



J STREET FACT SHEET

J Street, the George Soros/Arab-funded anti-Israel group that masquerades as a left-wing, pro-Israel lobby has in its short history a pronounced record of anti-Israel positions and activism. It is out of step with the views of both the Israeli and American Jewish mainstream and even with the far left in Israel, opposing positions supported by the majority of Israelis and American Jews.

J Street Maligns Israel

* Alan M. Dershowitz, Harvard Law School professor and prominent Democratic liberal, has identified J Street as anti-Israel, as can be seen from J Street's backing the false claim that Israel, by refusing to make peace with the Palestinians, is placing the lives of American soldiers at risk. Dershowitz points out that many of its members, supporters, speakers, and invited guests are virulently anti-Israel. [frontpagemag.com, Apr 23, 2010]

* September 2009: J Street refused to condemn the UN Goldstone Report which falsely claimed Israel had targeted civilians in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead in December 2008 - January 2009.

* When Judge Goldstone came to Washington to advocate on behalf of his Report, he was accompanied in his meetings on Capitol Hill by Daniel Levy, a founder of J Street and member of its advisory council. Daniel Levy stated in October 2010 that Israel's creation was "an act that was wrong ... there's no reason a Palestinian should think there was justice in the creation of Israel."

* January 2011: J Street supported a resolution introduced in the United Nations Security Council that condemns as illegal the "ongoing settlement activity" -- i.e., Jews building homes in existing Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria, and Eastern Jerusalem. J Street urged the Obama Administration not to veto the resolution, but to support it. This stance led liberal Congressman Gary Ackerman (D-NY) to cut ties to J Street.

J Street Opposes Israel's Self-Defensive Measures

* J Street opposed Operation Cast lead in Gaza, a defensive military operation (December 2008 - January 2009) that enjoyed majority Israeli public support. A Haaretz-Dialog public opinion poll found that the Israeli public supported the Operation by 52% to 19%, with an additional 19% wanting Israel to go even further by launching a ground operation.

* Rabbi Eric Yoffie, then president of the Union for Reform Judaism and one of the most prominent American liberal Jewish leaders, condemned J Street's opposition to Israel's 2008-9 Operation Cast Lead against Gaza terrorists, wherein Israel attempted to put a stop to the missile bombardment. [Haaretz, Jan 9, 2009]

J Street Supports Anti-Israel Activists/Lawmakers and Targets Pro-Israel Activists/Lawmakers

* J Street endorses for Congress legislators who possess poor records on Israel while working hard to unseat legislators who have strong records of support for Israel. At least six of J Street's candidates have failed to affirm the U.S.-Israel alliance on the House floor, rejected Israel's right to defend itself from terrorists, and backed a congressional letter demanding that Israel end its defensive measures against the terrorist group Hamas in the

Gaza Strip. All of these positions place the candidates well outside the mainstream pro-Israel community. [www.zoa.org/sitedocuments/pressrelease_view.asp?pressreleaseID=2200, May 13, 2012]

* September 2009: J Street invited a well-known Islamist, Salam Al-Marayati, to address its Conference. Marayati has called for Israel's destruction, stating that the establishment of Israel was "a crime" and that he would "work to overturn the injustice." After 9/11, Marayati said that "we should put the State of Israel on the suspect list" of possible 9/11 perpetrators. His record of apologizing for terrorism caused his 1999 appointment to a U.S. congressional committee on terrorism to be rescinded.

* March 2012: J Street releasing ads attacking two Members of Congress, Joe Walsh (R-IL) and Allen West (R-FL), both seeking re-election, for not being "pro-Israel" because they don't endorse creating a Palestinian state. West responded that "J Street does not support the strength and security of the State of Israel, and is in fact anti-Israel."

J Street Doesn't Even Represent the Israeli Left

* Even the far-left Meretz party supported the 2008-9 Operation Cast Lead against Gaza terrorists saying, "The time has come to act without compromise and without narrow political considerations to protect the residents of Gaza-area communities and Sderot." In contrast, J Street called for superpower intervention to restrain Israel.

* The Labor Party, the far-left Meretz Party, and leading leftist figures, including Yossi Beilin, an architect of the Oslo process and a former leader of Meretz, all publicly called for strong Western sanctions against Iran. In contrast, J Street publicly opposed sanctions against Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's Iran.

* Even left-wing Israeli figures who have addressed J Street, like Maj. Gen. (res) Danny Rothschild, Brig. Gen. Israela Oron, and Labor MK Ophir Pines-Paz, have disagreed publicly with J Street's support for a total Jewish construction freeze in eastern Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and opposition to adopting any timetable for imposing sanctions on Iran if it fails to stop its drive towards obtaining nuclear weapons.

* When, in March 2012, J Street condemned Israeli strikes on Gaza terrorists, MK Otniel Schneller from the left-wing Kadima Party strongly condemned J Street in the Knesset saying, "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 left-wing Jewish American organization J Street."

J Street Funded by Anti-Zionists

* J Street openly lied about receiving funds from anti-Israel billionaire George Soros, who wrote in April 2007 that "I am not a Zionist." In fact, Soros had given J Street \$750,000 in 2010.

* September, 2009: J Street Director, Jeremy Ben-Ami falsely claimed in an interview that J Street has only about five Arab and Muslim donors or about "at most 3 percent" of its donor base. In fact, the U.S. Federal Election Commission shows that J Street had about 30 such contributors (about 10%, not 3%), many with ties to Arab-American organizations.

* J Street has been found to be significantly funded by pro-Saudi activists, Arab-American leaders, Muslim activists, and State Department anti-Israel Arabists.

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