

# Jewish Voice for Peace's Anti-Semitic Leaders and Partners

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JVP supports and partners with anti-Semitic activists, many of whom advocate for violence against Israel and support U.S.-designated terrorist organizations

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- Members of the JVP advisory board spread anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred, often distorting the facts and demonizing the only Jewish state.
  - The JVP advisory board includes leaders in anti-Semitic and anti-Israel hate, such as Judith Butler, Noam Chomsky, and Sarah Schulman.
    - All three of these anti-Israel advocates **deny the Jewish right to self-determination, legitimize the internationally recognized terrorist group Hamas, and support the destruction of the world's only Jewish state.**
  - Ed Asner, a famous actor and member of the JVP advisory board, promotes conspiracy theories **blaming Israel and Jews for the 9/11 attacks** on the World Trade Center. He was also a leader in the group 'New Jewish Agenda,' which falsely believed that all Israelis are "anti-Arab racists" and supported the claim that Zionism is racism.<sup>i</sup>
    - In reality, Zionism is the Jewish civil rights movement that strives for a Jewish safe-haven in the historic Jewish homeland. The Zionist movement also created the only country in the Middle East - Israel - that gives full equality to all its citizens (Israel's Arab neighbors persecute minorities and deny their people basic human rights).
  - Naomi Klein, a self-professed "self-hating Jew," claims the Jewish state holds "racism and misogyny at the core of its being,"<sup>ii</sup> despite the fact that Israel is the only country in the Middle East to grant equal rights to all its citizens.
    - She is not against Israeli policies or actions, but against the entire idea of a Jewish state. She also strongly advocates for the isolation and destruction of the only Jewish state through the BDS movement.
  - Michael Ratner, another member of the JVP advisory board, supported al-Quds University after it staged a Nazi-style demonstration and criticized "**extremist Jews.**" After the demonstration, the president of al-Quds criticized Hitler as well, but only because his actions led to the creation of the State of Israel. The president of al-Quds, clearly an anti-Semite, has been described as "close friends" with Ratner.<sup>iii</sup>
  - Howard Zinn, a former member of the JVP advisory board, claimed "**[the creation of] the Jewish state was a mistake.**"<sup>iv</sup> Zinn also **blames Jews for the continued existence of anti-Semitism** and advocates for the destruction of Israel. Howard Zinn's name is still prominently displayed on the JVP advisory board webpage.
- Ben Lorber, the Campus Coordinator for JVP, is also active in the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), which supports Palestinian-Arabs using violent "armed struggle" against Israel.<sup>v</sup> JVP has been called the "Jewish wing of the Palestine Solidarity Movement (PSM)."<sup>vi</sup>

- **The ISM (also known as the PSM) has harbored terrorists in Israel.** Moreover, on its official website, it instructs activists on how they can lie to Israeli soldiers in order to smuggle goods - in many cases weapons - past checkpoints.<sup>vi</sup>
  - Checkpoints set up by the IDF in Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”) exist to prevent terrorists from attacking innocent Jewish and Arab civilians. Before the establishment of these checkpoints, terrorists murdered hundreds of Israeli civilians during the Second Intifada.<sup>viii</sup>
- For years, JVP has collaborated with and supported Alison Weir, a known anti-Semite who has written articles claiming Israel harvests the organs of Palestinian-Arabs to sell. This is a **modern day blood libel**, as this outright lie copies the lie that Jews harvest Christian organs. She is also the co-founder of the Nakba Education Project, which explicitly **calls for the removal of the Jewish state from the map.**
  - Despite publicly spreading anti-Semitic hate for years, JVP still continued to work with Weir. JVP only recently cut ties with Weir, after she condoned the Protocols of the Elders of Zion (a forgery claiming Jews control the world) on public radio.

<sup>i</sup> *Middle East Task Force*. New Jewish Agenda.

<sup>ii</sup> NGO-Monitor. Jewish Voice for Peace. Jan. 15, 2015

<sup>iii</sup> *Brandeis Removes Al Quds' Nusseibeh From Ethics Center*. The Jewish Press. November 21, 2013.

<sup>iv</sup> *Howard Zinn; Israel was a 'Mistake'*. Jewish Journal. March 11, 2010.

<sup>v</sup> Frequently Asked Questions. International Solidarity Movement.

<sup>vi</sup> *DRIVING A WEDGE: JVP'S STRATEGY TO WEAKEN U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL BY DIVIDING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY*. NGO Monitor. July 8, 2013.

<sup>vii</sup> Frequently Asked Questions. International Solidarity Movement.

<sup>viii</sup> *West Bank Security Fence: Background & Overview*. Jewish Virtual Library. April, 2015.