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Why do so many nations join bizarre United Nations votes against truth, history and the Jewish State?

Dear Friend of FLAME:

A few weeks ago, the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution denying a Jewish connection to Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

This is the site of the two most important Jewish Temples—both built hundreds of years before Arabs arrived in the region and built a mosque atop their ruins.

On the one hand, it's bizarre: Some 129 nations voted in favor of this resolution that contradicts the Bible *and* accepted history.

On the other hand, it's not surprising: One of the primary weapons used to discredit the legitimacy of the Jewish state in its ancestral and indigenous homeland has been the denial of Jewish history and millennia-old Jewish sites and archaeology.

Most such denials are cheap—easily disproven lies levelled by corrupt Palestinian leaders and Arab “scholars.” The apex of the tactic is what Israeli American writer David Hazony calls “Temple Denial”—“a campaign of intellectual erasure . . . aimed at undermining the Jewish claim to any part of the land,” which he compares in brazenness to Holocaust denial.

Yet, since Palestinians have never had sovereignty or control in this land, their attacks on Israel’s legitimacy depend on such fake history. They’re forced to “prove” that Jews are foreign colonizers—and Muslims and Arabs have been there since time immemorial.

Unfortunately for them, the mere presence of the Temple Mount and countless Jewish sites around Jerusalem—predating the Muslim invasion and Arab occupation since the 7th century—completely undermine these lies.

Why then do other countries—many of them Christian or with significant Christian populations—collaborate in these lies, which effectively also deny

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Ben & Jerry's Bad Taste

The ice cream maker's intent to ban sales and operations of its Israeli affiliate in the "Occupied Palestinian Territories" is based on lies and bad faith toward Israel.

While Ben & Jerry's *has* also been accused of racism, it was exposed by an owner's exclusive. *Forbes* says the plan shows that Ben & Jerry's "is a malicious endeavor: attempting to delegitimize the Jewish state, erode its moral authority, and undermine its right to exist."

What are the facts?

Ben & Jerry's *has* been accused in Israel of racism that it will never be able to clear because the allegations are so vague and so far from the truth. The plan to ban sales and operations in the "Occupied Palestinian Territories" is a malicious endeavor: attempting to delegitimize the Jewish state, erode its moral authority, and undermine its right to exist.

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Anti-Israel boycotts are inherently anti-Semitic.

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Christian history and belief?

If there was no Temple in Jerusalem and no Jews in Judea, then central parts of the New Testament—like Jesus and the money changers—couldn't have happened. In essence, nations that deny the historicity of the Temple—and buy the Palestinian narrative that it has only one name, the al-Haram al-Sharif—are not just obliterating Jewish, but also Christian, history.

Obviously, such intellectual dishonesty and historical self-denial did not stop the United Nations General Assembly from disavowing Jews' construction of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Bizarrely, the U.N. resolution only refers to the Temple Mount by its Arabic name. It also uses language that promotes restrictions on Jewish and Christian access to the Temple Mount by calling for "upholding unchanged the historic status quo at the Haram al-Sharif."

The resolution's text was so egregious that nations such as the U.S. UK, Hungary, Canada, the Czech Republic and Guatemala voted *against* the resolution. The U.S. envoy declared, "It is morally, historically and politically wrong for members of this body to support language that denies" both the Jewish and Christian connections to the Temple Mount and al-Haram al-Sharif.

But why do so many countries reflexively take the Palestinian position—even when it is a denial of fact, history and their own identity? Simply put: Self-serving political and diplomatic interests.

First, a stacked vote: At the United Nations there are 22 Arab countries and 57 Islamic states, and only one Jewish state. In the world of multilateral voting, if a nation wants to put forward an agenda or be elected to a body in the United Nations system, one vote won't get you very far.

Furthermore, all of the Arab and Muslim nations are part of what is known as the "Non-Aligned Movement," which has most of what once was called "The Third World," numbering 120 nations, representing a significant majority in the 192-member United Nations system. Meaning that the Arab and Muslim world have an overwhelming majority in all multilateral forums.

This is what is constantly referred to as the "automatic majority" against the Jewish State by Israeli leaders, which has led to systematic discrimination in international bodies.

Second, natural resources: Between a half and two-thirds of the world's natural resources originate in Muslim majority countries. This is a powerful tool of persuasion.

Third, demographics: There are 1.8 billion Muslims in the world and fewer than 15 million Jews. Many nations, particularly in Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America have rapidly increasing Muslim populations. In democracies or even semi-democracies, local domestic politics often trump everything on the global and diplomatic stage. Staying in power and calming restive elements in one's own country are powerful motivating factors for elected officials who need numbers when elections come around again.

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Fourth, voting for “show”: In the UN General Assembly, resolutions are not binding and merely declaratory. It simply costs these nations very little to automatically vote along with the Palestinians and their allies on any and every issue. The State of Israel will not take any action against these countries.

Most of the countries who vote consistently with the Palestinians have excellent and growing bilateral relations with the Jewish State. They know that Israel does not have the power, interest or diplomatic clout to leverage relations against UN voting patterns. The Arab and Muslim side has significant leverage and is not afraid to use it.

As an example, in 2013, Arab nations were looking to retaliate against Canada’s then-perceived pro-Israel position to strip it of hosting the UN International Civil Aviation Organization, whose headquarters have been in Montreal since 1947. Arab ambassadors to the United Nations started openly attacking Canada, including bringing in other countries to vote against Ottawa in international organizations, according to the *Globe and Mail*’s [report](#) of that meeting.

This sent a message not just to Canada but all those they deem not obedient enough to any Palestinian position. Nations understood that sanctions and other measures can be taken against them whenever they are deemed too distant from Palestinian positions and not sufficiently supportive of delegitimization of the Jewish State.

I hope you will explain to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives that the reason so many United Nations votes go against Israel—whether in the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council, or any of dozens of international agencies that dictate the global agenda—is this intellectual dishonesty and injustice. The global infrastructure is simply hijacked by the Palestinian narrative.

Moreover, we Americans should thank our democratically elected politicians who continue to support Israel in the U.N., defying massive pressure—and we should never take it for granted. The battle for the hearts and minds of American voters and our representatives against Israel’s enemies must be fought daily.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—which exposes “Ben & Jerry’s Bad Taste” and those who support boycotts of the Jewish state.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson
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P.S. As you know, Ben & Jerry’s recently announced that it would cease its contract with its Israeli affiliate because the affiliate refused to stop selling the company’s ice cream in the ancient Jewish territories of

Judea and Samaria. This move, championed by the company's anti-Israel board chair, is just the latest attempt to boycott the Jewish state—joining the BDS movement—which some 35 U.S. states consider illegal and anti-Semitic. To clarify this issue for the American people—including many Jews—FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[Ben & Jerry's Bad Taste](#).” I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which will run soon in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and other media nationwide. It spells out why Ben & Jerry's should be held to account for this attempt to delegitimize the State of Israel. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. 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 Biden stay committed to fighting anti-Semitic actions by individuals, politicians and commercial companies.

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