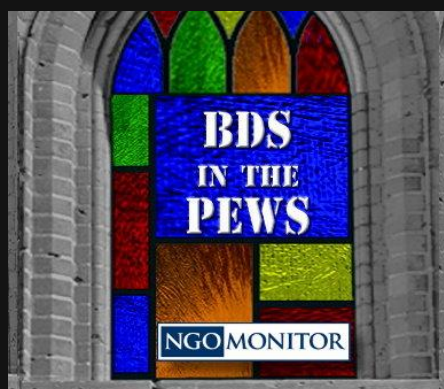




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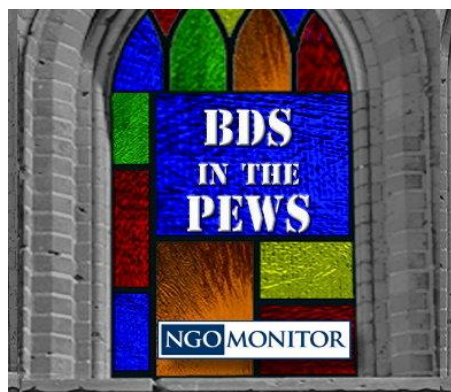
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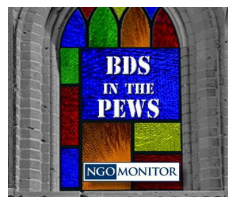
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## KEY POINTS

1. The Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (PCUSA) is a main advocate within the church on behalf of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign (BDS), whose goal is to delegitimize the State of Israel leading to that country's dissolution. The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is also an advocate for BDS. (See [Appendix IV: BDS leaders in their own words](#), page 65.)
2. This report produces clear evidence of a strong undercurrent of overt anti-Jewish bigotry within the IPMN as expressed on the group's Facebook page. (See [Appendix I](#) for screen captures from this site, page 13.)
3. Numerous postings uploaded to this site by IPMN members over a period of two years demonstrate an ongoing pattern of expressions of antisemitism, including:
  - a. a "Zionist controlled America [has a] desperate lust" for war with Iran
  - b. "Jewish interests" are "corrupting" the US government, and the media is "owned" and "operated" by these same "Jewish interests."
  - c. the "Christian Holy Land" is "occupied" by the "zionist (sic) instigator"
  - d. Racial theories of Jewish origins claiming Ashkenazi Jews are not racially "Semitic," are actually "Khazars," and therefore should not be in the Middle East.
  - e. Israeli Jews should be ethnically cleansed: "Helen Thomas was right, 'Go back to Russia, Germany...' Just leave."
  - f. "IRAN! Thank God for them! The only Zionist-free land left on earth."
4. The site is administered by five IPMN leaders. Members include senior staff of the PCUSA, theologians, clergy, laity, and non-Presbyterian anti-Israel non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
5. At no point did any of these site administrators or any of the PCUSA staff take any overt action such as speaking out against the blatant antisemitism, rebuking members for their intolerant statements, or removing them from the site's membership.
6. At no point did any of the members from non-Presbyterian NGOs speak out against this antisemitism, including members of the fringe group Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP).
7. This overt antisemitism is the backdrop to the IPMN's advocacy campaign within the PCUSA for divestment and boycotts against Israel, culminating in votes at the June 2014 PCUSA's General Assembly in support of divestment and other anti-Israel resolutions.
8. In 2013 both IPMN and JVP were recipients of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's "top award" the "Peaceseeker Award."
9. The bigotry expressed by IPMN members and tolerated by IPMN leaders and PCUSA staff is a moral failing of the church. Serious steps must be taken by the church to remedy this situation, including an apology to the Jewish community, for the church to be able to claim any moral standing on the Middle East. (See [Recommendations](#), p.12)

## INTRODUCTION

**T**he Presbyterian Church (USA)'s main policy making body, the General Assembly, passed a number of anti-Israel resolutions during its biennial gathering June 14-21, 2014. The resolution that garnered the most news attention domestically and internationally was that which instructed the church's pension fund to divest from three U.S. companies doing business with Israel (Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions).

Almost half (45%) of the GA's deliberations on international affairs were on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. No other country was targeted for divestment by the GA.

This highly biased – and singularly focused – agenda was the result of a decade-long collaborative effort by internal Presbyterian activist groups (Israel Palestine Mission Network and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship) and external non-governmental organizations (NGOs) lobbying the church for divestment and other components on behalf of the global campaign for BDS (boycott, divestments and sanctions). These groups included Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, Sabeel, and Kairos Palestine.

An extremely troubling aspect of this process is the presence of a subterranean stream of antisemitism within the Israel Palestine Missions Network, one of the principle advocates for divestment and other anti-Israel efforts within the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## ANALYSIS

### **Role of antisemitism in the Presbyterian Church (USA) surrounding divestment and other resolutions**

**A**nti-Jewish prejudice was not far from the surface among the internal church advocates for divestment and BDS efforts. For example, numerous postings on the Israel Palestine Mission Network's (IPMN) "closed" Facebook group page expressed overtly antisemitic sentiments by IPMN members. These included crude anti-Jewish caricatures, links to antisemitic websites, and links (with endorsements) to Press TV (the state-owned English-language TV station of the Islamic Republic of Iran).

None of these postings were repudiated by the IPMN leadership or other members. Instead, leaders and members often commented favorably or "liked" these anti-Jewish comments.

(See Appendix I: Screen captures from IPMN Facebook Page.)



In 2012, the IPMN closed down a previous Facebook page after receiving strong criticism for the posting of extremist material.<sup>1</sup> The criticism focused on how IPMN's Facebook page becoming a forum for antisemitism that included assertions that the US is controlled by Israel and the pro-Israel lobby, links to antisemitic and anti-Zionist websites, or analogizing Israel to Nazism and apartheid.

IPMN [explained its reason](#) for closing this page: "This fan page has been staffed by volunteers (IPMN has no paid staff at all), which makes it difficult to monitor all the comments that are posted here."<sup>2</sup>

Some six months later, IPMN opened another Facebook page as a "closed but not secret" group.<sup>3</sup> Yet, the problems plaguing the previous site remain.

This current Facebook page has 289 members<sup>4</sup> including:

Paid staff of the Presbyterian Church (USA):

- Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Coordinator, Social Witness Ministries at the Presbyterian Church
- Greg Allen Pickett, General Manager, World Mission at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Rev. Kate Taber, Facilitator for Peacemaking and Mission Partnerships at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and [Mission Co-Worker in Israel and Palestine](#)

Presbyterian and Protestant academics:

- Jeri Parris Perkins, Dean of Religious Life at Presbyterian College
- Joshua Ralston, Instructor of Theology at Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Laura Brekke, Director of Religious Diversity at Santa Clara University

The Facebook page administrators are:

- Noushin Framke\*
  - Bob Ross\*
  - John Morgan
  - Andrea Leonard Morgan
  - Marietta Macey
- (\*Framke and Ross are frequent posters to this page.)

External groups are also represented in the IPMN Facebook page membership.

Jewish Voice for Peace:

- Rabbi Alissa Shira Wise, JVP's Co-Director of Organizing
- Rabbi Brant Rosen, Co-Chair, JVP Rabbinic Council

<sup>1</sup> See [http://engage.jewishpublicaffairs.org/p/salsa/web/blog/public/entries?blog\\_entry\\_KEY=6129](http://engage.jewishpublicaffairs.org/p/salsa/web/blog/public/entries?blog_entry_KEY=6129)

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/component/content/article/60/205-ipmn-statement-on-social-media>

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix V: Establishment of IPMN Facebook Group Page and Members Count \_\_\_\_

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- Rabbi Lynne Gottlieb, Co-founder of Shomer Shalom Network for Jewish Nonviolence, Berkeley, CA, Member of JVP Advisory Board and Rabbinic Council
- Sydney Levy, JVP's Director of Advocacy

Others:

- Rick Ufford-Chase, Executive Director, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (an independent body).
- Walt Davis, a key author of *Zionism Unsettled* and education co-chair of IPMN
- Anna Baltzer, National Organizer at US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
- Jeff Halper, Director of Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)
- [Dalit Baum](#) ("Dov Baum" on the IPMN page), Israel-Palestine Program Director in San Francisco of the American Friends Service Committee

### "Zionism Unsettled" – IPMN's Anti-Zionist Manifesto

In January 2014, IPMN released *Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study*, and it sold on the PCUSA online Church Store. The GA passed a resolution declaring "that *Zionism Unsettled* does not represent the views of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." However, a clause calling for the church to "no longer distribute *Zionism Unsettled* and have the document removed from the church web store immediately" was removed by amendment. As of the date of this report's publication, *Zionism Unsettled* remains available for sale at the PCUSA online store.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, this document was influential in driving the vote for divestment.

*Zionism Unsettled* postulates that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is driven by "pathology inherent in Zionism" and rejects theologies – Christian and Jewish – that supports Zionism. The booklet describes the effort to establish a Jewish state as "a struggle for colonial and racist supremacist privilege." The booklet contains an afterword by Anglican pastor Rev. Naim Ateek, founder of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center. Ateek wrote

*It is the equivalent of declaring Zionism heretical, a doctrine that fosters both political and theological injustice. This is the strongest condemnation that a Christian confession can make against any doctrine that promotes death rather than life.*

The document generated serious criticism from across the Presbyterian and interfaith spectrum. (See below for a sampling of these critiques.)

### The BDS Church Strategy

The effort to bring divestment to the churches is a deliberate strategy promoted by the "BDS Movement" based in Ramallah. (BDS are the initials for boycott,

<sup>5</sup> See <http://store.pcusa.org/2646614001>

divestment and sanctions.) The group's website describes the centrality of capturing churches on behalf of their cause:

*Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.<sup>6</sup>*

### Role of Jewish Voice for Peace

Jewish Voice for Peace was particularly active at this and previous Presbyterian General Assemblies. JVP is a far left-wing group on the fringes of the American Jewish community with the objective of driving a wedge within the Jewish community over support for Israel and serving as a Jewish cover for organizations promoting BDS and the elimination of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people.

JVP organized and sent a large delegation of activists to canvass GA delegates. The *New York Times* [wrote](#) of this activity:

*Of more influence was the presence at the church's convention all week of Jewish activists, many of them young, in black T-shirts with the slogan "Another Jew Supporting Divestment." Many of them were with Jewish Voice for Peace, a small but growing organization that promotes divestment and works with Palestinian and Christian groups on the left.*

*Right before the vote, some Presbyterian commissioners sought out Rabbi Alissa Wise, director of Jewish Voice for Peace, who spent a week inside the convention center and spoke at a prayer service in a Presbyterian church. She told them that divestment can serve a constructive purpose.<sup>7</sup>*

In 2013 [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship](#) presented both JVP and the IPMN its "top award" in recognition of "their courageous work for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel and for their prophetic witness to the Presbyterian denomination at the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Pittsburgh last summer [2012]."

Sydney Levy, JVP's director for advocacy, [called](#) *Zionism Unsettled* "an exciting new church study guide published by the Israel/Palestine Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). As someone who has been collaborating with Protestant church denominations on the issue of Israel/Palestine for a number of years now, I can say without hesitation that this is a much-needed resource: smart and gutsy and immensely important."<sup>8</sup>

<sup>6</sup> See <http://www.bdsmovement.net/2008/faith-based-125>

<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/21/us/presbyterians-debating-israeli-occupation-vote-to-divest-holdings.html? r=1>

<sup>8</sup> See <http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/blog/zionism-unsettled-a-smart-and-gutsy-new-church-study-guide>

## JVP's Lack of Funding Transparency

JVP has not disclosed how much of its resources were spent to fly, house and feed a delegation to the GA in Detroit, plus the costs of materials production, staff time and other resources for such an operation. This lack of transparency is a continuation of a long-established pattern for JVP.

JVP's 2013 [Annual Report](#) fails to name any of its donors. It lists its 2012 annual income (\$1,150,779.81) and total expenses (\$994,906.60). A chart on the report's "financials" page shows approximately 80% of its income comes from "individual donors" but does not identify the donors, or the proportions of the gifts. JVP's previous annual report is from 2005 and is no longer available on its website.

According to JVP's 990s (filed with US tax authorities), from 2005 to 2011, JVP more than tripled its total revenues. In 2005, total revenues were \$269,582. By 2011, revenues amounted to \$876,529. (See above paragraph for 2012 amounts.)

During the period 2005-2011, JVP's aggregate total of "contributions and grants received" was \$3,527,396. NGO Monitor was able to identify about 10% (\$397,700) of JVP's funding sources during this period, mostly from foundations.<sup>9</sup> In 2010, JVP [announced](#), "Thanks to an anonymous donor, every gift we receive before the end of the year will be matched – up to \$100,000." The sources of the \$3,129,696 difference are unavailable.

## The Vote on Divestment and other Resolutions

In addition to resolution on divestment, the Presbyterian GA passed other extremely biased resolutions that received little media attention. Some of these were:

- [Reviewing "General Assembly Policy Regarding the Two-State Solution in Israel Palestine."](#)<sup>10, 11</sup>
- [Reaffirming the Rights of Children and Attention to Violence Against Children in Israel and Palestine.](#)<sup>12,13</sup>

<sup>9</sup> See NGO Monitor report, "[Driving a Wedge' - JVP's Strategy to Weaken U.S. Support for Israel by Dividing the Jewish Community](#)"

<sup>10</sup> This is to be a two-year process, where a report is to be generated and presented to the GA at its 2016 gathering. The resolution calls for making "a recommendation whether the General Assembly should continue to call for a two-state solution in Israel Palestine, or take a neutral stance that seeks not to determine for Israelis and Palestinians what the right 'solution' should be."

<sup>11</sup> The GA did approve a clause within the divestment resolution "reaffirm[ing] Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation within secure and internationally recognized borders in accordance with the United Nations resolutions" (in a clause amended to the resolution supporting divestment) and "[the Church's] commitment to a two-state solution in which a secure and universally recognized State of Israel lives alongside a free, viable, and secure state for the Palestinian people." While a positive step, the combination of these two resolutions illustrates a church with mixed feelings on the issue.

<sup>12</sup> This resolution was completely one-sided, failing to mention, even implicitly, the rights of Israeli children, including the three Israelis (two aged 16, one 19) who were kidnapped by terrorists in June.

While the Presbyterian GA passed a resolution declaring the IPMN's *Zionism Unsettled* booklet as not representing "the views of the Presbyterian Church (USA)," the GA nonetheless defeated a motion to direct the church to stop distributing the booklet and "have the document removed from the church web store immediately." As of the date of publication of this report, *Zionism Unsettled* is still for sale on the church's website.<sup>14</sup>

In total, the GA discussed some 15 resolutions on Israel, 14 of which were assigned to one single committee on Middle East Affairs. The other resolution was assigned to the committee on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and called on the church to "Distinguish Between Biblical Terms for Israel and Those Applied to the Modern Political State of Israel in Christian Liturgy."<sup>15</sup> This resolution was defeated.

By sharp contrast, *all other* international affairs were covered by the Peacemaking and International Issues committee, which deliberated on 18 resolutions covering a fraction of the world's current conflicts.<sup>16</sup>

In total, some 45% of the GA's deliberations on international affairs were on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### BDS views the vote as a victory

The divestment resolution states, "This action on divestment does not mean an alignment with the overall strategy of the global BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanctions) movement." Regardless of this disclaimer, pro-BDS campaigners see this decision as a major victory for their cause.

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The resolution was introduced into the GA docket just one week after these kidnappings, and the GA plenum failed to amend the resolution to take note of the violation of the human rights of these Israeli children.

<sup>13</sup> Just two days following the passage of this resolution, an Israeli boy was killed in a cross-border attack in the Golan Heights. See "Israeli boy, 15, killed in Golan Heights attack," *Times of Israel*, available at <http://www.timesofisrael.com/defense-ministry-one-dead-in-golan-heights-mortar-attack/>

<sup>14</sup> See <http://store.pcusa.org/2646614001>

<sup>15</sup> The resolution called for development of "educational materials... regarding the 'ancient Israel/modern Israel' distinction." The overture quotes a Palestinian pastor stating, "The establishment of the State of Israel created ... an intended confusion. ... Huge efforts were put by the State of Israel and Jewish organizations in branding the new State of Israel as a 'biblical entity'." The resolution failed to quote Israeli or Jewish sources on this subject.

<sup>16</sup> One of these resolutions, "Western Sahara: Occupied, Non-Self-Governing Territory, and Test Case for International Law," directed the church's Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee to "monitor the activities of international corporations in Western Sahara in which the Foundation or Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may be an investor, including the Potash Corporation (currently in church portfolios), initiating correspondence on the impacts of that firm's mineral extraction, and recommending appropriate further corporate social responsibility measures consistent with the concerns noted above."

This was the sole resolution debated on Morocco's occupation of the Western Sahara. There were no resolutions on the Russian takeover and annexation of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula, China's nearly 60 plus year occupation of Tibet, nor on the Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus.

A decision to divest by a church is in line with the strategy of the BDS campaign to coopt the moral voices of churches. Denominations may deny their support for the BDS agenda and claim that their decision is limited to criticism of Israeli policies. For the BDS strategists, however, this does not matter, as another key strategy is to blur the difference between criticisms of Israeli policies and the ultimate goal of BDS, which is to delegitimize Israel's right to exist.

In this respect, through their decisions, delegates to the Presbyterian Church (USA) GA have – knowingly or not – decided to join the BDS campaign.

- The [BDS Movement website](#) posted a statement declaring the Presbyterian vote as “a victory for all peace with justice loving people around the world.”<sup>17</sup>
- Omar Barghouti, a “co-founder of the BDS movement, praised the vote as a ‘sweet victory for human rights’. He said Presbyterian supporters of Palestinian rights have introduced divestment into the US mainstream.”<sup>18</sup>
- [JewishVoiceForPeace](#) retweeted the following from Adalah-NY:



[Adalah-NY @AdalahNY](#) · Jun 20

Big [#BDS](#) win! Presbyterian Church (USA) to divest from occupation! <http://bit.ly/1ld6iYT> Proud of [@jvplive](#) for yr role in this. [#Palestine](#)

- [JVP](#), which supports BDS, “congratulates and celebrates the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s vote to divest \$21 million from Hewlett-Packard, Motorola Solutions, and Caterpillar...”<sup>19</sup>
- The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, which also supports BDS, [was](#) “heartened” by the Presbyterian vote, and cheered “the mainstreaming” of divestment.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>17</sup> See <http://www.bdsmovement.net/2014/palestinian-civil-society-salutes-presbyterians-on-divestment-resolution-12177>

<sup>18</sup> See <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/21/presbyterian-church-votes-divest-holdings-to-sanction-israel>

<sup>19</sup> See <http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/blog/jewish-voice-for-peace-applauds-presbyterian-church-usa-s-vote-to-divest>

<sup>20</sup> See <http://endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4085>

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Given the IPMN's tolerance for and promotion of extremism and antisemitism, and the IPMN's status within the church as a mission network that utilizes the church's tax exempt status to receive donations, the Presbyterian Church (USA) should take the moral and necessary actions of

1. Publicly repudiating the IPMN and distancing itself from the IPMN and its positions;
2. Remove the official charter IPMN received from the church and disband the IPMN;
3. Stop acting as IPMN's fiscal agent for donations;
4. Remove from distribution the IPMN publication *Zionism Unsettled*;
5. Repudiate the immoral anti-Jewish bigotry expressed by members of the IPMN Facebook page.

Given that the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship recognized the IPMN with its top award in 2013, and given the IPMN's tolerance for and promotion of extremism and antisemitism, the PPF should

1. Repudiate the IPMN and cease partnering with the IPMN in future activities;
2. Rescind its "Peaceseeker Award" from the IPMN;
3. Cease promoting *Zionism Unsettled*.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) should also apologize to the Jewish community in the U.S. and Israel for its turning a blind eye to the IPMN's morally indefensible tolerance for and promotion of extremism and antisemitism.

## **APPENDIX I: Screen captures from IPMN Facebook page**

The following screen captures were from the IPMN Facebook. The statements expressed in these posts follow a number of tropes common to antisemitic worldviews including:

- a) Zionists/Jews control America (the government, media, etc.).
- b) Zionists/Jews are warmongers.
- c) A racial definition of Jewish identity asserting Ashkenazi Jews are not “Semitic” but are descended from the “Khazars” and thus do not have any legitimate ethnic connection to Israel.
- d) Links to extremist antisemitic websites, and expressions of support for these sites.
- e) Appeals to religious intolerance.



Other delegitimizing themes found in the IPMN Facebook page include:

- a) Support for the BDS campaign.
- b) Zionism is racism.
- c) Israel/Zionism is the same as Nazism or apartheid.

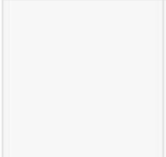


## Zionist controlled America desperate lust for Iran War" - Feb. 14, 2014



"Lots of LOVE for PRESS TV and RUSSIA Today"



 Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network 


**Ralph Garlin Clingan**  
Take time to watch this, if you want to know more of the awful truth.



**One Woman Prevented WWII; Zionist Controlled America's desperate lust for Iran War**  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
Press TV's documentary program "Untold Truths" is a revealing documentary film about the life and

Like · Comment · October 29, 2013 at 6:07am

 Noushin Framke and 4 others like this.  Seen by 71

**Noushin Framke** Absolutely INCREDIBLE. wow! When is Ben Affleck going to make this movie and redeem himself? His wife Jennifer Garner can play the lead and he can play Bush's admiral. OMG. I hope the Iranians keep their cool as they have been so far against AIPAC.  
October 29, 2013 at 3:54pm · Like ·  1

**Ralph Garlin Clingan** Good ideas!  
October 29, 2013 at 4:41pm · Like

**Chris Joining Hands** Lots of LOVE for PRESS TV and RUSSIA TODAY for covering this.  
November 11, 2013 at 4:32pm · Like ·  1

**“Israel’s Zionist establishment wants constant war. No longer a surprise, but a most serious evil.” Link to Iranian Press TV – November 2, 2013**


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**Ralph Garlin Clingan**  
Israel's Zionist establishment wants constant war. No longer a surprise, but a most serious evil.



**Israel trying to undermine Iran-US talks**  
presstv.ir  
The Israel lobby has been trying to “undermine” ongoing nuclear negotiations between Iran and the world powers.

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 Peggy Howland likes this.  Seen by 71



**Chris Joining Hands** Ever since the partition, Zionist thievery has been based on insecurity or rather the promise of future security/peace (which relies upon their being current instability/insecurity). Like the magician who waves his hand to distract you from what his other hand is doing - except in this case both hands should be blood-stained.  
November 11, 2013 at 4:21pm · Like ·  1

## Zionist-controlled U.S. seeks war with Iran – October 5, 2013

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**Chris Joining Hands**



**Washington's Israeli Co-driver has Roadblocks Aplenty for Iran In Diplomatic Road Ahead**  
intifada-palestine.com

by Finian CUNNINGHAM More perplexing still was the barnstorming arrival of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington earlier this week.

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**“The corruption of the US government by Jewish interests...” and “The Jewish owned and operated media...” – August 5, 2013**


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**Noushin Framke**  
 Read the latest installment of Rudyard Kipling in the NY Times?



**'The New York Times' investigates a Palestinian hobby | +972 Magazine**  
 972mag.com  
 You thought Palestinians throw stones because of the occupation? Think again. The New York Times on

Like · Comment · August 5, 2013 at 8:46pm near Millburn, NJ


 Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this.
 
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**Peggy Howland** God have mercy.  
 August 5, 2013 at 9:53pm · Like


**Robin Kash** When are we going to get over the forced reluctance to point out disproportionate Jewish influence in media? If Jews enter the **public** arena as Jews and express ideas that reflect a Jewish bias then they should not be exempt to criticism on those grounds--and not seek shelter behind allegations of anti-semitism. It is so overused that to make anti-semitism part of the discussion one must emphasize that it still really exists. If it's OK to criticize conservative Christians for their efforts at interjecting themselves into the **public** sphere (as contrasted with the merely "religious" domain), or Muslims for their views on women and education, I see no reason not to call the hand of a Jewish commentator/reporter/editor for bias in promoting Jewish interests at the expense of others. That expense may be that of Palestinians the sin of whose occupation is obscured in the US media owing to Jewish influence. That expense may be the continued corruption of the US government by Jewish interests in support of a foreign power. If Jewish settlers in the West Bank are to be criticized as predators upon Palestinian land and life, then no less their Jewish supporters in the US, whether organized as AIPAC or as part of Jewish owned and operated media.  
 If Jews in the **public** arena should get a pass, I'd like someone to explain why?  
 August 5, 2013 at 11:44pm · Like

**"IRAN! Thank God for them! The only Zionist-free land left on earth." – April 20, 2014**

**Chris Peace Process** The zionist terrorists influencing our government want to pluck at the emotional strings of WW2 in order to bring about WW3!!!!

April 20 at 8:29pm · Like



**Chris Peace Process** <http://rt.com/news/fake-news-ukraine-russia-364/>



**'Letter to Jews', Kerry cited, appears to be fake**  
rt.com

A letter urging the Jews of Donetsk to get registered, which the US Secretary of...  
[See More](#)

April 20 at 8:30pm · Like



**Chris Peace Process** Press TV had the lead on this story - Gotta give credit where credit is due: IRAN! Thank God for them! The only zionist-free land left on earth.

April 20 at 8:35pm · Edited · Like



## Links to antisemitic sites - April 1, 2014

The link is to a video<sup>21</sup> posted by the websites "What Really happened" and "I am the Witness." These sites post numerous antisemitic documents such as "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,"<sup>22</sup> Henry Ford's "The International Jew,"<sup>23</sup> Holocaust denial,<sup>24</sup> an article titled, "Communism: A jewish (sic) Talmudic Concept, Know Your Enemy, by Willie Martin,"<sup>25</sup> a booklet called "The Hidden Tyranny" that describes the Jews as "the people of Satan."<sup>26</sup>

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**Chris Joining Hands** via **Pamela Olson**  
April 1 at 1:15pm

**Israeli Spying - Part 1 of 4**  
Great Links: [www.whatreallyhappened.com](http://www.whatreallyhappened.com)  
[www.iamthewitness.com](http://www.iamthewitness.com) Israel Attacks America  
[www.usliberty.org](http://www.usliberty.org) -----  
Israeli Spying - Part...

YOUTUBE.COM | BY GLNK TZ

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**Chris Joining Hands** This is about a decade old and things have only gotten worse. Fox would never air this these days because it has become part and passel just like Christie.  
April 1 at 7:12pm · Like

**Chris Joining Hands** Pollard, one of the worst double agents in the history of US espionage is in play as a part of "peace talks" which are a complete sham. He might be released in exchange for a couple Palestinians getting a few months off of their sentences. HORRIFYING to anyone who knows his crimes.  
April 1 at 7:14pm · Like

<sup>21</sup> See [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fm0\\_7jVqcE#t=24](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fm0_7jVqcE#t=24)

<sup>22</sup> See : <http://www.podsnack.com/FC776BF569B/a1jfglij>

<sup>23</sup> See : <http://whatreallyhappened.com/ko/content/international-jew-henry-ford>

<sup>24</sup> See THE HOLOCAUST AND THE FOUR MILLION VARIANT. How will history remember the Holocaust, historic horror or historic hoax? It depends on whether or not World Zionism controls the history?

Available at <http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/holofour.php>. Or, "Holocaust

Fundamentalism: You WILL Believe (Mark Green)," available at

<http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/holocaustfundamentalist.php?q=ho>

<sup>25</sup> See [http://iamthewitness.com/books/Willie%20Martin/communism\\_-\\_a\\_jewish\\_talmudic\\_concept.pdf](http://iamthewitness.com/books/Willie%20Martin/communism_-_a_jewish_talmudic_concept.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> See <http://www.iamthewitness.com/books/Walter.White/Harold.Wallace.Rosenthal.htm> and see the ADL's description of the book's contents at [http://archive.adl.org/tycoons/the\\_ideology.html](http://archive.adl.org/tycoons/the_ideology.html)

### [Link to Ugly Truth with comment – January 16, 2014](#)

*"I do not understand how my Jewish friends can support Israel."*

The Ugly Truth blog's slogan is "Zionism, Jewish extremism and a few other nasty items making our world uninhabitable today."<sup>27</sup>

Mark Glenn, who runs the blog and a radio show by the same name, is described by the Anti-Defamation League as "a virulently anti-Semitic conspiracy theorist (who claims that Jews control banks, the stock exchange, politicians and the media)." Glenn spoke at a dinner honoring then Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in New York City on September 25, 2012.<sup>28</sup>



#### Chris Joining Hands

A year old but still worth watching, never forget the way this evil woman justifies the murder of children with what she knows are lies.



#### Israeli soldiers lined up, shot and killed 3 little Palestinian girls

[theuglytruth.wordpress.com](http://theuglytruth.wordpress.com)

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Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this.

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**Peggy Howland** I do not **understand** how my Jewish friends can support Israel.

January 16 at 8:01am · Like

<sup>27</sup> See <http://theuglytruth.wordpress.com/>

<sup>28</sup> See <http://blog.adl.org/anti-semitism/anti-semite-mark-glenn-gave-speech-at-ahmadinejad-dinner-in-new-york>

## Hooked nosed-Jewish stereotype - January 3, 2014

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Chris Joining Hands

We are a generation of settlers,  
and without the steel helmet  
and gun barrel, we shall not  
be able to plant a tree or  
build a house. -Moshe Dayan.



I Acknowledge Apartheid Exists

Criminal Settlers are protected by the IDF ~Yaz

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## Scarlett Johansson's Ashkenazi ancestry explains her support for SodaStream - Jan 25, 2014

"Ding. 'Her mother... comes from an Ashkenazi Jewish family from the Bronx...'"



**Noushin Framke**

Somebody needs to give the Scarlett woman a tour of the West Bank. Yeah, it's great having a job at a factory run by your oppressors! Here's her statement. Wow!



### Scarlett Johansson Breaks Silence Over Controversial Endorsement Deal

m.huffpost.com

Scarlett Johansson has been the subject of intense scrutiny since she became a brand ambassador for SodaStream, a company that has drawn

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Mary Robinson-Mohr likes this.



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**John Moriarty** Ding. " Her mother, Melanie Sloan, a producer, comes from an Ashkenazi Jewish family from the Bronx..." (Wiki.)

12 hours ago · Like



**John Moriarty** There's just too much at stake for her to let herself see what she's doing, here.

12 hours ago · Like



**Mary Robinson-Mohr** Well, I guess she wants to pretend that European types should "generously" bring civilization to the Middle East...democracy, equal pay, all good fairy dust, blah, blah, blah. Forget that fact that Middle Easterners do just fine by themselves, especially if they don't have their land, their freedom, their resources, and their economy seized by others. What a dumb cluck. And yes, she needs to have a tour of the West Bank - without being told that "It is dangerous!!!!!" to go there.

2 hours ago · Like · 1

## "Zionists" Occupy "Christian Holy Land" - February 18, 2014


**Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network**



**Chris Joining Hands**  
 Christians must unite with the Jews against a common enemy, is the rallying cry of the Zionist instigator.

Tell me, WHO OCCUPIES THE CHRISTIAN HOLY LAND AND DETERMINES WHO GETS IN AND AT WHAT COST?

AND

WHAT COUNTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE ETHNIC CLEANSING OF CHRISTIANS IN THE LAST 65 years THAN ISRAEL?

Zionists are not your friends, Christians. THEY ARE EXPLOITING YOU TO FIGHT IN AND SUPPORT THEIR IMMORAL WARS OF OCCUPATION.

That's the bumper sticker we should all have on our cars.



**Presbyterians Push Back Against 'Anti-Israel' Guide – Forward.com**  
 m.forward.com  
 (JTA) Presbyterians who engage in dialogue with Jewish groups are scrambling to undo what they say is the...

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## "Triumph of Zionism over Judaism" - October 14, 2013


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**Noushin Framke**  
 The triumph of Zionism over Judaism - Where to from here? Can Israel be a Jewish state if most of the citizens self-identify as non-religious?



**Study: IDF officers identify more as Israeli than Jewish**  
 www.haaretz.com  
 20 percent Of respondents defined themselves as religious and 46 percent as nonreligious, while the rest defined

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## Helen Thomas was right, 'Go back to Russia, Germany...' Just leave." – April 26, 2013



## "Jewish values" = Nazism and Apartheid – June 27, 2013


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**Noushin Framke**  
I got this emailed to me by a Jewish friend with the subject line "Jewish values."



**One Palestinian child has been killed by Israel every 3 days for the past 13 years**  
www.middleeastmonitor.com  
Noting that 2012 saw an unprecedented rise in the number of children arrested by Israeli forces, the report pointed out

Like · Comment · June 27, 2013 at 4:42pm near New York, NY

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**Noushin Framke** Hideous is right.  
June 27, 2013 at 4:44pm · Like · 1



**Peggy Howland** Genocide  
June 27, 2013 at 4:49pm · Like



**Jeff Story** "Jewish Values" indeed. A good way of promoting anti-semitism which historically helps promote Zionist immigration. One would think that it has limits, however. I didn't realize Apartheid came about under the Nazi aligned South African govt. during WWII. Israel (also historically aligned with Nazis) aligned itself with Apartheid while it was at its worst. Jewish Values.  
June 27, 2013 at 6:41pm · Like



## Support for BDS – April 3, 2014

**Bob Rose**

April 3

Desmond Tutu:

"I have supported this [BDS] movement because it exerts pressure without violence on the State of Israel to create lasting peace for the citizens of Israel and Palestine, peace which most citizens crave. I have witnessed the systematic violence against and humiliation of Palestinian men, women and children by members of the Israeli security forces. Their humiliation and pain is all too familiar to us South Africans."



Statement from Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu on US anti-BDS legislation | Just Foreign Policy

Dedicated to reforming U.S. foreign policy to...

[JUSTFOREIGNPOLICY.ORG](http://JUSTFOREIGNPOLICY.ORG)

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👍 Noushin Framke, Emily Hardcastle and 4 others like this.



**Melinda Thompson** This made my local paper today.

April 3 at 10:13pm · Like · 👍 1



**Carol Hylkema** This is a must read for everyone.

April 4 at 2:30am · Like · 👍 1

**“How to launch a BDS campaign on your seminary, university, or college campus”  
– April 5, 2014**



**Bob Ross**

April 5

How to launch a BDS campaign on your seminary, university, or college campus:



US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation : BDS on Campus

Students across the country are pursuing BDS campaigns on their...

[ENDTHEOCCUPATION.ORG](http://ENDTHEOCCUPATION.ORG)

## Support for BDS - May 30, 2014

**f** Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network

**Noushin Framke**  
May 30 at 3:37am

Good piece on growth of BDS movement. The so-called liberals opposing BDS are more and more irrelevant now.



**The BDS movement is increasingly seen as legitimate social action**

With the American-mediated negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis having reached deadlock, the Boycott, Divestment, Sanction movement has been increasingly...

THE DAILY STAR NEWSPAPER - LEBANON

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**John Moriarty** Increasingly seen as..... Cuz.....Mmmmmmm. It's really and truly LEGITIMATE!? D'oh!  
May 30 at 6:13am · Like

## Support for BDS - April 16, 2014

**Bob Ross**  
April 16

A good piece on a distinction that the vast majority of reasonable people should be able to make.



**White Nationalists Threaten Jews, BDS Does Not**

As we learn the details of the horrifying shootings at a Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kansas, several pro-Israel commentators and tweeters have tried to link the shooting to rising...

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## Support for BDS – May 19, 2014

**Sam Bryan**

May 19 · Edited

Great video on divestment. Scroll down to video.

Remi Kanazi is a Palestinian-American poet and activist and a member of the organizing committee of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel.

In February, he released a video entitled "This Divestment Bill Hurts my Feelings," focusing on **BDS** campaigns at universities targeting companies that engage in business with the Israeli occupation.

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=679355>

Interview: Remi Kanazi on **BDS** and

MAAN NEWS AGENCY

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## Support for BDS – March 13, 2014

**Bob Ross**

March 13

**Spotlight**

**News**

[What is BDS?](#)  
[BDS App release date](#)  
[Yahoo News on BDS](#)

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Want to boycott Israel? There will soon be an app for that.

With the recent and significant victories of the **BDS** (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement, Israel is facing mounting pressure by the international community...

MONDOWEISS

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**Bob Ross** This is game-changing. And hopefully it will end the only-boycott-Sodastream push that seems to dominate the American **BDS** movement.

March 13 at 7:03pm · Like · 1



## Israel is a “fraudulent Jewish State” - November 18, 2012

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**Jeff Story**

Neturai Karta continues to denounce the fraudulent Jewish State. This 2008 statement is still relevant and to the point.

Throughout their history, the Zionists have resorted to intimidation, war, ethnic cleansing and state-sponsored terrorism to achieve their goals.

This is, has been and continues to be, the criminal agenda of the Zionist movement. But among this movement's greatest crimes, is that it has claimed to carry out these nefarious actions in the name of holiness...

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**Speech Delivered 12/27/2008 at Emergency Protest to Stop the Massacre in Gaza**  
nkusa.org  
Speech Delivered 27 December 2008 in New York City and London, England by Anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews at

## “Zionists not really Jews” - January 13, 2014

 Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network 

**Chris Joining Hands**


Zionists not really Jews, says me.



**Palestinian Christians “not really Arabs,” says senior Israeli lawmaker**  
electronicintifada.net  
Netanyahu ally's proposal for Palestinians resembles South Africa's separation of “Coloreds” and “Indians.”

Like · Comment · Share · January 13 at 6:47am

 Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this.  Seen by 57

 **Allison K. Schmitt** Sick.  
January 13 at 11:04pm · Like

 **Mary Robinson-Mohr** Oh for crying out loud. I like your comment, Chris - you're spot on!  
January 14 at 1:03pm · Like

## Defining Jews by race: The Khazar myth - May 8 2013

*"It seems the Ashkenazis (sic) have an inferiority complex because they descend from Kaszars (sic) and lack any genetic tie to Palestine... the Ashkenazis are looking more fraudulent than ever in claiming a Jewish Homeland for the Jewish (White Race) only."*


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**Noushin Framke**  
 Another twist in the road...


**'Jews a Race' Genetic Theory Comes Under Fierce Attack by DNA Expert – Forward.com**  
[m.forward.com](http://m.forward.com)  
 Science Feud: Johns Hopkins geneticist Eran Elhaik says his research debunks the long-held theory that Jews are a


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**Ralph Garlin Clingan** I saw a TV program a few years ago, and the spinal DNA findings also show that Semitic is the same DNA regardless of religion.  
 May 8, 2013 at 4:41am · Like


**Jeff Story** It seems like the Ashkenazis have an inferiority complex because they descend from Kaszars and lack any genetic tie to Palestine. Stack this evidence next to the Church of Scotland statement and the Ashkanazis are looking more fraudulent than ever in claiming a Jewish Homeland for the Jewish (White Race) only.  
 May 8, 2013 at 6:05am · Like ·  2


## Jews not real "Semites" - February 19, 2014

 **Chris Joining Hands**



 **Chris Joining Hands** shared a link.  
7 hours ago


Anti-Semitic? Does that word even mean anything after the results of the genetic testing? Maybe he should just say "Boycotts, WAAAAAA" like the infant he is.




**Netanyahu: Boycott campaign is anti-Semitic**  
[www.middleeastmonitor.com](http://www.middleeastmonitor.com)

European and Western boycott advocates against Israel over its settlement constructions are anti-Semitic, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday. "Anti-Semites boycotted Jews'...

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7 hours ago

So they aren't even the descendants of the holy land at all. More bricks crumbling from the zionist wall. I almost feel pity for them.



**DNA Samples Confirm Ashkenazi Jews are of European Descent: Study**  
[www.scienceworldreport.com](http://www.scienceworldreport.com)

A latest DNA study solves the long standing controversy on the origin of Europe's Ashkenazi Jews stating many of the maternal ancestors...

## “Real Jews... not european colonialists masquerading as Jews”

*“Neturei Karta and JVP are Jewish Groups! – REAL JEWS, that is, not european (sic) colonialists masquerading as Jews.”*


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**Chris Joining Hands**  
 IPMN hasn't made it in there yet?? We need to change that this weekend!  




**The 2013 Top Ten Anti-Israel Groups in the U.S.**  
[www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)  
 A report on the ten most influential and active anti-Israel groups operating in the U.S. today.

**OW IN BOOKSTORES**

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 4 people like this.


**Chris Joining Hands** I love the irony of their slogan being "Imagine a World Without Hate" and EVERY SINGLE GROUP LISTED IS A PEACEFUL ANTI-HATE / PRO-PEACE GROUP... This is the true litmus test for a hate-group: if you are a hate-group then your enemies will be anti-hate ... [See More](#)  
 October 22 at 4:36am · Like


**Chris Joining Hands** Oh, also very funny - Neturei Karta and JVP are Jewish Groups! - REAL JEWS, that is, not european colonialists masquerading as Jews.  
 October 22 at 4:37am · Edited · Like





## Jews "CONVERTED and were NOT Semites" - November 10, 2013

**Ralph Garlin Clingan**

The old Anglo Israelite myth continues.



Thanks to William Jewell for this - it says it all,.....

Like · Comment · November 10, 2013 at 4:28am

2 people like this.

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**Chris Joining Hands** The awkward moment when you realize that the enemy you have demonized as an outsider actually has greater claim to your cherished lineage than you do!

November 11, 2013 at 6:14am · Like · 1



## Jewish DNA story, again - October 10, 2013



**Noushin Framke**

DNA Study Casts Doubt on Claim Jews Migrated From Holy Land



**Ashkenazi Jewish Women's Genetic Roots Traced Mostly to Europe — Not Israel**

forward.com

The maternal ancestry of Ashkenazi Jews comes mainly from Europe, a new study shows.



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**Mary Robinson-Mohr** Does this surprise anyone? Probably the group with the most "authentic Jewish DNA" is the Palestinian people.

October 10 at 6:27pm · Like · 1



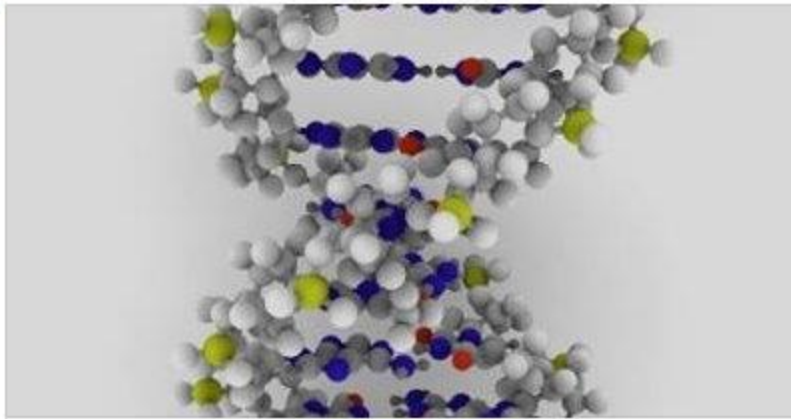
## More on Jewish DNA - February 18, 2014



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Chris Joining Hands




### DNA Samples Confirm Ashkenazi Jews are of European Descent: Study


[scienceworldreport.com](http://scienceworldreport.com)

A latest DNA study solves the long standing controversy on the origin of Europe's Ashkenazi Jews stating many of the maternal ancestors of the...

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## The "tribal God" of Judaism - April 1, 2014


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**Donna Hicks**  
 14 hrs

Here we go. A signatory to the announcement on the resumption of Jewish-Christian dialogue critiques 'Zionism Unsettled.' Are we talking out of both sides of our mouths here? Or could this be a start to "[aspiring] to genuine and ongoing dialogue related to Israeli- Palestinian issues, seeking to identify and discuss, in respect and humility, areas of real or potential disagreement and of real and potential cooperation."



**COMMENTARY: What the Presbyterians got wrong on Israel - Religion News Service**

NEW YORK (RNS) Love is at the core of the Jewish and Christian faiths. And for the love of God, we must address a looming rupture between us...

RELIGIONNEWS.COM

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 Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this.
 

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**Allison K. Schmitt**

They must meant their tribal god.

13 hours ago · Like ·  2


**Donna Hicks**

Interesting this has been published after the release on the resumption of dialogue. Don't know if it appeared elsewhere earlier. Is this business as usual?

13 hours ago · Like


**Noushin Framke**

And he ends it with a Barth quote, and basically says that ZU is anti-Semitic and those who don't agree are also anti-Semitic. Yeah - sounds like business as usual...

13 hours ago · Like ·  1

## The “infiltration” by “Jewish leaders” of the churches - October 21, 2013


**f** Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network **Q**


 **Noushin Framke**  
 Jim Wall slams the NY Times for their their coverage of military aid letter to congress from 15 Christian leaders. MUST READ

 **New York Times Flacks for Jewish Groups Against 15 Major Christian Leaders**  
 wallwritings.me

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 2 people like this.  Seen by 169

 **Peggy Howland** "Those resolutions outraged the same Jewish leaders who are now upset by the letter to Congress from the church leaders. That's why these Jewish leaders infiltrated religious denominational meetings to intimidate voters and water down resolutions as much as they could." We had these Jewish leaders at our General Assembly, as though they had any right to tell us how to vote. But there were other Jews there also who agreed with our concerns for Palestinians.  
 October 21, 2012 at 3:33pm · Like ·  1

 **Mary Robinson-Mohr** A good and helpful article.  
 October 22, 2012 at 12:30am · Like

**James Wall** is a [contributing editor](#) of *Christian Century* magazine and an [associate editor](#) for Veterans News Now, an [affiliate](#) of Veterans Today.<sup>29</sup> VNN has [published articles](#) such as “Humanity Free of Zionism” and “Earth’s Alpha Predator: Zionist Mafia.” The [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) describes Veterans Today as “now squarely in neo-Nazi territory.”<sup>30</sup>

<sup>29</sup> See <http://blog.adl.org/tags/nazi>

<sup>30</sup> See <http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/01/10/veterans-today-editor-blames-newtown-tragedy-on-israeli-death-squads/>

## “Hopefully Hezbollah will be able to get some SAMs from Russia or China.” - May 4, 2013


**Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network**



**Noushin Framke**  
 Here we go...



**Hezbollah says will prevent U.S., Israel gaining control of Syria**  
[www.dailystar.com.lb](http://www.dailystar.com.lb)  
 Hezbollah stands ready to defend Syria against U.S. and Israeli designs to control the Arab state and views its

Like · Comment · May 4, 2013 at 7:26am near New York, NY

 Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this. Seen by 135

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**Noushin Framke** While the rest of the world reports that Israel "attacked" Syria, The US media and its cling-ons report "Israel strike on military target in Syria." Framing is everything, as we learned from George Lakoff way back during the 2004 election here.  
 May 4, 2013 at 9:13am · Like ·  3



**Jeff Story** Hopefully Hezbollah will be able to get some SAMs from Russia or China.  
 May 4, 2013 at 12:57pm · Like



**John Moriarty** OMG.  
 May 4, 2013 at 5:24pm · Like

## “If I had a rocket launcher” - February 12, 2014


**Friends of IPMN - PC(USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network**


 Ralph Garlin Clingan likes this. Seen by 12



**John Moriarty** My heart breaks for those whose trees were uprooted--- AGAIN. Another part of me is playing a particular song in my head. Dammit. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7vCww3j2-w>



**BRUCE COCKBURN - If I Had A Rocket Launcher**  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
 From Canadian Bruce Cockburn's 1984 album Stealing Fire.

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## APPENDIX II: Capturing the Churches: the Campaign for “BDS”

*Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.<sup>31</sup>*

-- BDS Movement on why churches are important to their strategy

In 2004, the Presbyterian Church (USA) passed a resolution calling for “a process of phased selective divestment in multinational corporations operating in Israel.” In 2006, the General Assembly sought to rectify that action, acknowledging that “the actions of the 216th General Assembly (2004) caused hurt and misunderstanding among many members of the Jewish community and within our Presbyterian communion” and called for “a new season of mutual understanding and dialogue.”

Since then, numerous overtures have been introduced to the GA calling for boycotts and divestments, even labelling Israel an “apartheid” state. This process has also taken place in other mainline American denominations, as well as churches abroad, leading to a great deal of tension that threatens to unravel decades of productive Christian-Jewish dialogue and reconciliation.

The spate of resolutions calling for boycotts and divestments in churches is not happening in a vacuum. It is part of a highly politicized global campaign of BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions), led by well-funded international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Pro-BDS efforts within the PCUSA and other denominations are driven by BDS activists within the churches. It is necessary to recognize that the BDS campaigns that they promote are anti-peace: BDS creates polarization, ultimately promoting conflict.

### BDS: Beginnings

BDS has its origins in the NGO Forum of the UN's 2001 World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.<sup>32</sup> Using demonizing language, some 1,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) crystallized a strategy of delegitimizing Israel, explicitly calling for the “complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid state” through the “imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargoes, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military cooperation and training) between all states and Israel.”

<sup>31</sup> See <http://www.bdsmovement.net/2008/faith-based-125>

<sup>32</sup> See [http://ngo-monitor.org/article/ngo\\_forum\\_at\\_durban\\_conference](http://ngo-monitor.org/article/ngo_forum_at_durban_conference)



Among the accredited NGOs at this Durban NGO Forum were thirty-five Christian religious institutions representing a number of churches, including the Presbyterian Church (USA).<sup>33</sup> In the following decade many of these churches – including PCUSA – would be targeted for co-optation by proponents of the Durban strategy.

In the PCUSA, these pro-BDS activists are largely represented by the **Presbyterian Peace Fellowship** and the **Israel Palestine Mission Network**.

In the last decade, most mainline U.S. denominations, including PCUSA, repeatedly rejected pro-divestment resolutions brought to national votes. However, these repeated efforts have provided a vehicle to amplify one-sided messages within the churches.

### Why the Churches?

BDS activists are fully aware of the role churches can play in amplifying and legitimizing their extremist message. The BDS Movement's website states:

*Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.*<sup>34</sup>

Capturing the churches' moral voice in the service of a political cause that demonizes one people is the goal.

### BDS, Lethal Narratives, and the World Conference Against Racism – Durban 2001

The UN's World Conference Against Racism, held in Durban, South Africa in August and September 2001, was intended to unite nations in the fight against racism. Instead, this gathering succeeded in birthing and amplifying a lethal narrative against Israel and the Jewish people.

"Lethal narratives" are stories that are told *with the intention of creating hatred and a desire for revenge*. Some are based on real events in a conflict, and some are invented out of whole cloth. All involve the accusation of deliberate murder. These narratives are weapons of war, designed to both incense, incite, and provoke one population against another by embodying a "reactionary 'us-them' scapegoating mentality that views the 'enemy' as evil. Few phenomena hurt the possibility of peace more than their circulation, and nothing could more violate the basic

<sup>33</sup> See

<http://www.icare.to/list%20of%20accredited%20NGO%20representatives%20at%20the%202001%20WCAR.pdf>

<sup>34</sup> See <http://www.bdsmovement.net/2008/faith-based-125>

progressive discourse than this kind of bellicose story-telling, especially when they are concocted out of malice.”<sup>35</sup>

In Israel's case, the intention is to incite people the world over to hate Israelis and to alienate from Israel peace-loving liberals and progressives. The strategy is to cast Israel as an unspeakably evil state – akin to apartheid South Africa and even Nazi Germany – so as to rationalize and justify Israel's ultimate destruction.

### Laying the Groundwork for the Lethal Narrative: The Iranian Role

In the lead up to the Durban conference, at a preparatory meeting for Asian countries convened in Tehran in February 2001, the Iranian government effectively excluded Israel and Jewish groups from participating. Congressman Tom Lantos (who attended Durban as an official U.S. delegate) wrote, “Australia and New Zealand, two outspoken supporters of Israel in the Asia group, were also excluded from participation in the meeting.”<sup>36</sup> The day the conference opened, the Teheran government published an article in the *Teheran Times* denying the Holocaust.<sup>37</sup>

As noted by Lantos, “The Declaration and Plan of Action agreed to by the delegates in the discriminatory atmosphere of Tehran amounted to what could only be seen as a declaration by the states present of their intention to use the conference as a propaganda weapon attacking Israel. Indeed, the documents not only singled the country out above all others-despite the well-known problems with racism, xenophobia and discrimination that exist all over the world-but also equated its policies in the West Bank with some of the most horrible racist policies of the previous century. Israel, the text stated, engages in ‘ethnic cleansing of the Arab population of historic Palestine,’ and is implementing a ‘new kind of apartheid, a crime against humanity.’ It also purported to witness an ‘increase of racist practices of Zionism’.”<sup>38</sup>

This injected a lethal narrative into the Teheran Conference Declaration, falsely accusing Israel of perpetrating “holocausts,” “ethnic cleansing,” and “a new kind of apartheid, a crime against humanity,” and declared that Zionism “is based on race superiority.”



<sup>35</sup> See “The Addiction of the Western News Media To Lethal Narratives about Israel,” Prof. Richard Landes, March 22, 2013. <http://www.theaugeanstables.com/2013/03/22/the-addiction-of-the-western-news-media-to-lethal-narratives-about-israel/>

<sup>36</sup> T. Lantos, *The Durban Debacle: An Insider's View of the UN World Conference Against Racism*, Fletcher Forum of World Affairs, Vol.26:1 Winter/Spring 2002, 35 ([http://dl.tufts.edu/file\\_assets/tufts:UP149.001.00051.00005](http://dl.tufts.edu/file_assets/tufts:UP149.001.00051.00005))

<sup>37</sup> J. A. Chanes, *Antisemitism: A Reference Handbook*, (ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, 2004), 224

<sup>38</sup> T. Lantos, *op. cit.*, 36

*Anti-Israel demonstration during Durban Conference, 2001*

## From Teheran to Durban: The Lethal Narrative Goes Global

The themes of the Teheran meeting would be repeated in Durban.

The Durban conference itself consisted of three parallel gatherings: an official diplomatic forum, a “youth summit,” and a massive NGO Forum. The diplomatic framework, affected by the tone set in Tehran, led to U.S. and Israeli delegations walking out of the government sessions in protest.

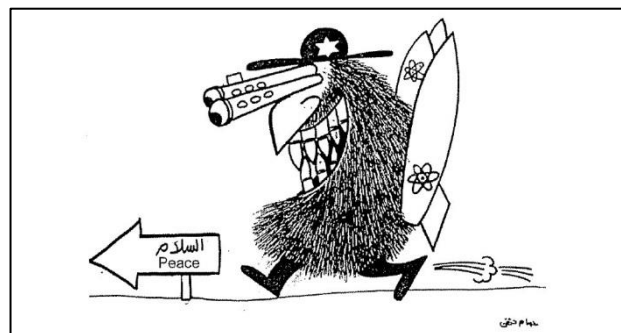
The **NGO Forum** generated most of the publicity and impact from the Durban Conference, focusing on the development of a broad campaign to delegitimize Israel as a sovereign state.

## From the NGO Forum to global BDS

An estimated 1,500 NGOs participated in the three-day NGO Forum at Durban, claiming to represent the “voices of the victims” of racism, discrimination, and xenophobia. The large attendance and funding from the Ford Foundation and various governments made the NGO Forum the central focus of the entire Durban Conference. This support also reflected the dominant ideology that viewed NGOs and civil society as “authentic” voices and representatives, in contrast to those of government officials and elected representatives in democratic societies.

The NGO Forum took place against the backdrop of the intense violence of the “second intifada” that began at the end of September 2000. Speakers focused on the theme of Israel as the world’s singular human rights violator, stripping away the context of the conflict and the violence of Palestinian terror organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades among others.

The atmosphere at the Durban conference was dominated by overt antisemitism. Flyers promoted by the Arab Lawyers Union containing anti-Jewish stereotypes were circulated. Another flyer justified the Holocaust. Still others compared Israel to Nazi Germany and apartheid-era South Africa.



*Flyers circulated at Durban anti-racism conference, 2001*

The European Roma Rights Center declared it is “saddened to conclude that it cannot endorse the 72-page NGO Declaration and Programme of Action submitted to the organisers of the World Conference against Racism in Durban on behalf of the NGO Forum. ‘These documents contain inappropriate language, fuelling precisely the kind of hatred and racism the Durban gathering was meant to challenge,’ said Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director of ERRC.” The ERRC was among the more than 50 NGOs from more than 20 countries in Central and Eastern Europe who protested the NGO Forum process and its resulting documents.<sup>39</sup>



The NGO Forum Final Declaration employed the Teheran conference's lethal narrative by “*declar(ing) Israel as a racist apartheid state...*” This was coupled with a

*“call upon the international community to impose a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel as in the case of South Africa which means the imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargos, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military operation and training) between all states and Israel.”*

Using virtually identical language, the 2005 Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS declared:

*“We, representatives of Palestinian civil society, call upon international civil society organizations and people of conscience all over the world to impose broad boycotts\_and implement divestment initiatives against Israel similar to those applied to\_South Africa in the apartheid era. We appeal to you to pressure your respective states\_to impose embargoes and sanctions against Israel.”*

<sup>39</sup> See <http://www.errc.org/article/errc-dissociates-itself-from-wcar-ngo-forum/1271>

## APPENDIX III: BDS Advocacy within the PCUSA: The Israel Palestine Mission Network and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

### Israel Palestine Mission Network

"The acts of terrorism by the Palestinians, such as suicide bombings and primitive rockets launched into Israel from Gaza, serve to remind Israelis that they are not free from the Palestinian demand for justice."

-- IPMN Factsheet, *reducing terrorism to a kind of protest*

"The modern nation of Israel resembles the ancient nation of Judah, not only in the gathering darkness, but in the greed and injustice that has corrupted the people as a whole. That greed and injustice is a cancer at the very core of Zionism."<sup>40</sup>

-- Rev. Craig Hunter, *Opening Worship Sermon*  
IPMN Annual Meeting, October 19, 2010

### Background

The Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) was "born out of an overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2004" and is "one of 38 mission networks of the PC(USA)." It is "one of the most successful, based on membership, fundraising, publications, grants."<sup>41</sup>

IPMN's mandate is to "demonstrate solidarity, educate about the facts on the ground, and change the conditions that erode the humanity of **both Israelis and Palestinians**, especially those who are living under occupation in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza."<sup>42</sup> (emphasis added)

Despite this assertion of working in the interest of both sides, IPMN, since its inception, abandoned the pretense of neutrality and effectively became an active participant in the conflict.

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<sup>40</sup> See

[http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=130](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=130)

<sup>41</sup> See [http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN\\_overview.pdf](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN_overview.pdf)

<sup>42</sup> See [http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN\\_overview.pdf](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN_overview.pdf)

## IPMN's Support for BDS and "one-state"

IPMN's activities reflect an overwhelming focus on activism supporting BDS and its anti-peace agenda.

IPMN's factsheet "What is BDS and How Can You Participate?" encourages "participat[ion] in activities to exert economic pressure on Israel and U.S. corporations that benefit from the occupation" and "engage[ment] in direct actions and demonstrations at stores that carry products to be boycotted."<sup>43</sup>

Between General Assemblies, the IPMN consistently prepares the ground for divestment efforts by promoting its material.

- Prior to the 2010 GA, IPMN sent mailings to advisors and other church members.<sup>44</sup>
- IPMN offered help with talking points for those who were willing to testify. In general, before votes on "overtures," IPMN sends out a voter guide outlining positions on issues relating to Israel/Palestine.<sup>45</sup>

IPMN, along with the Middle East Study Committee (MESC), recommended<sup>46</sup> that congregations study the Kairos Palestine Document and published their own study guide to that end.<sup>47</sup> This document calls for BDS against Israel, denies the Jewish historical connection to Israel in theological terms, and blames Israel solely for the continuation of the conflict. Kairos USA is an organized American response to the Kairos Palestine document, to promote the broader agenda in U.S. churches. Kairos USA's "Call to Action" specifically lists BDS as one of the answers to the question, "what are we called to do?"<sup>48</sup>

Kairos Palestine has also garnered criticism from theologians, both Christian and Jewish.

IPMN regularly publishes reports, church liturgy, and fact sheets focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. These materials promote a biased message and support for BDS.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> See

[http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/BOY13\\_What\\_Is\\_BDS\\_and\\_How\\_Can\\_You\\_Participate.pdf](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/BOY13_What_Is_BDS_and_How_Can_You_Participate.pdf)

<sup>44</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/Highlights-May-2010.doc.pdf>

<sup>45</sup> See [http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN\\_Structure.pdf](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/IPMN_Structure.pdf)

<sup>46</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/Highlights-May-2010.doc.pdf>

<sup>47</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/Highlights-October2010.pdf>

<sup>48</sup> See [http://kairosusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Session\\_6.pdf](http://kairosusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Session_6.pdf)

<sup>49</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/study-resources/publications>



Some examples of the extreme nature of these publications include:

- *Zionism Unsettled*, which is promoted as a “congregational study guide”<sup>50</sup> and is available for sale at the PCUSA’s Church Store.<sup>51</sup> The 72-page glossy document includes a DVD. Its information is derived completely from biased politicized sources that inform IPMN’s worldview. It repeats the extremism found in IPMN’s other publications and statements, and advocates for BDS. (A detailed discussion of *Zionism Unsettled* can be found on page 53.)
- *Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace* is a 48-page publication, plus DVD, which makes use of biased sources to make false or unproven claims of an extreme and partisan nature against Israeli policies. On its cover page, the document states that Israeli soldiers “arbitrarily decide whether or not to allow Palestinians to pass” – a claim that is both invalid and unsubstantiated. The document also quotes the Episcopal Peace Fellowship’s declaration of support for BDS as “a means of nonviolent resistance.” In its attempt to include a “Jewish narrative” in the piece, the document quotes only unrepresentative and radical voices, such as Mark Braverman and Jewish Voice for Peace.<sup>52</sup>
- IPMN’s fact sheets,<sup>53</sup> maps,<sup>54</sup> and resources for teachers<sup>55</sup> are drawn from political and ideological sources that promote only one perspective.
  - The fact sheets focus almost exclusively on advocacy for BDS. They make false claims, such as “Zionism has had as its ultimate objective the cleansing of the land of Palestine, known as Eretz Israel (the land of Israel).”<sup>56</sup>
  - The maps are historically inaccurate, completely ignoring the British mandate and the violent rejection by the Arab side of the 1947 UN Partition Plan.
  - The resources for teachers also focus almost solely on the Palestinian narrative – only one Israeli resource is offered.

### Sponsorship of politicized tours to Israel and the Palestinian Authority

IPMN both sponsors and suggests a number of tours<sup>57</sup> to Israel and the Palestinian Authority. These tours are billed<sup>58</sup> as an “opportunity to experience the real Israel Palestine (sic).”

<sup>50</sup> See

[http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=256](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=256)

<sup>51</sup> See <http://store.pcusa.org/2646614001>

<sup>52</sup> See [http://www.episcopalarchives.org/gc2012/supplemental\\_documents/2011\\_SteadfastHope.pdf](http://www.episcopalarchives.org/gc2012/supplemental_documents/2011_SteadfastHope.pdf)

<sup>53</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/study-resources/fact-sheets>

<sup>54</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/study-resources/maps>

<sup>55</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/study-resources/teachers>

<sup>56</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/factsheet08.pdf>

<sup>57</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/travel>

<sup>58</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/travel/presbyterian-trips>

Many tours feature speakers who promote a very narrow spectrum of viewpoints.<sup>59</sup>

The resources for “when you return” promote the same biased messages, such as offering as a “news source” the highly polemical anti-Zionist website Mondoweiss.<sup>60</sup> The “other opportunities” advertised on the “travel” section of the IPMN website share the IPMN’s political ideology, such as a trip led by anti-Israel activists Noura Erakat and Josh Reubner of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.<sup>61</sup> The only trips publicized are those sponsored by Interfaith Peace Builders, the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel, and Christian Peacemaker Teams, all of which promote a similar ideological agenda and support BDS.

### IPMN’s Partners and Allies

IPMN partners with some of the more radical and biased actors in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It provides a platform for extreme and often bigoted viewpoints. Many of its partner NGOs promotes the Durban strategy in the following ways:

- Advocate for the BDS agenda of isolating Israel to render it a pariah state.
- Redefine the conflict as racially-motivated discrimination against Palestinians (as opposed to a conflict of two nationalist movements) and level dehumanizing accusations against Israel of “war crimes,” “apartheid,” and “grave breaches of international law.”
- Present tendentious images and testimonies of Israeli-Palestinian violence, placing sole blame on Israel for the harm incurred by civilians while ignoring the context of Palestinian terror and Israeli self-defense. (For example, in the case of the building of the security barrier, suicide-bombing attacks were significantly reduced.<sup>62</sup>)

IPMN cooperates with two types of partners: “official” partners on various projects and “external advocacy” partners to lobby government officials. IPMN also draws information from Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, and meets with them on tours to the region.

IPMN’s official partners:

- Sabeel
- Bethlehem Bible College
- Palestine Working Women’s Society for Development (PWWDS)

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<sup>59</sup> See <http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/ipmndocuments/Coffman-ParkerIsrael061411.brochure.pdf>

<sup>60</sup> See <http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/travel/when-you-return>

<sup>61</sup> See <http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/travel/other-opprtunities>

<sup>62</sup> See <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/israels-security-fence-effective-in-reducing-suicide-attacks-from-the-north>

- YMCA of East Jerusalem and YWCA of Palestine
- Democracy and Workers Rights Center in Ramallah (DWRC)
- Wi'am- The Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center.

External Advocacy Partners include:

- Jewish Voice for Peace
- ICAHD
- Code Pink
- US Campaign to end the Occupation.

IPMN also works with hard left Israeli fringe groups such as [Zochrot](#),<sup>63</sup> which actively promote BDS and the dismantling of Israel, and [Coalition of Women for Peace \(CWP\)/Who Profits](#).<sup>64</sup>

Not only do IPMN's partners present extremist and biased views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but IPMN's own range of viewpoints is very narrow and one-sided. Presbyterians who seek to educate themselves solely through the IPMN will find disinformation, misinformation, a lack of diverse opinions, and gross oversimplification of the deep complexities of the conflict.

## Sabeel

- [Sabeel](#) is very active in anti-Israel political efforts, including [church divestment campaigns](#).
- Sabeel supports a ["one state" formula](#), whose logical conclusion is the elimination of Israel as a Jewish state. Discussions of ["principles for peace"](#) envision **"ultimately a bi-national state in Palestine-Israel... One state for two nations and three religions."**
- Sabeel director Naim Ateek frequently employs religiously intolerant themes based on antisemitic themes.
  - In 2011, he [declared](#), "The establishment of Israel was a relapse to the most primitive concepts of an exclusive, tribal God."
  - Ateek also promotes Palestinian Liberation Theology that includes **supercessionist theology**, utilized to refute Jewish religious and historical claims to Israel. He has claimed that Palestinians represent a modern-day version of Jesus' suffering and he has used [deicide imagery and supercessionist rhetoric](#) to demonize Israel and Judaism.

<sup>63</sup> See <http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/zochrot>

<sup>64</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/coalition\\_of\\_women\\_for\\_peace](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/coalition_of_women_for_peace)

- He [wrote](#) that by establishing Israel, “the Jews” have become “oppressors and war makers” and that “by so doing they have voluntarily relinquished the role of the servant which for centuries they had claimed for themselves. This has been a revolutionary change from the long held belief that Jews have a vocation to suffering.”
- Ateek was one of the signatories of the Kairos Palestine document, which advocates for boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS) and denies any Jewish historical or religious connections to the land of Israel.

### Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) <sup>65</sup>

- JVP is a far left-wing group on the fringes of the American Jewish community. JVP received together with the IPMN the 2013 [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's](#) “top award” in recognition of “their courageous work for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel and for their prophetic witness to the Presbyterian denomination at the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Pittsburgh last summer [2012].”
- JVP's self-described political mission is to polarize American Jews by acting as the “Jewish wing of the [Palestinian] solidarity movement” and “plan[ting] a wedge” within the Jewish community. <sup>66</sup>
- JVP advances a strategy of political warfare against Israel, which includes BDS and a sustained campaign of demonization such as accusations of “apartheid” and “racism,” and support for the Palestinian claim to a “right of return” for the descendants of the refugees from the 1948 war. The realization of this “right” would dismantle Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.
- JVP works closely with other extreme organizations that promote the Durban strategy, including Electronic Intifada, <sup>67</sup> American Muslims for Palestine, Adalah-NY, <sup>68</sup> Code Pink, Sabeel, <sup>69</sup> International Solidarity Movement, <sup>70</sup> and the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation (of which JVP is an official member).
- JVP has [supported](#) and promoted the BDS agenda in mainline churches since at least 2004 when the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted for “selective divestment.” Since then, JVP has been present at numerous national church gatherings, [collaborating](#) with pro-Palestinian denominational activists (such as the [Israel/Palestine Mission Network](#) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) or [United Methodist Kairos Response](#)), to promote divestment and boycott resolutions.

<sup>65</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/jewish\\_voice\\_for\\_peace\\_jvp\\_](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/jewish_voice_for_peace_jvp_)

<sup>66</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/driving\\_a\\_wedge\\_jvp\\_s\\_strategy\\_to\\_weaken\\_u\\_s\\_support\\_for\\_israel\\_by\\_dividing\\_the\\_jewish\\_community#wedge](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/driving_a_wedge_jvp_s_strategy_to_weaken_u_s_support_for_israel_by_dividing_the_jewish_community#wedge)

<sup>67</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/electronic\\_intifada](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/electronic_intifada)

<sup>68</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/adalah\\_ny](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/adalah_ny)

<sup>69</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/sabeel\\_ecumenical\\_liberation\\_theology\\_center](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/sabeel_ecumenical_liberation_theology_center)

<sup>70</sup> See [http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/international\\_solidarity\\_movement\\_ism\\_](http://www.ngo-monitor.org/article/international_solidarity_movement_ism_)

- One of JVP's principal partners in this effort is [Friends of Sabeel -- North America](#), the U.S. arm of [Sabeel](#), a Palestinian Christian NGO based in Jerusalem. Sabeel created and promotes Palestinian Liberation Theology that draws from, and revitalizes, historic Christian anti-Jewish teachings, particularly [replacement theology](#) and [deicide imagery](#). JVP's Rabbinical Council issued a "[Statement of Support for the Sabeel Institute](#)" that declared, "As rabbis and people of faith, we stand in solidarity with the work of Sabeel."
- At the [2012 national organizing conference of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation](#), JVP's Sydney Levy was a panelist at the "Engaging Faith Communities" workshop that focused "on opportunities and challenges of working with and organizing within communities of faith to end U.S. institutional support for Israeli occupation and apartheid policies toward Palestinians."
- In 2012, JVP sent an "[Open Letter to the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)" signed by twenty-two rabbis, three rabbinical students, and one cantor to "encourage your efforts to initiate phased selective divestment from corporations which profit from or support Israel's occupation of the West Bank." In contrast, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, representing fourteen national Jewish agencies (including the four streams of American Judaism) and some 125 local Jewish Community Relations Councils in the U.S., [sent an open letter](#) signed by 1,500 rabbis plus another 22,800 Jewish community members calling for Presbyterians and Methodists "[to stand shoulder to shoulder](#) with us in rejecting the counterproductive proposal to selectively divest from certain companies whose products are used by Israel."

### Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions (ICAHN)

- ICAHD is a tiny and marginal Israeli NGO. It is active in promoting [BDS campaigns](#) against Israel. Its inflated and demonizing rhetoric includes accusations of "[ethnic cleansing](#)," "[genocide](#)," "[collective punishment](#)," and "[apartheid](#)."
- ICAHD [explicitly advocates](#) for the end of the state of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people, stating that "the only option for resolving the conflict [is] a one-state solution."
- Director Jeff Halper has [said](#), "I think it is impossible to have a Jewish state."
- Halper has participated in many activities under the framework of "[Israel Apartheid Week](#)" around the world. For example, in Glasgow (2010), his speech was themed "[Israeli Apartheid: The Case For BDS](#)."
- Halper is also on the [board of advisors](#) of the [Free Gaza Movement](#) and a [support committee member of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine](#), a mock court with a radical anti-Israel and anti-West agenda.

## Code Pink

- Code Pink is an [active member](#) of the BDS movement, focusing its efforts on campaigns against [Ahava](#) and [Soda Stream](#).
- Co-founder Medea Benjamin manages the Benjamin Foundation, worth approximately \$12 million. In 2012 the Benjamin Foundation donated \$100,000 to Code Pink. According to IRS tax documents, the Benjamin Foundation holds investments in companies targeted by BDS activists, including Caterpillar, General Mills and Coca-Cola. The foundation also holds investments in pharmaceuticals (Bristol-Myers Squibb) and petroleum (Chevron).<sup>71</sup>
- Code Pink aims to influence the US-Israel relationship by leading an “[End US Military Aid to Israel](#)” campaign, which entails lobbying Congress and promoting the “[Occupy AIPAC](#)” movement.
- During [Israeli PM Netanyahu’s address](#) to the U.S. Congress in 2011, a CodePink activist [heckled him](#) – one incident among a number of other [CodePink speech disruptions](#).
- Code Pink launched a “[Lift the Siege of Gaza](#)” campaign,<sup>72</sup> and CodePink members were among the passengers of two boats that “[set sail to Gaza to break blockade](#).”<sup>73</sup> Code Pink’s [description](#) of the situation in Gaza completely neglects to mention Hamas’ Islamist identity, the violent intentions declared in its [official charter](#), and its status as an officially recognized [Foreign Terrorist Organization](#)<sup>74</sup> by the U.S. and other countries. While failing to discuss Hamas’ policy of launching rockets into civilian populated areas within Israel, Code Pink condemns the Israeli reaction to attacks targeting non-combatant civilians.
- IPMN [promoted](#) Code Pink’s “[Gaza Freedom March](#),” [recommends](#) it as a [good resource for BDS](#), and references Code Pink in [IPMN’S Ahava boycott](#) and in IPMN’s [Boycott 101](#) Seminar.

## US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation (USCEIO)

- IPMN [references](#) the US campaign to End the Occupation in its promotion of the [Sodastream boycott](#), in its [Boycott 101](#) seminar, and in many other instances.
- The US Campaign supports BDS,<sup>75</sup> calls for an end to US economic and military support for Israel,<sup>76</sup> and supports the demand for a “right of return” for Palestinian refugees and their descendants, which would effectively end Israel’s

<sup>71</sup> See 2012 IRS form 990PF for The Benjamin Fund, Inc.

<sup>72</sup> See <http://www.codepinkalert.org/section.php?id=452>

<sup>73</sup> See <http://www.codepinkalert.org/article.php?id=6003>

<sup>74</sup> See [http://www.state.gov/www/global/terrorism/terrorist\\_orgs\\_list.html](http://www.state.gov/www/global/terrorism/terrorist_orgs_list.html)

<sup>75</sup> See <http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=203>

<sup>76</sup> See <http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=30>



existence.<sup>77</sup>

- USCEIO member groups [include Friends of Sabeel North America](#) (FOSNA), [Adalah-NY](#), [American Friends Service Committee](#) (AFSC), [Code Pink](#), [Jewish Voice for Peace](#) (JVP), [International Solidarity Movement](#) (ISM), [Friends of Sabeel Colorado](#), [Pax Christi](#) Metro DC- Baltimore, and the [United Methodist Kairos response](#). These organizations engage extensively in anti-Israel demonization campaigns and BDS initiatives.
- The US Campaign's [2012 national conference](#) featured speakers with similar political messages, including [Phyllis Bennis](#) and [Nadia Hijab](#) of the Al-Shabaka network, and devoted all of its group workshops to BDS and activist training. Presbyterian minister Reverend Jeffrey de Yoe (a recipient of the IPMN Hosanna Prize) spoke at the conference session on "engaging faith communities."

### Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study

In January 2014, IPMN released *Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study*. It postulates that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is driven by "pathology inherent in Zionism" and rejects theologies — Christian and Jewish — that supports Zionism.

The document generated serious criticism from across the Presbyterian and interfaith spectrum.

- "The Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) and their allies have once again mounted initiatives that advance an extremist posture with respect to the Palestinian-Israeli impasse. Their agenda threatens to polarize our community, betray relationships with our Jewish colleagues, and ultimately undermine our credibility as 'peacemakers.'" – [Reverend Chris Leighton, An Open Letter to the Presbyterian Church](#)
- "An ideologically driven document such as this one cannot conceivably promote solutions that all parties in this conflict urgently need... Sadly, its sweeping allegations, blanket condemnations and troubling omissions are not likely to foster productive conversations, but rather to prevent them. It creates walls not just between Presbyterians and Jews, Israelis and Palestinians, but also within the Presbyterian body itself." - [Katherine Henderson, President of Auburn Theological Seminary](#)
- "This finds similarity to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion...So it is unfortunate the document is riddled with statements and allusions to Jewish people that fall under that rubric: To denigrate the particular, the embodied or the physically landed aspects of Judaism as inferior and superseded by the universal, the spiritual and the global message of Christianity, shows strong affinities to the

<sup>77</sup> See <http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?list=type&type=390>

Adversus Judeos tradition of contempt, which has made similar false claims against Jews throughout history.” – [Statement of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group, Chicago Presbytery](#)

- The “big issue is the desire to eliminate Israel as a Jewish state...We’ve always been dealing with a small group of activists who know how to manipulate the system and intimidate people...Now that will blow up in their face because very few people share their agenda.” [John Wimberly, co-moderator of Presbyterians for Middle East Peace](#)

The Presbyterian Church (USA) [issued a statement](#) asserting:

*Our church has categorically [condemned anti-Semitism](#) in all its forms, including the refusal to acknowledge the legal existence of the State of Israel...The independent group — which speaks to the church and not for the church — recently published a study guide, *Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study*. The guide is intended to prompt discussion on the ever-changing and tumultuous issue of Israel-Palestine. [The IPMN booklet was neither paid for nor published by the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#).*

Yet, IPMN is not an independent tax-exempt organization. The PCUSA serves as IPMN’s fiscal sponsor: IPMN’s website states, “[all gifts \[to IPMN\] are received by the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) and qualify as charitable giving.”<sup>78</sup>

### Problematic source material

*Zionism Unsettled* goes beyond criticism of Israeli government policies. Instead, its authors invalidate the very existence of the State of Israel, dismissing the internationally accepted right of the Jewish people to sovereign equality.

By failing to reference the broad range of Israeli viewpoints, the authors relied exclusively on extremist sources. Their primary sources are NGO’s that support this agenda:

- [Sabeel](#): See page 46 above.
- [Zochrot](#): *Zionism Unsettled* also relies on information from [Zochrot](#),<sup>79</sup> a fringe left-wing Israeli NGO that supports BDS and a “right of return” of millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants.<sup>80</sup>
- [Badil](#): Badil, another extreme NGO, contributed an article to *Zionism Unsettled*. Badil gave a [monetary award](#) for second prize to an [antisemitic cartoon](#) in its 2010 Al-Awda Nakba caricature competition.

<sup>78</sup> See <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/support/>

<sup>79</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, “‘Judaizing’ the Land,” 13.

<sup>80</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, “Memoricide,” 55.



Cartoon that won 2nd prize in BADIL's 2010 caricature competition.

The cartoon is a blatant representation of classic antisemitic tropes, including a Jewish man, garbed in stereotypical attire, with a hooked nose and side locks. He stands above a dead child and skulls, holding a pitchfork dripping with blood. (The antisemitic caricature was removed from [BADIL's website](#) only after NGO Monitor approached BADIL partner DanChurchAid on the issue.)

- **[Jewish Voice for Peace](#)** (JVP): *Zionism Unsettled* quotes extensively from Rabbi Brant Rosen, member of the Rabbinical Council of [Jewish Voice for Peace](#), and from JVP's material. Both JVP and Rosen support BDS. JVP [views itself](#) as the "Jewish wing of the [Palestinian] solidarity movement," and JVP's strategy, as stated by the organization's executive director Rebecca Vilkomerson, is to create "[a wedge](#)" within the American Jewish community over support for Israel, while working toward the goal of eliminating U.S. economic, military, and political aid.
- **[Kairos Palestine](#)**: *Zionism Unsettled* promotes the Kairos Palestine document, which advocates for BDS, denies the Jewish historical connection to Israel in theological terms, and blames Israel solely for the continuation of the conflict. The Kairos Palestine document [rationalizes and trivializes](#) anti-Israeli terrorism by failing to name any Palestinian groups involved in carrying out terror attacks against Israeli civilians and even calling it "legal resistance."
- **[Palestine Land Society](#)**: *Zionism Unsettled* uses a map in the section "Judaizing the Land"<sup>81</sup> from Dr. Salman Abu Sitta, founder of the [Palestine Land Society](#). Abu Sitta spoke at the [2013 Right of Return Conference](#) in the U.S., where he advocated for a return of all Palestinian refugees to their ancestors' original villages, which would result in the end of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people.

Other contributors:

- **[Rosemary and Herman Ruether](#)**: Part of the chapter "Christian Views of Jews and Judaism" is based on an essay titled "Roman Catholicism, Zionism and the Quest for Justice in the Holy Land"<sup>82</sup> by Rosemary and Herman Ruether. The Ruethers co-wrote "The Wrath of Jonah," which describes Zionism as "[a form of exclusionary ethnonationalism](#)." Rosemary Ruether also signed the [9/11 Truth Statement](#),<sup>83</sup> which calls for "immediate inquiry into evidence that suggests high-level government officials may have deliberately allowed the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks to occur." In an [article](#) titled "Was the Bush Administration Complicit in 9/11?" she claimed that that 9/11 was an inside job.
- **[Ilan Pappé](#)**: Ilan Pappé, an Israeli-born professor at the University of Exeter, is also quoted in *Zionism Unsettled*. Pappé is a supporter of [BDS](#) and violence against Israel, [stating](#), "I support Hamas in its resistance against the Israeli

<sup>81</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, 13.

<sup>82</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, 25.

<sup>83</sup> See <http://www.911truth.org/911-truth-statement/>

occupation.” Hamas is a U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. Hamas’ [founding charter](#) declares its goals as the destruction of Israel and the establishment of an Islamic state with “the banner of Allah over [every inch of Palestine](#).”<sup>84</sup>

### Praise from extremists for Zionism Unsettled

IPMN touts the “[praise](#)” it received for *Zionism Unsettled* from a number of seemingly diverse individuals. However, all the individuals listed represent the most extreme and radical voices commenting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Some are also quoted in or contributed to *Zionism Unsettled*, creating the appearance of self-promotion:

- **Ali Abunimah** praises *Zionism Unsettled* for “cast[ing] new light on the misuse of Christian theology to justify Israel’s dispossession and oppression of the Palestinian people and to obscure the real history.” Ali Abunimah runs the [Electronic Intifada](#), which advocates for BDS. He [advocates](#) for a “one-state solution” that would eliminate Israel, and calls Zionism “one of the worst forms of anti-Semitism in existence today.”<sup>85</sup>
- **James Wall** urges his audience to “make [*Zionism Unsettled*] priority reading and study.” IPMN’s website lists James Wall as a former editor of *Christian Century* magazine, but fails to mention he is an [associate editor](#)<sup>86</sup> for Veterans News Now, an [affiliate](#) of Veterans Today.<sup>87</sup> VNN has [published articles](#) such as “Humanity Free of Zionism” and “Earth’s Alpha Predator: Zionist Mafia.” The [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) describes Veterans Today as “now squarely in neo-Nazi territory.”<sup>88</sup>
- **Mark Braverman’s** description of political Zionism as “[t]he preoccupation with Jewish vulnerability and suffering [*i.e.*, ‘our eternal victimhood’], and the sense of entitlement to the land of [Israel]”<sup>89</sup> was included in *Zionism Unsettled* by its authors. In return, Braverman’s praise for *Zionism Unsettled* is included on the IPMN website. Braverman is the Director of Kairos USA and a member of Friends of Sabeel North America’s Advisory Board, both of which advocate for BDS. Speaking at a Sabeel conference at a northern Californian church in 2010, Braverman caricatured Jews as having “to get over the exceptionalism, isolationism and the paranoia and the sense of being special and apart... And the psychological issues involved in there are deep. We’re in big trouble.”<sup>90</sup>

<sup>84</sup> See [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/hamas.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp)

<sup>85</sup> See <http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article10883.shtml>

<sup>86</sup> See <http://www.veteransnewsnow.com/staff-writers/>

<sup>87</sup> See <http://blog.adl.org/tags/nazi>

<sup>88</sup> See <http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/01/10/veterans-today-editor-blames-newtown-tragedy-on-israeli-death-squads/>

<sup>89</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, 11.

<sup>90</sup> Braverman speaking in a workshop, “Toward a Post-Nakba Theology: The Urgent Role for Faith Communities to Bring About Peace Based on Justice,” Sabeel Conference: “A Time for Truth; A Time

- **Stephen Sizer** praised *Zionism Unsettled* as a “groundbreaking critique of Zionism from a Christian perspective.” In Sizer’s [lecture](#) at the 2010 Christ at the Checkpoint Conference, he claimed that “the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph are therefore *now fulfilled only through those who follow Jesus Christ* since they alone are designated the true children of Abraham and Sarah. *Jews who reject Jesus Christ are outside the covenant of grace...*”<sup>91</sup>

In 2012, the Board of Deputies of British Jews brought a formal complaint against Sizer, accusing him of having “made antisemitic statements and [having] published links to racist and antisemitic websites.” The compiled evidence against him includes giving an interview to the Qods News Agency, which regularly denies the Holocaust, and linking to an article from the website “Window into Palestine,” which describes the Protocols of the Elders of Zion as an “important tome.”

Also [praising](#) *Zionism Unsettled* was **David Duke**, the white supremacist and former KKK and neo-Nazi leader. He called it a “major breakthrough in the worldwide struggle against Zionist extremism.” He complimented the “largest Presbyterian church in the United States, the PC(USA)” for issuing “a formal statement calling Zionism ‘Jewish Supremacism’ — a term first coined and made popular by Dr. David Duke.”<sup>92</sup> Duke is author of “Jewish Supremacism: My Awakening to the Jewish Question.” (*Zionism Unsettled* attacks what it calls “Jewish supremacy.”<sup>93</sup>)

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for Action,” First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo, CA – March 5 – 6, 2010. Audio and transcript on file with NGO Monitor.

<sup>91</sup> See <http://www.christatthecheckpoint.com/lectures/sizer.pdf>

<sup>92</sup> See <http://davidduke.com/new-publication-main-presbyterian-church-us-calls-zionism-jewish-supremacism/>

<sup>93</sup> *Zionism Unsettled*, 53.



## Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

### Background

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship “started in the 1940s as a group that provided support to Conscientious Objectors to World War II, a war in which objection was quite unpopular. Since our birth we have continued to be a prophetic voice in our church, urging the abolition of war and encouraging our sisters and brothers to enact peace in the midst of our broken world.” The PPF is “a wide network of peacemakers who engage issues of both national and international import,” whose “call is to be movers and shakers within the PC(USA) and beyond, encouraging one another to take seriously God’s call to God’s people to participate in God’s nonviolent work of love, peace, and justice in the world.”

PPF’s history of peace activism includes “work[ing] to oppose the development of nuclear weapons” in the 1950s, “draft resistance counseling and working to end the war in Vietnam” in the 1960s and 70s. In the 1980s PPF was a “founding organizations of the US-Soviet Bi-Lateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, leading the PC(USA) to become the first major church to endorse the proposal.”

Since the 1990s PPF “shifted to an emphasis on nonviolent direct action.” In 1980, PPF members were instrumental in “encouraging the Presbyterian General Assembly to pass the document called ‘[Peacemaking: The Believers’ Calling](#),’ which initiated the annual [Peacemaking Offering](#) in many churches, and established the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the denomination.”

### Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

The PPF’s Middle East focus disproportionately emphasizes “[Israel/Palestine](#),” to which an entire section of its website is dedicated. The only other international issue to which the PPF dedicates an entire section of its site is [Columbia](#).

The cumulative effect of the content provided by PPF indicates a bias in favor of the Palestinian perspective, as evident through de-contextualization of the conflict and it’s omission of the Israeli perspective. No information is provided on Palestinian terrorism, incitement, annihilationist ideologies, rejectionism, and antisemitism.

- PPF endorses boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel:
  - PPF links to IMPN’s “[Boycott 101](#)” page that promotes the document “[What Is BDS and How Can You Participate?](#)”
  - [Lobbies](#) the US government to withhold military aid from Israel.
  - PPF Executive Director Rick Ufford-Chase [uses](#) demonizing rhetoric against Israel. According to the AP, “He told the delegates they should be ‘naming the

occupation for what it is: a form of apartheid. We must stand with our Palestinian brothers and sisters.”

- Initiatives such as PPF's [2012 General Assembly “overture”](#) calling for a boycott of Israeli products made in the West Bank, including Ahava Cosmetics, Hadiklaim, and the Israel Date Growers Co-Operative Ltd.
- PPF sponsored a week long [campaign](#), “Boycott SodaStream Days of Action.”
- The PPF website's [Middle East](#) page is titled “Israel Palestine + Iraq + Iran + Afghanistan.” Of the 100 articles posted on the first 10 pages of this section (November 15, 2010 – March 20, 2014), 74 focus on “Israel/Palestine,” while 26 are focused on other Middle East countries. There are no articles on Syria in this section. In fact, on the entire website there are only 10 articles on Syria, despite that country's civil war that has taken an estimated [150,000 lives](#) since March 2011.
- On the [Iran page](#) of the Middle East section, the posted articles are focused on opposition to any military action against Iran. PPF takes no position on how to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. In 2008, the [PPF opposed “more sanctions and any blockade against Iran”](#) and for “direct, unconditional negotiations between the United States and Iran.” This position was repeated in [2012](#).
- The PPF proclaims its “commitment is to listen carefully to the narrative of the Jewish people and the State of Israel whenever we are in dialog.” However, PPF appears to limit this dialog: “The Jewish partners and organizations with whom we endeavor to work share our commitments to nonviolence and a just peace with security for all involved.”
- No mention is made of Israelis as targets of terror. Statements by PPF create an ambiguous moral equivalency between Hamas (which specifically targets Israeli citizens) and the Israeli military (which targets terrorists that frequently are embedded among civilians).

[Example](#): “Though we understand the strong feelings elicited by the word ‘terrorism,’ and have *sought to avoid such language*, we believe that this is an appropriate word to describe *any action in which the intended or foreseeable victim is a civilian* – Israeli or Palestinian. We pray that both ‘state’ and ‘non-state’ terrorism will cease and that all parties, including the U.S., will be empowered to foster nonviolent paths of justice and peace.” (emphasis added)

- [A travel log](#) recounting a 2008 PPF “Pentecost trip” to the Middle East exhibits a highly politicized agenda. The pro-BDS group [Holy Land Trust](#)<sup>94</sup> was the trip’s official tour guide. Further, the trip’s claimed purpose was “pilgrimage to see the Holy Places of our spiritual heritage and to come to a better understanding of the Palestinian – Israeli Conflict.” One participant [described the trip](#) as an opportunity to “learn as much as we could about that conflict from an enormous variety of perspectives.” The trip’s itinerary, however, presented participants with a very narrow set of perspectives, mostly echoing one another.
  - The Israeli groups they met represented the polar ends of Israeli public opinion. On the Left: [Israeli Palestinian Center for Research and Information](#), Kibbutz Metzer to observe its co-existence efforts with a neighboring Arab village, [B’Tselem, Parents Circle, and the fringe](#) anti-Zionist [Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions](#). [For a contrasting view](#) they met with one West Bank settler. Absent were any meetings with Israeli civic, business, or elected officials representative of the very broad mainstream.
  - Of note was an extremely truncated [visit to the Yad Vashem](#) Holocaust Museum, which “was the last activity planned for this day and we had one brief hour to see it all.”
  - Palestinian groups included: [Holy Land Trust](#), [Bethlehem Bible College](#), [Addameer](#), Musalaha, Aida, Beit Fajjar, Sam Bahour, Mohammed Jaradat, Mustafa Bargouthi at the [Medical Relief Society Office](#), Charitable Islamic Society, and Abu Islam,
- The [“Resources on Israel/Palestine”](#) section links to one sided material and does not include resources from any mainstream Israeli or Jewish organizations. Examples: [“Friends of Sabeel--North America's Open Letter to Pope Francis”](#); [“Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study Guide by IPMN”](#); [Boycott SodaStream Days of Action: Nov. 29 to Dec. 10, 2013](#), [Boycott the Gaza Invasion this Thanksgiving](#), [Kairos USA Document, 2012](#).

<sup>94</sup> HLT supports anti-Israel BDS (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions), including signing a petition in May 2005 calling for the academic boycott of Israel, signing the 2005 “Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS,” and supporting the Kairos Palestine document.

Sami Awad, HLT’s executive director and founder, has stated that non-violent demonstrations are “not a substitute for the armed struggle.” Awad has also minimized Israel’s legitimate security needs as a “manipulation” of the fear of another Jewish Holocaust. (emphasis added)

Speaking at the National Leadership Conference for the Vineyard Church in 2009, Awad told the audience, “We’ve actually done training in non-violence for Hamas leaders and other militant groups as well.” Hamas is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department and the EU. (The United States Supreme Court upheld a law criminalizing material support for terror organizations. The law defines “material support” as including “any property, tangible or intangible, or service, including... training, expert advice or assistance...”).

- [“Latest on Israel/Palestine”](#) page of PPF’s website displays [photographs](#) and articles of the security barrier without referencing Palestinian terror groups or Israeli security concerns.
- Additional statements incorporated under PPF’s [Principles to Guide Our Work](#), such as “As we work with Muslims regarding Israel and Palestine, we attempt to understand the implications of the *Nakba* for the Palestinian people, and to appreciate the impact of the unrelenting devastation that event and the ensuing occupation has meant for Muslims in Israel and Palestine and around the world,” further demonstrate PPF’s underlying ideological partiality against Israel.
- Article [“This Is What Unconditional Support of Israel Means”](#) includes statements such as, “It means we bear responsibility for that wall, for those tear gas canisters, for those children without schools, and those parents without medicine. With my tax dollars I helped pay for the gun and the bullet that spilled the blood of a man whose hand I shook a couple weeks ago.” The Israeli perspective is omitted and context is removed.
- [PPF’s Israel/Palestine partners](#) consist of organizations that exclusively support only one side of the conflict. This includes: [Israel Palestine Mission Network](#); [Jewish Voice for Peace](#); [Christian Peacemaker Teams – Palestine](#); [Sabeel](#) ; [Friends of Sabeel – North America](#); [Kairos USA](#) ; [Kairos Palestine](#); and [Tent of Nations](#).
  - According to its executive director, [“The Israel/Palestine Mission Network](#) has worked without ceasing for more than seven years, showing energy, intelligence, imagination, and love as they have listened to the voices of Christians, Muslims and Jews in Palestine and Israel, who cry out for an end to the occupation and the establishment of the things that make for peace. We are grateful to consider them our partners, our teachers and our leaders.”
  - PPF Executive Director Ufford-Chase is on the founding board of Kairos USA [refer to Appendix II]

### PPF’s Israel / Palestine Delegation -- January 2014

“Dispatches from the Holy Land” is written by PPF’s [“Israel/Palestine delegation,”](#) which visited the region to “witness the Middle East first hand and listen to the people on the ground as they seek to live in peace in this complex part of the world.” The goal appeared to be the “hope and prayer that our delegates come home and be vibrant members working with PPF and its goal of active peace seeking.”

- Delegates on the trip wrote daily updates on their experiences. Many of which, including PPF’s Executive Director Rick Ufford-Chase, use highly emotive language. General rhetoric includes mention of “militaristic hell,” “racial oppression,” comparison of the settlements to “genocide of the Native Americans and the Jews in the Nazi holocaust” or “slavery,” “ethnic cleaning of indigenous

populations,” “walled prison,” “Judaization” of the land, and “violent military suppression.”

- [Executive-Director Rick Ufford-Chase](#) claims that the purpose for PPF mission trips in the Middle East is to influence young adults to act on behalf of the Presbyterian church:

*The reason we are doing [the 2014 delegation tour of Israel and Palestine] is we received an unsolicited \$50,000 gift with the proviso that it be used to underwrite the cost of a trip focused on young adults, in the Presbyterian church in particular, who would be committed to coming home and working on helping the Presbyterian church to develop a truly bold and prophetic stance around the question on how to respond to Israel and Palestine.<sup>95</sup>*

- The delegation website featured [videos tours](#) of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem. No videos of Jewish holy sites were posted.
- [Kelley Baker's](#) poem provides a rationalization for terrorism against Israeli civilians:

*I weep because no one seems to ask the question why  
Why the rockets?  
Why the demonstrations?  
Why the Intifadas?  
Why Hezbollah? Why Hamas?  
What would you do if immigrants moved into your country and told you that  
you were no longer welcome?*

Baker continues, “My country [the United States] lies because it says that it stands for freedom and justice yet when people fight for freedom and justice we call them terrorists.”

- [Jessie Light](#) disparages Israeli concern for stopping terrorism: “[a] 430 mile wall to surround the West Bank for **so-called security purposes**...the wall that divides and oppresses.” There is no reference to Israel’s purpose for building the security barrier. Light states “the eyesore of a barrier consists of many 26 foot tall concrete blocks that weave their way through the scenic countryside of the West Bank.” He continues, “In some instances, Palestinian villages are completely surrounded on all sides by the barrier, **which serves as a modern-day form of ghettoization**. To call this wall anything but an **Apartheid wall**, as it is known by Palestinians, would not fully capture the damage it is causing to society.” [emphasis added]
- [Biblical quotes](#), such as “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!” (Matthew 23:37-38), are used to support demonizing rhetoric against modern Israel and Israeli Jews.

<sup>95</sup> Audio file available at [http://traffic.libsyn.com/gcr/Rick\\_Ufford-Chase.mp3](http://traffic.libsyn.com/gcr/Rick_Ufford-Chase.mp3).



- Dr. Shelly Matthews, Associate Professor of New Testament, Brite Divinity School  
[Violence in Matthew: The Question of Text and Reality:](#)

*The pervasiveness of the accusation that Jews persecute, kill or intend to kill Christ believers in Matthew is matched by the evasiveness of the details--the charges, the motives, the causes, the specific agents of the persecution.... [Douglas Hare] notes that Matthew avoids sociological explanations for persecution: 'Only the theological cause, the obduracy of Israel is of interest to the author. Nor is the mystery of Israel's sin probed... Israel's sin is a fact of history which requires no explanation. It is the sufficient cause of the persecution. For Matthew no other explanation is necessary.*

- Many of the delegation bloggers declared their support for BDS. PPF staff member [Sarah Prager](#) writes that immediately following their return, the delegation gave "their unanimous support of the PC(USA) divesting from three companies that support the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands: Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett Packard."
- [Aric Clark](#) quotes [Omar Barghouti](#),<sup>96</sup> who "stressed in that interview in Ramallah how effective the Boycott, Divestment, Sanction campaign (BDS) is proving to be," followed by the statement "There is a great deal of money and energy being spent by Zionist groups to keep Presbyterians from divesting, which wouldn't be the case unless our decision could have an impact."

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<sup>96</sup> Barghouti is Co-founder and Steering Committee member of Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI). He supports a [one-state solution](#), utilizes racially-charged rhetoric including [comparing the Jews to the Nazis](#), "[apartheid](#)," and falsely claims that international law gives "people under occupation the [right to resist](#) in any way, including armed resistance"

## APPENDIX IV: BDS leaders in their own words

### Omar Barghouti

*Founder, Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel*

- “Definitely, most definitely do we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine. No rational, not-sell-out Palestinian will ever accept a Jewish state in any part of Palestine.”<sup>97</sup>
- “(The one state solution means) a unitary state, where, by definition, Jews will be a minority.”<sup>98</sup>

### John Spritzler

*Pro-BDS Author*

- “I think the BDS movement will gain strength from forthrightly explaining why Israel has no right to exist.”<sup>99</sup>
- “BDS’s stated goals (ending the Occupation, equality for non-Jews and Jews, and the right of return of the Palestinian refugees) logically imply the end of Israel as a Jewish state...”<sup>100</sup>

### Ahmed Moor

*Pro-BDS Author*

- “Ending the occupation doesn’t mean anything if it doesn’t mean upending the Jewish state itself...BDS does mean the end of the Jewish state.”<sup>101</sup>

### As’ad AbuKhalil

*Pro-BDS Author*

- “The real aim of BDS is to bring down the state of Israel....That should be stated as an unambiguous goal. There should not be any equivocation on the subject. Justice and freedom for the Palestinians are incompatible with the existence of the state of Israel.”<sup>102</sup>

### Ronnie Kasrils

*BDS supporter*

“BDS represents three words that will help bring about the defeat of Zionist Israel and victory for Palestine.”<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>97</sup> Omar Barghouti, “Strategies for change,” available at <http://vimeo.com/75201955>

<sup>98</sup> See <http://www.counterpunch.org/barghouti12132003.html>

<sup>99</sup> See <http://newdemocracyworld.org/palestine/bds.html>

<sup>100</sup> See <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1402/S00124/bds-needs-to-counterattack.htm>

<sup>101</sup> See <http://mondoweiss.net/2010/04/bds-is-a-long-term-project-with-radically-transformative-potential.html>

<sup>102</sup> See <http://english.al-akhbar.com/node/4289>

<sup>103</sup> See [http://palestinechronicle.com/old/view\\_article\\_details.php?id=14924](http://palestinechronicle.com/old/view_article_details.php?id=14924)

## APPENDIX V: Establishment of IPMN Facebook Group Page and Members Count



Total members: 289 (screen capture taken June 24, 2014)

