

Jewish Voice for Peace Falsifies Jewish Culture to Attack Jews and Israel

In order to demonize Israel, JVP distorts the Jewish religion by corrupting Jewish practices and prayers. This is not only counterproductive to peace prospects, but it also deeply offends Jews of all levels of observance around the world.

- JVP corrupts the Passover Haggadah.ⁱ It inserts political symbols into its apolitical religious text, ensuring that Passover as a Jewish tradition is devalued and emphasis is placed on the demonization of the only Jewish state.
 - JVP claims that Israeli control of Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”) and the founding of the state of Israel are as damaging as the biblical Ten Plagues, reversing the narrative of Passover and demonizing the only Jewish state.
 - JVP equates the founding of the Jewish state (the only country in the Middle East with equal rights for all its citizens) to the enslavement of the Jews by the ancient Egyptians.
 - JVP spreads deliberate lies about the state of Israel in its distortion of the Passover song ‘Dayenu,’ titled ‘Nakba Dayenu.’
 - **JVP intentionally demonizes Israel, falsely accusing it of:**
 - Rounding up and massacring Palestinian-Arab men.
 - Forcing Palestinian-Arabs into labor camps.
 - Shooting women and children on forced relocation marches.
 - Compelling Palestinian-Arab men to dig their neighbors graves.
 - These, and many other points, are **deliberate lies** told by JVP in order to demonize the Jewish state.
 - **Not only does JVP spread blatant lies to create a hostile atmosphere toward Jews and Israel, but it draws away from the real importance of the Jewish holiday of Passover, which celebrates the liberation of the Jewish people.**
 - JVP hijacks the ritual of drinking four cups of wine during the Passover Seder, turning the four cups into symbols of Israeli demonization and Jewish guilt.
 - One cup is dedicated to the BDS movement, which is an anti-Semitic movement targeting the only Jewish state and hurting Jews, Palestinian-Arabs, and peace prospects in the region.
 - JVP belittles Tisha B’Av, the Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of both ancient Temples. JVP ignores Jewish tragedy in favor of demonizing the state of Israel, claiming Israel destroyed Jerusalem in the same way the Babylonians and the Romans did. The group then encourages adherents to light candles in “remembrance” of this lie.ⁱⁱ
 - In reality, when the Jewish state unified Jerusalem in 1967, it became the first power to ever grant full rights to all faiths in the city. On the other hand, when the Jordanians

captured Jerusalem in 1949, it expelled Jews from the city and heavily persecuted Christians.

- JVP twists the Jewish ritual of Tashlich (the act of “throwing away” sins during the high holy days) in order to blame all Jews for Israel’s “collective sins.” By doing this, **JVP excuses anti-Semitism as a legitimate political discourse** and claims Judaism itself is a legitimate target for anti-Israel hate.ⁱⁱⁱ
- JVP uses Yom Kippur (the holiest day in Judaism) to blame the entire Jewish community for the actions of Israel, saying, “As members of a community, we are responsible for the actions of all.”^{iv}
 - **In addition to encouraging false accusations against the Jewish state, this invites criticism and attacks against Judaism as a whole.**

ⁱ JVP activist toolkit Jewish rituals. 5775/2015 Passover Haggadah.

ⁱⁱ JVP activist toolkit Jewish rituals. Tisha B'Av candle lighting ritual.

ⁱⁱⁱ JVP activist toolkit Jewish rituals. Tashlich is the Jewish ritual of the new year that involves casting off of sins.

^{iv} JVP activist toolkit Jewish rituals. Rabbi Brant Rosen and Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb share their prayers for Yom Kippur.