

# Josh Ruebner

Josh Ruebner is the National Advocacy Director of the “U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation,” a coalition of anti-Israel groups dedicated to ending U.S. aid to Israel and the destruction of the only Jewish state. He defends U.S.-designated terrorist organizations and spreads lies to demonize Israel.<sup>1</sup>

## Josh Ruebner excused al-Qaeda’s actions on 9/11, blaming the U.S. and Israel for the attacks.

- Instead of condemning al-Qaeda, Ruebner **blamed the 9/11 terror attacks on U.S. support for Israel.** In other words, he uses the 3,000 American deaths al-Qaeda is responsible for to promote anti-Semitic conspiracy theories instead of denouncing Islamic extremism.
  - In an article he wrote in 2002, Ruebner speculated that “When the State Department has the audacity to blame the victim and calls on *Palestinians* to halt *Israel’s* violence, this is a sure-fire sign of a morally bankrupt policy...**How many more Twin Towers need to fall** before we realize that there are indeed consequences of the action (or inaction) that our democratically elected government takes in our name?”<sup>2</sup>

## Josh Ruebner equates the Jewish state to the Nazi regime, an act deemed anti-Semitic by the U.S. State Department.<sup>3</sup>

- He falsely claims that Israel researched and copied tactics Nazis used to attack Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto in order to “attack and kill Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.”
  - In other words, **he compares Israel’s self-defense against terrorist groups to the Nazi genocide of the Jewish people.**<sup>4</sup>

## Josh Ruebner leads an anti-peace, anti-coexistence coalition that seeks the annihilation of the only Jewish state.

- Ruebner’s organization, the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, has the primary goal of stopping all U.S. foreign aid to the only Jewish state -- the only democracy in the Middle East. The funds that Ruebner wants to withhold support the Israeli Defense Forces’ efforts to protect Israeli citizens of all backgrounds from terror attacks.
  - Meanwhile, the organization does not call for withholding aid to countries like Saudi Arabia, where the government murders members of the LGBTQ community and stones women for disobeying their husbands.
- **Ruebner and his coalition call for Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions against (BDS)<sup>5</sup>, an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.**

<sup>1</sup> Profile: Josh Ruebner. Anti-Defamation League. November 13, 2013.

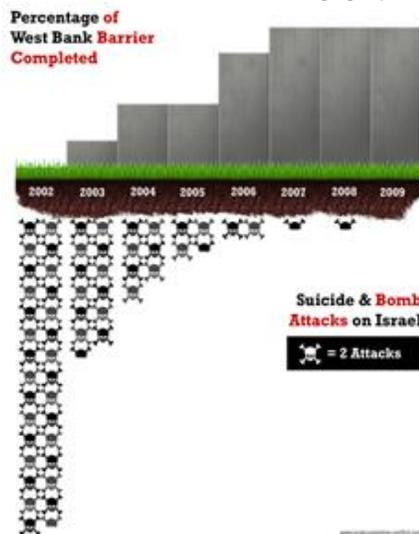
<sup>2</sup> Striking with Impunity. Josh Ruebner. CounterPunch. December 10, 2002.

<sup>3</sup> Defining Anti-Semitism. U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Profile: Josh Ruebner. Anti-Defamation League. November 13, 2013.

<sup>5</sup> Our Work. US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.

- The BDS movement harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting companies that employ them. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**<sup>6</sup>
  - BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.
  - Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel.<sup>7</sup> **Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?**
- **Ruebner labels AIPAC supporters as being “Israel first,” channeling the anti-Semitic trope that Jews are more loyal to Israel than the U.S.**<sup>8</sup>
  - **Ruebner and his coalition falsely claim that Israel is an Apartheid state.**<sup>9</sup> **Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a lie constructed to demonize the only Jewish state and minimize the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.**
    - In reality, minorities in Israel, including Palestinian-Arabs, enjoy equal rights. This makes Israel the opposite of an apartheid state.
    - Israel does not rule over Palestinian-Arabs in Judea and Samaria (the ‘West Bank’); this is the job of the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA denies Palestinian-Arabs basic freedoms, but this has nothing to do with Israel, as the PA runs a dictatorship over its citizens.<sup>10</sup>
      - After years of Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks and hundreds of Israeli civilians massacred, Israel had to place certain restrictions on the movement of Palestinian-Arabs living in Judea and Samaria.<sup>11</sup>
        - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.<sup>12</sup> The following graph demonstrates this:



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<sup>6</sup> *EU Survey: Palestinians working for Israelis are paid double those working for Palestinians in the West Bank and triple those in the Gaza Strip.* Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik. Palestinian Media Watch. February 26, 2015.

<sup>7</sup> Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

<sup>9</sup> *Our Work.* US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.

<sup>10</sup> *Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I'll be Killed.* Times of Israel. May 25, 2012

<sup>11</sup> *What's the Truth Behind Checkpoints and Crossings in Judea and Samaria?* IDF Blog. May 6, 2013.

<sup>12</sup> *Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities.* Jewish Virtual Library.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Suicide and Other Bombing Attacks in Israel Since the Declaration of Principles (Sept 1993), 2013.*