sa’adat was sentenced in December 2006 to 30 years in an Israeli prison due to his involvement in the killing of Israelis during the “second Intifada”, including the assassination of Ze’evi.
- In August 1997, the PFLP was declared by the US Department of State as a Foreign Terror-designated Organization. It is also considered a terror entity in Canada, the EU, and Israel.
- Over the past 20 years, the PFLP added to its terrorist struggle against Israel a more political one – struggle conducted through so-called civil rights organizations. To fulfill its mission, the PFLP supports and dominates several Palestinian non-governmental organizations, including: Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, Samidoun, Al-Haq, Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) and the Palestinian



branch of Defence for Children International (DCI-P), through which it executes and further promotes its anti-Israel agenda.

- These organizations play a major role in the campaign to delegitimize and demonize Israel, and they maintain strong relations with other Western so-called human rights organizations with global reach. Moreover, all of these organizations are part of the Palestinian BNC (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee), the leading organization that promotes the BDS against Israel.

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## Notes

<sup>1</sup> The organization's website suggests it was established in 2001.

<sup>2</sup> However, at least officially, the organization kept its former name: Interfaith Peace-Builders;

See link to new website: <https://www.eyewitnesspalestine.org/>

<sup>3</sup> To find out more about IFPB, see the following links to IFPB's presence on the web and in social media: <http://www.ifpb.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ifpb.dc/>

<https://twitter.com/IFPBdelegations>

<https://www.instagram.com/ifpbdelegations/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://990.erieri.com/EINS/030598184/030598184\\_2015\\_0dc09a81.PDF](http://990.erieri.com/EINS/030598184/030598184_2015_0dc09a81.PDF)

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.gofundme.com/delegationtoIran>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.eyewitnesspalestine.org/journey-begins/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.ifpb.org/del62/report2.html>

<sup>9</sup> There is a PFLP Facebook page run specifically by its Dheisheh branch. The page is called the "Popular Front – Dheisheh- The Red Castle," and the page's profile photo is the PFLP symbol featuring the label, "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine- Army Faction-Dheisheh Refugee Camp" in

Arabic. <https://www.facebook.com/1572075136373118/photos/a.1572080746372557.1073741827.1572075136373118/1847445968836032/?type=1&theater>

<sup>10</sup> See the webpage of the 62nd delegation: <http://www.ifpb.org/del62/default.html>

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ifpb.dc/posts/10154658550801290>

<sup>13</sup> Although Anas al-Saifi was only ever referred to as 'Fashek' in the social media posts of the tour participants, we were able to ID him. His brother created a Facebook page to commemorate his friendship with Raed al-

Salhi. [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1981195165500961&id=1974072569546554](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1981195165500961&id=1974072569546554)

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/presbypeace/posts/10155289871619092?comment\\_id=10155289878459092&comment\\_tracking=%7B%22tn%22%3A%22R%22%7D](https://www.facebook.com/presbypeace/posts/10155289871619092?comment_id=10155289878459092&comment_tracking=%7B%22tn%22%3A%22R%22%7D)

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/235022>

<sup>16</sup> [http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/blog/sheer-horror-what-ive-witnessed#.WhLlh\\_mGO03](http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/blog/sheer-horror-what-ive-witnessed#.WhLlh_mGO03);

<sup>17</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1981195165500961&id=1974072569546554](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1981195165500961&id=1974072569546554)

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**Exhibit C: Caroline Glick's Facebook post about Black Lives Matter platform (June 9, 2020)**

<https://www.facebook.com/carolineglick/posts/3871065042964221>

**Caroline Glick - קרולין גליק**

**9 hrs** · [June 9 at 7:09 a.m.]

Last week many readers asked me to send the link the the BlackLivesMatter platform that defames and criminalizes Israel and calls for an end to US support for Israel. I responded with links to articles that were published in response to the publication of the BLM platform in 2016, noting that the platform linked to by those articles had been removed.

A few of my readers contacted me in response and said that the website had moved and gave me the new link.

Here is the link to the platform. The sections on Israel can be found under the "Invest-Divest" link. <https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/invest-divest/>

After you're on this link, download the document called "Cut Military Expenditures Brief."

Before I quote the precise passages in the paper that specifically discuss Israel, I want to note something newsworthy which has been largely overlooked to date. A few days ago, in response to the BLM calls to defund the police, Sen. Tom Cotton asked rhetorically whether their next demand would be to defund the U.S. military.

The answer is that this is already their demand. Its in their platform.

The brief, which opens by asserting, "America is an empire that uses war to expand territory and power," calls for the defunding of 50% of the U.S. military budget. The specific passage is quoted below, because it is followed by a demand to end military support for Israel.

It bears noting that BLM gained legitimacy after spurring rioting in Ferguson, MO in 2016 when then president Obama hosted them at the White House in February 2016. At the time, Obama lauded the group saying "They are much better organizers than I was when I was their age, and I am confident that they are going to take America to new heights."

The meeting lasted for four hours.

Here is a link to one write-up of the meeting: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/feb/18/black-lives-matter-meet-president-obama-white-house-justice-system>

Here are the excerpts from the BLM platform that relate to Israel:

From the opening section titled "What is the problem?":

"The US military accounts for over 50 percent of discretionary federal funding, a total of 598.5 billion dollars spent annually...In addition, approximately 3 billion dollars in US aid is allocated to Israel, a state that practices systematic discrimination and has maintained a military occupation of Palestine for decades. Together with Egypt -- Israel's most important regional ally -- this figure represents nearly 75 percent of all US aid dollars."

"The US justifies and advances the global war on terror via its alliance with Israel and is complicit in the genocide taking place against the Palestinian people. The US requires Israel to use 75 percent of all the military aid it receives to buy US-made arms. Consequently, every year billions of dollars are funneled from US taxpayers to hundreds of arms corporations, who then wage lobbying campaigns pushing for even more foreign military aid. The results of this policy are twofold: it not only diverts much needed funding from domestic education and social programs, but it makes US citizens complicit in the abuses committed by the Israeli government."



Israel is an apartheid state with over 50 laws on the books that sanction discrimination against the Palestinian people. Palestinian homes and land are routinely bulldozed to make way for illegal Israeli settlements. Israeli soldiers also regularly arrest and detain Palestinians as young as 4 years old without due process. Everyday, Palestinians are forced to walk through military checkpoints along the US-funded apartheid wall."

The platform then lists a series of goals its implementation will achieve, under a section titled, "What does this solution do?"

Among its promised achievements:

"Cuts the US military budget by 50%, which will lead to the closure of over 800 US military bases [in] the US [and] around the world, the elimination of the sale of weaponry to violators of human rights, reduces the use and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and return all troops back from the current theaters of war."

Among the Federal actions the platform calls for, the first is:

"Build invest/divest campaigns that ends US aid to Israel's military industrial complex and any government with human rights violations."

Among the State action the platform demands:

"Fight the expanding number of Anti-BDS bills being passed in states around the country. This type of legislation not only harms the movement to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine, but it is a threat to the constitutional right to free speech and protest."

Its call for local action includes:

"Map out local infrastructure needs and pass resolutions calling for the necessary reinvestment and rebuilding efforts. Coordinate direct actions of solidarity with South Africa, Palestine, Columbia and liberation movements across the globe."

It bears noting that one of the organizations cited as working on BLM policy is Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel.

Another is The US Campaign to End the Occupation. Another is The American Friends Service Committee.

These are all groups that take leading roles in the anti-Semitic BDS campaigns in the US and worldwide which target Jewish Americans for sanction and ostracism for daring to support the Jewish state.

## **Exhibit D: BLM leader Rachel Gilmer's statement: "Zionism at its core is white supremacy"**

<https://drrichswier.com/2017/04/02/black-lives-matter-leader-rachel-gilmer-zionism-at-its-core-is-white-supremacy/>

### **Black Lives Matter Leader Rachel Gilmer: 'Zionism at its core is white supremacy'**

April 2, 2017/in [Featured](#), [National Security](#), [Policy](#), [Politics](#), [Religion](#), [Social Issues](#), [Waste, Fraud and Abuse](#)/by [Dr. Rich Swier](#)

John Rossomando in an *IPT News* article "[Panelists Prove Jewish Voice for Peace is Neither](#)" reported:

**There's a simple way to end global oppression, racism and immediately create a world overflowing with "equality, dignity and human rights,"** panelists agreed Saturday [April 1st, 2017] morning during a Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) Conference in Chicago.

**Simply eliminate Zionism from the planet.**

"Arguing for a softer, less harsh, nicer version of capitalism, colonialism and racism won't do it," said Black Lives Matter leader Rachel Gilmer. **"Many liberal Zionists believe that the problem with Israeli apartheid is simply a few bad policies, or Netanyahu, or the wall, but the problem is with the ideological foundation of the state itself: Zionism. Zionism at its core is white supremacy."** [Emphasis added]

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**So who is Black Lives Matter leader Rachel Gilmer?**

The [Canary Mission](#) published a profile of Gilmer:

Rachel Gilmer is the [chief of strategy](#) for [Dream Defenders \(DD\)](#) and a [supporter](#) of the [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\)](#) movement.

In May 2016, Gilmer [participated](#) in a DD trip to Israel in support of the BDS movement.

On August 2, 2016, Gilmer [co-authored](#) the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) Policy Platform which [endorsed](#) BDS and accused Israel of committing a "genocide" against Palestinians. The platform and DD's defense of it are discussed further below.

But it gets worse. According to [Canary Mission](#):

On May 16, 2016, Gilmer [appeared](#) in a photo wearing a t-shirt supporting the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine \(PFLP\)](#), a designated [terrorist organization](#) by the European Union, Canada, the United States and Israel.

The PFLP shirt featured a quote from the late PFLP leader [Ghassan Kanafani](#) stating: "Don't die without being a rival." The [quote](#) in Arabic — لا تمت قبل ان تكون ندا — is [used](#) by the [PFLP](#) and its [supporters](#).

Gilmer [wore](#) the PFLP [shirt](#) while in the [Dheisheh Refugee Camp](#) (Dheisheh) near Bethlehem while on the May 2016 DD trip. Dheisheh is [known](#) as a PFLP stronghold.

On March 2016, DD [produced](#) an [educational series](#) that glorifies the PFLP. Intended for sixth to eleventh graders, the curriculum titled "Blackened Out History – Rebellion Curriculum Toolkit," preaches violence under the euphemism of "struggle" (page 6).

The curriculum mentions various violent PFLP strategies (page 25) such as "hijackings, assassinations, car bombings, suicide bombings, paramilitary operations against civilian and military targets" and concludes "[t]hey want to be free from global imperialism. They want liberation. They want equal rights. Just like the Dream Defenders" (page 26).

**Gilmer Supports Violence**

On July 18, 2016, Gilmer [shared](#) a [post](#) defending two [minors](#) who stabbed a security guard on a Jerusalem train on October 10, 2015.

On November 7, 2016, Gilmer [shared](#) a [post](#) whitewashing attempted murderer Ahmad Manasra who [joined](#) his cousin in an Jerusalem stabbing attack over one year earlier. They critically wounded a 13 year-old Israeli boy and moderate wounded a 25 year-old man.

Manasra [admitted](#) “I went there to stab Jews.”

These attacks came during a wave of [religiously incited](#) violence, known variously as the “[Knife Intifada](#)” or the “[Stabbing Intifada](#)” when Palestinian radicals across Israel [stabbed](#) scores of [Israeli civilians](#). The attacks were sparked and fueled by the [libel](#) — often [spread](#) by Palestinian leaders — that Israel intended to desecrate the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

On September 9, 2016, Gilmer [shared](#) an [article](#) on Facebook defending violent agitator Issa Amro, who is known for [attacking](#) Israeli soldiers and vandalism.

### **What is ironic is that Rachel Gilmer was raised Jewish.**

Sam Kestenbaum in a column titled “[How Did Black Lives Matter Come to Charge Israel with Genocide?](#)” notes:

Rachel Gilmer, a 28-year-old African American who was raised Jewish, has long been involved in black-Palestinian solidarity work. Gilmer is associated with the activist group Dream Defenders, which has been on the forefront of recent black-Palestinian solidarity efforts, such as bringing high-profile delegations of African-American activists to Israel and the West Bank. Born to an African-American father and a white Jewish mother, Gilmer was raised as a Jew and participated as a teen in Young Judaea, the Zionist youth group. There, she rose to become a leading member of her local group. But Gilmer later distanced herself from organized religion.

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Why do some Jews, like Gilmer, eat their own? Why did Gilmer become a [Judenrat](#)?

**RELATED ARTICLE:** [BDS Activist at JVP Conference Urges ‘Guerilla Disobedience’ Against Israel](#)

**EDITORS NOTE:** Here are Gilmer’s close connections: [Ahmad Abuznaid](#), [Nadia Ben-Youssef](#), [Maria Castro](#), [Jonel Edwards](#), [Nyle Fort](#), [Steven Gilliam](#), [Kimberly Gonzalez](#), [Janaya Khan](#), [Ramah Kudaimi](#), [Didier Ortiz](#), [Steve Pargett](#), [Umi Selah](#), [Ciara Taylor](#)

### **Panelists Prove Jewish Voice for Peace is Neither**

by John Rossomando

*IPT News*

April 1, 2017



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While JVP claims [its mission](#) is to "end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem; security and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians," the conference so far has failed to mention any plan that keeps Israel intact. That's not a surprise. JVP prides itself for playing [a key role](#) in the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement that pressures corporations, churches, and colleges and to drop investments in Israel.

"A world without Zionism is a world without oppression" and create "equality, dignity and human rights," said panelist Lubnah Shomali of the [Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights](#). Shomali's claim ignores human rights violations by Palestinian leaders against inside the West Bank and Gaza. Hamas and the Palestinian Authority use intimidation to silence journalists who dare to engage in peaceful criticism, Human Rights Watch (HRW) [reported in 2016](#). Journalists face arrest and detention for exposing corruption. The Palestinian Authority and Hamas [flout international law](#) by issuing death penalties, using torture and extrajudicial killings.

While speakers during Saturday's "Let's Talk About Zionism" panel tossed around "apartheid" accusations, they ignored the rights enjoyed by Israeli Arabs, including representation in Knesset and [prominently in Israel's judiciary](#).

No one on the JVP panel mentioned this. Nor did anyone advocate a peaceful resolution to the conflict that leaves Israel intact.

Jewish Voice for Peace, therefore, let an entire panel push the message that Zionism, the belief in a national homeland and refuge for Jews, should not exist.

Ethiopian Jewish activist [Efrat Yerday](#), an Israeli citizen, also claimed that Israel engaged in racism by forcing Ethiopian Jews to convert to rabbinical Judaism.

Ethiopian Judaism [contains numerous elements](#) that predate modern rabbinical Judaism and has similarities with Ethiopian Christianity. This [caused Israel's rabbinate](#) to mandate that the Ethiopians convert first.

"Zionism does not only dispossess Palestinians, but it also dispossesses in a very sophisticated way, non-white Jews. Being Jewish is highly identified with being white because of Zionism," Yerday said. "This early fantasy that was shaped by the visionaries was to be a small Europe in the heart of the barbarian Middle East."

Ironically, Yerday noted that Ethiopian Jews were able to peacefully demonstrate and protest against what they perceive as injustices against them. Such a display would not be allowed in neighboring Arab countries or in areas ruled by Palestinians.

And she didn't try to reconcile the "Israel is racist" line with the history of how thousands of black Ethiopians became citizens. In 1984, Israel rescued 16,000 Ethiopian Jews in a secret airlift. That was followed by "[Operation Solomon](#)" in 1991, in which 14,000 Ethiopians were flown out in just 36 hours. And the country [named an Ethiopian immigrant](#), Yityish "Titi"



Aynaw, as Miss Israel in 2013. Like any other country, there is racism in Israel, she said. But "it's something that Israel is trying to fix and it's actually improving," she said.

Israel's enemies have tried connecting Zionism with racism for decades in an effort to delegitimize Israel.

During her remarks, Shomali lamented the fact that a 1975 United Nations resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism was [repealed](#) in 1991. Her case for labeling Zionism as a form of racism relies on a cherry picked one-sided history dating back to Israel's 1948 independence. Zionism developed as a purely secular movement that hijacked Judaism, she said. The two were not intertwined.

"There had to be a link made between secular colonialism, secular Zionism and religious Judaism," Shomali said. "Members of the Zionist movement went to religious Jews around the world and told them that ... God is telling you to come to Palestine. You are the chosen people. This is the promised land. A land without people for a people without a land, knowing full well that Palestine was not a land without people."

Zionists used the forcible transfer of populations to cleanse Palestine of Arab natives, she said. The role [Arab governments and militias](#) played in creating the so-called Palestinian *Nakba*, or catastrophe, appears nowhere in her analysis. She never mentioned the rejected 1947 U.N. resolution offering the Arabs a state. Nor does she mention that Arabs started the 1947-1948 war in Palestine.

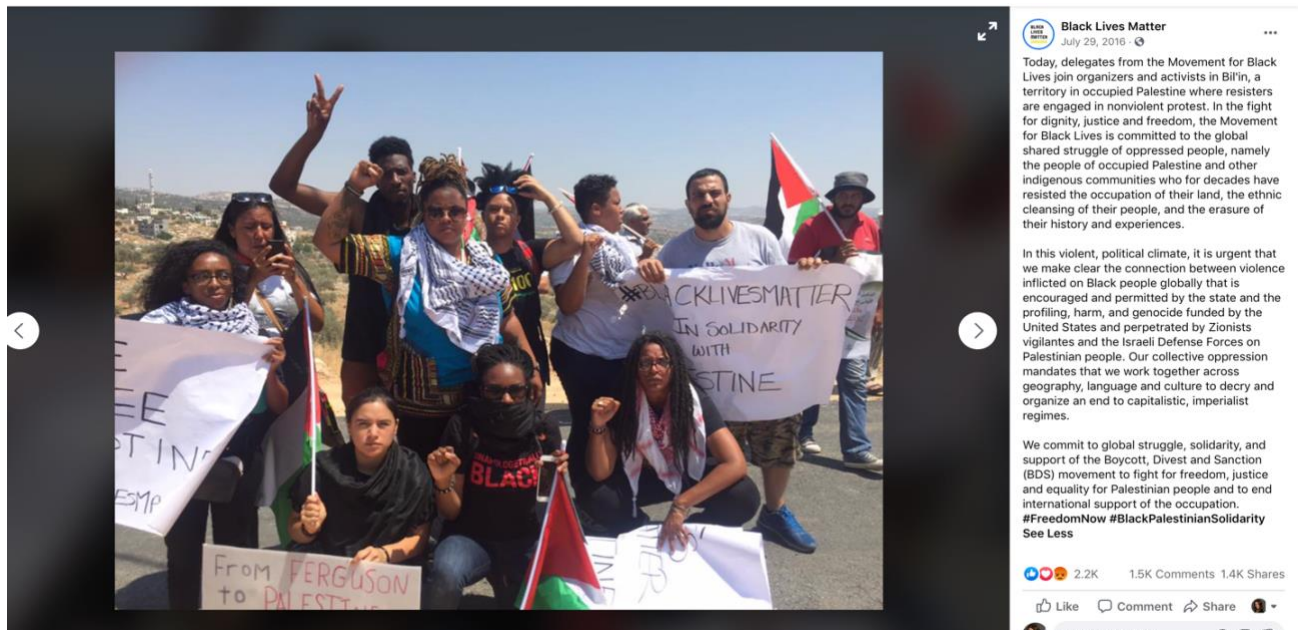
Not only that, the [Zionists called on Arab inhabitants](#) of the then proposed state of Israel to remain and work for "peace and progress as sovereign equals" in October 1947. The day after the U.N. partition vote, the Jewish agency called for "fruitful cooperation" with the Arabs. In August 1948, John Bagot Glubb, commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, told the *London Daily Mail*, "Villages were frequently abandoned even before they were threatened by the progress of war."

JVP's rabid hatred of Israel comes into even clearer focus Sunday, when it gives the stage to [Rasmieh Odeh](#), a [member](#) of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist group convicted for leading two 1969 bombing attacks in Jerusalem. One of those bombings targeted a grocery store and [killed two college students](#).


This conference and the choice of speakers is just another reminder that Jewish Voice for Peace opposes the Jewish State and its prescriptions will lead to anything but peace.


**Exhibit E-1: BLM Facebook page demonizing Israel, promoting and committing to anti-Israel BDS, and depicting BLM anti-Israel demonstration in “Palestine” (screenshot)**

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatter/photos/a.180522288785691.1073741827.180212755483311/617271021777480>




**Exhibit E-2: BLM Facebook page “solidarity with Palestinians” during Hamas attempts to breach border to murder Israelis (May 22, 2018)**

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May 22, 2018 · 🌐

**The Movement for Black Lives** ✓  
May 18, 2018 · 🌐


The Movement for Black Lives Stands with the Palestinian People



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## **Exhibit F: JNS article dated June 9, 2020 about anti-Israel groups co-opting BLM**

<https://www.jns.org/groups-on-far-left-far-right-co-opt-black-lives-matter-moves-to-target-israel/>

### **NEWS**

#### **Groups on far-left, far-right co-opt Black Lives Matter movement to target Israel**

Efforts to link police brutality in the United States with the Israel Defense Forces maintaining security against Palestinian attacks have flooded the Internet and been used as propaganda by the BDS movement.

**BY [SEAN SAVAGE](#), JNS, June 9, 2020**



*A poster from a protest in London linking Black Lives Matter movement to the situation facing the Palestinians. Source: Apartheid Off Campus via Facebook.*

**(June 9, 2020 / JNS)** Groups on the far-right and far-left, including pro-Palestinian organizations with links to terrorism, have been engaged in a campaign to co-opt the Black Lives Matter movement to target and delegitimize Israel.

“The cynical use of the Black Lives Matter by groups backed and controlled by foreign terror movements is nothing less than a repeat of the many other times that terror groups have used human shields to push their violence and hate,” Mark Greendorfer, president of the Zachor Legal Group, told JNS.

A “civil-rights movement (Black Lives Matter) has been hijacked by extremists to push an agenda focused on promoting hate, in the form of anti-Semitism, rather than seeking justice,” he said.

Last week, it was widely reported when several Jewish institutions were targeted during protests in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles, which included vandalism to Jewish businesses and synagogues, such as [Congregation Beth El](#), which was vandalized with graffiti stating “Free Palestine” and “F\*\*\* Israel.”



While these incidents drew headlines and condemnations, several far-left anti-Israel groups have been engaged in a campaign on social media and in protests blaming Israel for police violence and linking the Black Lives Matter movement to Palestinian uprisings.

In particular, anti-Israel groups have been using the protests over the public murder of 46-year-old George Floyd in Minnesota by a police officer to target the Jewish state over past training programs set up between the United States and Israeli police departments.

“This is where the Minneapolis Police Department learned their police brutality tactics from.

israeli occupation terrorist soldiers (on the left) murder Palestinians on a daily basis. We must stop training our American police officers to be gestapo units. #GeorgeFloyd

#Palestine.” [tweeted](#) Abbas Hamideh of the group Al-Awda, a pro-Palestinian BDS group.

Similarly, the [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) and a [student leader](#) in Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) also blamed Israel for the police tactics.



### [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights@USCPR](#)

The Israeli military trains US police in racist and repressive policing tactics, which systematically targets Black and Brown bodies. The recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery are examples of racialized, systematized violence.

<https://bit.ly/2Amkm2b>



### [Where Do Many Police Departments Train? In Israel](#)

[U.S. law enforcement agencies need partners for effective training to strengthen their identified weak areas. Israel is not such a partner.](#)

[amnestyusa.org](https://www.amnestyusa.org)

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The anti-Israel group Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), which in 2017 launched its “Deadly Exchange” [campaign](#), has long blamed Israel for helping to train U.S. police in “extrajudicial executions, shoot-to-kill, police murders, racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportation and detention.”

Over the past week, JVP’s campaign has spread and become a popular conspiracy theory among anti-Israel activists, [according](#) to the Canary Mission, an anti-Semitism watchdog group.

“Anti-Israel activists have claimed that Israel and American Jewish organizations are responsible for police brutality resulting in the deaths of black people, such as George Floyd,” said the Canary Mission. “They state that U.S. police forces are trained by Israel to deliberately use brutal methods of policing. They further claim that this training is organized and sponsored by the American Jewish community.”



[DeadlyExchange@DeadlyExchange](#)

It's past time to defund Minneapolis PD. The violence of police depts across the country is magnified in moments of crisis like this one, and has deepened for years thru [#DeadlyExchange](#) trainings with Israeli armed forces. E.g. <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2012/06/25/minn-police-learn-from-israeli-counter-terrorism-conference> ... <https://twitter.com/JVPTwinCities/status/1265779441780830210> ...

[Minn. police learn from Israeli counter-terrorism conference](#)

[About 100 Minnesota law enforcement officers attended a counter-terrorism training conference in Minneapolis Monday.](#)  
[mprnews.org](https://www.mprnews.org)

**JVP Twin Cities@JVPTwinCities**

Jewish Voice for Peace- Twin Cities Calls for Justice for George Floyd in an open letter to supporters - <https://mailchi.mp/f3c1d50b26e2/justice-for-george-floyd-3712653> ...



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At the same time, several pro-Palestinian BDS groups have applied violent terms such as intifada (Arabic for “uprising”) to the current eruption of protests in the wake of Floyd’s death. The term was the name given to the first and second Palestinian bouts of violence in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and then from 2000 to 2005, which witnessed daily terror attacks,

including suicide bombings, stabbings and shootings against Israeli civilians, claiming thousands of lives.

In a Facebook post, the group Samidoun, which advocates for Palestinian prisoners and has ties to the U.S.-designated terror group the Popular Front of the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), called the Floyd protests an “intifada.”

“We support the uprising in Minneapolis, the intifada of people subjected to an ongoing, vicious and structural racism, inheriting a lengthy and rich tradition of Black resistance, organizing and struggle,” wrote the group.

In a statement, PFLP also expressed its solidarity with the protests.

“It is not surprising for a country like the United States, which has a strategic alliance with the Zionist entity [Israel], to intersect with it in the discrimination, racism and repression that embodies its treatment of Palestinians,” the terror group wrote on its site.

**‘There is no connection between the struggle’**

Meanwhile, far-right neo-Nazi individuals and organizations have also been blaming Jews for the violence associated with the protests.

Andrew Anglin, founder of the Neo-Nazi website *Daily Stormer*, wrote in a blog post about the protests, saying “Fear not the blacks who can burn your city, but fear the Jews who can release the blacks to burn your city and lock you in your house in hell.”

Similarly, the far-right is also claiming that the violent protesters are being controlled by Jewish money.

“They [Jews] Are Starting a Race War So People Don’t Rally Against ZOG [Zionist Occupation Government],” wrote neo-Nazi Kyle Hunt, according to the Canary Mission.

Hunt, who is also a supporter of the BDS movement, has previously joined anti-Israel groups IfNotNow (INN) and Al-Awda in protesting against the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in 2017, according to the Canary Mission.

At the same time, pro-Palestinian activists have also sought to link and draw parallels between police violence in America and violence against Palestinians by Israel.

In what has been termed “intersectionality,” these groups posit that no form of discrimination is distinct from one another.

Following the killing of Floyd, anti-Israel activists immediately began drawing comparisons with what they describe as systematic and deadly Israeli brutality against Palestinians. Those comparisons were given further impetus in the wake of the May 30 killing of [Iyad Halak](#), an autistic Palestinian from eastern Jerusalem, by Israeli police in Jerusalem’s Old City.

Drawing on this, several social-media posts depicted U.S. and Israeli police as one and the same on social-media imagery.

In a picture shared on Twitter by “Los Otros Judios,” it depicts an Israeli and American police officer embracing while kneeling on the necks of a Palestinian and a black man, respectively.







Los Otros Judíos



@losotrosjudios

[#NecesitamosRespirar](#) [#JusticeForGeorgeFloyd](#) [#MinneapolisRiot](#) [#FreePalestine](#)



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Similarly, a picture [shared](#) by the Jordanian cartoonist Emad Hajjaj on Twitter depicts the U.S. and Israeli flags as the same color, while also having the knees of soldiers on the necks of a black man and Palestinian.

Greendorfer said that “there is no connection between the struggle of blacks against racism, and the conflict between terrorists and Jews seeking to live in peace in their homeland.”

Instead, he said that many of the progressive groups supporting the Black Lives Matter movement should instead look at Israel “as an example of a tolerant, inclusive and fair society, one that welcomes LGBTQ individuals, fights against terror groups that engage in the slaughter of innocents and minority groups.”

“It’s possible, and, indeed, ethical,” he noted, “to support the call for police accountability and an end to discrimination without joining a terror backed call for the destruction of the country and increased discrimination (against Jews, Israel and those who support Israel).”

**Exhibit G-1: Prof. Alan Dershowitz article dated June 8, 2020 discussing BLM's demonization of Israel**

**Jerusalem Post > Opinion**

**Exploiting the Floyd protests to demonize Israel**

**This “blame it on Israel” or “blame it on the Jews” bigotry is common throughout the world at demonstrations for legitimate causes, that are unrelated to the Mid-East.**

By **ALAN DERSHOWITZ**

JUNE 8, 2020 21:20



DON'T LET anti-Israel voices hijack it  
(photo credit: REUTERS)

As usual, [anti-Israel extremists](#), especially some on the hard left, are trying to exploit the tragic and inexcusable death of George Floyd to level their typical baseless charges against Israel. Signs and chants at several protests have either tried to blame Israel – falsely as it turns out – for training the policemen who are responsible for Floyd's death, or to compare police brutality in America with legitimate efforts by the Israel military to prevent acts of terrorism against civilians.

A cartoon that is being circulated on social media shows an American policeman with his knee on the neck of an African American man and an Israeli soldier with his knee on the neck of a Palestinian man. The policeman and soldier are embracing. The caption above reads: “Black Lives Matter,” though there is no evidence that the organization has anything to do with this bigoted cartoon. A painting of George Floyd wearing a Palestinian keffiyeh is also being circulated, and BDS proponents at the University of California are accusing Israel of training racist American policemen. Anti-Israel graffiti – “F...K Israel,” “free Palestine” – has been sprayed on synagogue walls in Los Angeles during anti-racist demonstrations.

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This “[blame it on Israel](#)” or “blame it on the Jews” bigotry is common throughout the world at demonstrations for legitimate causes, that are unrelated to the Mid-East. Anti-Israel extremists from the hard left try to promote the intersectionality propaganda that all the evils of the world are produced by privileged white democracies, such as the US and Israel. Islamic extremists – who are hard to classify as left or right – use any excuse to demonize Israel. Antisemitic extremists from the hard right have always tried to blame the Jews for all of the world's evils. An old Polish expression summarized it well: “If there is trouble in the world, the Jews must be behind it.” Today that has been expanded by the hard left and Islamic extremists to include the

nation state of the Jewish people among those who cause the world's problems, ranging from capitalism, to destruction of the environment, to police violence.

The organization "Black Lives Matter," which does much good, is not immune from this bigotry. Its own platform blames Israel for police violence against African Americans, and compares such violence to what it falsely calls the "genocide" of the Palestinian people. Many good people who support the organization are unaware of its gratuitous demonization of Israel, and would oppose such distractions from its core mission. George Zeiden, a Palestinian activist, has urged his followers to "leave Palestine out of the current protests lest it take attention away from "this watershed moment in Black American history." Not everything is about the Palestinians, despite efforts by intersectionalists to make it so, and not everything is about Israel and Jews despite the obsessive focus of the hard left and hard right on these tiny elements of the issues facing the world.

Historically, the Jews have always been caught between the black of Fascism and the red of Communism. This was true in the 1920's and 1930's in Europe, and there is a danger that it could now manifest itself during this time of extremism, when bigots on both sides are prepared to scapegoat the Jews and their nation state.

Those of us who are both Jewish and Liberal – who support Israel and oppose unjustified police violence – must be willing to participate and encourage legitimate protests against police violence, such as that caught on video in the Floyd case. We must stand up and be heard in condemnation of such violations – but we must stand up and be heard against those who would exploit tragedies to foment violence against Jews and the nation state of the Jewish people.

We should not generalize: the vast majority of protesters are focused on the injustices of police misconduct. But we cannot ignore those – even if they are relatively few in number – who would turn these protests into bigoted attacks against Israel. Bigotry unanswered grows in size and intensity.

Silence is not an option in the face of any injustice. Black lives matter greatly; so do Palestinian lives; so do Jewish and Israeli lives. We must not be afraid of being criticized for condemning bigotry on all sides. As the great sage Hillel put it 2000 years ago, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I?" He ended his statement with a call to action: "And if not now, when?"

Now is the time to protest the injustice against George Floyd and other African American men and women who have been unjustly targeted by overzealous – and often racist – police. But now is also the time to speak out against those who would hijack this tragic history to manifest the oldest continuing prejudice known to mankind, namely antisemitism.

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## **Exhibit G-2: Prof. Alan Dershowitz article condemning BLM's war against the Jewish people**

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/08/16/alan-dershowitz-black-lives-matter-must-rescind-its-anti-israel-declaration/>

### **Alan Dershowitz: Black Lives Matter Must Rescind Its Anti-Israel Declaration**

By Alan Dershowitz

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It is a real tragedy that Black Lives Matter — which has done so much good in raising awareness of police abuses — has now moved away from its central mission and has declared war against the nation state of the Jewish people. In a recently issued “platform,” more than 60 groups that form the core of the Black Lives Matter movement went out of their way to single out one foreign nation to accuse of genocide and apartheid.

No, it wasn't the Syrian government, which has killed tens of thousands of innocent people with barrel bombs, chemicals and gas. Nor was it Saudi Arabia, which openly practices gender and religious apartheid. It wasn't Iran, which hangs gays and murders dissidents. It wasn't China, which has occupied Tibet for more than half a century. And it wasn't Turkey, which has imprisoned journalists, judges and academics. Finally, it wasn't any of the many countries, such as Venezuela or Mexico, where police abuses against innocent people run rampant and largely unchecked. Nor was it the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, where the police are a law unto themselves who act as judge, jury and executioner of those whose politics or religious practices they disapprove.

It was only Israel, the nation state of the Jewish people and the only democracy in the Middle East. The platform accuses the US of being “complicit in the genocide taking place against the Palestinian people” by providing aid to “an apartheid state.”

To be sure, Black Lives Matter is not a monolithic organization. It is a movement comprising numerous groups. Many of its supporters have no idea what the platform says. They cannot be faulted for supporting the movement or its basic mission.

But the platform is the closest thing to a formal declaration of principles by Black Lives Matter. The genocide paragraph may well have been injected by radicals who are not representative of the mainstream. But now that it has officially been published, all decent supporters of Black Lives Matter — and there are many — must demand its removal.

Criticizing Israel is not antisemitic. Like other democracies, including our own, it has faults. Criticizing Israel's settlement and occupation policies is fair game. But singling



Israel out and falsely accusing it of “genocide” can be explained in no other way than blatant hatred of Jews and their state.

In defending its citizens against terrorism since before its establishment as a state in 1948, Israel has killed fewer Palestinians than did Jordan and Syria in two much shorter wars. The relatively low number of civilian deaths caused by Israeli self-defense measures over the past 68 years compares favorably to the number of civilian deaths in other conflicts. This is because, as Colonel Richard Kemp, former commander of British Forces in Afghanistan, put it: There has been “no time in the history of warfare when an Army has made more efforts to reduce civilian casualties...than [the Israel Defense Forces].” Though Kemp was specifically referring to the wars in the Gaza Strip — which are also the apparent focus of the Black Lives Matter Platform — his conclusion is applicable to all wars Israel has fought.

Genocide means the deliberate extermination of a race, such as done by Nazi Germany to Jews and Sinti and Roma or by the Hutu against the Tutsi in Rwanda. It has no application to deaths caused by self-defense measures taken to protect citizens against terrorism. To falsely accuse Israel of “genocide” — the worst crime of all, and the crime whose very name was coined to describe the systematic murder of 6 million Jews — is antisemitic.

Until and unless Black Lives Matter removes this blood libel from its platform and renounces it, no decent person — black, white or of any other racial or ethnic background — should have anything to do with it. We should continue to fight against police abuses by supporting other organizations or forming new ones. But we must not become complicit in the promotion of antisemitism just because we agree with the rest of the Black Lives Matter program.

To support an organization or movement that promotes antisemitism because it also supports good causes is the beginning of the road to accepting racism. Many racist groups have also promoted causes that deserve support. The Black Panthers had breakfast programs for inner-city children, while advocating violence against whites. And the Ku Klux Klan organized summer camps for working-class families, while advocating violence against blacks.

There must be zero tolerance for antisemitism, regardless of the race, religion, gender or sexual orientation of the bigots who promote, practice or are complicit with it. Being on the right side of one racial issue does not give one a license to be on the wrong side of the oldest bigotry.

To give Black Lives Matter a pass on its anti-Jewish bigotry would be to engage in racism. Black antisemitism is as inexcusable as white antisemitism or white racism. There can be no double standard when it comes to bigotry.

I write this column both in sorrow and in anger. In sorrow because I support the goals of the Black Lives Matter movement — I have long been involved in efforts to expose and

prevent police abuses — and worry that this obnoxious and divisionary platform plank may destroy its credibility with regard to police abuse in America by promoting deliberate lies about Israel. It is also alienating Jewish and other supporters who could help them achieve their goals here at home — as many such individuals have historically done in actively supporting all aspects of the civil rights movement.

I write it in anger because there is never an excuse for bigotry and for promoting blood libels against the Jewish people and their state. It must stop. And those who engage in it must be called out for condemnation.

Black Lives Matter should rescind the portions of the platform that falsely accuse Israel of genocide and apartheid. If it does not, it risks ending in the dustbin of history, along with other discredited bigoted groups.

It would be sad if the good work done by Black Lives Matter were now to be sidetracked by the mendacious and irrelevant accusation of “genocide” and “apartheid” against one foreign democracy — Israel.

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**EXHIBIT H: Front Page Mag article: “A Farrakhan Supporter Led the LA Black Lives Matter Rally That Became a Pogrom: ‘F\_\_\_ the police and kill the Jews.’”**

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2020/06/farrakhan-supporter-led-la-black-lives-matter-daniel-greenfield/>

**A Farrakhan Supporter Led the LA Black Lives Matter Rally That Became a Pogrom**

**"F\_\_\_ the police and kill the Jews."**

**Fri Jun 19, 2020, Front Page Magazine**  
by [Daniel Greenfield](#)



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**"It's no coincidence that the riots here escalated in Fairfax, the icon of the Jewish community. I saw the Watts and the Rodney King riots. They never touched a synagogue or house of prayer. The graffiti showed blatant antisemitism. It's Kristallnacht all over again," Rabbi Shimon Raichik, a Chabad Rabbi in Los Angeles, wrote.**

These scenes from what the media has falsely called peaceful protests and the Jewish community in the Fairfax neighborhood of Los Angeles has called the Shavuot Riots, after the biblical holiday during which the worst of the attacks on the community occurred, has fundamentally divided Los Angeles Jews.

Allyson Rowen Taylor, the former Associate Director of the American Jewish Congress in LA, and a co-founder of StandWithUs, passed on an account of hearing chants of, "F\_\_\_ the police and kill the Jews."

"The antisemitic chants are not being widely reported. This is insane and very, very scary," she noted.

After the conclusion of Shavuot and the Shabbat, members of the Jewish community went to pick up the pieces, battling looters and checking out the damage. Even synagogues that had been untouched began evacuating their Torah scrolls to places of safety, unprecedented outside of a major natural disaster.

Aryeh Rosenfeld, an Orthodox Jewish small business owner in the area, described to the *Jerusalem Post* hearing screams of, "F\_\_\_ Jews" during the riots and looting as he tried to protect his store.

The looting not only devastated countless small businesses in the area, but graffiti, some of it explicitly anti-Semitic, was scrawled across at least 5 Orthodox Jewish synagogues and 3 religious schools.

"The attack on our community last night was vicious and criminal. Fairfax is the center of the oldest Jewish community in Los Angeles," Councilman Paul Koretz said. "As we watched the fires and looting, what didn't get covered were the anti-Semitic hate crimes and incidents."

Melina Abdullah, the lead organizer of Black Lives Matter in LA and a professor of Pan-African Studies at Cal State, had been very clear about her motive for bringing her hateful campaign to the area.

"We've been very deliberate in saying that the violence and pain and hurt that's experienced on a daily basis by black folks at the hands of a repressive system should also be visited upon, to a degree, to those who think that they can just retreat to white affluence," the BLM-LA co-founder ranted.

Melina Abdullah has a hateful record of appearing at Farrakhan and Nation of Islam events and praising the antisemitic hate group and its leader. When Facebook decided to remove Farrakhan over his hateful rhetoric toward Jews, the Black Lives Matter LA co-founder came to his defense.

"Facebook and Instagram's decision to ban The Honorable Minister Farrakhan along with known white-supremacists represents the ultimate in false equivalencies," Abdullah complained. "As a Black community, we should be very wary when others attempt to silence our leaders. We should also think about how to organize beyond social media. I continue to appreciate the Minister's fearless leadership and intense love for our people."



Farrakhan has praised Hitler, compared Jews to termites, and had declared, “Those who call themselves ‘Jews,’ who are not really Jews, but are in fact Satan”, claimed, “Hitler was trying to destroy the international bankers controlling Europe”, [and boasted](#), “there has not been a black leader in America locked in a struggle with the Jewish community, but Louis Farrakhan.”

And Abdullah has made no secret of [sharing](#) Farrakhan’s hostility toward Jews.

When CNN [parted ways](#) with Marc Lamont Hill after he once again [endorsed the murder](#) of Jews, Abdullah [accused](#) CNN of standing "with a Zionist Israel that murders and terrorizes the Palestinian people." The BLM-LA leader had complained that the Women’s March included “Zionists”.

At the Women’s March, Thandiwe Abdullah, her daughter, now the co-founder of the BLM Youth Vanguard, had said that as a "black Muslim girl, it is very important to me that Black Lives Matter also values the lives of the Muslim women in Palestine" and accused Israel of "genocide".

Thandiwe [also spoke](#) at the Fairfax Black Lives Matter protest, where [she ranted](#), “I know you want to tear some s\_\_\_\_ up... if you want to set some corporations on fire, you know what? I don’t care about Target burning. I don’t care that capitalism burns. I don’t care that white people in their f\_\_\_\_\_ office buildings are upset."

Not just Melina, but Black Lives Matter LA, had partnered with the Nation of Islam, as she [had noted](#) in the past, “Minister Farrakhan was calling on folks not to spend their dollars with the White corporations that keep us oppressed, and so we partnered with the Nation and helped to amplify that call.”

The media not only failed to report the scale of vandalism against Jewish synagogues and schools, but treated it as a mysterious aberration while failing to report that BLM LA’s lead organizer had a history of anti-Semitism, and that BLM-LA had allied with one of the most vicious anti-Semitic hate groups around.

It did not note her own statement that “violence and pain and hurt” should also be “visited” on the people living and working in an area which included one of LA’s major Jewish communities.

The media repeatedly described Abdullah as an activist against police violence while ignoring her affinity for a racist black supremacist hate group whose leader has described Jews as satanic and subhuman.

The level of duplicity and malpractice by the media which covered this up is its own hate crime.

Imagine if a rally by a supporter of the KKK had turned into attacks on black churches and stores. The media would not be pretending that the two events were somehow separate and unrelated.

The national media, the local media, and even the local Jewish media [failed to cover](#) these facts.

In the aftermath of the Black Lives Matter riots, Los Angeles Jews, like millions of other Americans, found themselves deeply divided between standing with the rioters or their victims. And that unfortunately included some in the Modern Orthodox Jewish community.

After the attacks on synagogues in Fairfax, the major Modern Orthodox synagogues in nearby Beverlywood, the more modern counterpart of the community, conducted Black Lives Matter sessions. Even though these same synagogues had to rush out their Torah scrolls to protect them from a racist mob, they did not voice any pain or outrage, or offer solidarity to their fellow vandalized synagogues.

Unlike the statements by Young Israel and the Agudah, the Orthodox Union [failed to even](#) address the attacks on synagogues. Local leaders urged Orthodox Jews, who were the victims of the racist violence, to atone for their imaginary crimes of racism and to take up the hateful slogan of Black Lives Matter.

On a street in Beverlywood, high school kids from one of the more liberal schools in the area chalked slogans denouncing “white silence” and the same police who keep the mansions of their parents safe.

In Fairfax, the more traditional Orthodox Jews, in black pants and white shirts, in dangling tzitzit and black hats, had [cheered the LAPD](#) and other law enforcement agencies as they rolled in after the pogrom, and Persian Jews handed out donuts and snacks to the members of the National Guard.

There is an unbridgeable moral gap between the Chabad synagogue that opened its doors to the National Guard and the Modern Orthodox synagogues that opened their doors to black nationalists. And that gap in the Orthodox community can be seen in those teens cheering the LAPD in Fairfax and those chalking slogans against it in Beverlywood. That gap will determine which community has a future.

A community that teaches its children that they are privileged racists and that standing up for Israel and for their own homes and synagogues has to take a back seat to black nationalism, has no future.

As Rabbi Pini Dunner, of the Young Israel of North Beverly Hills, [wrote](#), "If supporting BLM means collective suicide, you can count me out."

Those Jews who have had the courage to speak up have been told that now is not a Jewish moment. This is a time for empathizing with criminals, not for standing up for the victims of anti-Semitism.

Jay Sanderson, the president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, [worried](#) that focusing on the attacks on synagogues would detract from the important cause of the protests.

“This is not about us,” Los Angeles Jews have been told.

And yet the vandalism of synagogues and businesses, the cries of, “F \_\_\_ Jews”, and the “F \_\_\_ Israel” graffiti on a synagogue eloquently testify to the inescapable truth of anti-Semitism that it is about Jews.

And if Jews don’t stand up when their synagogues and stores are attacked, who will? Paint can be cleaned off, glass can be swept away, and family savings and dreams can be put away, but there is a bigger price to be paid for failing to stand up to the rise of someone like Melina Abdullah. Bigoted mobs don’t go away when you fail to stand up to them. They gain power and legitimacy. And the price of standing up to them grows while the toll they take with each attack becomes unbearable.

The true moral cost of the Los Angeles Pogrom can be measured in the fact that racists were able to get away with attacking synagogues while intimidating some Jews into keeping quiet and supporting them.

### **SOME (of the many) COMMENTS:**

Matt Illini Marine • a day ago

It shouldn't be a surprise that when most of the people of the last big crisis have died out then we become susceptible all over again. People won't read and/or watch movies on this stuff. Now it's too late even for that Jewish survivor to make an impact.

AlgorithmicAnalyst • 3 days ago • edited

Thanks Daniel! Someone attacked me for comparing it to Kristallnacht and 1930s Germany. Obviously it wasn't as extreme as the actual Kristallnacht, but it was similar in some ways, I thought it would be obvious from the context that that was what I meant, and that it didn't call for a personal attack on me as someone being ignorant of the history.

andreaofla AlgorithmicAnalyst • 2 days ago

I live in the Fairfax district. A block and a half from my home, thousands of people were marching. I almost ventured out to get something from CVS pharmacy at the time the march started but was stopped (thanks to God). Very soon the looting, destructing, vandalism and arson started and nothing was done. There was graffiti on the synagogues near my home. some businesses that had just opened up, found their windows broken and

looted. There was nothing peaceful about this. Several police cars were vandalized and burned. Police stopped nothing and Mayor Garcetti, the enabler, did not call in the National Guard until it was over. High end shops at the Grove and on Melrose were vandalized and looted. I talked to a neighbor just yesterday. he said he was caught in the march while trying to get home, and as gracefully as he could, veered off onto our street. He said there were people with heavy crowbars and were beating the ground so that people knew they were coming. They were in no hurry. there is nothing spontaneous or peaceful about this mess. God will judge.

justthefactsmam AlgorithmicAnalyst • 3 days ago

These days so few know anything of history that they cannot make any connections at all to events of the past, which leads them to make the same mistakes all over again.

evildoctor No Bread or Circuses • 3 days ago

Don't count on the Jews. Too many are enamoured with the fantasy of being social justice warriors and thus supporting people and organizations that are committed to destroying our way of life, with the stupid Jews who support them and vote Dem first in line. Never mind the Islamists, the extreme right/left wing, these leftist Jews are the worst enemies of the Jewish people and Israel.

truebearing • 3 days ago • edited

Do Muslims, leftists, or Nation of Islam racists hate Jews less than the Nazis did? If they do, then why are they all following the Nazi playbook so meticulously? The past predicts the future. Evil is once again welling up all over the world, including in the United States. How can the lessons of excruciatingly painful history be so soon forgotten? It has only been 80 years since Jews were singled out for elimination by the Nazis. That isn't even the span of one reasonably long lived person. How can denial be stronger than reality?

I submit that courage is derived from a combination of love and faith, therefore, the best way to measure love or faith is to measure the courage of a person when called upon to risk their comfort, wealth, or life for the life of someone they love.

Many people would argue with this formula, and many of those who would dispute it the most vehemently, given the chance, would fail their test of courage because they are more interested in saving themselves than anyone else. This is not directed at Jewish people only. I believe it is true of a fairly high percentage of people, but no other group has been targeted for genocide as frequently or for as long as the Jewish people.

How does submitting to evil tyrants make any sense whatsoever given the repeated lessons of history?

Moshe Ben Avram • 3 days ago

Sadly, my liberal Jewish brethren will hand the matches and the gasoline to the very people that want to burn them.



sidney weiner • 3 days ago

One big problem is that like Kristallnacht in Germany,

The governing authorities are on the side of the vandals & looters.

If a Jew were to harm one of these 'protesters' they would be thrown in jail by the authorities.

Yehuda Levi Peter Arnone • 3 days ago

Thank you for your outrage against injustice aimed at Jews.

Yes, there are leftist Jews who are not only indifferent to these actions but openly support them.

But there are others who are infuriated by antisemitism of any kind or even attacks on Christians.

JohnfromToronto • 3 days ago

I don't know why my fellow Jews forget the first part of Hillel's saying, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

swole@516 • 3 days ago

"We've been very deliberate in saying that the violence and pain and hurt that's experienced on a daily basis by black folks at the hands of a repressive system should also be visited upon, to a degree, to those who think that they can just retreat to white affluence," the BLM-LA co-founder ranted.

The violence and pain you are experiencing is by other feral blacks. The number one cause of death for black males is homicide, committed by blacks at a 94% clip.

ISAAC MEYER • a day ago

Louis Farrakhan was fading into obscurity until the Great Divider, Hussain Obama, gave him a voice. First in his congressional office and then in the White House. CNN and MSDNC have acted like Goebbels did for Hitler. The Kapos in our community are too willing to help. They failed in history class.

question? • 2 days ago

I am not saying this to be snarky or anti semitic. Do Jews have a death wish? Wealthy Jews are supporting this bull thinking somehow their wokeness will exempt them from the violence and destruction. Only those awful rednecks will be targeted. The rednecks have guns the elite have gun control slogans. When the revolution eats its own, which it always does, who will be the first victims?

Mc datacomm • 2 days ago • edited

Yah what we have is BLM as a front. Hiding behind BLM is Antifa, and hiding inside of Antifa are Islamists....Jihadists. Blood thirsty islamists. Same kind that attacked Bengazi. Same kind that cut your head off. Same kinda that murdered and overthrew Anwar Sadat, Hosni Mubarak, Gaddafi, Assad. They hide in protest groups and claim they are "students" and "protestors". Sulafi Sunni Wahabbi moo slims. Islamic Jihadists just like ISIS and Al Queda

Hezakiah • a day ago • edited

BLM is just another org yelling racism that thrives on being racist itself. Nation of Islam are the biggest racists of all...<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-...>

rochf • 3 days ago

I condemn the rioters' behavior, but is the LA Jewish community continuing to support Democrats who look the other way when these things happen? What will they do when the Democrats defund the police and there is no one to call for help?

FrenchKiss • 3 days ago

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"

--Hillel.

Apparently, certain Jews failed his warning. Defend yourself and your people. Why is this difficult?

Michael Seelenfreund • 3 days ago

The LA air is so filled with smog, perhaps the brains of those "comfortable" Jews living in Beverlywood are oxygen deprived and can't think straight. A scared and browbeaten Jewish community like beverlywood will be the first to the firing line.

Into Reality • 12 hours ago • edited

The fact that these Marxists were able to attack synagogues and intimidate them into quiet submission just means that fear of reprisals is a strong motivator.

sumsrent • 17 hours ago • edited

How interesting...

Black lives matter... so they can persecute Jews...

satanic islam to the core...

[edit] Hypocrisy at it's finest... Can you see it?

**EXHIBIT I: ZOA Public Statement Condemning anti-Black Racism and Killing of George Floyd, Calling for “All to Work Together to End Any Anti-Black Racism, Hatred and Intolerance,” and Condemning BLM’s Antisemitism (June 11, 2020)**

<https://zoa.org/2020/06/10440659-zoa-repeats-we-condemn-the-horrific-killing-of-george-floyd/>

**June 11, 2020**

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**NEWS PRESS RELEASE**

**ZOA Repeats: We Condemn the Horrific Killing of George Floyd**

**ZOA Condemns the Ensuing Violence, Murders, Looting & Property Destruction**

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Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) President Morton A. Klein and Chair Mark Levenson, Esq. released the following statement:

**We Condemn Racism, the Killing of George Floyd, and Rampant Violence, Looting and Destruction:**

The Zionist Organization of America reiterates that, as ZOA President Morton Klein previously tweeted, we condemn and deeply mourn the despicable, horrific murder of George Floyd. ZOA moreover reiterates Mr. Klein’s call strongly urging that the former police officers involved must be held accountable to the full extent of the law. The killing of George Floyd, shown in an excruciating video, was an intolerable, depraved act.

ZOA leadership has a long personal history of anti-racism activism. Mr. Klein fought for Black civil and voting rights, including by attending numerous rallies and sit-ins, and helping to register Black voters in Mississippi in the 1960s. The Mississippi police arrested Mr. Klein for doing so.

***“We strongly hope that we will all work together to end any anti-Black racism, hatred and intolerance.”***

We strongly hope that we will all work together to end any anti-Black racism, hatred and intolerance.

At the same time, we condemn the rampant looting throughout the country, the attacks on and murder of innocent citizens and police officers, the throwing of bricks and Molotov cocktails, and the destruction of property by violent criminals during the protests seeking justice for Mr. Floyd. We urge that these criminals be apprehended and arrested and face substantial consequences for their criminal behavior.

## **We Need Better Police Training and to Weed Out Bad Police Officers— Not Anarchy or Police Defunding or Police Afraid to Defend the Citizenry:**

The continued pressure on George Floyd’s neck after he cried out “I can’t breathe” is a stark reminder that bad police officers must be weeded out, and that police throughout the country need to be better trained, among other things, in the use of non-lethal methods, and to recognize, listen and promptly rectify the situation when their actions place someone in medical distress. But the need to weed out and fix abuses does not warrant defunding the police, and does not justify vicious attacks on the innocent, overwhelming majority of good police officers who are doing their jobs. The need to fix abuses does not warrant “no bail” laws that allow persons arrested for violent acts, who pose a danger to society, to immediately return to the streets. The need to weed out the bad police officers does not warrant blanket orders to police to stand down from protecting citizens and their property. Government officials need to support police efforts to apprehend and arrest criminals, on a color-blind basis.

Defunding the police would create total anarchy, and destroy the country. We’ve already experienced the terrible toll on innocent lives and property resulting from the insufficient police presence and action while criminals destroyed sections of major American cities last week. ZOA also received new reports of New York police officers refusing to arrest criminals who terrorized a kosher grocery store this past Friday, although there were 30 witnesses to the crime. Criminals cannot be permitted to harm the public with impunity.

## **We Condemn Using the Protests to Target Jews, Synagogues and Churches; and #BlackLivesMatter’s Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Libels:**

ZOA condemns the antisemitic defacement of and vandalism against synagogues, Jewish schools and numerous Jewish businesses in Los Angeles, including: Congregation Beth El; Congregation Beth Israel; Congregation Tivereth Avi; Morasha Educational Center; Shaarei Tefilah Synagogue; Kehillas Yaakov Congregation; Baba Sali Congregation; Shalhevet School for Girls; the Kosher Mensch Bakery and Kitchen; Ariel Glatt Kosher Market; Syd’s Pharmacy and Kosher Vitamins; 75% of Jewish businesses in the area; and the Raoul Wallenberg statue. We are deeply troubled that these synagogues were damaged and defaced with antisemitic messages such as “F—Israel” and “Free Palestine.” We also condemn whoever threw bricks through the windows of the 200-year-old Reform Congregation Beth Ahabah in Richmond Virginia; and the arson attack on St. John’s Church in Washington, DC – all incurring in recent days. We are pleased that there were no known cases of mosques being damaged or defaced.

We are also deeply pained by and reject the divisive blood libels and Der Stürmer-style cartoons, promoted by antisemitic BDS-promoting organizations, falsely and irrationally blaming Jews, Zionists and Israel for deaths of our African-American sisters and brothers.

Those Israel-bashing groups have hijacked the protests to promote their hateful antisemitic agenda. Such groups photo-shopped a keffiyeh and a Palestinian-Arab flag onto George Floyd’s image, and created cartoons showing Israeli and U.S. police jointly sitting on Mr. Floyd’s and Arabs’ necks, to misappropriate Mr. Floyd’s memory to promote their vicious goal of maligning and destroying Israel.

We have a particular concern about the BlackLivesMatter (“BLM”) organization, which has had an integral role in these protests. The Israel-hating BLM/M4BL platform perpetrates antisemitic blood libels, including falsely condemning Israel as a “genocidal apartheid state.” BLM and its platform promotes the antisemitic BDS movement, whose goal, acknowledged by its founders, is to destroy Israel. Prominent BLM leader Rachel Gilmer, who helped draft the BLM/M4BL platform, falsely proclaimed that “Zionism is at its core white supremacy.” A BLM leader wore a shirt promoting the designated foreign terrorist group PFLP, whose sworn goal is Israel’s destruction. BLM (and ally “Dream Defenders”) also traveled to Israel, where they held demonstrations falsely accusing Israelis of greed, hate and stealing Palestinian-Arabs’ land. BLM and its platform and allies also falsely blame Israel for American police killings of black Americans; and demand an end to U.S. funding to and support for Israel. BLM also allies with the leading anti-Israel BDS groups, who also helped write the BLM platform.

The recent protests have increased BLM’s visibility and legitimacy. Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser painted “Black Lives Matter” on 16th Street, near the White House, and renamed the area “Black Lives Matter Plaza.” New York Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that a street at a “crucial” location in each of New York City’s five boroughs will be renamed “Black Lives Matter.”

We are concerned that BLM will now use its new enhanced legitimacy to more effectively attack and demonize the Jewish State. We are worried that BLM will use its increased influence to elevate the level of enmity of young blacks and others towards Jews and Israel. ZOA thus urges BLM to immediately retract and rescind its ugly and heinous Israelophobic platform and positions.

As Harvard Emeritus Law Professor Alan Dershowitz wrote:

*“Until and unless Black Lives Matter removes this blood libel [accusing Israel of committing genocide] from its platform and renounces it, no decent person — black, white or of any other racial or ethnic background — should have anything to do with it. We should continue to fight against police abuses by supporting other organizations or forming new ones. But we must not become complicit in the promotion of antisemitism . . .”*



**Exhibit J: BLM-UK Tweet promoting anti-Israel agenda of Al Haq. (Note: Israel Ministry of Strategic Affairs report “[Terrorists in Suits: The Ties Between NGOs Promoting BDS and Terrorist Organizations](#)” documents that Al Haq is run by terror group PFLP operatives.) Plus other extreme anti-Israel BLM-UK tweets**



#BlackLivesMatterUK   
@ukblm

On the eve of Israel's planned formal annexation of Palestinian land, we stand with Palestinian civil society in calling for targeted sanctions in line with international law against Israel's colonial, apartheid regime.

[alhaq.org/palestinian-hu...](https://alhaq.org/palestinian-hu...)

- Ban arms trade and military-security cooperation with Israel.
- Suspend free-trade agreements with Israel.
- Prohibit all trade with the illegal Israeli settlements and ensure that companies refrain from/terminate business with Israel's illegal settlement enterprise.
- Ensure that individuals and corporate actors responsible for war crimes/crimes against humanity in the context of Israel's regime of illegal occupation and apartheid are brought to justice.

12:59 PM · Jun 28, 2020



 2.1K  1K people are Tweeting about this



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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** ✓ @ukblm · Jun 28

As Israel moves forward with the annexation of the West Bank, and mainstream British politics is gagged of the right to critique Zionism, and Israel's settler colonial pursuits, we loudly and clearly stand beside our Palestinian comrades.

FREE PALESTINE.

9.1K

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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** ✓ @ukblm · Jun 28

Further reading below



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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** ✓ @ukblm · Jun 28

More than 40 Jewish groups around the world in 2018 opposed "cynical and false accusations of antisemitism that dangerously conflate anti-Jewish racism with opposition to Israel's policies and system of occupation and apartheid".

[jewishvoiceforpeace.org/first-ever-40-...](https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/first-ever-40-...)

We live in a frightening era, with growing numbers of authoritarian and xenophobic regimes worldwide, foremost among them the Trump administration, allying themselves with Israel's far right government while making common cause with deeply antisemitic and racist white supremacist groups and parties.

From our own histories we are all too aware of the dangers of increasingly fascist and openly racist governments and political parties. The rise in antisemitic discourse and attacks worldwide is part of that broader trend.

At times like this, it is more important than ever to **distinguish** between the hostility to or prejudice against Jews on the one hand and legitimate critiques of Israeli policies and system of injustice on the other.

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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** @ukblm · Jun 28

Tens of BAME organisations in the UK condemned efforts "deny Palestinians' basic humanity by suppressing their entire history and current plight"  
[independent.co.uk/voices/letters..](https://independent.co.uk/voices/letters..)

We are deeply worried about current attempts to silence a public discussion of what happened in Palestine and to the Palestinians in 1948, when the majority of its people were forcibly expelled. These facts are well established and accessible, are part of the British historical record, as well as the direct experience of the Palestinian people themselves. The Palestinian community in the UK has raised the disturbing absence of key information about these past and current injustices, and highlighted the racism it exposes then and now.

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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** @ukblm · Jun 28

The fast-growing US organisation Jewish Voice for Peace on Zionism: "Palestinian dispossession and occupation are by design. Zionism has meant profound trauma for generations, systematically separating Palestinians from their homes, land, and each other."  
[jewishvoiceforpeace.org/zionism/](https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/zionism/)

Rather than accept the inevitability of occupation and dispossession, we choose a different path. We learn from the anti-Zionist Jews who came before us, and know that as long as Zionism has existed, so has Jewish dissent to it. Especially as we face the violent antisemitism fueled by white nationalism in the United States today, we choose solidarity. We choose collective liberation. We choose a future where everyone, including Palestinians and Jewish Israelis, can live their lives freely in vibrant, safe, equitable communities, with basic human needs fulfilled. Join us.

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**#BlackLivesMatterUK** @ukblm · Jun 28

240 Jewish and Israeli scholars, including internationally-recognised experts on antisemitism, addressed the German parliament last year, regarding the BDS movement for Palestinian rights.  
[scribd.com/document/41247...](https://scribd.com/document/41247...)

The opinions about BDS among the signatories of this call differ significantly: some may support BDS, while others reject it for different reasons. Yet, we all reject the deceitful allegation that BDS as such is anti-Semitic and maintain that boycotts are a legitimate and non-violent tool of resistance. We, leading researchers of anti-Semitism included, assert that one should be considered an anti-Semite according to the content and the context of one's words and deeds – whether they come from BDS supporters or not.

Regrettably, the adopted motion ignores the explicit [opposition](#) of the BDS movement to "all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism". The BDS movement seeks to influence the policies of the government of a state that is responsible for the ongoing occupation and oppression of the Palestinian people. Such policies cannot be immune to criticism. In this context, it should also be noted that many Jewish and Israeli [individuals](#) and [groups](#) either support BDS explicitly, or defend the right to support it. We consider it inappropriate and offensive when German governmental and parliamentary institutions label them anti-Semitic.

Moreover, the three main goals of BDS – ending the occupation, full equality to the Arab citizens of Israel and the right of return of Palestinian refugees – adhere to international law, even if the third goal is undoubtedly debatable. We are shocked that demands for equality and compliance with international law are considered anti-Semitic.

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**EXHIBIT K:** BLM-Tweet promoting program of DCI-Palestine (Defense of Children International-Palestine). (Note: Israel Ministry of Strategic Affairs report “[Terrorists in Suits: The Ties Between NGOs Promoting BDS and Terrorist Organizations](#)” documents that DCI-Palestine is run by terror group PFLP operatives.)





**Exhibit L: “Black Lives Matter Joins Anti-Israel Demonstrators in ‘Day of Rage’,” by Joel Pollak, Breitbart, July 2, 2020, at <https://www.breitbart.com/middle-east/2020/07/02/black-lives-matter-joins-anti-israel-demonstrators-in-day-of-rage/>**

### **Black Lives Matter Joins Anti-Israel Demonstrators in ‘Day of Rage’**



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By Joel Pollak / Breitbart News

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Black Lives Matter protests joined anti-Israel demonstrators in a nationwide “Day of Rage” on Wednesday that included calls for Israel’s destruction and claims that Israel murders children, an allusion to medieval antisemitic blood libels.

The Jewish News Service [reported](#) that antisemitic and anti-Israel groups organized the “Day of Rage” on July 1, the first day that Israel’s government said it could extend its law to Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”).

That process of extending sovereignty, commonly known as “annexation,” would include the strategic Jordan Valley, and would leave much of the remainder of the territory for the Palestinians to create a state under the peace plan introduced earlier this year by President Donald Trump. The [plan](#) gives Palestinians \$50 billion in aid — if they renounce terror and agree to a demilitarized state on the territory offered, with a capital east of Jerusalem. In four years, the offer expires.

But the Palestinians have rejected the plan thus far — and anti-Israel demonstrators teamed up with Black Lives Matter on Wednesday, part of a series of anti-Israel demonstrations in a series of American cities over the next several days.

In Washington, DC, the two messages were joined as one — as marchers chanted extremist anti-Israeli slogans, as [reported](#) by the *Washington Examiner*:



The march, led by Harvard University rising senior Christian Tabash, attracted about 200 people who carried signs with messages either supporting the Palestinian Liberation Organization or Black Lives Matter.

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As the march progressed, Tabash led his followers in alternating chants about Israel and racial justice.

“Israel, we know you, you murder children, too,” the crowd chanted at one point.

The crowd immediately followed that chant with alternating rallying cries of “Black lives matter!” and “Palestinian lives matter!”

The idea that Israelis kill children has its roots in the “blood libel,” the false claim that Jews murder Christian children to use their blood in unleavened bread for Passover. The libel has migrated in recent decades to the Muslim world.

Breitbart News [reported](#) on a related protest in Los Angeles featuring signs such as “Palestinians for Black Power,” and calls for Israel to be replaced by a Palestinian state. There were confrontations with pro-Israel counter-demonstrators.

Israel has delayed a decision on annexation until it can complete consultations with the U.S. government, and the Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said it is likely to announce a decision on the issue next week.

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**Exhibit M: BLM Facebook post electioneering for Antisemites/Israel-Bashers Ilhan Omar & AOC**



EXHIBIT N: “*The Alignment of BDS and Black Lives Matter: Implications for Israel and Diaspora Jewry*,” by Dan Diker, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, July 16, 2020, at <https://jcpa.org/article/the-alignment-of-bds-and-black-lives-matter-implications-for-israel-and-diaspora-jewry/>

## **The Alignment of BDS and Black Lives Matter: Implications for Israel and Diaspora Jewry**

[Dan Diker](#)

July 16, 2020



Solidarity with [#GeorgeFloyd](#). A painting by the Palestinian artist Walid Ayoub on the Israeli anxiestion wall. [#BlackLivesMattter](#) [#PalestinianLivesMatter](#)



A tweet showing a mural depiction of George Floyd wearing a keffiyeh, said to be created by Palestinian artist Walid Ayoub on the West Bank separation wall. (*Twitter, Haaretz*)<sup>1</sup>

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- **American Jewish leaders unequivocally condemned the Floyd killing. World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder denounced it as a “horrific racist act.” The Union for Reform Judaism issued a statement that read, “Black Lives Matter Is a Jewish Value.” The Orthodox Jewish Union (OU) declared, “Racism is not a thing of the past or simply a political issue. It is a real and present danger that must be met head-on.”**

- **Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) organizations have ratcheted up racial tensions and anti-Semitic agitation by accusing Israel of complicity in the Floyd murder. The BDS strategy is not new. The Jewish State has, for some years, been recast as an illegitimate “white oppressor” state.**
- **Ongoing demonstrations across the United States have reenergized the intersectional solidarity between those protesting anti-Black racism in America and BDS organizations’ demands to “Free Palestine from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea”– a clarion call to dismantle the State of Israel.**
- **The BDS-BLM convergence, then, as it relates to the Palestinian issue, has removed the Palestinian-Israeli conflict from its territorial framework and has recast the Jewish nation-state as a racial issue – “apartheid” and illegitimate by definition.**
- **Israel adversary Linda Sarsour applauded longtime Israel critic Peter Beinart’s recent disavowal of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. She praised Beinart for legitimizing Palestinian rejectionism of Jewish sovereignty, saying, “Maybe Zionists will listen to one of their own. Peter has evolved over the years, and I welcome his evolution.”**
- **This new radical discourse demands that American Jews be neither liberal nor progressive. Those affiliations accept the existence of the Jewish State yet are deemed unacceptable according to the “virtues” of a more drastic American dialogue.**

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The murder of George Floyd, a Black American who was killed on May 25, 2020, while in police custody in Minneapolis, Minnesota, triggered the most widespread racially charged protests in the United States and Europe since the 1960s. International protests over Floyd’s death, led by the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM), have generated expressions of sympathy and support from Western prime ministers, legislators, law enforcement officials, and local government. Prominent members of the U.S. House of Representatives “took a knee” in a historically unprecedented public display of solidarity for any civil or human rights protest movement.

Jewish leaders have similarly demonstrated solidarity. In the spirit of the 1960s Black-Jewish unity in the civil rights movement, American Jewish leaders unequivocally condemned the Floyd killing. World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder denounced it as a “horrific racist act.”<sup>2</sup> The Union for Reform Judaism issued a statement that read, “Black Lives Matter is a Jewish Value.”<sup>3</sup> The Orthodox Jewish Union (OU) declared, “Racism is not a thing of the past or simply a political issue. It is a real and present danger that must be met head-on.”<sup>4</sup> ADL director Jonathan Greenblatt, declared, “We stand in solidarity with the Black community as they yet again are subject to pain and suffering at the hands of a racist and unjust system.”<sup>5</sup>

Despite universal Jewish support for BLM, it failed to prevent a surge of anti-Semitic violence across the United States in the aftermath of the Floyd murder. Jewish storeowners were assaulted; Jewish-owned stores and restaurants were defaced and looted. Social media has been rife with anti-Semitic libel denouncing the Jewish State and delegitimizing Jews. In the Fairfax neighborhood of Los Angeles, demonstrators were heard screaming, “Kill the Jews.”<sup>6</sup> Synagogues were defaced with graffiti reading, “F-ck Israel,” and “Free Palestine.”<sup>7</sup>

Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) organizations have exploited simmering racial tensions by accusing Israel of complicity in the Floyd murder.<sup>8</sup> The BDS strategy is not new. The Jewish State has, for some years, been recast as an illegitimate “white oppressor.” Black Lives Matter leader Patrisse Cullors drew parallels between her view of the oppression of American Blacks and Palestinians in “Palestine,” referring to pre-1967 Israel, Judea and Samaria – the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.<sup>9</sup> Cullors referred to “Palestine as the new South Africa.”<sup>10</sup>

### **“Israel as Accomplice” and the New “Collective Anti-Semitism”**

Demonstrations across the United States and Europe have reflected a more profound, more worrying phenomenon that Steven Windmueller has called “collective anti-Semitism” in which the Jewish people as a whole and their nation-state have been targeted.<sup>11</sup> These BDS-led accusations have moved from the margins to occupy the mainstream U.S. discourse. For example, social media has been flooded with claims that Jews ran the slave trade.<sup>12</sup>

Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam and an avowed anti-Semite who has regularly traded in Nazi propaganda, has taken a lead role in disseminating these mendacious theories.<sup>13</sup> His ideas have influenced Black Lives Matter leaders and BDS activists. For example, BLM Los Angeles co-founder Melina Abdullah, a Farrakhan acolyte, accused CNN of “Standing with a Zionist Israel that murders and terrorizes the Palestinian people.”<sup>14</sup>

Farrakhan is not an exception. Linda Sarsour, a Palestinian American activist, has regularly incited against Israel’s existence as a Jewish and democratic state in her work as a leader of the Women’s March.<sup>15</sup> Sarsour has also drawn a direct parallel between the United States’ treatment of its Black citizens to Israel’s “racist” treatment of Palestinians. She has also publicly condemned Israel for American police brutality, claiming that U.S. police were trained by their Israeli counterparts.<sup>16</sup> BLM activists have also worked to export their campaign to Israel, pointing to tensions between the Ethiopian community and police as proof of “institutional racism” in Israel.<sup>17</sup>





Cartoon accusation of U.S.-Israeli policy cooperation in use of brutality

Ongoing demonstrations across the United States have reenergized the intersectional solidarity between those protesting anti-Black racism in America and BDS organizations' demands to "Free Palestine from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea"—a clarion call to dismantle the State of Israel. The BDS-BLM narrative rebrands Israel as it has the United States: as paradigms for white supremacy. The BDS-BLM convergence, then, as it relates to the Palestinian issue, has removed the Palestinian-Israeli conflict from its territorial framework and has recast the Jewish nation-state as a racial issue — “apartheid” and illegitimate by definition. BDS and BLM's participation in the July 1, 2020, “Day of Rage” demonstrations against Israel's proposed application of civilian law in areas of the West Bank as part of the U.S. peace plan illustrate the point.<sup>18</sup> Day of Rage protestors in Brooklyn declared, “Jaffa, Haifa, and Tel Aviv...were stolen.” Nerdeen Kiswani, the Palestinian-American leader of “Within Our Lifetime,” a BDS organization, declared, “We don't wanna go just back to our homes in Gaza and the West Bank. We want all of it!”<sup>19</sup> The implication is far-reaching. It renders the Palestinian-Israeli conflict unsolvable and irrelevant, rejecting both liberal and progressive approaches to the Israeli-Palestinian political impasse.

### **The BDS-BLM Call to Dismantle “White Supremacist” Israel**

BDS-BLM solidarity first took root in 2014 and quickly spread. The Black Lives Matter-aligned group, “Dream Defenders,” traveled to Israel on a Palestinian solidarity mission in 2015, triggering broad condemnation by liberal and progressive Jewish groups.<sup>20</sup> BLM leader Patrisse Cullors and Temple University professor Marc Lamont Hill led the mission together with Carmen Perez, a Women's March co-chair. While in Israel, the group visited Israeli Arab cities

such as Nazareth, where they underscored support for BDS calling for the “liberation” of pre-1967 Israel, the West Bank, and the Hamas-governed Gaza Strip.



Dream Defenders demonstrate in Nazareth in Israel’s north, January 2015. Marc Lamont Hill, left, declared, “We stand next to people who continue to courageously struggle and resist the occupation, people continue to dream and fight for freedom, from Ferguson to Palestine the struggle for freedom continues.” (*Screen grab, Dream Defenders*)<sup>21</sup>

Groups acting under the BLM umbrella, such as “the Movement for Black Lives” (M4BL), championed by activists like Hill, accuse Israel of genocide and apartheid in its policy briefs.<sup>22</sup> In the same brief, M4BL lists the BDS movement as one of its partners.<sup>23</sup> M4BL leaders have not disguised their neo-Marxist ideological positions that prescribe the necessary dismantling of American institutions and the dissolution of the State of Israel. Cullors has openly admitted that she and BLM’s co-founder Alicia Garza are “trained Marxists.”

Hill, a professor at Temple University, has defined both the United States and Israel as examples of international “settler colonialism....requiring a violent response.” Hill said during a June 2020 webinar on South African Youth Day:

I’m listening to the radical calls from Palestine and the radical calls from the United States, and I’m super-energized by that.... A friend of mine from Umm al-Fahem [*northern Israel*] texted me and said, ‘I love that you all are tearing shit down.’ And I’m all like, yes, this is exciting. And that kind of reenergized solidarity.... So now we’re talking about an international fight against settler-colonialism and imperialism and authoritarianism, and I couldn’t be prouder and happier to be part of this moment because there’s so much possibility in front of us.<sup>24</sup>

Hill also referred to Israel as “’48” – to delegitimize Israel’s founding in 1948 – and described the Jewish State in neo-Marxist terms as engaging in “state violence,” labeling Israel as “authoritarian, totalitarian, imperialist, and colonialist.”

Hill and his fellow BLM and BDS activists' dedication to identity politics' universalist view of oppression thrusts Israel in the middle of the domestic U.S. debate. Online petitions by various American organizations, including the anti-Zionist group Jewish Voice for Peace, that accused Israel of training U.S. law enforcement forces to abuse African Americans, have gone viral.<sup>25</sup>

Several prominent BDS groups, including Students for Justice in Palestine, also penned a petition directly linking accusations of racism in the United States to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The "Justice for Black Lives" petition reads, "the knee-to-neck choke-hold that [Derek] Chauvin used to murder George Floyd has been used and [perfected](#) to [torture Palestinians](#) by Israeli occupation forces through 72 years of [ethnic cleansing](#) and [dispossession](#)."<sup>26</sup> These accusations are uprooted by even a cursory review of Minneapolis police protocols that predate any joint training with Israel police by ten years or more.<sup>27</sup> Moreover, Israel's counterterrorism training focuses on intelligence and prevention of terrorist acts, not regular policing policy such as restraints used during arrests.

### **Palestinian BDS Groups Exploit U.S. Racial Tensions**

Leaders and activists from both U.S.-based Palestinian and other pro-Palestinian BDS groups have leveraged spiking tensions in the wake of the Floyd murder. Organizations including the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Students for Justice in Palestine, American Muslims for Palestine, Al-Awda, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, and Within Our Lifetime organization have exploited frustration and anger characterizing the national mood across the United States and Western Europe by accusing the Jewish State of being complicit in George Floyd's murder.<sup>28</sup> This network launched the "We Can't Breathe" campaign to demonstrate support for BLM, fusing Black and Palestinian "resistance."<sup>29</sup>

U.S.-based Palestinian BDS organizations have also exploited the protest momentum. Samidoun held a "Day of Rage" recently opposite what their event publicity poster called the "Zionist" consulate in Los Angeles to protest the Trump Plan and "Israel's Land Theft."<sup>30</sup>

The BDS movement has long used intersectionality arguments to cement Black-Palestinian solidarity in recasting Israel as the world's meta-civil rights violator.<sup>31</sup> It has equated George Floyd's murder with the accidental death of Eyad Hallaq, an autistic Palestinian teenager who was mistaken for an armed terrorist and tragically killed by Israeli police on May 30, 2020. U.S.-based anti-Israel groups have also coopted the Arabic term *intifada*, connoting armed uprising and injected it into BLM protests.<sup>32</sup>

### **Palestinian Terror Groups Back the BDS-BLM Campaign**

BDS's appropriation of BLM protests has also revealed the backing of Palestinian Marxist-Leninist terror organizations. For example, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a member organization of the PLO and a terror group so designated by the United States and the EU, issued a public statement of support.<sup>33</sup> This tactic is not new. It also occurred in 2014 when the Ferguson, Missouri violence following the police killing of Michael Brown coincided with the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.



Fake News: Anti-Israel activists circulated this photograph claiming that it showed an Israeli soldier brutalizing a Palestinian. The emblem on the shirt is that of Chile’s national police. (Twitter, Yosef Haddad)

At that time, Khaled Barakat, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, wrote in the *San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper*, “When we see the images today in Ferguson, we see another emerging intifada in the long line of intifada and struggle that has been carried out by Black people in the U.S. and internationally.” BDS co-founder Omar Barghouti, a resident of Israel, noted that he was “proud” that the PFLP sits as a full member of the BDS National Committee in Ramallah.<sup>34</sup>

The current wave of anti-Semitism and Israelophobia in the United States in the shadow of the Floyd murder continues in this vein. In recent years, Sarsour and Hill have been prominent advocates of the “Israel apartheid” libel,<sup>35</sup> casting the Jewish State as complicit in violating the civil and human rights of African Americans and blaming U.S. military support of Israel for distracting government funds from African American communities.<sup>36</sup>

### **Palestinian-Israeli Territorial Conflict Recast as a Race War**

Hill, Sarsour, and their intersectional neo-Marxist fellow travelers’ goal is to build a broader political base for the America-Israel racist-colonialist narrative. Hill has called for “rebellion,” “revolution,” and “resistance” against the American government and its institutions in the wake of Floyd’s death.<sup>37</sup> Similarly, BDS leader Professor Hatem Bazian of UC Berkeley, founder of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), has called for an intifada in America.<sup>38</sup>

Hill’s infamous “from the river to the sea” speech at the United Nations on November 28, 2018, underscored his goal of international solidarity for the radical and racial “Ferguson-to-Palestine” linkage.<sup>39</sup> Hill has employed classic Marxist nomenclature against Israel: “colonialist,”



“imperialist,” “fascist,” and “racist,” forming the basis for the apartheid libel against Israel, most recently in a webinar after the Floyd murder, along with Palestinian and South African anti-Israel activists.<sup>40</sup> Similarly, If Not Now, a Jewish anti-Zionist organization, recently tweeted an article encouraging solidarity between the BDS and BLM movements, in the shadow of the Floyd killing.<sup>41</sup>

### **Implications for Israel and the Jewish Diaspora**

BDS-BLM intersectionality, as the face of the current deepening identity politics phenomenon in the United States, mobilizes racial minorities against what they see as a white supremacist established order they seek to replace. In parallel, the BDS and BLM movements share a vision for the replacement of Israel, which they see as an extension of the white United States – inherently unjust, racist, and illegal. In this view, Israel is the result of a historical sin – an error that can be corrected only by Israel’s replacement by Palestine.

This deepens the challenge to Israel and American Jewry posed by BDS, BLM, and the Antifa, who demand the dismantling of the United States and Israel and their rebuilding from the ground up. The rebranding of Israel as a white supremacist entity also categorizes Diaspora Jews as “white supremacists” by extension, unless they disavow Israel as a centerpiece of their American Jewish identity.

This new radicalized discourse demands that American Jews sacrifice their liberal and progressive worldviews. Traditional Jewish affiliations accept the existence of the Jewish State, yet they are deemed unacceptable by this more extreme, unforgiving American dialogue. The refusal of the 2018 intersectional Women’s March to allow Jewish progressive Zionist women to march despite their unequivocal support for women’s rights serves as a case in point.

These attitudes have begun to penetrate some progressive Jewish circles. In July 2020, Peter Beinart, former editor of the liberal *New Republic*, authored an opinion piece titled, “I No Longer Believe in a Jewish State,” which appeared on the first page of the international edition of the *New York Times*. This was a truncated version of a 6,700-word treatise that appeared in *Jewish Currents*, where Beinart today serves as an editor-at-large.<sup>42</sup> Beinart’s denunciation of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people places him in the same ideological orbit as Hill, Sarsour, and the BLM-BDS movements. Israel adversary Linda Sarsour applauded Beinart’s recent disavowal of Israel. She praised Beinart for legitimizing Palestinian rejectionism of Jewish sovereignty, saying, “Maybe Zionists will listen to one of their own. Peter has evolved over the years, and I welcome his evolution.”<sup>43</sup>

This Israel “cancellation” discourse is a dangerous development for Diaspora Jews because it positions Israel, not as a solution to anti-Semitism, but rather as a primary cause of anti-Semitism. The BDS BLM alignment also erases Jewish indigeneity in the Middle East and Israel’s 3,000-year-old Jewish history in the Holy Land. In short, it spawns a political replacement theology that Palestinian activists have been propagating for years, claiming to be the descendants of the original Canaanites, charging the Jews stole “Al-Quds” [*Jerusalem*] from them, and denying that the Al-Aqsa mosque was built on the remains of the Jewish Holy Temple.<sup>44</sup>



This inversion of history is a necessary reconstruction to anchor the allegations against Israel of “white supremacy, imperialism, and settler-colonialism.” This assault against the historical and international legal legitimacy of the nation-state of the Jewish people also delegitimizes, criminalizes and dehumanizes Diaspora Jews by extension. According to the BDS-BLM narrative, any Jew who supports Israel’s existence is automatically branded a “racist robber of Palestinian land.” If left unchallenged and uncorrected, this increasingly mainstreamed and radicalized narrative poses one of the gravest dangers to the American and European progressive and liberal Jewish communities since the end of the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

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## Notes

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