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Facts & Logic About the Middle East

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Don't let the anti-Israel headlines get you down.

We Israel lovers are winning the battle every day— because with your help . . . we fight *harder* than Israel's enemies.

Please accept my invitation below.

Dear Friend of FLAME:

When we read about bloody terrorist murders in multiple cities across Israel . . .

When we hear celebrities like Susan Sarandon and U.S. Representatives like Rashida Tlaib falsely accuse Israel of assassinating a journalist *with zero evidence* . . .

When we see crazed Palestinian rioters rampaging through Jerusalem . . .

When we view photos of Jewish students being harassed on U.S. college campuses during “Israel Apartheid Week” . . .

It's enough to make your blood boil.

Like you, I've been an avid supporter of Israel for many years.

I've become an even stronger supporter since I've realized that the root of most anti-Israel sentiment is by far . . . *antisemitism*.

It would be easy to get discouraged by such anti-Israel news reports—but let me give a heartening dose of good news.

According to a February 2022 Gallup Poll, a powerful majority of Americans —55%—support Israel.

In fact, this support for Israel is actually *higher* than 20 years ago.

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APPEARED IN
PUBLICATIONS
REACHING 10 MILLION
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YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...

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.

What are the facts?
Ben & Jerry's has informed its Israeli affiliate that it will cease their relationship because the affiliate refuses to stop selling its frozen custards in the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank). According to international law and the Oslo Accords, signed by the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Israeli has every right to create settlements in these territories. But Ben & Jerry's insists that it should only collect its Israeli profits in its own homeland; the alternative would be very expensive "tariffing"—and also require Israeli Disengagement and Withdrawal (IDW) actions, which mean U.S. troops have to leave.

What are the "Occupied Palestinian Territories"?
While all groups use this phrase, it has no legal basis. Indeed, it is a sign of anti-Israel propaganda. In fact, "Occupied" is an international law term regarding states of war and not civil wars. Occupations are defined as a complete state of military subjugation. The territories of the West Bank are not occupied. In other words, an "occupation" can only be the territory of another state. Therefore, Israel and Hamas have never brought in war states, and the Palestinians have never had a state or sovereignty anywhere. The West Bank is not a state.

Who owns Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)?
Under international law, Israel has sovereignty over these lands, and Israel has attempted for decades to negotiate a peace with them. In the past, Israel has been the victim of international law and treaties that support the cause of the Jewish people in their ancient homeland of Judea and Samaria. From the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to the UN Partition Plan for Palestine in 1947 to the UN Partition Plan for Palestine in 1947 to the UN Partition Plan for Palestine in 1947, these territories were designated as the "Jewish homeland" for the Jewish people. The only other state to have control of this land was Jordan, which illegally ceded it to the Arab League in 1948. In 1948, the UN Partition Plan for Palestine was adopted, and the Jewish people were given the right to establish a state in the West Bank. In 1948, the UN Partition Plan for Palestine was adopted, and the Jewish people were given the right to establish a state in the West Bank. In 1948, the UN Partition Plan for Palestine was adopted, and the Jewish people were given the right to establish a state in the West Bank.

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IF YOU SUPPORT
PUBLISHING FLAME'S
BOLD PR MESSAGES,

Truth is, Americans support Israel because people like you—and FLAME—keep hammering the truth about the Jewish state.

We *refuse* to accept the lies. We *refuse* to stay silent.

We fight harder than our foes.

Obviously, we can take *momentary* comfort from U.S. support of Israel—but we cannot rest.

Our enemies—like the Squad (and their allies) in the House of Representatives, like Students for Justice in Palestine, like the management at Ben & Jerry’s—won’t relent. They keep punching.

That’s why, if you love Israel, I pray you’ll help FLAME keep punching back.

This year already, FLAME’s editorial ads have appeared in such media as the *New York Post*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Orlando Sentinel*.

I hope you’ve seen and approve of our hard-hitting editorial positions exposing defamatory accusations against Israel . . . in the media, on campus, in the U.N. and on American streets:

“No Fool’s Deal with Iran”

This op-ed, which appeared in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* Sunday editions, exposes the flaws in the first 2015 Iran Deal and holds the Biden Administration to account as it tries to entice Iran back into a worse deal. Our ad demands that any future agreement block Iran’s quest for nuclear weapons, as well as Iran’s attempts to spread terrorist jihad globally.

“The Israel Genocide Slander”

Vice President Kamala Harris missed the chance on a college campus to condemn one student’s lie that Israel commits genocide—but FLAME printed the truth about this demonization in mainstream media. In fact, Israel strenuously avoids killing any innocent people, even when Hamas uses them as human shields.

“Ben & Jerry’s Bad Taste”

After Ben & Jerry’s announced plans to boycott Israelis in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), FLAME refuted the ice cream maker’s lies that Israel occupies Palestinian land in this op-ed that appeared in numerous high-circulation newspapers.

**These ads reached millions with our pro-Israel messages to ensure
Americans continue their support of the Jewish state.**

In addition to mainstream media, FLAME also publishes outspoken *hasbarah*—clarifying messages of truth—on Facebook, other social media and sent weekly to members like you, reaching hundreds of thousands more people.

In recent weeks, these FLAME *Hotlines* have struck back at Israel’s enemies on

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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current breaking topics such as these:

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- [“Time for Israel to Change the Status Quo on the Temple Mount”](#)
- [“How SJP’s Antisemitism and Violent Harassment Threaten Jewish Students”](#)
- [“Israel’s Options with a Nuclear Iran: Do . . . or Die”](#)
- [“Palestinians’ New Threat Against Israel Proves Only Their Fading Influence”](#)
- [“Whoopi’s Denial of Holocaust Racism is Anti-Semitic and Anti-Israel”](#)

Despite the despicable attacks from extremists on the left and right, from mainstream media and even members of Congress—you and I have grown accustomed to the constant *struggle* against Israel’s antisemitic enemies.

We know that Israel’s survival is precious and can’t be taken for granted.

Good news: We at FLAME also know how to defend Israel . . . and how to fight back.

Won’t you help us continue publishing these powerful, persuasive messages of truth about Israel with a membership donation—which qualifies you for a 2022 tax deduction?

It’s important to defend, Israel, of course, but if you’re like me, you *also* continue to be inspired by Israel’s amazing accomplishments—in technology, medicine, education, agriculture and the arts.

- Did you hear—Israel’s per-capita household income has surpassed that of Japan!
- Did you know: Tiny Israel is now ranked as the eighth most powerful nation on earth?
- Are you aware that Israel, now only 74 years of age, is a *senior citizen*—older than 2/3 of all the world’s nations! (Yet it’s the only country whose legitimacy is attacked!
- We should also be excited about the increasingly warmer relations Israel is achieving with Arab nations.

So how are we to deal with our dramatically conflicting emotions? On the one hand, we feel *anger* at attempts to destroy the Jewish state . . . and on the other we’re justified in feeling *joy* as we celebrate Israel’s successes.

But here’s a better question: How can you and I channel our determination and anger to defeat Israel’s enemies during this year of profound

challenges?

I have an answer, and it's why I've dedicated myself to FLAME. Because FLAME defends Israel in a way that no other organization does—it publishes *bold pro-Israel editorials* in mainstream media—defeating the lies and exposing the haters.

FLAME's outspoken editorial, which appeared recently in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, titled "[The Israel Apartheid Lie](#)"—and reached some 5 million readers—is just one example. It condemns all those, like BDS and the growing cadre of anti-Semitic enemies in the House of Representatives, who falsely accuse Israel of racial segregation.

While FLAME's ability to publish these messages in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and other major media makes me proud, I must confide to you: Each time we run our editorials in just one of these huge-circulation media, we pay up to \$35,000. To run in both these New York and Washington media, one time, costs about \$70,000.

Can you help us continue—and increase—these outspoken positions in 2022 with a generous (or even modest) membership donation at this time?

As you know, FLAME has also refuted the U.N.'s lie that Palestinians are the native people of the Holy Land: Our paid editorial in mainstream media—" [Who Are the Indigenous People of Palestine](#) ?"—offers incontrovertible proof that the Jews preceded Arabs in the region by 1,800 years.

Finally, with the new Biden administration promising to renew the disastrous Iran Deal—a path to nuclear weapons for the Islamic Republic—you'll be happy that FLAME is publishing urgent warnings about the deadly dangers of deals with the mullahs, such as our *hasbarah* message, " [Help the Iranians, Not the Ayatollahs](#) "

FLAME's hundreds of messages defending Israel—all of which you can see at FLAME's [PR for Israel](#) —provide powerful support for Israel, but as I'm sure you can imagine, telling the truth about Israel via such paid editorial messages in mainstream media is costly.

Are you ready to join us? Here's the double payoff for making a donation to FLAME:

First, you help tell the truth about Israel in the media—something that's sorely needed if we're to maintain vital U.S. financial and political support of the Jewish state.

Second, you can greet the upcoming Jewish holidays of Shavuot, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur this year with even more satisfaction, because you have done a *mitzvah* for Israel—a generous, heartfelt good deed.

That's why, if you're angry about terror attacks in Israel, the United States and worldwide, *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 help now.

Please remember that the overwhelming majority 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 donation is important—every dollar you contribute helps us keep defending Israel and 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 donation online? Just go to [donate now](#).

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

Jim Sinkinson ,
President, FLAME

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 reaching 10 million 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 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 the President, and from the American people.



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