Israel: A Guide for Activists

Key Facts About Israel

Tools for Advocacy

- Advocating to Elected Officials
- Advocating to the Media
- Advocating on Campus

Glossary of Key Terms/Events in Israel's History

Founding of Israel

- Zionism
- The Balfour Declaration: 1917
- The British Mandate
- Founding of the State of Israel: 1948
- Nakba

Israel-Arab / Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

- War of Independence: 1948-1949
The Green Line

Arab Economic Boycott

Suez Campaign: 1956

Six Day War: 1967

Yom Kippur War: 1973

Lebanon War: 1982-1983

First Intifada 1987-1990

Second Intifada: 2000

Security Barrier / Fence

Second Lebanon War: 2006


Flotilla: 2010


Gaza Operation / Operation Protective Edge: 2014

Efforts to Reach Israeli-Palestinian Peace

- United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242/338
- Camp David Accords / Israel-Egypt Peace: 1978
- Oslo Accords
- Camp David Summit: 2000
- Disengagement: 2005
- Roadmap
- Arab Peace Initiative
Issues for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiation

- Jerusalem
- Palestinian Refugees
- Settlements
- West Bank and Gaza Strip

Palestinian / Anti-Israel Groups

- Hamas
- Hezbollah
- Palestinian Authority
- Palestinian Islamic Jihad
- Palestine Liberation Organization

Responses to Common Inaccuracies about Israel

Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

- Israel is not interested in peace with the Palestinians
- Israel should negotiate with Hamas
- Palestinians should unilaterally declare statehood
- A "bi-national" state approach should replace a two-state solution

Palestinian Violence and Terror / Opposition to Israel

- Hamas is just fighting the "Israeli occupation"
- Palestinian terrorism is a legitimate tool
- Divestment and boycott are effective methods to protest Israel
- Palestinians are waging a war against a colonial power
Israeli Responses to Palestinian Violence

- Israel's actions in Gaza deliberately harmed Palestinian civilians
- Israel committed war crimes during its Gaza operations
- The Israeli army uses excessive force against Palestinians
- Israel is imposing a humanitarian crisis in Gaza
- The West Bank "wall" encircles Palestinians and seizes land
- Israel's security checkpoints collectively punish Palestinians

Israel / Zionism is Racist

- Zionism is a racist ideology
- Israel is an apartheid state
- Fight for Palestinians is same as civil rights in US
- Israel is "pinkwashing" its persecution of the Palestinians
- As a Jewish State, Israel is undemocratic and discriminatory
- Israel treats Arabs as second-class citizens
- Israel's treatment of Palestinians is equals Nazi treatment of Jews

Anti-Semitism and Criticism of Israel

- Jews unfairly label Israel critics as anti-Semites
- Arabs cannot be labeled "anti-Semitic" because they are Semites

Israeli Settlements

- Settlements are the main obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace
- Settlements are a violation of international law

Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinians were systematically expelled by Israel in 1948
- Palestinians have a "right of return" to their former homes in Israel

**US - Israel Relations**

- The US supports Israel is because of the powerful "Jewish lobby"
- US-Israel relationship threatens American national interests
- Islamic terrorists target the US because it sides with Israel
- US foreign aid to Israel makes it difficult to meet domestic needs

**Establishment of Israel**

- Jews who came to Israel had no connection to the land
- Palestinians were justified in rejecting the 1947 UN Partition Plan

**Key Dates in Israel's History**

**Select Online Resources on Israel and the Conflict**