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- A few days later, Ariel Gold of the anti-Zionist group Code Pink tweeted that “Israel is culpable for every coronavirus death in Gaza: the Siege must be lifted.”
- Last week, the UK *Guardian* wrote, “An Israeli blockade [of Gaza], in place since 2007 although eased in recent years, has limited the import of medicines and other essential items.” This is patently false, as Israel has no restrictions on importing medical equipment and medicine to Gaza, except for goods that can also be used for military purposes.
- Just this week, the NGO group B’Tselem erroneously alleged that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) had demolished a coronavirus treatment center built by the Palestinians in the Jordan Valley. Completely untrue.

In fact, Israel is suffering from the coronavirus just as every other first-world nation—though Israel’s relatively quick and stringent response has kept the disease’s proliferation below that of some other regions.

In addition, while it’s true that Israeli firms and academicians—along with labs at dozens of institutions in the U.S. and worldwide—are working assiduously to develop a coronavirus vaccine, there’s zero evidence Israel has such a solution in hand. Surely more than 3,000 cases and a death toll of 14 Israelis—growing daily—substantiates this.

Nonetheless, Israeli pharmaceutical firm Teva is planning to donate more than six million doses of anti-malarial tablets to the U.S. immediately, followed by another 10 million doses within a month. (While this drug has not been proven effective against corona, U.S. officials have asked for supplies of it as a possible solution.)

What’s more, Israel is aggressively assisting the Palestinians in numerous ways to fight back against corona. Indeed, the virus has spurred greater cooperation between Israelis and Arabs, and caused a dramatic reduction in terrorist acts by Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has consulted with Israeli Arab physicians on how to fight the pandemic in their communities, observed that coronavirus, “does not distinguish between Jews, Arabs, Circassians, Bedouins and Christians. It does not distinguish between religions and sectors.”

Israel has delivered 3,000 coronavirus test kits and 50,000 masks to the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Judea-Samaria (the West Bank) to help the Arabs fight the disease. The Jewish state has shipped hundreds more coronavirus testing kits and 1,000 protective medical gear kits into Gaza.

Israel has honored the request of the PA to find temporary housing for some 45,000 Palestinian workers in Israel, so they don’t have to commute daily back to their homes, risking further spread of the disease.

Indeed, for the first time in years, Palestinians are embracing cooperation with Israel, rather than rejecting it as a devious form of “normalization.” An official with the PA in Ramallah said, “Anyone who opposes cooperation with Israel in the medical field would be acting against the interests of our people . . . This is the time to lay aside our differences and work together against the pandemic.”

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Israel's President Reuven Rivlin reportedly phoned PA President Mahmoud Abbas to thank him for the Palestinians' cooperation and coordination in efforts with Israel to contain the contagion.

A supreme irony of anti-Semitism that accuses Jews of nefarious evil acts is that the Jewish nation of Israel is one of the most benevolent on earth. It sends rescue teams to virtually every natural disaster globally. It regularly provides cost-free, life-saving healthcare services to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza in Israeli hospitals. Israel goes above and beyond international warfare conventions to warn civilians in enemy territory of danger from missile attacks.

When the chips are down—when help is needed, when lives are in danger—Israel almost always does the right thing. At every turn in its relations with other peoples—even those attacking it with malice—Israel with high consistency does the benevolent thing, adopts the most humanitarian policy.

This is not to say that Israel behaves perfectly in every circumstance. Like the U.S., it is an imperfect democracy, led by flawed human beings. But when a crisis arises—such as the coronavirus plague—Israel can be counted on to do the right thing . . . to be a good Jew among nations, to be a “mensch.”

I urge you, in conversations with friends, family and colleagues, to emphasize that few countries are doing as much during the corona crisis for fellow nations—or their neighbors—as Israel. It's because, for all its blemishes, Israel embodies Jewish values. May G-d bless the Jewish state, the United States of America, and all the inhabitants of the world during this trying time.

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—forcefully describing Israel's critical strategic value to America.

Best regards,

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P.S. Many uninformed Americans—including some politicians—believe that foreign aid to Israel is a mistake. The anti-Semites believe Jews are extorting money from U.S. taxpayers or that Israel “doesn't need the money.” These opinions, of course, are mistaken. U.S. aid to Israel is no gift: It's a wise investment that repays American taxpayers many times over—in fact delivering more benefits than most other U.S. foreign aid. That's why FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “**Aid to Israel Makes the U.S. Safer**” I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which will run on March 29 in the *Sunday New York Times* and *Washington Post*. It lays out the many contributions Israel makes to U.S. security that far exceed their relatively modest cost. 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

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