

doctrine among Palestinians. Ironically, official Muslim guidebooks up until Israel became a state in 1948 had agreed that the location of King Solomon's Temple on the Temple Mount was "[beyond dispute](#)."

Despite literally [tons of archeological findings](#) of Jewish artifacts by secular scientists in the Temple Mount area, a Palestinian lecturer at Bir-Zeit University, Dr. Jamal Amar, claims that after "60 years of digging . . . they've found nothing at all. Not a water jug, not a coin, not any earthen vessel, no bronze weapons, not piece of metal, absolutely nothing of this myth . . . because it's a lie."

Of course, these falsehoods are just a tiny sample of those issued by Palestinian leadership, clergy in mosques and teachers in Palestinian schools, so that today most of them are [believed unquestioningly by Palestinians](#) generally.

Mahmoud Abbas' Ph.D. thesis denied the Jewish Holocaust during World War II. In 2016, Abbas also falsely proclaimed to the European Parliament that Israeli rabbis had called for Israel's government to [poison Palestinian water](#). (After an outcry, Abbas later retracted the statement.) Palestinian imams have asserted for decades with zero evidence that Israel was planning to dismantle the Al Aksa mosque atop the Temple Mount, which has led to many Arab riots, causing deaths.

These untruths pile up on top more fundamental lies, such as one in the Palestinian National Authority charter, stating "Palestine is the homeland of the Arab Palestinian people." This is a lie because it characterizes the "Arab Palestinian people" as a distinct group historically, which it never had been, but even more so because it [ignores the indigenous Jewish people](#) who have lived there for 3,000 years, long before any Arabs arrived in the region.

Certainly Palestinian lies are evil first because they are false and second because they attempt to deny the legitimate rights of *Am Yisrael*—the Jewish people—to self-determination and a nation in their ancestral homeland. But these lies are also evil, because, as the Chernobyl quote concludes, they devolve into stories—*fiction*—in which it doesn't matter who the heroes are, but only [who is to blame](#).

We all know who is to blame in the Palestinian narrative: It is the Jews, and it is Israel. This is perhaps the greatest tragedy and greatest harm that comes from Palestinian lies. Because these lies tell a story not of struggle, achievement, or heroism—but rather [a narrative of victimhood, failure, rejection, hopelessness](#) . . . and ultimately a tale that allows Palestinian leaders to disavow responsibility for their future and shift it to "the other."

I hope in your conversations with friends, family and colleagues you'll clarify this [unjust and tragic character of Palestinian society](#), especially the strategy of lies that permeates Palestinian political strategy.

In addition to advocating for an end to lies about Jews and Israel from Palestinians, I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to visit FLAME's lively [new Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new hasbarah campaign—a refutation of the myth of "Palestinian territories."

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P.S. Critics of Israel, from *The New York Times* to BDS and the United Nations, usually base their condemnation of Israel on accusations that Israel's settlements (or its "occupation of Palestinian territory") are illegal. These accusations are false and deserve to be exposed once and for all. That's why FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called "[What Is 'Palestinian Territory'?](#)" I hope you'll review this hard-hitting paid editorial, which will begin running in national media this month. It provides a plain-English explanation of the legal issues surrounding Israel's historical and entire legal presence in its Biblical homeland. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Pence and President Trump. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider giving a donation now, as you're able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate](#) now. Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the U.S. Congress and President Trump stay focused on Israel's critical role in protecting U.S. interests in the region—as well as protecting itself.

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