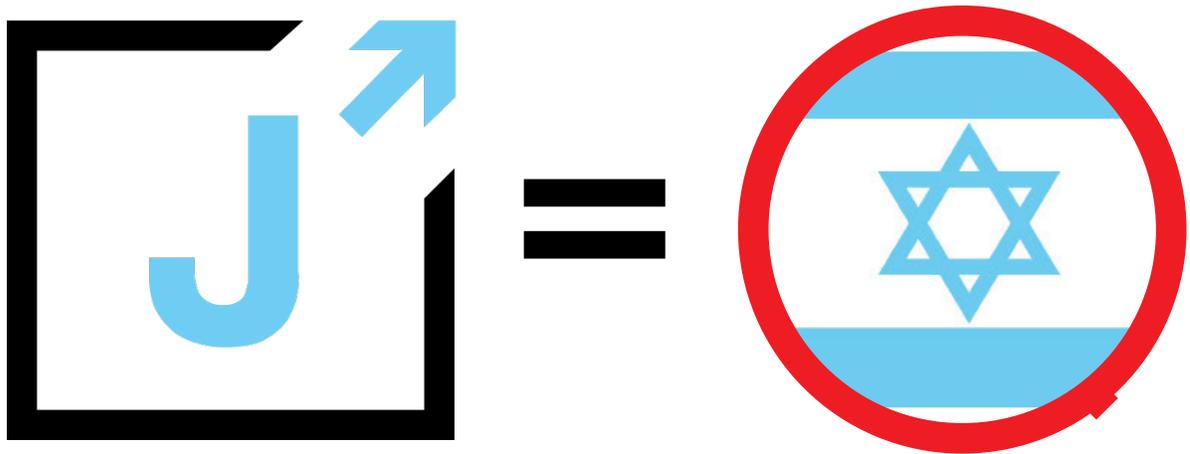


# J Street Sides With Israel's Enemies & Works to Destroy Support for Israel

Executive Summary for a Special Report by  
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Liberal Democratic Harvard Law School  
Professor Alan Dershowitz summed it up:

"J Street has been the most damaging organization in American history against Israel . . . J Street has done more to turn young people against Israel than any organization in the whole of history. It will go down in history as one of the most virulent, anti-Israel organizations in the history of Zionism and Judaism. It has given cover to anti-Israel attitudes on campus and particularly its approach to Israel's self defense."<sup>1</sup>

And Jerusalem Post Senior Editor  
Caroline Glick explained:

"J Street is an anti-Israel, pro-Iranian and pro-Palestinian lobby run by American Jews. . . . J Street's . . . goal is to destroy the power and influence of the American Jewish community. . . . The tools it employs are demoralization and deceit. . . . Israel is the most extraordinary collective achievement of the Jewish people in thousands of years. It is the embodiment of the dreams, faith, blood, sweat and tears of the Jewish people today and throughout time in both spiritual and physical terms. Israel is something that every Jew should celebrate and be thankful [for] not only on Yom Ha'atzma'ut, but every day of the year. . . . It is J Street's purpose to hide this truth from the American Jewish community. So it is the task of American Jews to build on the decision of the Conference of Presidents [overwhelmingly rejecting J Street] and ensure . . . that J Street goes down in time as the great failure it deserves to be."<sup>2</sup>

**I**n J Street's Orwellian world, being "pro-Israel" means promoting policies on every front that endanger Israel's existence, and damage American support for the Jewish State. This executive summary outlines the extraordinary breadth and extent of J Street's hostile-to-Israel statements and activities. The full ZOA report on J Street, documenting all items outlined here, is available at the ZOA.org website or by contacting info@zoa.org.

## Anti-Israel & Muslim Donors

**J Street has numerous anti-Israel, foreign and Muslim donors – and lies about this.** For years, J Street falsely denied that anti-Zionist billionaire George Soros was a major J Street funder. Soros and his children continue to be major J Street donors, and Soros's foundations work closely with J Street. Other significant J Street donors include a board member of NIAC (Iranian lobbyist); an attorney who had represented the Saudi Embassy and whose husband was a major Saudi lobbyist; leaders of Muslim student groups; Saudi- and Iranian-born Americans; Palestinian- and Arab-American businessmen who also give to Arab-oriented anti-Israel PACs; the Turkish producer of a virulently anti-American, anti-Semitic Turkish film which depicts a Jewish American doctor harvesting organs from prisoners; a Muslim professor who writes about alleged Israeli "repression of the Palestinian people"; and many others of this ilk. If J Street is so "pro-Israel," then why do so many Israel-haters support J Street?

## Even Opposes Israel's Existence

**J Street officials have spoken against Israel's very existence:** At J Street's 2010 national conference, J Street co-founder Daniel Levy called Israel's rebirth in 1948 "an act that was wrong." J Street's Advisory Council member Marcia Freedman told the 2015 J Street conference: "Israelis should not have a state." The 2017 president of the J Street U student group sent a letter to Congress saying it was unfair to label as anti-Semites those who oppose Israel's existence.

"J Street? They are just smug advocates of Israel's destruction delivered from the comfort of their secure American sofas – it's hard to imagine anyone worse."

- U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman<sup>3</sup>

## Promotes Anti-Israel UN Resolutions

**J Street lobbies for anti-Israel UN Security Council resolutions** that condemn Israel, demand that Israel to retreat to indefensible pre-1967 "Auschwitz" lines, seek to cut off the Jewish people from their holiest sites, and unilaterally create a Palestinian Arab terrorist state that does not recognize Israel. J Street urged former President Obama to support or to not veto notorious anti-Israel UN Security Council Resolution 2334 (which absurdly and falsely labeled Judaism's holiest places such as the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, and Judea and Samaria, the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem, Hebrew University, Hadassah Hospital and the Mt. of Olives – the site of the oldest Jewish cemetery in the world – as "occupied Arab land"). J Street then took out major ads thanking and praising former President Obama for doing so. J Street then lobbied against the bipartisan Congressional resolution condemning UNSC Resolution 2334. When anti-Israel NGO B'tselem denounced Israel at the UN and urged the UN to take action against Israel, J Street supported B'tselem over Israel. J Street conferences call for "pressure without limits" on Israel, including not protecting Israel with UN vetoes.

## Supports Anti-Israel Boycotts

**J Street promotes anti-Israel boycotts, divestment and sanctions** (BDS) and U.S. & EU anti-Jewish labeling regulations – another form of BDS. J Street urged then-President Obama to enforce discriminatory US Customs regulations prohibiting “Made in Israel” labels on products made in Judea/Samaria, and lobbied against a bipartisan Congressional amendment to make rejection of anti-Israel BDS a principal trade objective in Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations with the European Union. J Street conferences have featured and honored leading advocates of anti-Israel BDS, “lawfare” and “courtroom Intifada” (bringing abusive, groundless legal cases to attack and harass Israel and Israeli leaders, in courts throughout the world).

J Street officials have openly supported full BDS (BDS against all of Israel), although J Street (falsely) claims that this is not J Street policy. Notably, J Street’s “official” BDS policy does not oppose “targeted” anti-Semitic BDS. (“Targeted BDS” is discriminatory boycotts of Jews and Jewish businesses and institutions located in Jerusalem and Judea/Samaria past the artificial “green line.”) J Street also conducts “Green Line” campaigns that are actually “targeted BDS” campaigns. J Street also absurdly claims that the only way to “combat BDS” is to agree with the lies that fuel the BDS movement, and to promote the BDS movement’s anti-Israel goals (to “end the occupation,” etc.) J Street condemns the mainstream pro-Israel groups that truly combat BDS as “fringe voices” and “liars.”

“[J Street, JVP and APN] is . . . a bunch of anti-Israel groups criticizing a pro-Israel amendment. While a broad bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress are focused on strengthening the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel economic relationship, this small handful of outside organizations are more interested in defending destructive efforts to delegitimize Israel.”

- *Congressman Pete Roskam (R-IL), criticizing J Street (and its partners Americans for Peace Now and Jewish Voice for Peace) for lobbying against an amendment requiring U.S. trade negotiators to make rejecting anti-Israel BDS a principal trade objective in Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations with the European Union*<sup>4</sup>

## Promotes Disastrous Iran Deal & Opposes Sanctions on Iran

**J Street supports anti-Israel, anti-U.S. Iran over Israel and the U.S.** J Street was a leading lobbyist for the catastrophic Iran deal (which gave Iran \$150 billion in sanctions relief, severely limits inspections, has "sunset" clauses on Iran's restrictions, enables Iran to continue enriching uranium, and paves Iran's path to a nuclear bomb). J Street also lobbies against sanctions on Iran, including both pre-deal and post-deal sanctions targeting Iran's terrorism and missile test violations. J Street also lobbies against imposing timetables for imposing sanctions; against even laying the groundwork for a credible military option; and against keeping any military option on the table – even as a last resort. These J Street positions are identical to the Iran regime lobby's positions. From its earliest days, J Street collaborated with and had financial and overlapping directorship ties with the Iranian regime's lobbyist, the National Iranian American Council (NIAC).

J Street engaged in numerous deceptive Orwellian practices while lobbying for the Iran deal and lobbying against sanctions on Iran. J Street falsely characterized nuclear Iran's opponents (people who opposed the Iran deal and who sought to sanction Iran) as warmongers, and as against a nuclear-free Iran. J Street also ran phony polls using hypotheticals that were vastly different from the actual Iran deal, and falsely claimed that American Jews and the Israeli security establishment supported the deal. J Street also worked to stop scheduled major public speeches by prominent officials about Iran's genocidal ambitions and the need for strong action to stop Iran, including speeches by then-Vice Presidential candidate Governor Sarah Palin, and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. And J Street PAC finances and runs ad campaigns for pro-Iran deal Congressional candidates, and targets Iran deal opponents for defeat.

"J-Street (Pro-Palestinian Jewish Organization) representatives. . . have recognized me and wanted to chat. I just have to shake my head when these citizens ask me to believe in Iran and support a two-state solution. . . . When I ask them how does one negotiate with leaders who do not even recognize your existence, they respond with, you have to believe in them. Well, looks like I will have to save these people from themselves. I take a man at his word when he says he wants to kill me, I ain't suicidal."

- *Then-Congressman Allen West (R-FL)*<sup>5</sup>

"At a time when a million Israeli citizens have been living in bomb shelters for four days and four nights, have not gone to school or work and anxiously await the next siren, the terrorists firing on them are getting encouragement and support, not just from Iran and Hezbollah, but also from the [from Gaza] left-wing Jewish American organization J Street . . . The anti-Israel and anti-ethical statement of J Street should serve as a warning for Israeli politicians and left-wing activists, including members of my party, against supporting and identifying with J Street, as they have done in the past."

*- Knesset Member Otniel Schneller, of the left-wing Kadima Party<sup>6</sup>*

"J Street's appalling missive [during Israel's war with Hamas] concludes: 'This is our moment to show that there is real political support for shedding a narrow us-versus-them approach to the Middle East.' [But] What if you shed an us-versus-them approach to Hamas, but Hamas doesn't shed its us-versus-them approach to you? J Street['s] . . . treatment of the Gaza crisis is simply contemptible. Are there any limits to the group's capacity for self-delusion about the nature of Hamas? May we now conclude that J Street is incapable of recognizing when it is staring genocidal fanatics in the face? It is time that thinking people started calling J Street what it actually is — an anti-Israel group."

*- Noah Pollak, Executive Director of the Emergency Committee for Israel<sup>7</sup>*

## Undermines & Endangers Israel's Defense

**J Street lobbies against increasing military aid to Israel** to counter increased Iranian threats, but lobbies for sending American funds to the Palestinian Authority – which uses almost \$400 million per year of these funds to pay Palestinian Arabs to murder Jews! J Street says that aid to Israel to counter Iranian threats ignores American financial needs. Yet, J Street PAC requires candidates receiving its campaign contributions to support U.S. aid to the Palestinian Authority. J Street is lobbying against the Taylor Force Act – the legislation to reduce U.S. aid to the PA if the PA continues to pay Palestinian Arabs to murder Jews and Americans.

**J Street condemns Israel for defending herself from Hamas** rocket attacks and terror tunnels, and makes pro-Hamas demands on Israel. When Israel defends herself from terror attacks, J Street viciously condemns Israel and Israel's supporters, and demands immediate ceasefires to stop the IDF from destroying Hamas's terror infrastructure. J Street also equated Hamas rocket attacks on innocent Israeli civilians to Israel's defensive targeted action to destroy Hamas's rockets, and equated the IDF to Hamas. After operation "Cast Lead" (Israel's Dec. 2009 to Jan. 2009 operation in Gaza to stop Hamas rockets constantly being launched at Israeli citizens), J Street championed the "Goldstone Report" that falsely maligned Israel's actions in Gaza. (Goldstone later retracted his accusations against Israel.) In 2010, J Street lobbied Congress members to sign the infamous "Gaza 54 letter" (a/k/a "Hamas 54 letter") that condemned Israel, and urged then-President Obama to pressure Israel to lift the weapons blockade of Gaza. J Street also attacked pro-Israel groups that opposed this anti-Israel letter. J Street continues to demand that Israel must lift the Gaza weapons blockade. J Street falsely accused Israel of killing Palestinian Arab civilians in Gaza in a 2012 anti-terrorism action in which no civilians were killed – and J Street's purported "correction" still failed to acknowledge that no Palestinian Arab civilians were killed.

During the 2014 Gaza War, J Street called for an early ceasefire before Israel could begin to destroy Hamas's terror tunnels, and again condemned Israel. J Street's campus arm, J Street U's recent former (Muslim) president Amna Farooqi praised Gazan (Hamas) "resistance" and falsely accused Israel of inflicting horror on Gaza. J Street also supports engaging with Hamas.

"[J Street] could find no moral difference between the actions of Hamas and other Palestinian militants, who have launched more than 5,000 rockets and mortar shells at Israeli civilians in the past three years, and the long-delayed response of Israel, which finally lost patience and responded to the pleas of its battered citizens in the south. . . . [J Street's] words are deeply distressing because they are morally deficient, profoundly out of touch with Jewish sentiment and also appallingly naïve."

- Rabbi Eric Yoffie, then-President of the Union for Reform Judaism<sup>8</sup>

## Justifies & Legitimizes Arab Terror

**J Street blames Israel for and justifies Palestinian-Arab terror**, other Islamist terror (including Al Qaeda), and the Palestinian Authority's promotion of anti-Israel hatred and violence. For instance, J Street President Ben-Ami accused Israel of "treating them [Palestinian Arabs] in a way that forces them essentially to become terrorists," and asserted that "the situation in Israel and Palestine [sic] is directly related to recruitment by extremist forces, by Al Qaeda, of the terrorists who then come here [to the U.S.]"

**J Street falsely claims that PA leaders dedicated to anti-Israel terror are "peace partners."**

J Street continues to call PA dictator Mahmoud Abbas "peace partner" despite his payments to Palestinian Arab terrorists to murder Jews; his glorification of Jew-killers by naming schools, streets and sports teams after them; his long, continuing history of inciting terror and murderous intifadas against Israelis in PA official media, mosques, schools and textbooks; his replacement of all of Israel with "Palestine" in the PA's official maps, emblems, stamps, stationary and schoolbooks; and his rejection of extraordinarily generous offers for territory and a Palestinian state.

J Street conferences also feature PA officials such as Arafat-loyalist, PLO official, propagandist and chief negotiator Saeb Erekat, who had infamously fabricated the gigantic lie that Israel perpetrated a massacre and murdered thousands of Arabs at Jenin – when in fact no massacre occurred. Erekat was the chief PA negotiator who rejected over-generous Israeli offers for Palestinian statehood, and rejected former U.S. Secretary of State Kerry's requests to extend peace negotiations. Yet, at J Street, Erekat pretended to want "peace" while hurling accusations at Israel.

"J-Street is not an organization with which I wish to be associated. . . . The [J-Street] decision to endorse the Palestinian and Arab effort to condemn Israel in the U.N. Security Council is not the choice of a concerned friend trying to help. It is rather the befuddled choice of an organization so open-minded about what constitutes support for Israel that its brains have fallen out. . . . [The Palestinian Authority] sent peace talks into a dead end. But astonishingly, it is Israel that J-Street would put in the stocks in the public square."

- *Liberal Democrat former Congressman and Mideast Subcommittee Chairman Gary Ackerman (D-NY), explaining why he cut ties with J Street*<sup>9</sup>

## Opposes US Embassy Move

**J Street campaigns against moving the U.S. Embassy** to Israel's capital Jerusalem and for dividing Jerusalem. As soon as Donald Trump was elected, J Street launched a campaign against moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, asserting that the move would be "inflammatory" and a "danger to U.S. interests." At J Street's 2017 national conference, featured panelist Ziad Abu Zayyad (a BDS advocate and former PA Minister) threatened that a move would have "dangerous implications" and falsely claimed that an embassy move would violate UN Resolution 181. (In fact, UN Res. 181 merely recommended making Jerusalem a separate international entity. It never became binding international law, because the Arabs rejected Res. 181 and instead invaded and tried to destroy Israel. Jerusalem thus legally remained an area designated for Jewish settlement and the Jewish homeland under binding international law, including the League of Nations Mandate and San Remo resolution.) Another J Street panelist insisted that Israel's capital should be Tel Aviv.

## Supports Ethnic Cleansing of Jews

**J Street supports ethnic cleansing of Jews and condemns "settlements" as "illegal!"** J Street promotes uprooting Jews from their homes and preventing Jewish building in the Jewish homeland past the 1949 Armistice Lines (a/k/a the "green line" or "1967 lines" or "Auschwitz lines"). The 1949 Armistice lines are simply where the fighting stopped after six Arab nations invaded Israel in 1948-1949, and seized historic Jewish territory legally designated for the Jewish homeland (eastern Jerusalem and Judea/Samaria).

J Street's website promotes plans to evacuate 100,000 Jews from their homes. J Street repeatedly features speeches by the PLO's chief Washington representative Maen Areikat, who advocates ethnic cleansing of Jews from Judea/Samaria and from Jerusalem's Jewish quarter and holy sites. J Street President Ben-Ami likewise makes the racist, anti-Semitic statement that he does not see how "Israelis and Jews continue to live over the Green Line" (where 700,000 Jews live) and falsely and viciously portrays "settlements" (Jewish communities in the historic Jewish areas of Jerusalem and Judea/Samaria) as an "obstacle to peace" and as part of an "unfolding darkness" and "assault" against "core Jewish values."

J Street also supported the Obama administration's settlement freeze demands; promotes ending tax exemptions for charities with operations beyond the "green line"; promotes declaring Jewish communities past the green line "illegal" in UN resolutions and elsewhere; and supports the suicidal-for-Israel "Arab Peace Initiative" that demands Israel's retreat to the 1949 Armistice lines and that it make other dangerous concessions in return for a mere possibility of some sort of vague "normalization."

J-Street is an organization giving cover to those "inherently opposed to Israel's existence."

- *Caroline Glick, Jerusalem Post senior editor and columnist*<sup>10</sup>

## Demonizes Israel on College Campuses

**J Street U promotes Israel's enemies on campus and elsewhere.** J Street's campus arm, J Street U, partners with anti-Israel groups and brings anti-Israel speakers to campuses and conferences to demonize, defame and delegitimize Israel and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). J Street U has even partnered with: "Students for Justice in Palestine" (SJP) – an extreme, Hamas-supported, virulently anti-Israel group that holds violent demonstrations on college campuses screaming for "Death to the Jews"; notorious extremist NGOs such as Breaking the Silence and B'tselem that specialize in creating and disseminating vicious anti-Israel fabrications; and the radical Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement, which opposes the idea of Israel as a Jewish homeland, defames Israel as a "fascist state," and talks about victories over "cowardly Zionists who are perpetrating an apartheid state and ethnic cleansing in Jerusalem." At a J Street U sponsored campus event, Sheikh Jarrah's founder declared "Jerusalem is a symbol of evil."

J Street makes phony excuses for bringing anti-Israel speakers to college campuses, such as claiming that it does so to hear "diverse perspectives" and "to argue against them." In fact, J Street honors and agrees with what its anti-Israel speakers say, and does not "argue against them." For instance, at the "MPAC-J Street Peacemaking Forum" at Georgetown University in April 2010 (a collaboration between the extremist radical anti-Israel Muslim Public Affairs Council and J Street, featuring J Street President Ben-Ami and MPAC's Salam Al-Marayati – who has called for Israel's destruction and defended the "right" of people to claim that the Holocaust never occurred). Al-Marayati repeatedly falsely accused Israel of "war crimes," "atrocities," "a history of injustice," etc. Ben-Ami failed to correct any of al-Marayati's falsehoods, and, instead, piled on more anti-Israel mistruths, such as allegations about "how we [Jews] treat another people that are oppressed [Palestinian Arabs]."

J Street U also targets campus Hillel houses, and demands that Hillel open its doors to anti-Israel speakers and groups.

J Street U's 2015-2016 foul-mouthed Muslim president Amna Farooqi bluntly said: "We are not here to talk about the pro-Israel conversation on campus." (Farooqi's public tweets include words such as "f—ing" and called Israeli Prime Minister a "douchebag.") Efforts initiated at that J Street conference included "targeted BDS." Farooqi also candidly admitted that she has "Muslim solidarity with Palestinians" and was using a "Jewish" organization to pressure Israel because Muslim groups cannot do the job as effectively. J Street U also incubated the openly anti-Zionist, lawless "If Not Now" group.

J Street also encourages Jewish students to travel to Israel to join anti-Israel Palestinian Arab protests, which are often violent, and involve throwing lethal projectiles at Israelis. J Street U also attempts to subvert pro-Israel "Birthright" trips. J Street brings college students on anti-Israel trips, which include paying homage at terrorist Yasser Arafat's memorial in Ramallah, and participating in propaganda sessions with anti-Israel NGOs in Israel.

## Demonizes Pro-Israel Groups

**J Street demonizes mainstream pro-Israel Jewish and Christian groups** and leaders as “far right” extremists; as not “true friends” of Israel; and as holding U.S.-Israel policy “hostage.” J Street’s introductory video attacked Jewish and Christian pro-Israel groups’ leaders. J Street’s targets include AIPAC, ZOA, the Emergency Committee for Israel and others. J Street viciously condemns Christian Zionists (as supporting Israel only for nefarious purposes), to try to drive a wedge between Christian Zionists and Jews. J Street also promotes and expands on vicious anti-Israel academics Mearsheimer & Walt’s canards. While Mearsheimer & Walt “only” said that Jewish pro-Israel lobby groups hold American policy “hostage,” J Street says that both Jewish and Christian pro-Israel groups hold American policy “hostage.”

“My message to J Street is this: if you are truly pro-Israel, stop patronizing us. Stop lecturing us, publicly defaming us, and using a foreign government to pressure our democratically elected government from thousands of miles away. . . . And every once in a while, since you profess to be ‘pro-Israel,’ perhaps you can say something nice about my country.”

- *Hen Mazzig, a self-described “leftist Israeli” about being confronted by J Street on American campuses*<sup>11</sup>

“J Street [is] a virulently anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda machine, founded by Jeremy Ben-Ami with money from virulently anti-Israel George Soros. . . . Having come to Israel in the ‘90s to help Peace Now realize its delusions, [Ben-Ami] saw instead an era of bloodshed and civilian deaths. Finding these ideas now totally unsellable to Israelis, [Ben-Ami] repackaged the shoddy goods . . . in bright new colors to sell in America to gullible, liberal young Jews who are only too eager [to] be sold. And what exactly is J Street selling? 1. That if Israel moves back to the pre-1967 borders (called the Lines of Auschwitz) there will be peace. (Hello, were you awake in the last decade?) 2. That Israel is totally to blame for the Arab hatred against it, which will completely dissipate by giving up land. 3. And that if the Israeli government won’t do what Ben-Ami and his leftist cabal want, then maybe American Jews can elect enough anti-Israel congressman to pressure the US government into forcing the tiny Jewish state, besieged on all sides by homicidal maniacs, to indefensible borders that will usher in its demise.”

- *Naomi Ragen, author and Jerusalem Post columnist*<sup>12</sup>

## Turns Officials, Politicians & Platforms Against Israel

**J Street PAC raises millions of dollars and uses deceptive practices to elect hostile-to-Israel U.S. Congresspersons and to defeat Israel's best friends in Congress.** J Street PAC deceives voters by misleadingly branding anti-Israel Congresspersons "pro-Israel" and vice versa. For instance, J Street PAC glowingly describes a hostile-to-Israel Senator who accused Israel of war crimes as "a strong supporter of Israel and two-state peace." J Street PAC gushes that a J Street PAC endorsee "is a true champion of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement" – when that endorsee in fact co-authored a Congressional letter falsely portraying as a "moderate" Iran's new president, who was implicated in blowing up the AMIA Jewish Center in Argentina. J Street also ran Orwellian campaigns falsely accusing Israel's best friends in Congress of "endorsing policies that are not pro-Israel," and calls pro-Israel opponents of the disastrous-to-Israel-and-America Iran deal "obstructionists."

**J Street promotes U.S. pressure on Israel to adopt J Street's agenda:** Israel's retreat to the indefensible 1949 Armistice Lines, dividing Jerusalem, and a "right of return" for millions of supposed descendants of Palestinian Arabs to move in to Israel to overrun and destroy the Jewish State. (In fact, there are only about 30,000 Palestinian Arab refugees today. Further, there would not have been a single Arab refugee if six Arab nations had not invaded Israel in 1948-1949 and told the Arab civilians to leave the area.) J Street calls for U.S. "intervention" – for the U.S. to "take away Israel's car keys," for the U.S. president to "close the door with the Israeli prime minister," etc. – to force Israel to adopt J Street policies that the Israeli public wisely rejects.

**J Street supports anti-Israel appointments,** such as Israel-basher and Farrakhan-supporter Keith Ellison's bid for Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

**J Street opposes pro-Israel appointments.** J Street lobbied vigorously against the pro-Israel David Friedman's confirmation as Ambassador to Israel.

**J Street advocates for anti-Israel pro-Palestinian Democratic Party platforms;** and condemned the 2016 pro-Israel Republican Party platform. J Street Pres. Ben-Ami called for rejecting supposedly "outdated notions of what it means to be pro-Israel," and demanded that the 2016 Democratic platform committee rewrite the platform to include: "opposition to [Israeli] settlements"; opposition to "occupation over the Green Line in the territory Israel has occupied since the 1967 War"; and affirmation of a Palestinian "right to dignity and self-determination" in their own state. Thus Ben-Ami wanted the Democratic platform to support ejecting Jews from their homeland – even from the Jewish quarter in the old city of Jerusalem – in favor of creating a Palestinian Arab terrorist state – a betrayal of Democratic party champions of Israel. The 2016 Democratic Party platform moved in J Street's direction, and specifically called for a Palestinian state, and deleted the 2012 Democratic platform provision that had stated: "We will insist that any Palestinian partner must recognize Israel's right to exist, reject violence, and adhere to existing agreements." However, this was insufficient for J Street. J Street's Ben-Ami praised the direction in which the Democratic party was moving, but demanded that the Democratic platform must go even further next time, and must add planks to oppose settlement expansion and "call out the ongoing occupation." Ben-Ami also called the Republican platform "extreme" because the Republican platform did not call for the creation of a Palestinian state, and refused to label Israel an "occupier" of her tiny own land.

J Street is "a left-wing lobbying group that also claims to be pro-Israel even while promoting positions that treat Israel as the cause of the Middle East's problems."

- *William McGurn, Wall Street Journal columnist*<sup>13</sup>

## Web of Anti-Israel Organizations

**J Street is also part of an interconnected web of extremist organizations working to delegitimize Israel**, founded by and/or coordinated by J Street President Ben-Ami's consulting firm, Ben Or Consulting. J Street is also part of an overlapping Soros-funded web of anti-Israel organizations. Leaked Soros documents show Soros's foundations' involvement, and the coordination among these groups.

## Opposes Palestinian Recognition of Jewish State

**J Street opposes requiring a Palestinian state to recognize Israel as a Jewish state.** J Street's position means no real PA recognition of the Jewish State's right to exist. The PA's maps, official emblem, official stationary, textbooks, etc. will all continue to show "Palestine" replacing all of Israel.

"[J Street is] a unique problem in that it not only opposes one policy of one Israeli government, it opposes all policies of all Israeli governments. It's significantly out of the mainstream. . . . This is not a matter of settlements here [or] there. We understand there are differences of opinion. But when it comes to the survival of the Jewish state, there should be no differences of opinion. You are fooling around with the lives of 7 million people. This is no joke."

- *Then-Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Oren*<sup>14</sup>

## Deceptive Polling

**J Street lies with push polls and statistics** to create the false impression that American Jews support J Street's agenda. J Street's own vice president conducts J Street polls, destroying their credibility.

J Street repeatedly misrepresents polls. For instance, J Street falsely claimed that a June 2009 showed that 56% of Israelis supported a settlement construction freeze – when the actual question was a hypothetical choice between Israel agreeing to a settlement freeze and Obama placing sanctions on Israel. (In other words, Israelis only agreed to a settlement freeze if a gun was held to their head.) J Street ignored that another question in the same poll found that Israelis (including Israeli Arabs) "opposed the American demand for a halt to construction in Judea and Samaria" by almost a 2 to 1 margin.

J Street ignores the polling data showing that J Street's constantly-touted so-called "two-state solution" will not bring peace. J Street also conducted a phony Iran deal poll that asked about a hypothetical good Iran deal. Then J Street falsely claimed that the poll showed that American Jews favored the actual Iran deal (which was far worse than the hypothetical that the J Street poll asked about).

J Street also falsely and misleadingly stated that a Gallup poll "showed that just 24% of American Jews would support the move" of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. The Gallup poll was of all Americans – not just American Jews, as J Street falsely claimed. Moreover, the majority of the respondents who had an opinion supported the embassy move. (56% had no opinion; 24% supported the embassy move, and only 20% opposed the move.)

## Subverts Jewish Values

**J Street subverts Jewish traditions and values.** J Street ignores the real, basic Jewish value of self-defense; and falsely turns appeasement into a "Jewish value." J Street has even subverted the Holocaust, for instance, by supporting a program featuring a play that promoted the blood libel that Israel's treatment of Palestinian Arabs is analogous to the Nazis' treatment of the Jews. J Street also subverts the traditions and meaning of Jewish holidays – turning holidays such as Passover and Hanukkah – that celebrate the Jewish people's freedom to live in their own land, Israel – into occasions to demand that Israel must separate from her own land.

"As [J Street president] Ben-Ami himself explains . . .  
J Street is about redefining the meaning of pro-Israel. . . .  
[F]or J Street, 'pro-Israel' simply means 'Palestine Now.'"

- *Lori Lowenthal Marcus, Jewish Press journalist & attorney*<sup>15</sup>

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