



ISRAELI INCITEMENT

Volume Three

Introduction:

Incitement takes many forms: calls for hatred and violence, racial caricatures and other displays of contempt, and the provocative denial of others' histories. Distorting history for political purposes is profoundly disturbing, and in the context of the Middle East is an obvious incitement against those who wish to live in peace side by side. It is especially disturbing when practiced in schools, so recent comments by the Israeli Education Minister should be noted, for the official status he gives to rejecting Palestinian history.

Here we give examples of recent Israeli statements about Jerusalem. The denial of Palestinian history and heritage in Jerusalem is provocative and counter-productive to peace.

“Jerusalem Day”: Death to Arabs

Fifty-thousand Jewish-Israelis marched in Jerusalem with large groups of Orthodox boys chanting, “Death to Arabs!” and, “Revenge on Palestine!” while catcalling and applauding each time the Israeli police removed an Arab demonstrator.¹

As shown in the video² some Israeli chose to celebrate “Jerusalem Day” by standing in front of a mosque and shouting loud and clear "Death to Arabs;" "Muhammad is dead;" and " Butcher the Arabs." On min 00:50 to min 1:50, racist chants happened under the eyes and protection of the Israeli police, who did nothing to stop it. Arrests of Jewish and Palestinian protestors took place later when both clashed at Damascus Gate.

No one from the Israeli government came out and condemned this omnipresent racism.

¹ <http://www.jpost.com/NationalNews/Article.aspx?id=270738>

² http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9Qsapnz_n4&feature=player_embedded

“Jerusalem Day”:

Ministry of Education ignores Palestinian identity in Jerusalem

The Israeli Ministry of Education, Gideon Sa’ar, held the finals of the Jerusalem National Quiz, “My Jerusalem,” for the first time, on 20 May 2012.

According to the Ministry, "My Jerusalem" deals with the history of Jerusalem, key figures who acted in it and development of the Hebrew language. The quiz was held during the current school year among about 20,000 students in the fifth graders in both state and religious schools.

The Ministry has produced three volumes of leaflets that include materials students should study from in preparation to the quiz.

Reading through the leaflets will show how any Palestinian identity for the city of Jerusalem is obscured. The ministry deals with the “united Jerusalem” as part of Israel, encouraging the attachment of the students to the city and with no mention to today’s political challenges in the city. In leaflet 2 page 3 it defines people who live in the old city as Jews and non Jews.³

It calls Palestinian residents of Jerusalem Arab. A continuous move not to relate anything to the word Palestine or show the residents as not part of the same nation as those in the West Bank. In many cases it tries to show Arabs in a negative way, “The Arab Muslims occupied Jerusalem in 638 and turned the Churches into Mosques.” (Leaflet 1 page 7)⁴

In another occasion “the Arab rioters” (leaflet 1 page 11.) And that the Six Day War of 1967 started after “a joined attempt of Egypt, Jordan and Jordan to destroy the young Israeli-state.” (Leaflet 1 page 13)

The leaflets show most of Palestinian sites in the city, especially in the eastern side as part of Israel, while no mention of any Palestinian history, identity, and culture. No correlation between Palestinian identity of the place; such as the Dome of the Rock. (See pages 4-7 in leaflet 2 and page 22 leaflets 1)

The occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967 is portrayed as a victory of the Jewish people: “We are going to the Old City, we are going to the Temple Mount, to the Western Wall. The Jewish people are waiting for victories. Israel is waiting for a historic moment, to rise and succeed.” (Leaflet 1 page 14)

³ Leaflet 2: <http://meyda.education.gov.il/files/hidonyerushalaym/choveret2.pdf>

⁴ Leaflet 1: <http://meyda.education.gov.il/files/hidonyerushalaym/choveret1.pdf>

“Jerusalem Day”:

Gideon Sa’ar: Sovereignty in Jerusalem shall be one

Israeli Minister of Education said on Jerusalem Day: "Jerusalem has never been the capital of other than the Jewish people, so I was sorry to hear on the morning of Jerusalem day words of nonsense from someone who served as mayor of Jerusalem. There is no power that can harm our sovereignty over the united capital of Israel."⁵

He also said: “Sovereignty in Jerusalem shall be one - in the Old City, Temple Mount [AlAqsa Mosque], the Mount of Olives and the city of David. [...]The whole pack of lies of Mahmoud Abbas and his cronies, who talk about occupation of Jerusalem by us, can be easily defied by historical facts."

His statement was in response to the former Israeli Jerusalem mayor and prime minister Ehud Olmert’s recent statements on Jerusalem, when he said that Israel will have to compromise over Jerusalem as none of its governments managed to keep it united.⁶

In another speech from May 22nd,⁷ documented with video,⁸ **Gideon Sa’ar said:**

"The so-called counter-narrative, is a series of lies and fabrications... Those who wish to educate our children from infancy on a concept of two narratives, seeks to reveal them to truth and lie, and more seriously to cripple their spirit to forget that the just is on our side."

"All actions I made as a Minister of Education in the last 3 years to strengthen the Jewish and Zionist narrative, aimed indeed in strengthening the Jewish and Zionist narrative.... Cultural and Israel heritage studies in the public education, the huge move in which half a million students come to city of David in Jerusalem, the move of visits to fathers' land in [Jewish West Bank settlement] Gush Etzion and Hebron that culminates in the visits to the Cave of Patriarchs in Hebron..."

He also goes clearly against the creation of Palestinian state: "According to the reality that is clear to all, creating a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria will be multi-dangerous to Israel."

It goes without saying if the Israeli Education Minister has these views, he would indoctrinate it through his education policies to Israeli students.

⁵ <http://www.gideonsaar.com/175131>

⁶ <http://www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART2/369/704.html>

⁷ <http://www.gideonsaar.com/175138>

⁸ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3Ujd0-ViaY&feature=player_embedded

“Jerusalem Day”:

Netanyahu: “Jerusalem will always remain united”

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu said on “Jerusalem day” that he “will continue building in Jerusalem and stand firm against the nations of the world to tell them that Jerusalem will always remain the united Capital of Israeli state and Israeli people.”⁹

Netanyahu said this at Merkaz Harav, the center of religious Zionism in Jerusalem, during the ceremony to celebrate the 45 anniversary for “uniting” Jerusalem, known for Israelis as “Jerusalem day.” It is the day for occupying East Jerusalem in 1967. When an Israeli leader says Jerusalem would be “united,” that means maintaining 1948 West Jerusalem as well as 1967 occupied East Jerusalem. It is a staunch negation of the peace process and the two-state solution. Furthermore, it continues to teach Israelis that what is not theirs, they could keep. The vast majority of the international community and international political and legal bodies consider East Jerusalem as occupied Palestinian territory.

Netanyahu also said, that “Jerusalem is the heart of our people and we can’t guarantee our future by uprooting our heart, we guarantee the future by strengthening our heart.”

Rabbi Steinman: Non-Jews are murderers, thieves, brainless and evil-doers

Speaking in Beit Shemesh ahead of the Jewish Shavuot holiday, Rabbi Aharon Yehuda Leib Steinman, one of the leaders of the Lithuanian branch of *haredi* Judaism said: "There are eight billion people in the world. And what are they? Murderers, thieves, brainless people... But who is the essence of this world? Has God created the world for these murderers? For these evil-doers? [...] Non-Jews have no connection to the Torah. The nations have nothing, no confidence (=faith) and no good principles."¹⁰

Rabbi Ovadia Yousef: Jewish Doctor should give no treatment to non-Jewish patients on Saturdays

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef told a group of religious doctors in one of his religious preaching that they should avoid giving treatment to goy (non-Jewish) patients on Saturday.¹¹

"If a Jew is in danger on Saturday, then you do all efforts to rescue him. [...] this is related to a Jew, if a non-Jew, let say got injured in car accident and he was brought to hospital, Israel is not allowed to give him treatment by de-rabbinic (from Rabbis) it might be permitted, but by

⁹ <http://www.mako.co.il/news-military/politics/Article-fce9c9a7eab6731018.htm>

¹⁰ <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4232004,00.html>

¹¹ <http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4229407,00.html>

de-'oraita (Torah expressly forbidden), the Torah does not allow to desecrate the Sabbath for a goy."

Israeli Journalist: Palestinian nation was created by KGB

Caroline Glick, reporter and writer for Jerusalem Post,¹² said during a conference calling to impose full Israeli sovereignty over the occupied West Bank, that the Palestinian nation was created by the KGB in 1969.

The speech is available on internet in Hebrew¹³ with simultaneous English translation.¹⁴

Advocating against creating a Palestinian state in "Judea and Samaria" and advocating full Israeli sovereignty on Palestinian territory, Glick said:

"There is no doubt that the status Quo [in the West Bank] is working against us, and every day passes we do nothing and initiate nothing, actually we are accepting the Palestinian lies, that this is their homeland and this is Palestinian culture... a nation that was invented by KGB in 1969."

About the Israeli Incitement report

This is a monthly series issued by the Palestinian Government Media Center (PGMC) on Israeli incitement; giving selected examples of statements or actions that encourage racism and hatred, support violence or increase tensions, and, thus, undermine Palestinian rights to freedom and self-determination. The report draws attention to a serious problem within Israeli society of hostility to the idea of living peacefully alongside one another. Examples given in these reports highlight attitudes and actions, which are founded on a rejection of the right of Palestinians to exist in their homeland.

In order to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, it is necessary to create an atmosphere of reconciliation based on justice and equality between the parties concerned. To achieve this, it is crucial to rectify misperceptions or stereotypes created about Palestinian Arabs particularly if the Israeli establishment and its galaxies are participating in creating a narrative that de-

¹² <http://www.jpost.com/Authors/AuthorPage.aspx?id=126>

¹³ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRyERcFTSjs>

¹⁴ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL0FWc6UjUk&feature=BFa&list=UU2BQ9Ug9niueKD0R6Nf3F2A>

humanizes Palestinians through systematic forms of incitement against Palestinians created on a religious, cultural and social basis. Consequently, this filters down to political delegitimization of Palestinians. It is a form of *incitement against Palestinians*.

In addition, this report traces Israeli actions and policies—sometimes without a word being said—that many times cause severe *incitement of Palestinians*. In fact, the Israeli occupation establishment, settler movement, and societal ethnocentrism cause most of the incitement through wrong-doing rather than bad-mouthing. This pro-longed Israeli military occupation remains the root cause of the conflict and its symptoms such as incitement.

The aim of the incitement report is to attempt to rectify this continuous incitement phenomenon in order to bring the Israeli public closer to seeing Palestinians with legitimate human and political rights: a prerequisite to accepting a peace that results in a two-state solution.

The Palestinian Authority has long supported the creation of an objective joint committee, involving the international community, to define and monitor incitement, so that this issue can be treated with proper seriousness.