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# NATIONAL STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE

Antisemitism, Violent Extremism and the Threat to North American Universities

\*Three Words A day To Live By BLAME THE JEWS SJP member, University of Texas at Dallas

I hope all of you have sweet dreams of SLAUGHTERING Zionists SJP member, San Diego State University

ISRAEL the next NAZI GERMANY, established 1948 SJP chapter, Florida Atlantic University

May Allah not help them and burn them in the hell fire.. LET THE JEWS BURN SILENTLY SJP member, New York University

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## Antisemitism, Violent Extremism and the Threat to North American Universities:

## The Contextualization of the National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP)

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#### **Foreword**

Justice is an end for which all people strive, and the Palestinian people deserves it no less than any other. Yet no understanding of justice is worth the name if, in advancing the aims of one group, it disallows the legitimate cause of another. Thus, when an organization denies Israel's right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state; when it demonizes Israel by comparing the Jewish state to Nazi Germany or South African apartheid; and when in making demands of Israel it applies double-standards that are not applied to any other country in the world, this organization is not seeking justice. Rather, it is promoting antisemitism, plain and simple.

The reason for this is that demonization, delegitimization, and double standards against Jews were the main tools of antisemites for thousands of years. Now, they are being applied to the Jewish collective in the State of Israel.

Indeed, after ongoing debates, the international community has agreed upon a set of criteria for determining when criticism of Israel is antisemitic. Applying these criteria, the following report analyzes the officially proclaimed aims of Students for Justice in Palestine, and the views of its central figures, and unmasks them as fundamentally antisemitic – in nature. The findings herein can certainly be used by those on campuses seeking to combat the pernicious influence of this group. More than that, I hope they will open the eyes of everyone who sincerely wants to better the world. The way to justice is, clearly, not through this organization.

Natan Sharansky, Jerusalem, Chair of ISGAP

## **Main Findings**

- National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) was founded in 2010 at the US Social Forum's Palestine Program. The Forum was sponsored in part by the BDS National Committee (BNC), a coalition with multiple US-designated terror organizations, including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP, founded in 1967 by George Habash as part of a Marxist-Leninist revolutionary movement), the Popular Front General Command, and the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF).
- Since its first convention, NSJP featured lectures, via live video, from convicted terrorists including Khader Adnan and Rasmea Odeh, and expressed support for terrorists on social media.
- NSJP, under its "Points of Unity" statement adopted in 2011, calls for "ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands," by which it means ending Israel's existence on any land, under any conditions. The "Points of Unity" statement also calls for millions of Palestinians to be allowed to move to Green Line Israel, again putting an end to Israel's existence.
- NSJP leaders and official university chapters espouse blatant forms of antisemitism on social media and use the national conferences as a platform to propagate their discriminatory ideas.
- NSJP influences discourse on US and Canadian university campuses through 200 local affiliate chapters of Students for Justice for Palestine.

## The Context for the Study

#### A Brief Introduction

This report is being released on the eve of the National Students for Justice in Palestine annual conference to be held at the University of Minnesota on November 1 to 3, 2019, steeped in antisemitic hate. NSJP poses a challenge to institutions of higher education to take a stand against hatred and prejudice. Would institutions of higher education endorse a conference by white supremacists on campus by using the claim of "academic freedom?" If not, why permit this sort of racist and antisemitic abuse? This report examines the ideology of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and its antisemitic roots, as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA): "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." The report will also show the SJP's connections to violence and terror.

Contemporary antisemitism is on the rise globally. There are three main forms, or manifestations, of contemporary antisemitism(s); the radical Left, the radical racist and nationalist Right, and extreme political Islamism. Antisemitism comprises a core element of the ideological foundations of these three social movements. Universities in Western Europe and North America have become a frontline in the struggle against antisemitism, as campus politics and academic discourse becomes more problematic in the dominant gaze of Jewish people, Zionism, and the State of Israel. It is in this vital institution at this historical juncture, in which future citizens are formed and democratic principles safeguarded, that a nefarious ideological and political alliance is being forged. Universities, with a tradition of liberal thought, are now being challenged by a radicalism that presents itself as "progressive," based on notions of a postmodern anticolonial philosophical moment. Political Islam has adopted the rhetoric of progressivism on Western university campuses - opposed to colonialism and its legacy - and is meeting with success in creating a "red-green" alliance with often unsuspecting "academic progressives." Few students and faculty who espouse sympathy for the red-green alliance with its rhetoric of human rights are well read in the real agenda of political Islam. Of these, even fewer have an understanding of the student organizations or intellectuals that espouse the delegitimization of Israel, Zionism, and Jewish peoplehood.

This report uncovers aspects of the political and ideological warfare that is taking place at universities and examines a key source of antisemitism and anti-democratic politics. This report comes at a time when there is a growing pressure to silence not only students and faculty who are "openly identifiable" as Israelis and Zionists – but also those identifiable as

Jewish members of the university and their allies. Open and blatant antisemitism is becoming normalized at universities through the United States and Canada. Those who simply research or speak out against antisemitism, within the university context, are becoming a target of a campaign to marginalize and silence them.<sup>1</sup>

On April 4, 2019, the New York University chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine was selected to receive NYU's President's Service Award, an annual award given out "to recognize students and student organizations that have positively impacted the NYU community...," NYU announced in an email to SJP.<sup>2</sup>

Did SJP achieve this distinction by staging an annual Israel Apartheid Week or by denouncing the "Zionist entity" and its supporters as racist, colonialist, imperialist, and illegitimate? Just as the existence of the Jewish people was once deemed illegal by racists, so now is the existence of the Jewish State considered illegal – within the acceptable discourse on campus and in the classroom. Where will this lead? To a peaceful solution in the Middle East or to the importation of hatred?

A week after NYU bestowed this "honor," Omar Barghouti, the co-founder of the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) Movement, a movement that has the endorsement of National SJP and all of its chapters across the US and Canada, was barred from entering the United States as he tried to board a flight to New York. The reason Barghouti was denied entry to the US was not because he advocates for BDS or for Israel's destruction. This was not an issue of freedom of expression. He was barred due to the fact that the group Barghouti founded and directs includes five US-designated terrorist organizations in its membership, including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.<sup>3</sup> Barghouti, who consistently incites antisemitism and supports Jihadist terrorism, was intending to speak at several venues, including NYU as a guest of SJP, the recipient of NYU's President's Service Award.

It is apparent in this report that SJP is steeped in an ideology that has roots in racist and antisemitic extremism. It has in recent years become tolerated and overlooked by university administrations as part of the landscape across the US and Canada. In fact, in 2005 the NSJP developed guidelines, entitled the "Points of Unity" which is the basis for the BDS movement led by the Student for Justice in Palestine. The statement was adopted by NSJP at its conference in 2011 at Columbia University.

<sup>1</sup> https://forward.com/opinion/433082/i-was-protested-at-bard-college-for-being-a-jew/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Lachlan Hyatt, "NYU Students for Justice in Palestine Receives Service Award from President Hamilton," *Washington Square News*, April 10, 2019, https://nyunews.com/news/2019/04/10/president-service-award-palestine-israel-divest/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Noah Pollak, in "Support for Terrorism, Not Ideas, Kept Omar Barghouti Out of the U.S.," *Mosaic*, April 18, 2019, https://mosaicmagazine.com/picks/israel-zionism/2019/04/support-for-terrorism-not-ideas-kept-omar-barghouti-out-of-the-u-s/.

The guidelines form the principles that all SJP chapters must adher to.4

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- 2. "recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality;" and
- 3. "respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of the Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194."5

In other words the NSJP advocates the elimination of the State of Israel, and the ending of any form of Jewish self-determination in any part of the ancient Jewish homeland. This report examines how this mission is justified politically and ideologically, that uses antisemitism and other forms of insidious anti-democratic ideologies for the basis of this eliminationist and hate-filled project, which now takes place on university campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

#### In a study by Shiri Moshe, she writes:

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs published a report asserting that SJP seeks 'to isolate, demonize, and ultimately destroy' Israel with the help of terror-linked financial and ideological supporters. The report also listed multiple instances of American Jewish students being targeted for 'anti-Semitic vandalism, verbal attacks, and outright violence' by SJP members, and pointed to studies conducted by Brandeis University and the monitoring group AMCHA Initiative, which 'found a correlation between the presence of SJP and a rise in campus anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> National SJP, "Points of Unity," https://www.nationalsjp.org/, accessed 08/19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> National SJP, "Points of Unity," accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Shiri Moshe, "News Report Shows National SJP Leaders Advocating Violence, Expressing Support for Palestinian Terrorism," *Algemeiner*, January 4, 2018, https://www.algemeiner.com/2018/01/04/watchdog-national-sjp-leaders-advocate-violence-express-support-for-palestinian-terrorism/, accessed 10/19.

The context, therefore, for this study is changing and encompasses a process of the legitimization of NSJP, which now includes more than 200 SJP chapters throughout North American universities. While antisemitism that has found violent expression over the past year in Pittsburgh and in a San Diego suburb has not only become respectable on university campuses, it has been tacitly excused, its presence rationalized and even awarded, as at NYU. As this antisemitism becomes increasingly fashionable, even morally mandatory, we become increasingly blind to its evil. The growing acceptance of antisemitic positions taken by figures on the "so-called" Left such as Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Keith Ellison, Tamika Mallory, and others make the situation alarming. This form of antisemitism on the part of those claiming to be on the Left and progressive – and being aligned with radical Islamist antisemitism, in the red-green alliance – is rising.

It is also vital to note that nationalist and white racist antisemitism from the radical Right is also on the rise. It is becoming apparent that progressive and "intellectual" antisemitism is providing cover for the violent forms of nationalist antisemitism that is also increasing and possess a significant threat of violence. Therefore, we proceed in this study with a sense of urgency.

## The Historical Background for the Emergence of NSJP

To better understand the acceptance of National Students for Justice in Palestine and the nature of the organization, we must examine the historical development of its formation and its origins, as well as the fundamental principles and premise of its ideological worldview. Understanding who influenced the ideology of this student organization, and contextualizing its work and mission is central. For whom do they seek "justice?" And what is the nature of this "justice?"

NSJP seeks "justice" for the Palestinians. The Palestinian national movement is a political entity conceived originally by Yasser Arafat (1929 – 2004) with the formation of Fatah in 1959, then with the creation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1964. With the outbreak of the Second Intifada in 2000, PLO leaders Yasser Arafat and Marwan Barghouti founded the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF), a consortium of Jihadist terrorist organizations, including Hamas.

Yasser Arafat, leader of Fatah and the PLO, obtained his ideological indoctrination from the Nazi collaborator and war criminal Haj Amin al-Husseini, who played a leading role in the formation of the Muslim SS killing units that operated in the Balkans during World War II. Under the tutelage of al-Husseini, Arafat joined the Muslim Brotherhood in 1946 and received military training from other Nazi war criminals who found haven in Egypt after World War II and the Holocaust. The Muslim Brotherhood's agenda, as detailed by the most influential ideologue of the Muslim Brotherhood, Sayyid Qutb, includes the destruction of Israel. The PLO's defining mission also includes "the annihilation of the Zionist entity in all of its economic, political, military, and cultural manifestations." In the property of the pr

In 1953, Arafat became Chairman of the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS) at the University of Cairo. <sup>11</sup> GUPS was a precursor to NSJP; in fact in 2001, Hatem Bazian renamed the GUPS chapter at the University of California, Berkeley, as SJP Berkeley. Bazian

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For a full account of Haj Amin al-Husseini and his ties to the PLO, see David Patterson, *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad* (Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge UniversityPress, 2010), Chapters 2 and 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Matthias Küntzel, *Jihad and Jew-Hatred: Islamism, Nazism and the Roots of 9/11*, trans. Colin Meade (New York: Telos Press, 2007), p. 114.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Sayyid Qutb, "Our Struggle with the Jews" in Nettler, Ronald L. Past Trials and Present Tribulations: A Muslim Fundamentalist's View of the Jews, Studies in Antisemitism (Oxford, Eng.: Pergamon, 1987), pp. 86–87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Barry Rubin, Revolution Until Victory?: The Politics and History of the PLO (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1994), p. 22.

<sup>11</sup> Said K. Aburish, Arafat: From Defender to Dictator (London: Bloomsbury, 1999), pp. 23-24.

understood that GUPS's open Muslim Brotherhood support and identification with it prevented large-scale student recruitment and impeded its development. Bazian branded SJP as a human rights organization defending Palestinians.

Currently, SJP has a partnership with the Muslim Students Association (MSA), and organizes events such as "Israel Apartheid Week" — a week of often virulent anti-Israel and antisemitic events. These activities have spread to at least fifty-five cities worldwide and universities and college campuses. While MSA advocates an Islamist agenda in keeping with that of the Muslim Brotherhood, <sup>12</sup> SJP appeals to a larger network of so-called "leftist" individuals and organizations to push its political agenda under the guise of progressivism and human rights. Both organizations use classic Muslim Brotherhood methods of mastering the art of "coalitions from within" and temporary alliances. Working with the Muslim Brotherhood and its offshoots, such as Hamas, the SJP share common goals, namely the destruction of the Jewish State. The NSJP supports this ultimate aim: one cannot endorse a movement without endorsing the aim of the movement.

According to an investigative study by Shiri Moshe (2018), Mohammed Nabulsi, an organizer for NSJP 2017 (featured below in the report) "wrote in August 2015 that activists with the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement should 'support Palestinian resistance groups ... such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad." In an article posted on the website *Campus Unmasked*, Rob Shimshock writes that Samer Alhato, a student at Saint Xavier University and workshop leader at the 2017 NSJP (also featured below), tweeted, "Barack Obama, shut up about gay marriage and go kill all the Jews.' He's also made no secret that he's a fan of terrorist group Hamas, saying 'YES I SUPPORT HAMAS!' and 'Hamas promotes peace." 14

Hamas, a militant Palestinian wing of the Muslim Brotherhood, shares the ideology of political Islamism and the goal of Israel's destruction. In a Palestinian television broadcast in 2000, for example, in keeping with the ideology of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which Hamas adopted as a proof text,<sup>15</sup> Ahmed Yassin, founder of Hamas, stated: "None of the Jews refrain from committing any possible evil.... They are the ones who must be butchered and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For a through account of the orgins and essence of the Muslim Brotherhood, see Patterson, A Genealogy of Evil, Chapter 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Shiri Moshe, "News Report Shows National SJP Leaders Advocating Violence, Expressing Support for Palestinian Terrorism," *Algemeiner*, January 4, 2018, https://www.algemeiner.com/2018/01/04/watchdog-national-sjp-leaders-advocate-violence-express-support-for-palestinian-terrorism/, accessed 10/19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Rob Shimshock, "Pro-Palestinian Students Support Hamas," January 12, 2018, https://campusunmasked.com/2018/01/12/pro-palestinian-students-support-terrorism/, accessed 10/19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Bassam Tibi, 2015, "From Sayyid Qutb to Hamas: The Middle East Conflict and the Islamization of Antisemitism," *Yale Papers: Antisemitism in Comparative Perspective*," ISGAP, New York.

killed, as Allah the Almighty said."<sup>16</sup> Yassin espoused the invidious view that the Jews are "The dirtiest and meanest of all races, defiling the most sanctified and honored spot on earth," making "no distinctions between Jews, Zionists, and Israelis."<sup>17</sup>

NSJP echoes Hamas in its use of antisemitism and anti-Zionism. However, this is taking place on university campuses throughout North America. NSJP members engage in propaganda campaigns calculated to incite hatred against Jewish people in general, and Jewish students in particular. This antisemitism runs throughout NSJP materials, including its social media such as YouTube videos from SJP chapters in universities. NSJP's activity on college campuses focuses on students and even faculty to spread influence. As its Charter states: "It is necessary that scientists, educators and teachers, information and media people, as well as the educated masses, especially the youth and sheikhs of the Islamic movements, take part in the operation of awakening." NSJP's antisemitic activism, promoted not by under-educated individuals, but rather by some of society's most educated elites, is what makes NSJP a threat to university life and basic notions of a social contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> "PA TV Broadcasts Call for Killing Jews and Americans," October 13, 2000, MEMRI, http://www.memri.org/bin/articles.cgi? Area=sd&ID=SP13800.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ziad Abu-Amr, *Islamic Fundamentalism in the West Bank and Gaza: Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic Jihad* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994), p. 26.

## The Founding of National Students for Justice in Palestine

In June 2010, the US Palestinian Community Network (USPCN), a grassroots organization created to promote the demonization and delegitimization of the Jewish State, organized the Palestine Program at the US Social Forum. <sup>18</sup> The Forum provided the backdrop and venue for the American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) to found the NSJP. <sup>19</sup> The US Social Forum Palestine Program included an AMP call to establish SJP National and provided AMP's phone number as the contact.



US Social Forum
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Palestine at the US Social Forum 2010

Full Program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> US Social Forum, "Welcome to Palestine at the US Social Forum!" published 10/10/11, accessed 07/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> US Social Forum, "SJP National Convention," published 12/21/11, https://www.ussocialforum.net/, accessed 06/19.

## NSJP and Palestinian Student Organizations on Campus

NSJP serves as a unifying umbrella organization for numerous Palestinian student organizations across

the US and Canada, including most prominently Students for Justice in Palestine.<sup>20</sup> Composed of students, a national steering committee and recent graduates, it provides support and resources to more than 200 chapters.<sup>21</sup>



While individual chapters are autonomous, and some student organizations choose their own names, such as Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA), Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine (SPJP), Students For Palestine (SFP), Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights (SUPER), Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (SAFE), Palestine Solidarity Alliance (PSA), Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC), Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) and more, they all follow the "Points of Unity."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> National SJP, "About," https://www.nationalsjp.org/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ibid.

The Points of Unity stems from the 2005 BDS call for guidelines that make up the BDS movement; the statement was adopted by NSJP at its conference in 2011 at Columbia University.<sup>22</sup>

#### It calls for:

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- 6. "respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of the Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194."<sup>23</sup>

NSJP leads the student groups' agendas and actions by coordinating inter-campus events, planning national campaigns such as the "Right to Education Tour," curating a national newsletter, assisting chapters with boycott and divestment resolutions, organizing media and press, connecting chapters and individuals with legal aid and, most important, planning the annual NSJP Conference.<sup>24</sup> The NSJP conference has taken place eight times, each year on a different campus, with the 2019 conference scheduled to take place on November 1-3 at the University of Minnesota.



NSJP Conferences

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> National SJP, "Points of Unity," https://www.nationalsjp.org/, accessed 08/19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> National SJP, "Points of Unity," accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> National SJP, "About," accessed 08/19.

The national conference encourages student organizers to attend skill-building and political development workshops and meet with fellow organizers; it also provides a platform through which the leaders of NSJP, prominent pro-Palestinian activists, and convicted terrorists can direct and influence students in the US from coast to coast. By providing a space for the promotion and dissemination of antisemitic ideas and tropes, as well as violent extremism, the conference allows the NSJP steering committee and NSJP's founders, AMP specifically, to control and radicalize the discourse on numerous college campuses.

This discourse often illustrates what Natan Sharansky refers to as the "3D Test of Anti-Semitism: Demonization, Double Standards, Delegitimization."25 Often compared to Nazi Germany, the Jewish state is typically tagged with evil, from colonialism to racism, from apartheid to human rights violation. It is attacked for defending itself (a double standard), and its very existence is deemed illegal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See Natan Sharansky, "3D Test of Anti-Semitism: Demonization, Double Standards, Delegitimization," Jewish Political Studies Review, 16:3-4 (Fall 2004).

## NSJP's Involvement with and Support for Terrorism

The Forum at which NSJP was founded was in part sponsored by the Boycott-Divestment-Sanction Movement's National Committee (BNC). The primary constituent of the BNC is the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces. PNIF was founded by Yasser Arafat and Marwan Barghouti and is composed of five US-designated terrorist organizations: Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Popular Front – General Command (PFLP-GC), the Palestine Liberation Front, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).<sup>26</sup> The BNC sponsored a plenary called "The Way Forward: Strategy, Tactics and Seeding Boycott Divestment and Sanctions in the US," and Jamal Juma, a co-founder of the BNC,<sup>27</sup> spoke live via video from Ramallah.<sup>28</sup>

#### THE WAY FORWARD: STRATEGY, TACTICS AND SEEDING BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS IN THE US

People's Movement Assemblies

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement is the most effective form of solidarity in support of Palestinians. Palestinian civil society organizations from within Palestine and its diaspora, issued the BDS call in 2005 demanding that Israel comply with international law and human rights by 1) Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the wall; 2) recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and 3) respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194. Since the Israeli war on Gaza, BDS has grown exponentially in the United States. Countless campaigns across the country have called for churches, campuses, municipalities, as well as corporations, to divest from Israel so long as it continues to violate Palestinian rights. This session seeks to bring together all these campaigns, as well as social justice organizations across all issues, to strategize on how best to expand the BDS movement across the US. One of the first of its kind, this plenary session will showcase the broad spectrum of BDS work in the US today including, but not limited to, academic and cultural boycott; university endowment divestment; faithbased divestment; pension fund divestment; and boycott and divestment campaigns aimed at corporations complicit in Israel's oppression. In addition to laying out the basis for the BDS call and introducing allies to the strength of this global grassroots movement, this interactive session will explore lessons learned, share the most effective tactics of seeding BDS into different social movements, and serve as an anchor of BDS activities at the US Social Forum.

Spansaring Organizations

Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Campaign National Committee (BNC)

Palestine at the US Social Forum 2010

Full Program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>Jerusalem Media & Communications Centre, "Statement issued by the National and Islamic Forces February 10, 2001," https://web.archive.org/web/20060403190602/http://www.jmcc.org/banner/banner1/bayan/aqsbayan14.htm, published 02/01, accessed 05/18; International Solidarity Movement, "Statement by the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces in Hebron on the CPT Hostages in Iraq," https://palsolidarity.org/2005/12/statement-by-the-palestinian-national-and-islamic-forces-in-hebron-on-the-cpt-hostages-in-iraq/, published 12/05, accessed 05/18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> US Social Forum, "SJP National Convention," op. cit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> US Social Forum, "Jamal Juma' at the Thursday evening plenary," https://web.archive.org/web/20120119075751/http://ussf.palestineconference.org/2010/06/jamal-juma-at-thursday-evening-plenary/, published 06/25/10, accessed 07/18; see also: http://original.livestream.com/freespeechtv/video?clipId=flv 707ed134-f6d1-4a30-8782-b4595d0f31c0.

All SJP National Convention attendees should attend the Thursday, June 24th, 2010 evening plenary, 6:30-9pm at Cobo Hall, featuring Jamal Juma, BNC co-founder and Palestinian grassroots anti-apartheid wall leader, live from Palestine.

#### **US Social Forum**

#### SJP National Convention

NSJP's association with terror did not end at the 2010 convention. Almost every subsequent conference featured either BNC representatives or convicted terrorists, and/or highlighted campaigns connected to the BNC and terror organizations. At NSJP's 2012 conference, for example, there was a session devoted to the We Divest campaign, a boycott effort endorsed by the BNC,<sup>29</sup> and a speech from Khader Adnan, a known leader of PIJ,<sup>30</sup> a US-designated terrorist organization.<sup>31</sup> PIJ traces its origins to 1979 and carried out its first terrorist attacks against the Jewish State in 1984. Its slogans include "Jihad is the way of liberation" and "Victory or martyrdom are the way of jihad."<sup>32</sup> NSJP also showed support for Adnan on its social media.<sup>33</sup>

Jim Crow: From Detroit to Palestine. The system of mass incarceration in the United States can be described as a "stunningly comprehensive and well-disguised system of racialized social control that functions in a manner strikingly similar to Jim Crow." This workshop will explore the stories of mass incarceration and torture experienced by Palestinian political prisoners and Black American prisoners. Both prison industries function as a means to control racialized communities. Khadar Adnan, one of the leaders in the prisoner's rights movements in Palestine, will hopefully be speaking live from Palestine about the conditions leading up the Palestinian Hunger Strikes. Similarities will be drawn between the conditions of prisoners in Palestine and Michigan. Students will have the opportunity to discuss how to make connections between prisoners in the US and Palestine through BDS initiatives

SJP National 2012 Program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> SJP National, 2012 Program; WeDivest, Campaign Endorsers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Ed Payne and Kareem Khadder, "Israel releases Islamic Jihad member famous for hunger strikes," CNN, https://edition.cnn.com/2015/07/11/world/israel-palestinian-detainee-released/index.html, published 07/12/15, accessed 07/18; Isabel Kershner, "Palestinian on Hunger Strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strikes," CNN, https://edition.cnn.com/2015/07/18; Isabel Kershner, "Palestinian on Hunger Strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strikes," CNN, https://edition.cnn.com/2015/07/18; Isabel Kershner, "Palestinian on Hunger Strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strikes," CNN, https://edition.cnn.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger Strike to Be Freed Without Court Ruling," New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strikes," CNN, https://edition.cnn.com/2012/02/22/world/middleeast/palestinian-on-hunger strikes, accessed on hunger strikes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Department of State, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/, accessed 08/18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Meir Hatina, *Islam and Salvation in Palestine: The Islamic Jihad Movement* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, 2001), p. 163.

<sup>33</sup> National SJP, Facebook

### SJP Khader Adnan Solidarity Statement - CALL TO ACTION!

February 22, 2012 at 9:26 PM

Students for Justice in Palestine

KHADER ADNAN SOLIDARITY STATEMENT - CALL TO ACTION!

#### **National SJP**

Facebook

At its 2014 conference, NSJP hosted a member of the terror-affiliated BNC. The closing plenary featured Hind Awwad, the national coordinator of the BNC in Ramallah.<sup>34</sup> In 2015, Rasmea Odeh was the keynote speaker at the NSJP conference. Odeh was convicted for her participation in two terrorist bombings and for having been a member of the PFLP.<sup>35</sup> NSJP also praised Odeh on social media.



### Closing Plenary: Transnational BDS - Challenges and Dreams Forward \*PUBLIC\* 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

This will be a panel discussion on how BDS has developed in the US, Palestine, and South Africa from the various positionalities and perspectives of our panelists. The panelists will critically engage the ways in which our various movements- whether in Palestine, the US student movement, US Cultural/Academic Boycott, South African BDS movement- can learn from each other, challenge each other's models/frameworks, dream of new strategies, and work towards a stronger transnational BDS movement, all in an effort to aid the Palestinian-led liberation struggle to smash Israeli apartheid, end the occupation, and ensure the Palestinian right of return.

Featuring Hind Awwad (BDS National Committee, BNC) Dr. Kehaulani Kauanui (Academic, Advisory Board Member US Campaign for the Academic/Cultural Boycott of Israel), Muhammad Desai (National Coordinator, BDS South Africa), and Kristian Davis Bailey (Palestine solidarity student activist, Journalist)

SJP National 2014 Program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Adri Nieuwhof, "Palestinian boycott coordinator: "The movement has a huge impact,"" The Electronic Intifada, https://electronicintifada.net/content/palestinian-boycott-coordinator-movement-has-huge-impact/8874, published 06/14/10, accessed 07/18; Kim Bullimore, "Palestinians speak on growing boycott of Israel," BDS movement, https://bdsmovement.net/news/palestinians-speak-growing-boycott-israel, published 02/05/11, accessed 07/18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, "Convicted terrorist stripped of citizenship, ordered deported for failing to disclose ties to deadly bombing," https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/convicted-terrorist-stripped-citizenship-ordered-deported-failing-disclose-ties-deadly, published 08/18/17, accessed 07/18.



National SJP Facebook

At the 2018 Conference, Mohammad Nabulsi, NSJP leader, led the hundreds of student attendees in a chant that called for violence: "Intifada, Intifada, long live the Intifada." The video has since been removed from social media.





NSJP has shown support for Palestinians convicted of violent crimes and terrorism, including in a post in 2016 supporting PFLP terrorist Bilal Kayed,<sup>36</sup> in 2017 in a retweet supporting Marwan Barghouti,<sup>37</sup> and in 2018 in a post glorifying PFLP terrorist Ghassan Kanafani.<sup>38</sup> Kanafani was a leading member of the Political Bureau of the PFLP. In the post, NSJP praised "his voice" as "one of the Palestinian revolution and the Palestinian people"<sup>39</sup> and posted a link that directed followers to a PFLP article about Kanafani that included images in support of violent "resistance."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> National SJP, Facebook; PFLP, "PFLP salutes the victory of Comrade Bilal Kayed," published 08/24/16, accessed 07/18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> National SJP, Twitter

<sup>38</sup> NSJP, Facebook,; PFLP, Twitter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> NSJP also posted it on Twitter. See: National SJP, Twitter, published 07/08/18, accessed 07/18.

## NSJP and SJP Chapters Espousing Antisemitism

For the purpose of this report, it is important to refer to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism which is recognized internationally. Many countries have adopted this definition independently. In 2018 the European Union recognized the IHRA definition of antisemitism. The Canadian, British, and Australian Governments, the US State Department and countless other counties, state, provisional and local governments, NGOs, universities and other institutions around the world has adopted this definition. IHRA was established in 1998 at the behest of former Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson to promote Holocaust education and research to counter the growing phenomenon of Holocaust denial and antisemitism. Since its foundation, IHRA has grown to

have more than 33 member states.<sup>40</sup> We have already referred briefly to the IHRA definition; the following is its complete Working Definition of Antisemitism.<sup>41</sup>

#### Working Definition of Antisemitism

In the spirit of the Stockholm Declaration that states: "With humanity still scarred by ...antisemitism and xenophobia the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight those evils," the committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial called the IHRA Plenary in Budapest 2015 to adopt the following the Working Definition of Antisemitism.

On 26 May 2016, the Plenary in Bucharest decided to:

Adopt the following non-legally binding Working Definition of Antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> The Holocaust and United Nations Outreach Programme, Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research Becomes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, https://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/, accessed 05/19; The Australian Jewish News, Australia becomes 33 rd member of IHRA, published 06/05/19, https://ajn.timesofisrael.com/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> IHRA, Working Definition of Antisemitism, published 06/26/16, https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/, accessed 08/19.

Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.

- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).

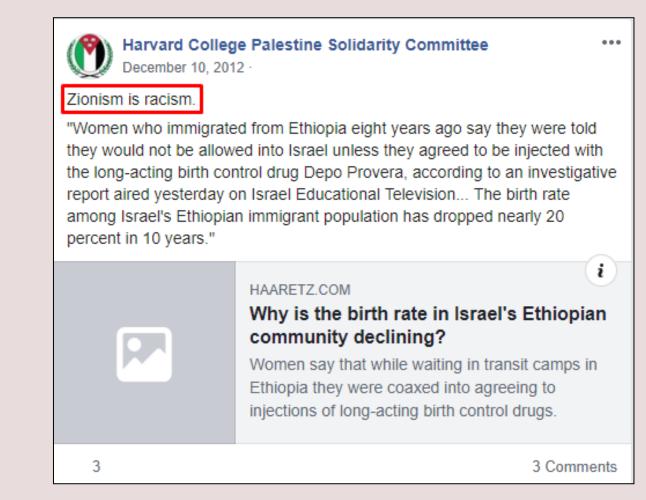
Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal.

SJP chapters and individual representatives throughout the US and Canada have expressed antisemitism as defined by the IHRA via social media, protests, violence, and hate speech, thereby, implicating the university as a whole, since official clubs on campus require approval by the university administration. Indeed, even NSJP's "Points of Unity," as detailed above, include antisemitism, according to the IHRA. Point 1 states: "ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall." Inasmuch as the word "colonization" is laden with connotations of some evil, Point 1 is an example of a "rhetorical manifestation" of antisemitism, as defined by IHRA.

Below is a list, geographically structured, demonstrating antisemitic rhetoric that NSJP has spread throughout North America. This report shows a systematic problem being supported and spread at the NSJP conference with individuals and chapters spreading the roots of Jew hatred, which never ends with the Jews. Given the alarming rise of antisemitism, xenophobia, and other forms of hatred sweeping our society, this especially needs to be condemned in the strongest possible terms and with appropriate action.

#### **East Coast**



#### Harvard College SJP

Facebook Harvard College Palestine Solidarity Committee

Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.



#### Students Supporting Israel at City College New York updated •••

their status.

May 12, 2017 · 🔇

Today the Consul General of Israel in NY, Dani Dayan came to talk with us about Israeli international relations. Over 100 people attended, and that's fantastic.

But to say that we were disappointed by the behavior of students during today's event would be putting it lightly. We must apologize to Ambassador Dayan for the blatant lack of hospitality. Today was shocking.

Despite our multiple appeals for respect, Students for Justice in Palestine at City College continued to interrupt the ambassador- screaming and shouting him down in order to deny him the right to answer their questions.

Comparisons to Hitler and the Nazis were hurled by students, one of whom included our very own Student Government president. Rather than listening to what the speaker had to say, they put their anti-Semitic hate on blast, demonizing the Jewish State of Israel and all who would support it; and effectively rattling the students present- some to the point of tears.

We will be releasing photos and footage of the event shortly, only after going through the appropriate channels, so stay tuned.

That being said, we have to thank everyone who came to respectfully listen, to ask questions, or simply to show support. Of course, thank you Ambassador Dayan for being such an eloquent voice of truth in the face of such hostilities, and for all the work you do on behalf of Israel and the Jewish People.

Remember, Jewish voices will not be silenced. This is only the beginning. The right to self-determination in our homeland, the land of Israel, is one that can never be abrogated. #AmYisraelChai

#ProIsrael #Grassroots #Movement #StudentsSupportingIsrael

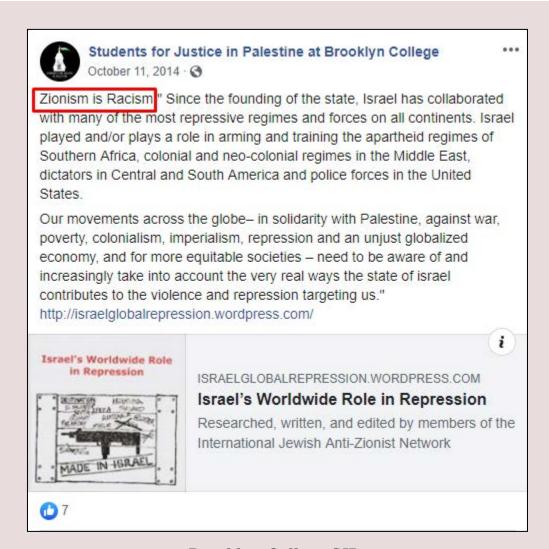


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SSI at City College
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Consistent with example ten of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis, a move that Matthias Küntzel describes as "a specific form of Holocaust denial," which also falls under the IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Küntzel, Jihad and Jew-Hatred, p. 118.

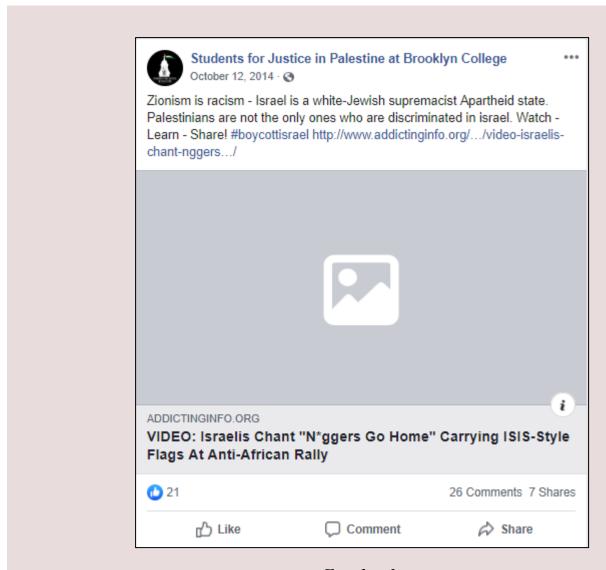


#### Brooklyn College SJP

Facebook

Students for Justice in Palestine at Brooklyn College

Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.



**Facebook**Students for Justice in Palestine at Brooklyn College

Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor. This is also an example of the demonization and delegitimization of the Jewish State.



**Facebook** 

Students for Justice in Palestine at Brooklyn College

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Stony Brook University: Students for Justice in Palestine 📝 \*\*\*



May 2nd, 2018

Students for Justice in Palestine at Stony Brook University, standing for the freedom and liberation of Palestinian people, expresses its response to a statement released by the Interfaith Center on April 25th, 2018 concerning one of our member's statements in a Statesman article

First and foremost, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), is and will always be against Zionism. We are attacking neither the religion of Judaism nor its practice, but the political ideology of Zionism. Zionism is the creation of a Jewish state on top of the pre-existing Palestinian state, and maintaining such a state. Zionism started in Europe and was a political ideology created by European Jews to "come back" to land which they have no physical claim to for over 2,000 years. This ideology is no different from White Man's Burden or Manifest Destiny, which are all the justifications of colonialism and imperialism. Zionism has led to the destruction of 500 Palestinian villages, the creation of over 7 million Palestinian refugees, and every day, homes are being demolished. In the past two weeks, the Israeli Defense Force has killed over 30 Palestinians.

We, as members of SJP, know the difference between Zionism and Judaism. Judaism is a beautiful religion, and we value our Jewish allies, like Jewish Voice for Peace. It is an injustice to Jews who believe Zionism is a misinterpretation of their faith, and for Jewish students on this campus for a Jewish organization to conflate a disgusting political ideology and a beautiful religion. We state this because there are not only Zionist members of Hillel. but Hillel itself is a Zionist organization. From Hillel's own website, they write:

"Israel is at the heart of Hillel's work. Our goal is to inspire every Jewish college student to develop a meaningful and enduring relationship to Israel and to Israelis."

#### Stony Brook University SJP Facebook

Stony Brook University Students for Justice in Palestine

This quote further supports the point that Hillel is an organization that attempts to equate Zionism and Judaism, and thus, any critique of Israel is deemed anti-Semitic. Hillel's own leader, Rabbi Joseph Topek stated in the aforementioned Statesman article, "I'm a Jew, and I'm a Zionist". Hillel at Stony Brook University has Israel fellowship programs and conducts birthright services, with the expressive purpose to propagandize young Jews into supporting the state. Birthright trips are tactics of strategic immigration which encourage future state donors, and creates more settlements. It is important to mention that no other faith group on campus has any

nationalistic endorsement. We will always stand against any Zionist group, and to eradicate this practice, just like any other form of racism, we will fight against it. If MSA held programs in favor of ISIS, we would be the first ones to protest them. If MSA held programs in favor of Saudi Arabia, we would be the first to protest them. Would we then be Islamophobic? Israel is no

different from apartheid South Africa, and the world came together to condemn apartheid and denominations of racism, ethnic cleansing, colonialism, and imperialism. Thus, why should Stony Brook University allow Israeli programs to be under the guise of interfaith?

In response to the quote mentioned from the community pledge to accept and respect the identity of students, we ask the university: if there were Nazis, white nationalists, and KKK members on campus, would their identity have to be accepted and respected? Absolutely not. Then why would we respect the views of Zionists? Regarding our statement about wanting a proper Jewish organization, any proper organization regardless of religion, should not prescribe to any denomination of racism, colonialism, or imperialism, including Zionism.

It is disheartening to see both Islamic Society and MSA cosigning on this message, and we want to send a message to Chaplain Sanaa Nadim. You have reached a heinous level of betrayal to the Palestinian people by working with and aiding Zionists on their endeavors. For 3 years we have been on this campus, you have not only helped Hillel normalize their Zionist agenda, but also suppressed your own Muslim students from speaking out against the state which has killed our Palestinian brothers and sisters. You have continually harassed our members and slandered our organization with claims of terrorism. We will work tirelessly to ensure that Stony Brook University's MSA has a chaplain that properly represents the Palestinian liberation movement

Now, to the student body, we implore you to rise up and take part in demonstrations with us, express your qualms for states that are killing our people, and always fight for the right of the indigenous against these oppressive regimes. Together, we can create a domino effect to ensure Zionism is an extinct ideology.

Subsequently, SJP will never stop fighting for the freedom of Palestinians, regardless of the obstacles in our way.

Free Palestine.

Stony Brook Students for Justice in Palestine



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Once again, this is consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.



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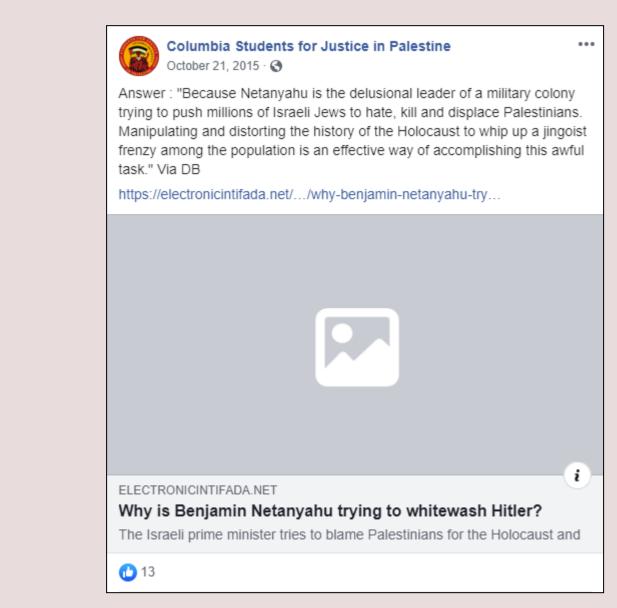
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Georgetown Students for Justice in Palestine

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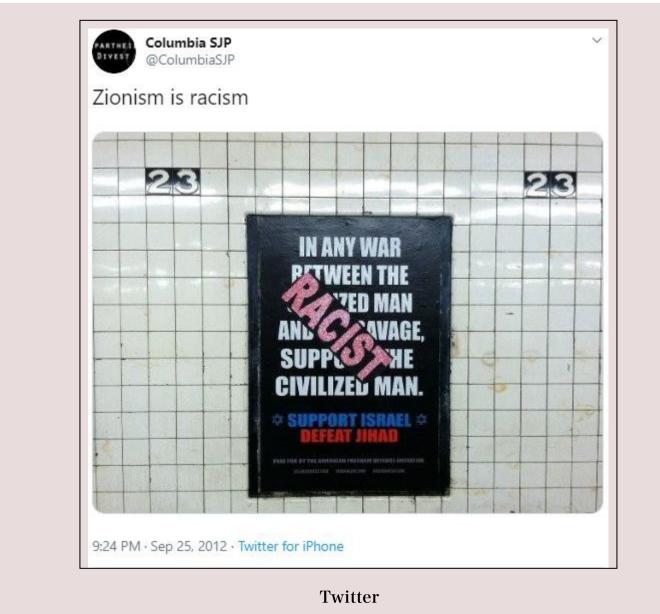
Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor. Also, consistent with example ten of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.



#### **Facebook**

Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine published 10/21/15, accessed 08/19

Consistent with example five of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.



Columbia SJP

Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor, with the moral implication that its existence must come to an end.



Consistent with example seven of the working definition of antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination.



In this map, we see the distribution of "Palestinian" and "Jewish-Israeli" populations. As you can see, there are areas certainly in which one group or the other primarily inhabits a particular area, but there are far more areas of the country in which both populations inhabit a shared space.

However, this is how most countries look, with ethnic, religious, racial, and socio-economic particularism leading to certain areas being inhabited by one group and most areas populated by all groups. To suggest that people be (artificially) separated by the color of their skin is racist (in the US we called attempts like this 'segregation', in South Africa they called this 'apartheid'). In Israel/Palestine there is a similar project called Zionism which attempts to construct legal and physical barriers to integration and equality. Meanwhile in

the US there are advocates of separating populations (through a less racist sounding concept, the "two state solution"). In Israel/Palestine the distinction is not racial, instead it is according to an ethno-religious difference - as though this is more noble or reasonable.

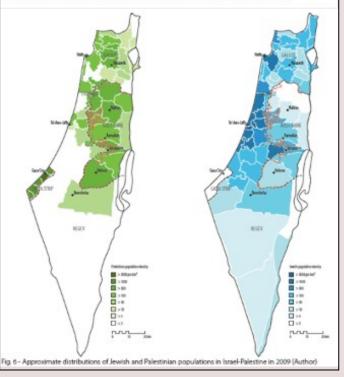
At present we exist in a one state reality. Although a "green line" (the armistice border from 1949) exists which divides "Israel" from ambiguous territory that some call "occupied", "Palestinian", "disputed", or "Judea and Samaria", or "the West Bank" and "Gaza", these territories are de facto Israeli territory. Although a Palestinian leadership governs these territories, in practice Israel rules these territories by force. Israel holds the monopoly on violence, and is governing sovereign over the currency, entry, and movement of all in the land including the Palestinian government.

The concept of a two state solution presupposes that all these realities could be thrown out in exchange for an Israeli state with significantly limited power compared to the present, and Palestinians in turn being given sovereignty, power, and monopoly over the use of force. In discussing change in Israel/Palestine, SJP seeks to bring to light the above reality, and challenge the conventional understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which obscures these realities (and the maps below) and instead offers up a situation in which Palestinians are engaging Israel on equal power dynamics.

Last night, Professor Sa'ed Adel Atshan illuminated this reality. He challenged those in the audience to conceive not of separation on the basis of difference, but rather inclusion and equality for those that are different. He challenged us to conceive of a future in which all who inhabit this land could live as neighbors with equal rights, as opposed to neighbors with rights depending on if you are Jewish or not.

Imagine the world we could all live in if the money, resources, energies and time that is currently being invested into propping up an idea with no possibility of being implemented, and no bearing on the current reality (i.e. the two state solution) were invested into improving the lives of all the inhabitants of Israel/Palestine regardless of their identity. Imagine what investing in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could look like if care and concern was not dependent on trying to separate and divide people but rather to create a democracy for all in Israel/Palestine.

Join us tonight in Olin Sang 201 to discuss visions for such a reality.



## Brandeis University SJP Facebook

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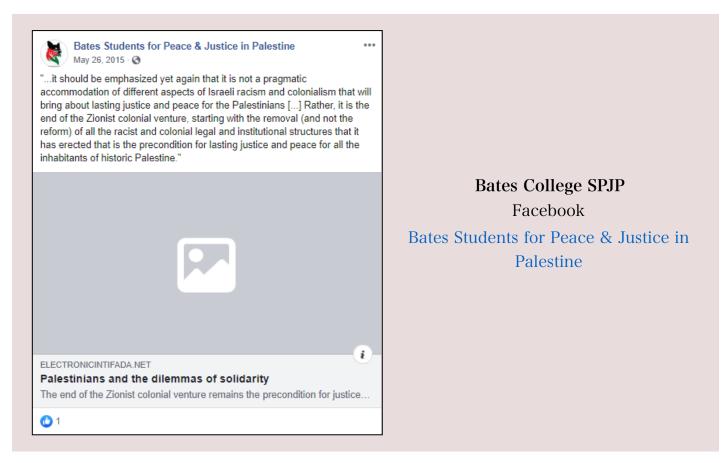
Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.



Boston Students for Justice in Palestine
"Zionism = racism"

Facebook

Boston Students for Justice in Palestine



Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor, which in turn amounts to a demonization and delegitimization of the Jewish state.

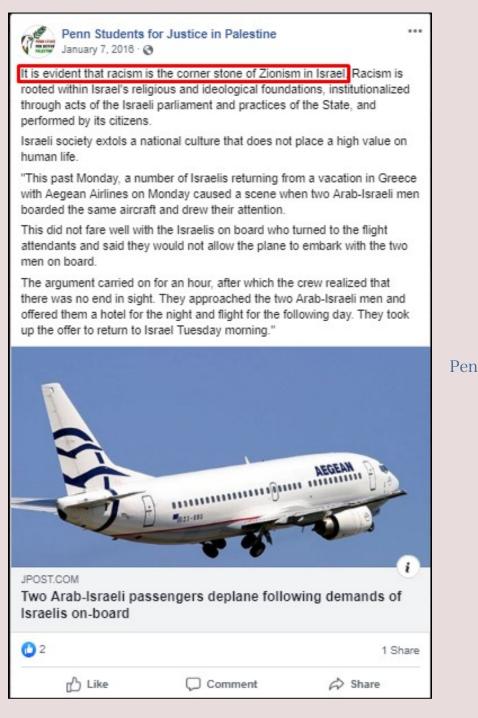




The New School SJP

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# Rutgers University SJP Twitter Rutgers SJP

Consistent with example ten of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, drawing comparison of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.





Within Our Lifetime (formerly known as NYC Students for Justice) Facebook

Within our Lifetime United for Palestine

Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination.



The accusation of Jewish deicide, i.e. the claim that Jews killed Jesus and therefore were a cursed people, hated by God himself,<sup>43</sup> aims to demonize the Jewish people, in one of the oldest blood libels.<sup>44</sup> This antisemitic canard that was rejected officially by the Vatican in 1965,<sup>45</sup> however, is being repackaged, painting Israel as the murderer of Christ the Palestinian. This messaging is consistent with two types of antisemitism as defined IHRA: example nine, "using the symbol and images associated with classic antisemitism (i.e. claims of Jews killing Jesus) to characterize Israel or Israelis," and example seven, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that Jesus was Palestinian,<sup>46</sup> as opposed to the historical fact that Jesus was a Jew, and further discounting the Jewish people's historical connection to the Land of Israel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> The Louis D. Brandeis Center, Fact Sheet on the Elements of Antisemitic Discourse, https://brandeiscenter.com/, accessed 07/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Yad Vashem, Antisemitism, https://www.yadvashem.org/, accessed 07/19; JSTOR, Antisemitism, Christianity, and the Catholic Church: Origins, Consequences, and Reponses, published 2007, accessed 07/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Vatican, DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS, published 10/28/65, https://www.vaticanstate.va/it/, http://www.documenta-catholica.eu/d\_1965-10-28-%20Concilium%20Vaticanum%20II%20-%20Declaratio%20'Nostra%20Aetate'%20-%20EN.pdf, accessed 07/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> See also Défense des Droits Imprescriptibles ET Inaliénables du Peuple Palestinien, Facebook, published 12/23/17, accessed 07/19.



A garbage take. This sukkah is placed on by Lubavitchers—a sect that enshrines racism & is rotten to its core. It was painted that way to invoke the Israeli flag which is a symbol of white Supremacy. How do you know Free Gaza wasn't painted by antiZionist Jews? Delete this tweet.

Esor @esorfasal · Sep 30, 2018

This makes me really sad. A sukkah in upper Manhattan was vandalized with "free Gaza" graffiti last night. If the first thing you think of when you see something Jewish is "how can I make this about Zionism and make Jewish people feel uncomfortable?" you're probably anti-semitic

Show this thread

Northeastern University – Max Geller, spokesman for SJP

Twitter

Max Geller

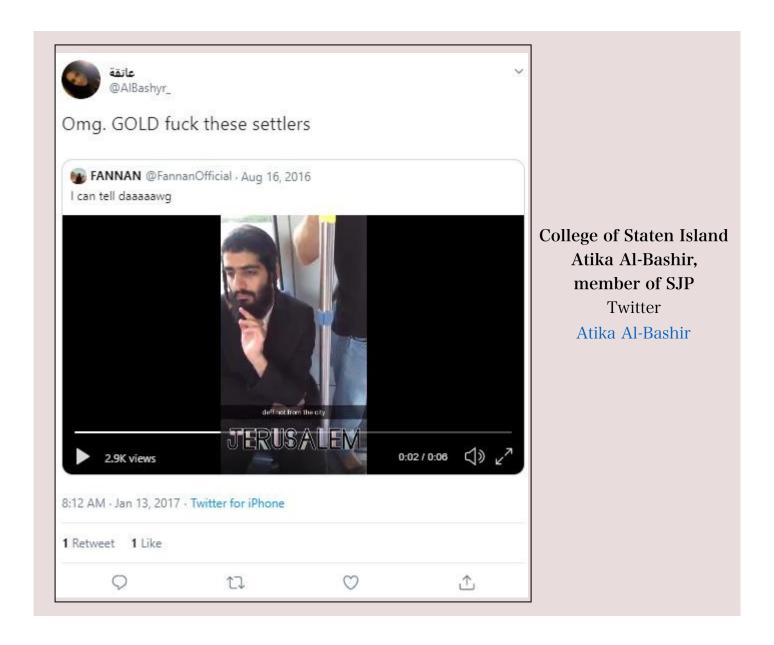
Consistent with example one of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming or Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.



Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.



Consistent with example four of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the fact, scope, mechanism (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).



Consistent with example two of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government of other societal institutions.

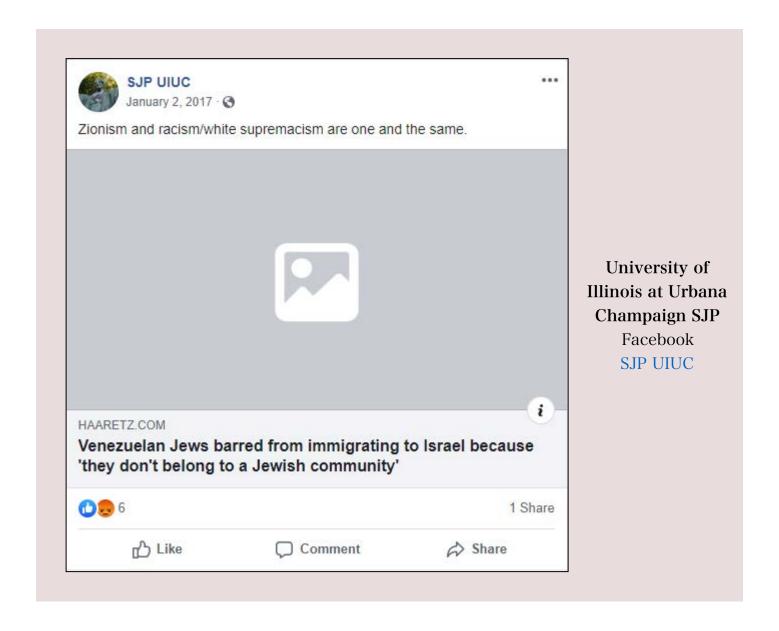


Consistent with example two of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, making mendacious, dehumanizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions. In addition, consistent with example ten of the Working Definition of antisemitism, drawing comparison of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.



Consistent with example one of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.

# **Midwest**







### Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP UMN)

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#### READ IT & SHARE IT

I am Israel. I came to a land without a people for a people without a land. Those people who happened to be here, had no right to be here, and my people showed them they had to leave or die, razing 480 Palestinian villages to the ground, erasing their history.

I am Israel. Some of my people committed massacres and later became Prime Ministers to represent me. In 1948, Menachem Begin was in charge of the unit that slaughtered the inhabitants of Deir Yassin, including 100 men, women, and

children. In 1953, Ariel Sharon led the slaughter of the inhabitants of Qibya, and in 1982 arranged for our allies to butcher around 2,000 in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila

I am Israel. Carved in 1948 out of 78% of the land of Palestine, dispossess ing its inhabitants and replacing them with Jews from Europe and other parts of the world. While the natives whose families lived on this land for thousands of years are not allowed to return, Jews from all over the world are welcome to instant citizenship.

I am Israel. In 1967, I swallowed the remaining lands of Palestine -the West Bank and Gaza -and placed their inhabitants under an oppressive military rule, controlling and humiliating every aspect of their daily lives. Eventually, they should get the message that they are not welcome to stay, and join the millions of Palestinian refugees in the shanty camps of Lebanon and Jordan.

I am Israel. I have the power to control American policy. My American Israel Public Affairs Committee can make or break any politician of its choosing, and as you see, they all compete to please me. All the forces of the world are powerless against me, including the UN as I have the American veto to block any condemnation of my war crimes. As Sharon so eloquently phrased it, "We control America".

I am Israel. I influence American mainstream media too, and you will always find the news tailored to my favor. I have invested millions of dollars into PR representation, and CNN, New York Times, and others have been doing an excellent job

of promoting my propaganda. Look at other international news sources and you will see the difference.

I am Israel. You Palestinians want to negotiate "peace!?" But you are not as smart as me; I will negotiate, but will only let you have your municipalities while I control your borders, your water, your airspace and anything else of importance. While we "negotiate," I will swallow your hilltops and fill them with settlements, populated by the most extremist of my extremists, armed to the teeth. These settlements will be connected with roads you cannot use, and you will be imprisoned in your little Bantustans between them, surrounded by checkpoints in every direction.

I am Israel. I have the fourth strongest army in the world, possessing nuclear weapons. How dare your children confront my oppression with stones, don't you know my soldiers won't hesitate to blow their heads off? In 17 months, I have killed 900 of you and injured 17,000, mostly civilians, and have the mandate to continue since the international community remains silent. Ignore, as I do, the hundreds of Israeli reserve officers who are now refusing to carry out my control over your lands and people; their voices of conscience will not protect you.

I am Israel. You want freedom? I have bullets, tanks, missiles, Apaches and F-16s to obliterate you. I have placed your towns under siege, confiscated your lands, uprooted your trees, demolished your homes, and you still demand freedom? Don't you get the message? You will never have peace or freedom, because I am Israel.

#### Facebook

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP UMN)

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SJP UM Dearborn – Ismail
Abu Hayyeh
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was in high school
Twitter

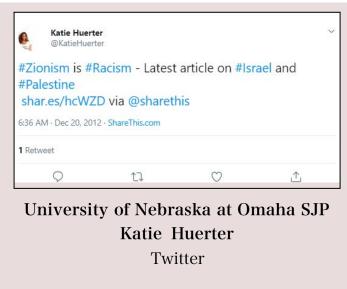
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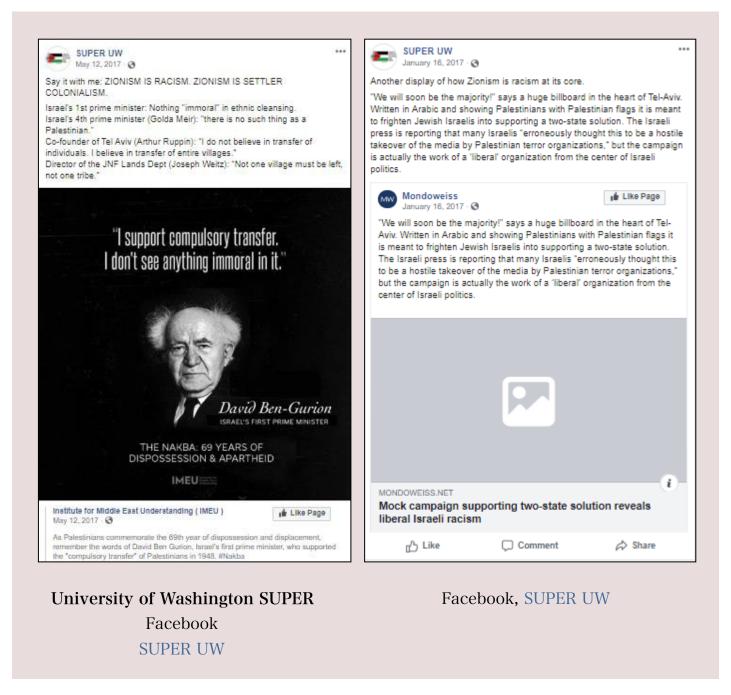




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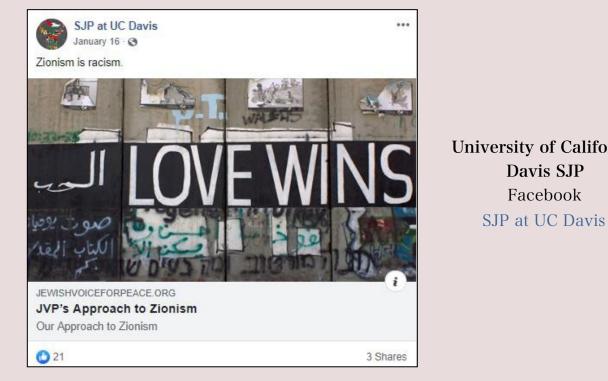
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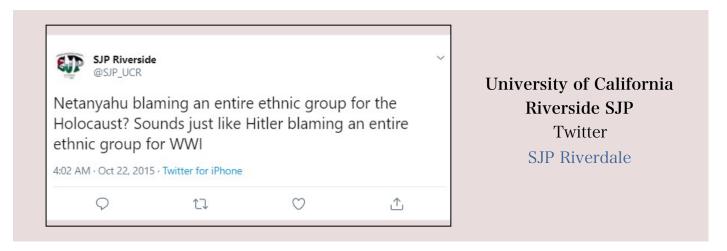


San Diego State **University SJP** Twitter SDSU SJP

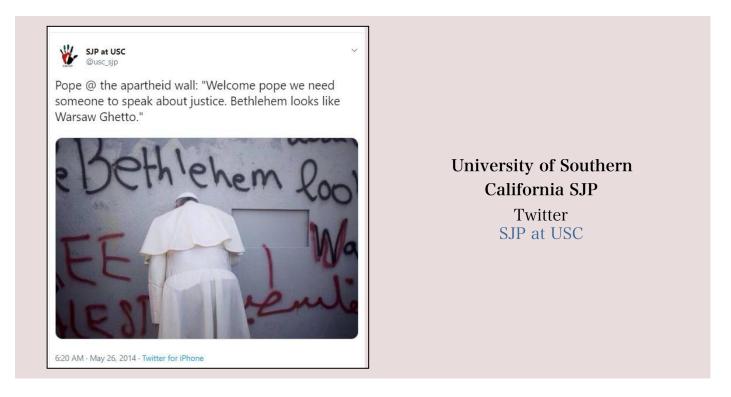
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University of California **Davis SJP** Facebook



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Bitar posted a photo to her Instagram story47 and tagged Sarah Zeidat, a member of the NSJP Steering Committee. Zeidat had sent a t-shirt with "Jesus is Palestinian" written across it. Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor. Also consistent with example nine of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, using symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.



University of California Santa
Barabara Divest
Clarissa Bitar & Sarah Zeidat
Instagram Stories
Clarissa Bitar

<sup>47</sup> Clarissa Bitar, Instagram, published 11/06/18, accessed 08/19.



University of California
Los Angeles SJP
Felipe Bris Abejon
Jewish Journal
Cartoon in UCLA student
paper denounced as
antisemitic

Felipe Bris Abejon posted a political cartoon in the UCLA daily student newspaper, the *Daily Bruin*, showing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in front of the Ten Commandments with a caption at the top stating "Israel passes law seizing any Palestinian land." Below that, it read "#6 Thou shall not steal" with the "not" crossed out with a red "x." Underneath, it shows "#7 Thou shalt not kill" with a thought bubble coming from Netanyahu reading "#7 is next." Since its publication the *Daily Bruin* has issued an apology; SJP has also condemned the cartoon, along with California State Assembly Member Richard Bloom and the Anti-Defamation League. Consistent with example three of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews. Also consistent with example eleven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.



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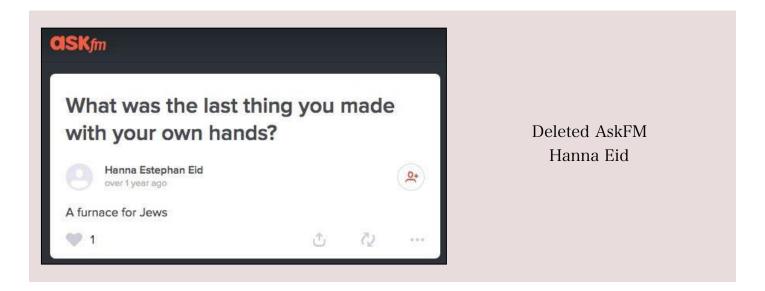
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Antisemitism, accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.



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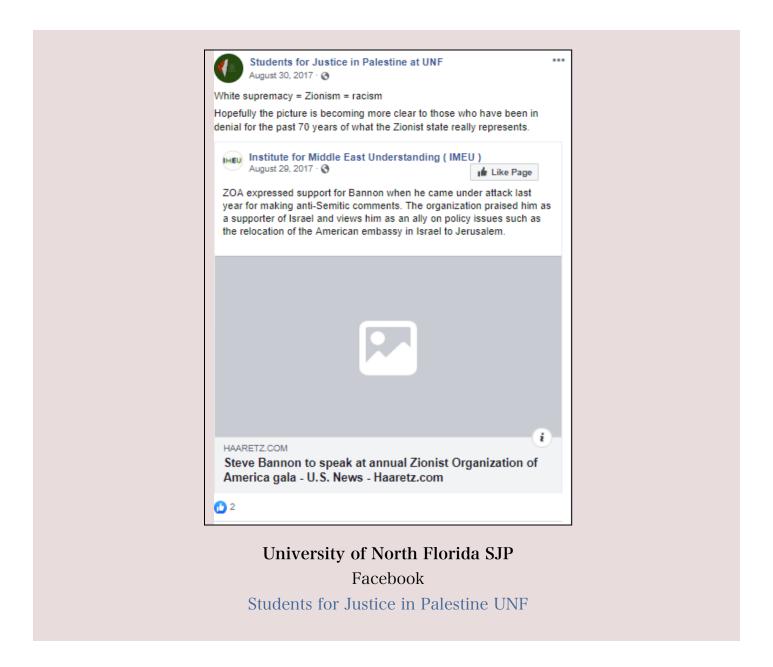


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## South





Facebook
Students for Justice in Palestine at UNF



Food for thought- "But in Israel things are backwards. Instead of cries to end the injustice against the Palestinians as Israel prepares to unite in mourning the Holocaust victims, the Palestinians are being depicted as if they were a continuation of the evil.

The world has learned the lessons of the Holocaust; today the world is more humane — things are changing. Though the gates of European nations were closed to Jews fleeing the Nazis back then, today Turkey has given shelter to a million Syrian refugees. Jordan and Lebanon have also taken them in.

Only in Israel are the lessons lost. Not only is an entire people held behind fences and checkpoints, but 50,000 migrants — not even Arabs, heaven forbid — are stuck like a bone in the national throat. A great deal of effort is being exerted to one end: getting rid of them."

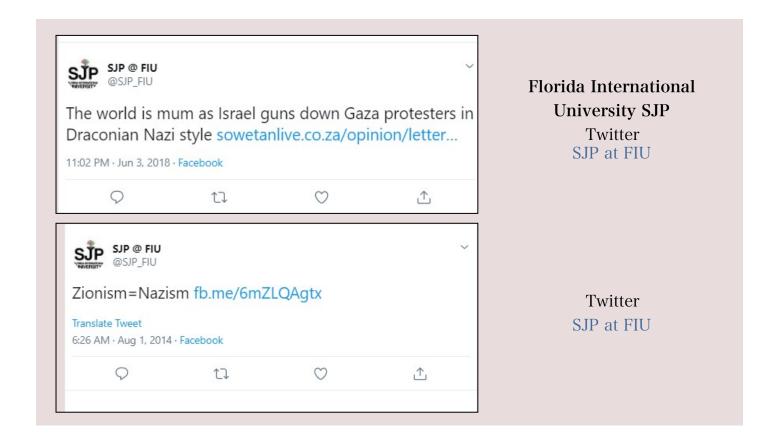
## Florida State University SJP

Facebook

FSU Students for Justice in Palestine



University of South Florida SJP Facebook SJP at USF





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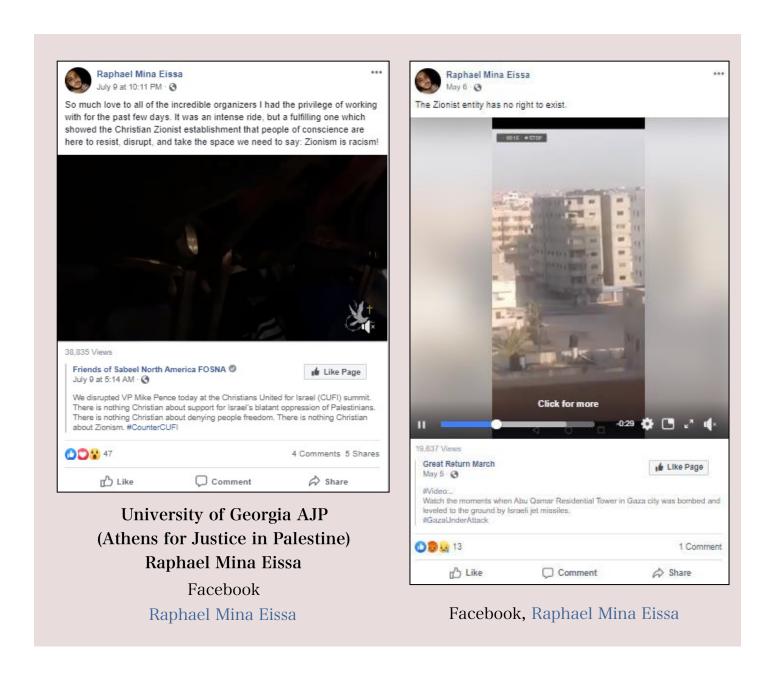




University of North
Carolina SJP
Twitter
UNC SJP

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Florida State University SJP Reem Zaitoon **Twitter** Reem Zaitoon

Replying to @ReemOlive

I really don't get how jews have to be anti Zionist to protest the camps, my friends and I are doing so and we were all raised Zionist. Idk about your community but in mine barely any Jews aren't Zionist, plenty of them are protesting the inhumane treatment at the border

7:27 PM · Aug 4, 2019 · Twitter Web App

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Shared a video on her Facebook by antisemitic activist Robert Martin demonizing Israel and Zionists, claiming that Israel kidnaps and butchers people and kills children on a regular basis, stating that Zionists are the sickest cult he's ever seen. Consistent with example nine of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, using symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

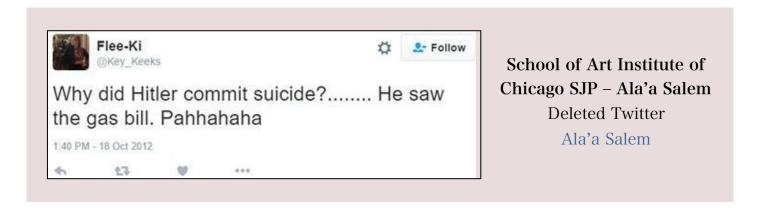


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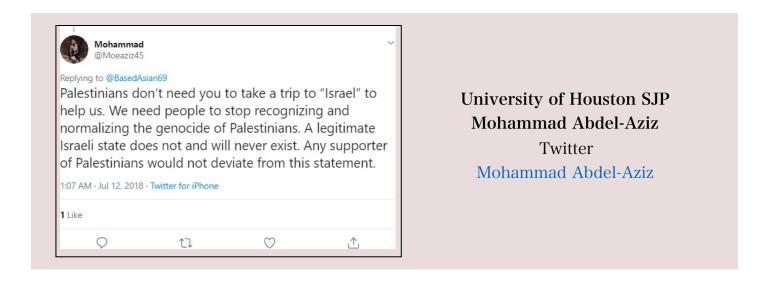




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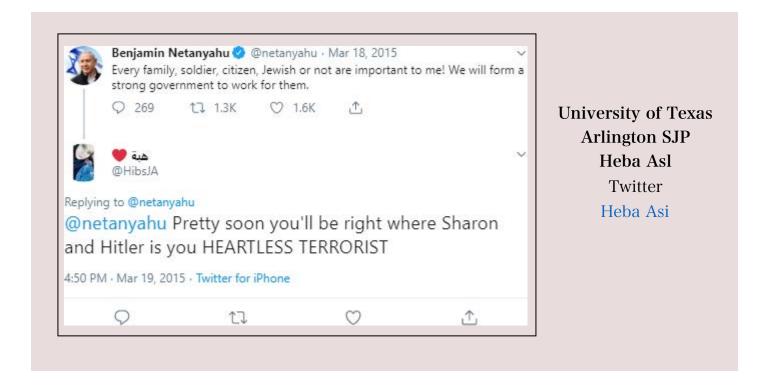
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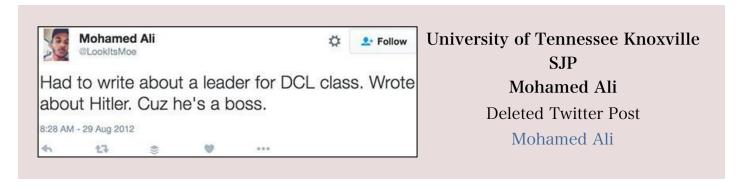




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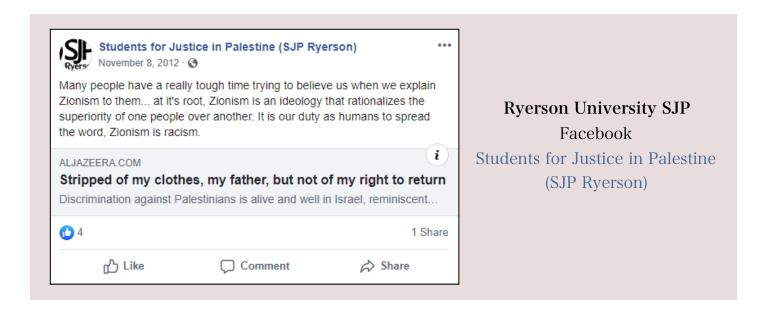


University of Toronto Scarborough SJP

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Students for Justice in Palestine – UTS

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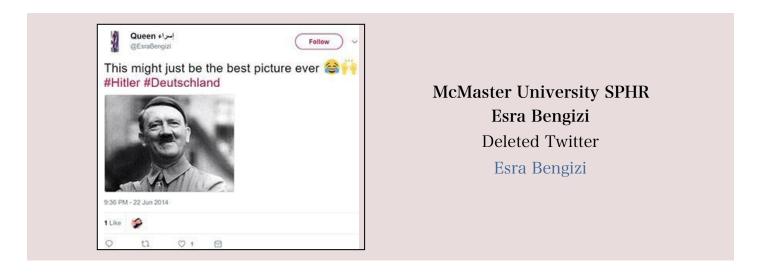




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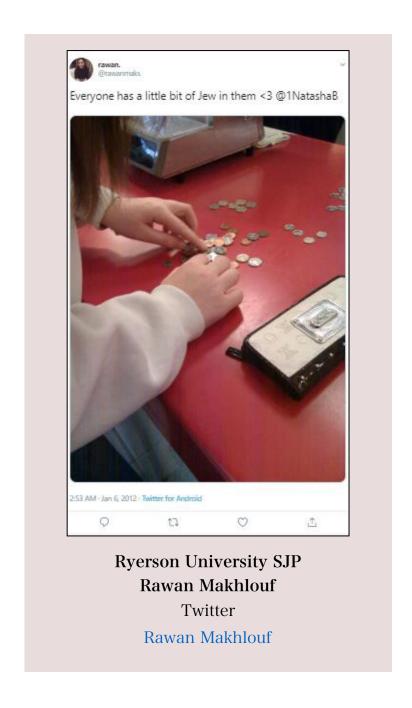




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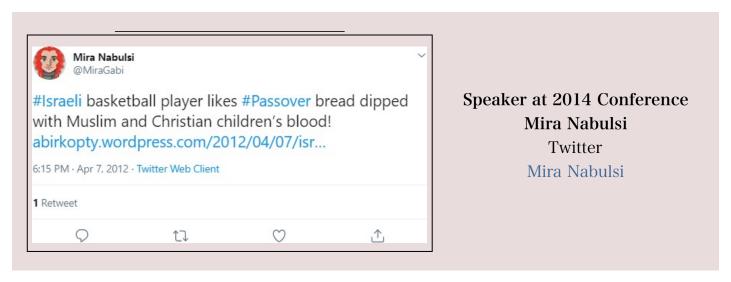
Former SJP Ryerson Vice President Omar Said, when asked why there should not be a Holocaust Education Week on campus, stated, "It shouldn't be a week long... this week should include the Palestinian Holocaust and shouldn't just be toward the Jewish Holocaust." Consistent with example ten of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, comparing Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.



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# **Antisemitism and NSJP Speakers**

Speaker at 2014 Conference<sup>48</sup>



Consistent with example nine of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, using symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

#### Speaker at 2014 Conference<sup>49</sup>



Consistent with example seven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, denying the Jewish people its right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor. Also consistent with example nine of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> National SJP, 4<sup>th</sup> National SJP Conference, published 2014, accessed 08/19.

<sup>49</sup> Ibid.



Speaker at 2018 Conference Hatem Abudayyeh USPCN Facebook

Abudayyeh stated, "Israel, just like white supremacists here [in the US], has been further emboldened by Trump and that pig son-in-law of his," referring to Jared Kushner, who is Jewish.

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# SJP Chapters and Altercations



Loyola University-Chicago SJP The College Fix SJP Students Hurl Insults at Jewish Peers, Protest Their Israel Display

SJP Loyola University – Chicago members verbally assaulted their Jewish peers stating things such as "How does it feel to be an occupier?" and, "How does it feel to be guilty of

ethnic cleansing?"<sup>50</sup> before creating a human wall to block their attempt to advertise trips to Israel. Nashiha Alam, an executive board member of the Loyola chapter, originally wrote a post on Instagram with the caption "What happens when you try to table for a

racist manifest destiny trip to Israel at my school."<sup>51</sup> Consistent with example three of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even acts committed by non-Jews. Also consistent with example eleven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> The College Fix, "SJP Students Hurl Insults at Jewish Peers, Protest Their Israel Display," published 09/15/14, https://www.thecollegefix.com/sjp-students-hurl-insults-at-jewish-peers-protest-their-israel-display-video/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid.

#### <u>Temple University SJP – Aziz Jalil</u>

In 2014, Daniel Vessal, a Jewish student, was physically assaulted and called "kike," "baby

killer," "stupid Jew," and "Zionist pig" 52 by SJP member Aziz Jalil. Vessal approached the SJP table at "Templefest," the university's welcome week for students, to get information about clubs on campus. A conversation ensued and Jallil punched Vessal in the face. While SJP denies that Jalil is a member of SJP and says he is merely an "acquaintance" of the

group,<sup>53</sup> he was one of the students sitting at the SJP table.<sup>54</sup> Aziz was later charged with simple assault and recklessly endangering another person.<sup>55</sup> Consistent with example one of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, calling for, aiding or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion. Also consistent with example three of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews. Also consistent with example eleven of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.

### <u>University of California Berkeley SJP – Husam Zakharia</u>

In 2010, Husam Zakharia, the head of Berkeley's Students for Justice in Palestine, allegedly rammed Jessica Felber, a Jewish former student, with a shopping cart filled with toys. At the time she was holding a sign stating "Israel Wants Peace," as part of an event for Israel Peace Week. The event was meant to counteract rallies that were taking place for Israel Apartheid Week. Zakharia was arrested on suspicion of battery and Felber was

granted a restraining order against him.<sup>56</sup> This is an example of physical antisemitism; physical manifestations of antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals.<sup>57</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Truth Revolt, "Temple Univ. Jewish Student Punched In Face and Called 'Kike' in Antisemitic Attack," published 08/20/14, https://www.truthrevolt.org/news/temple-univ-jewish-student-punched-face-and-called-kike-anti-semitic-attack, accessed 08/19.

<sup>53</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Temple University, "Temple University Statement on Reported Attack Against Student," published 08/20/14, https://news.temple.edu/announcements/2014-08-20/temple-university-statement-reported-assault-student, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Broad and Cecil, "Temple Fest incident settled with numerous penalties," published 10/01/14, broadandcecil.temple-news.com, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Berkeleyside, "Jewish student sues UC Berkeley over assault by Palestine supporter," published 03/07/11, https://www.berkeleyside.com/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> IHRA, "Working Definition of antisemitism," accessed 08/19.

#### <u>University of California Berkeley SJP – Husam Zakharia and Dina Omar</u>

In 2011, a fight broke out at UC Berkeley as a result of Palestinian flags that were hung overlooking a pro-Israel concert. Gabe Weiner and Yehuda De Sa, both members of the Zionist Freedom Alliance, went to the balcony to ask that the flags be removed. When they reached the second floor a fight broke out. Two of the three Palestinian students who displayed the flags, who were members of SJP, Dina Omar and Husam Zakharia, were

cited with one count of battery each and Weiner with three.<sup>58</sup> Consistent with example one of the Working Definition of Antisemitism, calling for, aiding or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> The Daily Californian, "Thursday Night's Altercation May Be Classified As Hate Crime by Police Pending Investigation," published 11/17/08, https://www.dailycal.org/, accessed 08/19.

# **NSJP's Fiscal Sponsor**

The WESPAC Foundation was established in 1974, in New York state. The organization is a leading force for progressive social change in Westchester County and is currently involved with food justice work, anti-fracking/anti-nuclear and pro-safe energy, solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, an end to militarism and drone warfare and a just resolution to the Israel/Palestine conflict.<sup>59</sup>

The WESPAC Foundation is NSJP's fiscal sponsor. On SJP East and SJP Stanford websites, it read: "Please consider making a donation – large or small, every dollar goes a long way – to SJP National through our PayPal or send a check to our fiscal sponsor, the

WESPAC Foundation, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603."60 On causes.com (a crowdfunding website), the headline reads, "Please support the National SJP Conference! We need your help!" In the body of the page it reads, "DONATE TO Wespac Foundation

Inc."61



According to the information above, the SJP organization is not collecting the donation on its own; it is being assisted by the WESPAC Foundation which oversees NSJP funds, manages the donations (Account Management, Tax...) and is legally responsible for the organization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Wespac Foundation, About Wespac, https://wespac.org/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> SJP East, Send a Student to the SJP National Conference this Year!, published 09/25/14, http://sjpeast.weebly.com/, accessed 08/19; SJP Stanford, Send a Student to the SJP National Conference this Year!, https://sjp.stanford.edu/, accessed 08/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Causes, Please support the National SJP Conference! We need your help!, accessed 08/19.

### Conclusion

National SJP, founded with the support of American Muslims for Palestine and the US Palestinian Community Network, demonstrates continuous support for terrorism and blatant antisemitism. This lethal hate is rooted in a political ideology and mission that has a long legacy. The annual national conference is held on a university campus each year. This conference, attended by over 200 local chapters, serves as a conduit for antisemitic terrorism and antisemitic discourse to enter US college campuses.

The mission of universities is to serve as a space for individuals to learn and express themselves without fear of discrimination or prejudice. The fact that the members and chapters of NSJP foster hate and will convene on a university campus demonstrates that higher education institutions are either not aware of or are ignoring this problem. While in this particular instance, higher education institutions are turning a blind eye only to NSJP, their inaction is indicative of the future for all marginalized groups on campus.

This report calls upon US and Canadian universities to adopt the IRHA definition of antisemitism as a guideline, to fight antisemitism on campus, and to protect basic academic freedoms and democratic principles. In order for students to feel protected and for universities to abide by their own pacts of creating safe and secure learning environments, it is necessary to cancel the conference, or at the very least for administration officials to monitor the conference, to be held at the University of Minnesota on November 1-3, 2019, and end all funding to NSJP.

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