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Facts & Logic About the Middle East

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Last week, 460 Palestinian missiles from Gaza shelled Israeli citizens—threatening another war.

Last week, a U.N. General Assembly committee passed 9 anti-Israel resolutions in one day.

The Pittsburgh synagogue shooter is now shown to be an Israel hater.

As you know, our struggle is not new.  
But I trust you also know we won't give up—  
we can't give up.

Won't you act now to help us mount a new campaign to tell the truth—now in the *New York Times*—about Israel's righteous cause??  
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Dear Friend of FLAME:

I trust you saw the [news reports](#) covering the largest barrage of Hamas terrorist missiles ever launched over the last weeks at Israeli civilians—which qualifies as a war crime.

Of course, the minute Israel fights back, the media and politicians will likely pile on—again [accusing Israel](#) of "disproportionate force."

But perhaps you did *not* see that a U.N. committee attacked Israel in a series of 9 anti-Israel resolutions blaming Israel for [human rights abuses](#) and "occupation" of eastern Jerusalem—while not mentioning Palestinian war crimes . . . or any other country on earth.

The implacably biased U.N. [also voted to condemn Israel](#) for its annexation of the Golan Heights—which, fortunately, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley bravely *denounced* and voted against.

Finally, it was no surprise to learn a few days ago that the anti-Semite who murdered 11 innocent Jews in Pittsburgh was also a follower of [viciously hateful anti-Israel websites](#).

My friends, every day we're reminded of the unrelenting forces aligned against the Jewish people . . . and the state of Israel from radicals on both sides of the political spectrum.

But we take heart in the miracle of Israel as the world's one and only [national refuge for](#)

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YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH.

### Anti-Zionism Is Racism

Anti-Semitic attacks that kill Jews in a synagogue are fundamentally no different than attacks on Zionism—Israel's right to exist. They're both racist acts of hate.

Anti-Semitism can be the motivation of the Jewish people—whether due to the murder or destruction of the Jewish Temple or the Holocaust or the persecution of Jews in the Middle East. It is the hatred of Jews as a people, not the hatred of the Jewish religion.

What are the facts?  
Zionism is the belief that the Jewish people have a right to self-determination—in the State of Israel in their ancestral old homeland. According to the U.S. State Department, self-determination is a basic human right and is not subject to discrimination, religious intolerance or double standards. The form of anti-Semitism appears to be a general, non-specific hate accusation—drawn both the racial right and racial left. The objective of anti-Zionist attacks is to deny the right of the Jewish state, among all the world's nations, to exist.

Attacks on Israel in a national state, this conviction inspires a double standard, as well as a lie. No comparable nation-state has been subjected to such a level of violence and persecution. Today's religious intolerance of Zionism, was China's occupation of Tibet. Yet Israel is barely accused of colonizing its own number homeland. So Jew, Jew are the indigenous people of Palestine—nations of the oldest average age in the world (more than 1000 years ago), with continuous residency since then. Indeed, Zionism is an anti-Semitic movement, being English, Russian, Christian, Ottoman, British and Indian supporters.

Attacks on Israel state Palestinian land. This attempt to delegitimize Israel ignores the fact that since from previous land holdings, the Palestinians have never had sovereignty over any territory. Therefore, they do not "resettle" public lands in present-day Israel or Judea and Samaria (the West Bank). The territory controlled by Israel today was settled on land that Jews owned or purchased, was public land granted by the British Mandate for Palestine, or was captured when Israel defeated invading Arab armies from Jordan and Syria in 1947—will not be questioned under international law, to be resolved by negotiations.

Attacks on Israel's status as the Holy Land are religious based. Many oppose the claim by some Jews and Christians that Jewish rights to enter springs from biblical authority. Yet Zionism is largely a secular movement, and Jewish rights to exist in the Holy Land are recognized by legal, historical and humanitarian rights. While Israel's state religion is defined by Judaism—and is the world's only Jewish state—of 7.5 million other nations, nearly 200 million, that designate a state religion, also including China and England. Above all, Israel is not a democracy, like Jews, but a secular democracy.

Attacks on Israel in an apartheid state. This attempt to delegitimize Israel is false and lies. Israel is the only nation in the Middle East. Its citizens of all races, genders,

ethnicities and religions enjoy equal civil rights—most freedom that is one of the world's nations. As for anti-Zionism, the Bible speaks of the Israel—the people of Israel—created Hebrews who built a sovereign nation, as well as legal, economic and social systems. Jews are also persecuted by the Holocaust. Contrary to this delegitimization charge, Jews are a distinct people who also share a religious language. Contrary to this delegitimization charge, Jews are a distinct people who also share a religious language. Contrary to this delegitimization charge, Jews are a distinct people who also share a religious language.

"The whole world must see that Israel... has the right to exist."  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

But as Muslims, Muslims these very people, no one Jew, Jewish intolerance. Instead, Jews are persecuted in a Jewish state before the Muslim world. Other Jews, such as members of Jewish Youth for Peace or Students for Justice in Palestine, object to Zionism based on the false and dangerous accusation listed above. The fact remains that specifically targeting Jews—end the world's only national refuge for Jews—in a form of anti-Semitism is the only anti-Semitism.

Attempts to delegitimize Israel—whether in the United Nations, college campuses or by the Internet, Christian and Jewish non-members—only marginally impact anti-Semitism. Only people will lead the 21st century of civil rights under Martin Luther King, Jr. "The whole world must see that Israel must exist and the right to exist and it is one of the great rights of democracy."

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**IF YOU SUPPORT PUBLISHING FLAME'S BOLD PR MESSAGES,**

Jews—and as a *righteous* light unto the nations.

### WITH **YOUR HELP**, WE WILL CONTINUE TO TELL ISRAEL'S INSPIRING STORY

You'll be glad to know that we at FLAME have been extraordinarily busy lately, continuing our efforts to spread the truth about the Jewish state.

We continue of course to run our *hasbarah* efforts in national media. But six months ago, we also launched our FLAME Facebook page, which gives us a chance to reach nearly half a million more people each month with our outspoken messages—now on the world's most popular social media platform.

Today I have even more exciting news: On Sunday, December 9 FLAME will begin running its paid editorial messages in the *New York Times*. As you know, the *Times* is one of Israel's largest, most consistent and most unfair critics.

No wonder our supporters have for years urged us to "enter the lion's den"—place our outspoken messages in the *Times*. Until now, we've held back, because running ads in the *New York Times* is very expensive.

But the *New York Times* also reaches some 1.6 million people with its Sunday edition—and we believe it's time those readers receive the truth about Israel. It's time for FLAME to step up.

I hope you, too, will step up and help us spread the truth in America's largest daily newspaper.

I hope you'll take a minute to make your final 2018 donation at this time. Because only FLAME publishes the truth about Israel in media nationwide every month—starting this month in the *New York Times*.

In order to protect Israel, the overwhelming majority of American must realize that Israel's cause is just—on the front lines in the battle against global Islamic jihad (starting with Hamas in Gaza), as a bulwark of pro-American stability in the treacherous Middle East, and as America's most steadfast ally in the world.

As you know, these are precisely the messages that FLAME delivers every month in media—including in college newspapers—that reach millions and millions of Americans.

Just to remind you: FLAME has published PR for Israel over the past months on these critical issues (linked to our website, in case you'd like to review them):

"[Anti-Zionism Is Racism](#)" (will appear in the *New York Times*, Dec. 9, 2018)

"[BDS, Academic Freedom and Anti-Semitism](#)"

"[Peace with Palestinian Dictatorships?](#)"

"[Israel's Settlements: Obstacle to Peace?](#)"

These messages are powerful PR for Israel—and we've published dozens more—but as I'm sure you can imagine, telling the truth about Israel via such paid editorial messages in media nationwide is costly. Are you ready to join us for 2019?

### PLEASE HELP US!!

FLAME is the only organization that defends Israel with paid editorial *hasbarah* messages placed in media nationwide every month: The dire threats from Iran, Hamas and Hizbollah, the injustice of BDS, Palestinian anti-Semitism and more. If you support a bold voice that tells the truth about Israel in American media, please donate now.

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Here's the double payoff for making a membership donation to FLAME at this time:

First, you help tell the truth about Israel in the media—something that's urgently needed if we're to maintain the support of *all* Americans over the coming year.

Second, you can celebrate the upcoming holidays with even more joy in your heart, because you have done a *mitzvah* for Israel—a generous good deed appropriate to the season.

That's why, if you *don't* want to let criticism of Israel go unanswered, if you *don't* want one-sided news stories about Israel to go uncorrected, *and* if you've ever bemoaned Israel's "bad PR," I urge you to help FLAME with your financial support at this time. Just go to donate to join us and help now.

Please remember that the nearly 100% of FLAME's financial support comes from individuals just like you. One by one, Jews, Christians and unaffiliated alike contribute generously to this noble cause—to help ensure that Israel survives.

So whether you give \$1,000 or \$500 or \$100 . . . or even \$50 or \$36 or \$18—every membership donation is important—every dollar you contribute helps us keep telling the truth about the inspiring Jewish nation.

Best of all, of course, your donation is tax-deductible.

Won't you act now to make your membership donation online? Just go to donate now.

Thanks in advance for your year-end generosity and your continued support of FLAME's good work.

Jim Sinkinson

President, Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

P.S. In order to run FLAME hasbarah messages in the New York Times—as we will begin doing in a few weeks—FLAME will spend nearly \$35,000. I urge you to help us meet this challenge. You need not donate \$10,000 or even \$5,000. Please join the tens of thousands of FLAME supporters who make one or more smaller donations annually to help us continue our work to defend Israel against the hypocrites and haters. Help us deliver our messages consistently in the New York Times. Please donate now.

P.P.S. We at FLAME usually focus, as we should, on the challenges Israel faces in the world--the unfair treatment the Jewish state receives at the hands of the U.N., continuing rocket, gun, car and knife attacks by Arab terrorists, and the existential threat that confronts Israel from Iran. But what we must not forget is the amazing success story that Israel represents for Jews, for the United States and for civilization itself. It's inspiring! To clarify, celebrate and publicize the good news about Israel, FLAME published a *hasbarah* message—"Why Israel Matters"—in media millions and millions of readers. I hope you'll review this powerful position paper and pass it on to all your contacts who will benefit from this message. If you agree that FLAME's bold—but costly—brand of public relations on Israel's

behalf is critical, I urge you to support our publication of such outspoken messages. Please consider giving a membership donation now, as you're able-- with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To start or renew your membership online, just go to [donate now](#). Now more than ever we need your support to ensure that Israel gets the support it needs---from the U.S. Congress, from President Trump, and from the American people.



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