

More About Israel, Gaza, Palestinians and the Jewish People

Thank you for seeing our ad truck and for scanning the QR code to learn more. Information below offers details about the messages you saw. There are many misconceptions about the Middle East and the current war, and most media gloss over the details — or omit them entirely. But the facts and history are important — so please read on, and share what you know with others so that they will be knowledgeable as well.

Not a single Palestinian in Gaza would have died had Hamas not attacked Israel on Oct. 7.

Hamas and other Palestinian-Arabs in the Gaza Strip have fired more than 20,000 deadly rockets into Israeli communities between 2005 and Oct. 6, 2023. Israel, to protect its citizens, has been forced to stop Palestinian-Arabs from firing these rockets — as any nation or society would rightfully do. Israel was largely tolerating these attacks though they caused deaths, injuries, trauma and damage.

When Palestinian-Arabs in Gaza led by Hamas staged a ground and air invasion into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 — slaughtering more than 1,200 people (including dozens of Americans), injuring more than 5,000, raping and kidnapping hundreds of civilians — Israel was forced to finally destroy Hamas.

Hamas deliberately uses human shields as it operates amid and under heavily populated civilian areas, hospitals, mosques and houses. It is Hamas and other violent/terrorist Palestinian-Arabs who are to blame for every civilian death in Gaza. Israel has an obligation to keep its country safe.

“Genocide”? Israel saves countless Palestinian lives every single day

There is no army in the world more humane than the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). This is a fact that the news media and social media deliberately omit., but that even the Biden administration acknowledges. Israel has one of the strongest and most modern armies in the world. It has the capacity to quickly inflict great damage to any enemy — and yet it does not.

Before it attacks, the IDF warns those in the area in a variety of ways: It drops leaflets warning people to leave; it sends text messages to Palestinian-Arabs’ phones; it even can drop projectiles on building roofs that make warning knocks. Of course, this also give Hamas murderers and terrorists a chance to escape — but Israel values civilian lives.

In fact Israel need not risk the lives of any of its soldiers in the Gaza Strip — and yet it does to minimize the loss of Palestinian civilian lives. The IDF goes house-to-house looking for terrorists rather than “carpet bomb” from the air. Thus far, more that 100 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza to save Palestinian lives.

Israel is America’s friend & faithful ally! Let her triumph!

Just 11 minutes after Israel re-established its independence in 1948, the United States was the first nation to recognize the Jewish state. The bond between the two has been strong and benefitted both nations equally ever since. Though headlines and critics claim the relationship is one-way: with Israel not reciprocating, or that support for Israel is not in America’s interest, the following facts make it clear that the opposite is the truth:

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Former Secretary of State Gen. Alexander Haig called Israel: “The largest American aircraft carrier in the world that cannot be sunk, does not carry even one American soldier, and is located in a critical region for American national security.”

“The ability of the U.S. Air Force in particular, and the Army in general, to defend whatever position it has in NATO (during the Cold War) owes more to the Israeli intelligence input than it does to any single (other) source of intelligence.” — Gen. George F. Keegan, retired U.S. Air Force chief of intelligence.

Israel is the only foreign nation with a memorial to the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001 that lists the names of all of the victims. Israel is one of only four nations that has an official replica of our Liberty Bell.

Israel has voted more in line with the United States at the United Nations over time than has any other American ally.

Israel: Homeland of the Jews for 3,400 years! There is no “occupation.”

A people cannot be “occupiers” or “colonizers” of its own land.

The Bible is the most widely read book in the world. It is a holy book, and it details the early history of the Jewish People. The Book of Joshua documents the Israelites/Hebrews entering the Promised Land during the 13th Century BCE — 1,300 before Jesus’ birth. Many ancient relics refer to Israel’s existence thousands of years ago. Among these is the Merneptah Stele, an Egyptian tablet which dates to 1205 BCE. It refers to an Israel that had already existed — and that was defeated by Egypt.

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The League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations, in 1922 recognized the Jewish People had the rightful title and claim to this land, calling for “a national home for the Jewish people” there. In fact it encourage[d] “close settlement by Jews on the land” This is grandfathered in Article 80 of the United Nations Charter.

As for the Gaza Strip and “the West Bank” (the proper names for this area are Samaria in the north, and Judea in the south — the words Judaism and Jewish are derived from Judea), Israel gained control of those lands plus the eastern neighborhoods of Jerusalem in a defensive war in 1967.

In addition, Israel legally can’t be an “occupier” because there is no prior legal sovereign nation there.

Speak up! Our Schools Must teach that Jews are not occupiers!

Schools are obligated to teach the facts — not propaganda, and not someone else’s “truth.” The facts noted in the previous section are verifiably true. That someone disputes them or has an alternate view does not make authentic facts not true. These alternate views and “facts” have no verifiable basis. They are political opinions disguised as “facts” and have no place in a learning or educational setting — except to be debunked and exposed as lies.

Public schools are an arm of the government and most certainly teachers and other faculty are obligated to teach the facts. This is true in history, geography and world affairs — just as it is true in math, science and other subjects — and as it pertains to the Middle East and the Jewish People.

If a teacher presents false information due to ignorance, the teacher must be educated and the

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misinformation he or she imparts to the students corrected. If it is done maliciously, the teacher must be reprimanded.

School boards, superintendents, principals, curriculum developers and others must themselves know the actual facts, and they must set and enforce standards for the schools and teachers. This is especially so when anti-Jewish indoctrination could create or exacerbate hatred and resentment against Jewish people. Antisemitism and anti-Jewish attacks and threats are at unprecedented levels in America. Each of us must actively hold school boards, principals and teachers accountable.

About the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia Chapter:

The Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia Chapter is proud to present the information on our ad trucks and in this document. We are primarily an educational non-profit. Accurate, truthful information is vitally important. We understand that not only are the enemies of the Jewish People waging a violent war against Jews and Israel — they are also waging an information war to rewrite current events and history in an effort to deprive Jews of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as well as the right to self-determination in the Jewish People's historic and legal homeland, which is Israel.

Our organization dates to 1897. We are patriotic Americans who are proud of Israel and proud to be Zionists. Zionism is the Jewish People's liberation movement, seeking self-determination and peace in Jewry's legal and historic homeland.

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