

# ***GENOCIDE***

## *Palestinian Demonization of Jews and the Promotion of Genocide*

by Itamar Marcus

Genocide promotion has become a common component of the Palestinian world. According to the Hamas interpretation of Islam, the Jews are inherently evil, seek to rule the world, and are a threat to Muslims and all of humanity. Therefore they are destined to extermination. In the words of Hamas religious leader Ziad Abu Alhaj, in a Friday sermon this month:

"Hatred for Muhammad and Islam is in their [Jews'] souls, they are naturally disposed to it... The time will come, by Allah's will, when their property will be destroyed and their children will be exterminated, and no Jew or Zionist will be left on the face of this earth." [Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 3, 2009]

Since the Palestinian Authority was established, it has systematically indoctrinated young and old to hate. Jews are said to be planning and executing heinous crimes, including burning Palestinians in ovens. If unchecked, these crimes constitute a mortal danger, not only to Muslims and Arabs but to all of humanity.

Life was breathed into the infamous medieval blood libel as Hamas TV earlier this month taught that Jews drink the blood of Muslims. In a skit performed before a live audience at the Islamic University in Gaza, Hamas actors played a father and son in traditional Hasidic Jewish garb. The skit opened as the father instructed:

"We Jews hate the Muslims, we want to kill the Muslims, we Jews want to drink the blood of Muslims." It is later explained that Jews wash their hands before prayer, not with water, but with Muslims' blood: "We have to wash our hands with the blood of Muslims." [Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 3, 2009]

The following is a collection of recent PMW bulletins related to racism, demonization and genocide promotion coming from Palestinian society.

This genocide promotion is often said to be Allah's will, making genocide a religious imperative.

# ***This is the ultimate racism.***

**Bulletin April 19, 2009**

**Palestinian Racism:**

***Jews are evil -  
"Their children will be exterminated."***

**Imam who participated  
in "Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace"  
calls for extermination of Jews**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Hamas cleric who once participated in an international conference of "Imams and Rabbis for Peace" -- whose delegates vowed to "condemn any negative representation" of each other's religions -- has wholeheartedly espoused Hamas's racist ideology in a recent Friday sermon on Hamas TV.

Ironically, this latest profession of Hamas's genocidal racism was preached and broadcast at the start of the month in which the UN is meeting in the "Durban II" conference in Geneva to condemn Israel as being "racist."

According to the Hamas interpretation of Islam, the Jews are inherently evil, seek to rule the world, and are a threat to Muslims and all of humanity. Therefore they are destined to extermination. In the words of Hamas religious leader Ziad Abu Alhaj, "Hatred for Muhammad and Islam is in their [Jews'] souls, they are naturally disposed to it..."

He asserts that because of the Jews' inherent evil, the Jewish state, "Israel ... is a cancer that wants to rule the world." One can find the details of the Jews' plan in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which he jokingly refers to as "The Protocols of the Imbeciles of Zion" (a play on words in Arabic). He concludes that the Jews are destined to be annihilated:

"The time will come, by Allah's will, when their property will be destroyed and their children will be exterminated, and no Jew or Zionist will be left on the face of this earth."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 3, 2009]



He also claims that the Jews wanted to murder Muhammad.

This imam, who is preaching the genocide of Jews, participated in the Second World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace in 2006, which also featured many prominent rabbis from Israel. The final statement from the Seville conference included the pronouncement, ". . . We condemn any negative representation of these [religious beliefs and symbols], let alone any desecration, Heaven

forbid. Similarly, we condemn any incitement against a faith or people, let alone any call for their elimination, and we urge authorities to do likewise."

*The following is the text of the Hamas sermon calling for the extermination of Jews:*

"Who is it that is leading the world today in the vicious, all-encompassing war against Islam and Muslims? The answer is clear: it is the Jewish nation. It is the Jews who today are leading the all-encompassing war against Muslims...

We, the Muslims, know the nature of Jews the best, because the Holy Quran taught us. The prophetic traditions explained at length to Muslims the true nature of Jews... Their war and their hatred for Muhammad and Islam is in their souls, they are naturally disposed to it.

Israel today lives in the heart of Arab-Muslim territory, and it is a cancer that wants to rule the world. Know, my brothers! The Jews' expansion today brings the dissemination of an ancient thinking...

They argued with Allah's prophet Moses; they wanted to kill Allah's prophet Jesus, and wanted to murder Allah's prophet Muhammad...

The Jews want to destroy every inch ... Perhaps their famous book, which they deny [its authenticity] - known as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, but we call it, "The Protocols of the Imbeciles of Zion" - in this book, my brothers, the Jews set down their plan to besiege the entire world by land, by air, and by sea - conceptually, economically, and its communications, as is happening today...

The Jews' grandeur today, and their ascent to the world's throne, is because America, with all of its power, is ruled by the Senate, I won't say 'American' but rather 'Jewish' [Senate] ... The time will come, by the will of Allah, when their property will be destroyed and their children will be exterminated, and no Jew or Zionist will be left on the face of this earth."

**Bulletin April 5, 2009**

## **Hamas Blood Libel: Jews drink Muslim blood**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Jews drink the blood of Muslims and believe that God wants Jews to hate Muslims, according to a Hamas TV skit. Performed before a live audience at the Islamic University in Gaza, the segment features actors playing a father and son, in traditional Hasidic Jewish garb, discussing their God-mandated hatred of Muslims.

The skit opens as the father instructs: "We Jews hate the Muslims, we want to kill the Muslims, we Jews want to drink the blood of Muslims." It is later explained that Jews wash their hands before prayer, not with water, but with Muslims' blood: "We have to wash our hands with the blood of Muslims."



Blood libels were a tragic part of Jewish history, as Jews were accused of using the blood of non-Jews for ritual purposes, especially the baking of Matzah for Passover. Blood libels created deep hatred and were an effective trigger for numerous pogroms and the murder of thousands. The Hamas accusation that Jews drink Muslim blood comes the week before Passover, the anniversary of many horrific blood libels.

*Following is the full Transcript: **Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) April 3, 2009***

**Father:** "We Jews hate the Muslims, we want to kill the Muslims, we Jews want to drink the blood of Muslims and Arabs.

**[Turns to the audience:]** Are you Muslims and Arabs?

[The audience responds in the affirmative.]

I hate you, to please God." ...

**Father:** "Shimon, look, my son, I want to teach you a few things. You have to hate the Muslims."

**Son:** "[I don't] like them, I hate them."

**Father:** "You have to drink the blood of the Muslims." ...

**Father:** "I spoke with God, so that you will hate the Muslims, so that you will please God."

**Son:** "Don't worry, father."

**Father:** "Very well, my son. I repeat: You have to hate the Muslims."

**Son:** "But I [do] hate them."

**Father:** You have to drink the blood of the Muslims." ...

**Father:** "I tell you, you must stand next to me and pray, my son."

**Son:** "Okay, one moment and I'm coming."

**Father:** "Where are you going, my son?"

**Son:** "I am going to cleanse my body." [as Muslims do before prayer]

**Father:** "You're going to do WHAT?"

**Son:** "To cleanse my body. You said you want us to pray."

**Father:** "Muslims [do that], not us."

...

**Father:** "We have to wash our hands with the blood of Muslims."

**Bulletin Jan. 12, 2009**

**Saudi scholar on Hamas TV:**

## **Jews are the enemies of Allah and should be killed**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

"Jews are the enemies of Allah," and therefore by definition are the enemies of all Muslims. This opinion is expressed by Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi, head of the Department of Islamic Studies at Saud University in Saudi Arabia, in a speech broadcast last week on Hamas TV. The religious scholar also prays for the extermination of all Jews: "Kill them one by one and don't leave even one." Hamas leaders have expressed on numerous occasions the belief that all Jews should be exterminated.

The religious scholar likewise expresses rage at the Muslim countries who are allied with the West, calling them "traitors... who believe in America," instead of in Allah.

Palestinians from both Hamas and Fatah, along with much of the Islamic world, present the Arab conflict with Israel as a conflict of Islam against Jews, completely rejecting the territorial aspect and calling it a religious conflict. Many also define the conflict in a broader perspective - as a global religious conflict between Muslims and non-Muslim countries - and condemn as traitors moderate Arab countries that ally with America.



*The following are statements from Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi's speech:*

"You don't treat the Jews as enemies only because they are human beings who eat and drink. No! We treat them as enemies because they are the enemies of Allah and the prophets, they murdered the prophets, distorted the prophecy, they are traitors and deceivers - therefore we treat them as enemies."

"We are a [Muslim] nation who believes in the Hidden, and you [Muslim] traitors don't believe. We believe in the Almighty Allah and you [Muslim traitors] believe in America and Israel. We believe that Allah, may He be Exalted, sent His soldiers against America in many places in the world."

"Oh Allah, inflict as many losses as possible on the Jews, kill them one by one and don't leave even one."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), Jan. 8, 2009]



**Bulletin Jan. 4, 2009**

## **Extermination of Jews in Palestinian Ideology**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas presents itself as an Islamic supremacist movement. Its charter opens with a quote from the Quran: "You [Islamic nation] are the best nation that hath been raised up unto mankind." [3: 110] However, whereas many religions and cultures believe that their own traditions represent messages of truth, Hamas believes that this supremacy of Islam obligates them to commit genocide, literally to exterminate millions of people who have different beliefs, including the Jews.

*The following are recent examples of Hamas defining this ideology of genocide, as it applies to Jews:*

### **1- Quran condemns Jews to extermination**

"The Meccan [Quran] chapter entitled 'Jews' or 'Children of Israel' is remarkable... It's about today's Jews, those of our century, and speaks only of extermination and digging graves... This chapter sentences the Jews to extermination before a single Jew existed on earth...

Palestine's blessing is linked to destruction of the center of global corruption [Jews of Israel], the snake's head. When the snake's head of [global] corruption is cut off, here in Palestine, and when the octopus's [Jew's] tentacles are cut off around the world, the real blessing will come with the destruction of the Jews, here in Palestine, and it is one of the splendid real blessings in Palestine."

[Palestinian cleric, Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), July 13, 2008]



### **2- Jews to face yet another Holocaust**

Headline: "Suffering by Fire is Jews' destiny in this world and next."

"... you will taste the punishment of Scorching Fire." [Quran 3:181]

"This [Quran] verse threatens the Jews with the punishment of Fire... the reason for the punishment of Fire is it is fitting retribution for what they have done... but the urgent question is, is it possible that they will have the punishment of Fire in this world, before the great punishment [of Fire in Hell] ... many of the [Islamic] religious leaders believe that the [Jews'] punishment of Fire is in this world, before the next world... therefore we are sure that the Holocaust is still to come upon the Jews."

[Sheikh Yunus Al-Astal, Hamas MP, in his regular column in *Al-Rissala* (Hamas weekly), March 13, 2008]

It is important to note that the Hamas MP switched words in the last sentence, from the word he used throughout, "harik," which means "fire," to "mahraka" a word from the same root, that is used by Arabic speakers to mean "holocaust."

### **3 - Muhammad's promise: Jews will be killed**

"Regarding the Jews, our business with them is only through bombs and guns... the prophet [Muhammad] promised that we will fight you, with Allah's help, until the tree and stone say: "Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

[Nizar Rayan, Hamas religious and military leader, Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), Jan. 1, 2009. Note: Rayan was killed on Jan. 2, 2009]

**4 - Extermination of Jews - good for humanity**

In an article promoting the continued use of suicide terror in the official Hamas newspaper:  
"We find more than one condemnation and denunciation of the resistance operations and bombings [suicide attacks], carried out by Hamas and the Palestinian resistance branches... [Eventually] everyone will know that we did this only because our Lord commanded so: 'I did it not of my own accord' [Quran] and so that people will know that the extermination of Jews is good for the inhabitants of the worlds."  
[Al-Rissala (Hamas weekly), April 23, 2007]

**5- Kill a Jew go to Heaven**

A poster that Hamas posted on its old website taught that killing a Jew is enough to grant the rewards of Heaven.

Text on Hamas poster: "I will knock on Heaven's doors with the skulls of Jews."

Axe is crashing through the word: "Jews."  
[URL on poster, Hamas terror wing: "Iz A-Din Al Kassam"]



**6- Resurrection dependent on Muslims killing Jews (1)**

Hamas goes even further in its religious packaging of genocide. Hamas teaches that the redemption of all of humanity, the anticipated Islamic "Hour" of Resurrection, will happen only when Muslims are killing Jews and the remaining Jews will be exposed by the trees and stones.

Hamas writes in Article 7 of the Hamas Charter:

"Hamas has been looking forward to implement Allah's promise whatever time it might take. The prophet [Muhammad] said: 'The time (of Resurrection) will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews; until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him!'"  
[Sahih Muslim, Book 041, Number 6985]

**7- Resurrection dependent on Muslims killing Jews (2)**

The Hamas belief that Jews must be killed for redemption to occur is a repeating theme of religious leaders on Palestinian Authority (Fatah) and Hamas TV. The following is one example:

"The Hour [Resurrection] will not take place until the Muslims fight the Jews and the Muslims kill them, and the rock and the tree will say: 'Oh, Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, kill him!' We must remind our Arab and Muslim nation, its leaders and people, its scholars and students, remind them that Palestine and the Al-Aqsa Mosque will not be liberated through summits nor by international resolutions, but it will be liberated through the rifle."

[Hamas Spokesman, Dr. Ismail Radwan, PA TV (Fatah), March 30, 2007]



**Conclusion:**

Given this Hamas ideology of genocide, the essential problem with Hamas is not the missiles and rockets it showers on Israel, but the core belief that killing Jews is a prerequisite to redemption. Hamas's ongoing attempts to kill Jews, which have led to the current Gaza War, are a symptom of the far deeper problem -- the ideology teaching that Allah demands the extermination of Jews.

Israel and the West must create a strategy not only to destroy the terror infrastructures of Hamas, but to ultimately ensure that Jews and the world are safe from this ideology and its consequences.

**Bulletin -- April 30, 2008**

## **Hamas Holocaust perversion: Jews planned Holocaust to kill handicapped Jews**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Jewish leaders planned the Holocaust to kill "disabled and handicapped" Jews to avoid having to care for them, according to a Hamas TV educational program. As much of the world prepared to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Hamas TV presented its latest sinister twist on Holocaust denial.

The Hamas TV program, broadcast last week, taught that the murder of Jews in the Holocaust was a Zionist plot with two goals:

- 1- To eliminate "disabled and handicapped" Jews by sending them to death camps, so they would not be a burden on the future state of Israel.
- 2- At the same time, the Holocaust served to make "the Jews seem persecuted" so they could "benefit from international sympathy."

Amin Dabur, head of the Palestinian "Center for Strategic Research" explained that "the Israeli Holocaust - the whole thing was a joke, and part of the perfect show that [Zionist leader and future Israeli prime minister] Ben Gurion put on." The "young energetic and able" were sent to Israel, while the handicapped were sent "so there would be a Holocaust."

The following is the transcript, Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) April 18 2008  
"The disabled and handicapped are a heavy burden on the state,"  
said the terrorist leader, Ben Gurion. (Zionist leader - Israel's first PM)

The Satanic Jews thought up an evil plot [the Holocaust] to be rid of the burden of the disabled and handicapped, in twisted criminal ways. [Picture: Holocaust death camp, bodies]

While they accuse the Nazis or others so the Jews would seem persecuted, and try to benefit from international sympathy. They were the first to invent the methods of evil and oppression."

### ***Amin Dabur, head of the Palestinian "Center for Strategic Research":***

"About the Israeli Holocaust, the whole thing was a joke and part of the perfect show that Ben Gurion put on, who focused on strong and energetic youth [for Israel], while the rest- the disabled, the handicapped, and people with special needs, they were sent to [to die]- if it can be proven historically. They were sent [to die] so there would be a holocaust, so Israel could "play" it for world sympathy."

**Narrator:** "The alleged numbers of Jews [killed in the Holocaust] were merely for propaganda."





**Bulletin - March 20, 2008**

## **Palestinian exhibit depicts children in crematorium**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian children in Gaza were gathered for an exhibition that depicts Israel burning children in a crematorium. Young children are seen standing beside dolls being placed into a model of a cremation oven.



**"The National Committee for defense of Children from the Holocaust** opened its activities with a Holocaust exhibit. The Exhibit include a large oven and inside it small children are being burned, the picture speaks for itself." [Al Ayyam, March 20, 2008]

Another part of the exhibit was a black platform with the words, "Stop the Israel's Holocausts." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), March 20, 2008]

Palestinian Authority TV (Fatah) already taught children in the past that Israel burned children in the Holocaust. With ovens pictured in the background and actors playing dead children as part of a musical play, an actor in a video declared:

"They [Israel] are the ones who did the Holocaust ... They opened the ovens for us to bake human beings... and when one oven stopped burning they lit a hundred more ovens." [PA TV (Fatah), March 25, 2004]

**Bulletin – July 24, 2008**

Palestinian Authority libel:

## **Israel's supernatural rats chase away Jerusalem's Arabs**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Palestinian Authority has come up with yet another wild accusation about Israel. Two PA newspapers - one directly controlled by the office of PA President Mahmoud Abbas - are accusing Israel of releasing rats with supernatural qualities to chase away the Arab residents of Jerusalem.

According to the PA papers, the Israeli-Jerusalem rat is:

1. Immune to rat poison;
  2. Aggressive and larger than usual;
  3. Unafraid of cats and able to scare them away;
  4. Highly fertile -- female rat gives birth to 140 babies a year, four times the normal average;
  5. Highly selective -- Jewish residents of Jerusalem apparently are not affected by these rats.
- Israel's goal, the libelous PA articles accuse, is "to turn the residents' life into a living hell, forcing them to leave." Interestingly, the articles do not mention how the rats are trained to differentiate between Jewish and Arab residents of Jerusalem.

### **The following are the two stories:**

"...one of the most amazing things that we've read during this month is that [Israeli] settlers have been bringing chests filled with rats and releasing them in the Old City's [Arab] neighborhoods; they breed and have become a major curse... the [Arab] residents' efforts to counter this infestation have failed, especially since cats run away from these rats because of their size and ferocity... All of the conventional efforts to kill them have not succeeded, because they seem to be immune to poison and they breed in the sewers. It is known that this female rat gives birth seven times a year, each time giving birth to 20 babies; which compels Jerusalem's [Arabs] today to face the dangers of settlement and the infestation of rats..." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), controlled by the office of Mahmoud Abbas, July 18, 2008]

"Large numbers of [Israeli] settlers have been bringing huge cages full of rats and releasing them onto the streets and alleys of the Old City [Jerusalem]...in order to turn the [Arab] residents' life into a living hell, forcing then to leave..." [*Al-Ayyam*, July 17, 2008]

Creating libels against Israel is a pivotal aspect of the Palestinian Authority's incitement to hatred against Israel and Jews.

**Bulletin – Feb. 26, 2008**

## **Don't eat Danish food -- eat the Danes**

Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) Feb. 22, 2008

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas children's TV dedicated a program to hatred of Denmark, the West and Israel, climaxing with a statement about the West by the co-host, a giant rabbit character named Assud:

**"If they repeat it we will kill them ... I will bite them and eat them!"**

The program focuses on the demand to boycott Danish and Israeli products. Denmark and the West are targeted because of the cartoons featuring Muhammad that first appeared in a Danish newspaper. Israel is targeted because it exists. Saraa, the young TV hostess, describes the publication of the Muhammad cartoons as "the West's attack against the Messenger [Muhammad]."



Palestinian children phone into the program to condemn the "**cowardly infidels**" and vow to fight them.

The children's program, *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, has used its previous animal character co-hosts, the Mickey Mouse lookalike Farfur and the bee Nahul, to champion violence, promote hatred of Israel and preach about world Islamic supremacy. To further reinforce its anti-Israel message, Hamas has killed off both characters and blamed Israel.

*The following is the transcript:* [Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) Feb. 22, 2008]

**Saraa:** "Did you see the West's attack against the Messenger [Muhammad]?  
What do you have to say about this?"

**Amaani, 10 year old girl by phone:** "I say to the cowardly infidels..."

**Assud:** "Criminals."

**Amaani:** "Criminals."

**Assud:** "Do you boycott Israeli and Danish products?"

**Amaani:** "Yes."

**Assud:** "You don't eat them at all?"

**Amaan:** "I don't eat them at all."

**Assud:** "Great! Keep it up!"

**Saraa:** "We will all boycott Danish products, and Israeli products first."

**Saraa:** "What can we do for the Messenger?"

**Inaas, 10 year old girl by phone:** "We can fight them because they cursed Allah's Messenger."

**Saraa:** "Tomorrow's Pioneers' army will redeem the Messenger,  
with their possessions and their blood, Assud,  
and will not let them repeat this attack."

**Assud:** "If they repeat it we will kill them, by Allah. I will bite them and eat them!"

Bulletin – Feb. 11, 2008

## **Hamas rabbit to children: "I'll finish off the Jews and eat them!"**

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook



Using charming children's characters to teach hate and violence

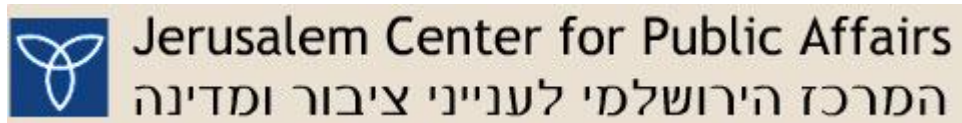
Farfur (Mickey Mouse) was beaten to death by an Israeli policeman  
Nahul the Bee died when the Israeli "siege" of Gaza prevented him from reaching a hospital  
Now there's a new character for *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, Assud the Rabbit

A girl asks the Hamas rabbit: **"Why is your name 'Assud' ["lion"], since you are a rabbit?"**

Assud, the rabbit: **"A rabbit is a [term] for a bad person and coward. And I, Assud, will finish off the Jews and eat them. "**  
The girl hostess agrees: **"Allah Willing!"**



***The following is a chapter in the book, *Academics Against Israel and the Jews* distributed online (June 1, 2008) by CJPA.***



**Anti-Semitism among Palestinian Authority Academics\***

Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

- One of the primary objectives of the Palestinian Authority (PA) after its establishment in 1994 was to delegitimize Israel. These efforts were evident throughout Palestinian society and involved various channels including television, schoolbooks, and culture. The delegitimization of Israel incorporated various hate messages, especially the denial of Israel's right to exist.
- The academic community was likewise recruited to this undertaking. Professors, religious academics, teachers, and schoolbook authors are all participating in this hate promotion. Certain academics are chosen by the PA to indoctrinate the people using such public venues as PA TV (Fatah) and, particularly, educational broadcasting.
- In 1998, PA historians held a conference in which they devised a policy of historical revisionism. The developing PA educational system would not aim to teach historical truth but rather to convey a political history aimed at denying Israel's right to exist in the Land of Israel. Palestinian academics, recognizing the futility of attempting to erase the documented history of the Jews, instead adopted a different solution of literally stealing the identity of the Jews by identifying ancient Hebrews as both Arabs and Muslims and denying their connection to today's Jews of the state of Israel. Another component of the negation of Jewish history is the denial of modern Jewish experience-including the horrors of the Holocaust.
- Many PA academics have gone beyond the theoretical "struggle." They teach that the killing of Jews by Muslims is a precondition of world redemption. Because Jews are inherently evil and an existential danger, their annihilation is justified self-defense, a service to humanity, and an enactment of God's will.

**Palestinian Authority Policy**

One of the primary objectives of the Palestinian Authority (PA) after its establishment in 1994 was to delegitimize Israel. These efforts were evident throughout Palestinian society and involved various channels including television, schoolbooks, and culture. The delegitimization of Israel incorporated various hate messages, especially the denial of Israel's right to exist.[1] It also employed myriad libels, including the assertion that Israel intentionally kills Palestinians through shootings[2] and even burning in ovens.[3]

The PA also chose to ideologically confront Israel by using its media to promote hatred of Jews in general. The Authority initiated a virulent anti-Semitism designed to delegitimize Jews, Judaism, and Jewish traditions. As a result, anti-Semitism is now endemic to PA society. The academic community was likewise recruited to this undertaking. Professors, religious academics, teachers, and schoolbook authors are all participating in this hate promotion.

Academic antisemitism in the PA has numerous components, including the total revision of ancient Middle Eastern history to erase all records of Jewish presence in the Land of Israel. This reinforces the PA's policy of trying to legitimize its denial of Israel's right to exist by presenting it in academic trappings.

Thus, Palestinian academics portray Jews as inherently different from others, possessing innately evil traits. Educators and academics follow the lead of the PA politicians and distort and malign Jewish tradition as inherently evil. They link it directly to the "treacherous behavior" of which they accuse Jews today. Forgeries and fiction masquerading as history are likewise used to "prove" the libel that Judaism is inherently racist and evil. These purported Jewish attributes and traditions are presented not as behavior that can be improved but as the unchangeable nature of Jews.

This chapter does not consider all of PA academia. It focuses, however, on those academics chosen by the PA to indoctrinate the people using such public venues as PA TV (Fatah) and, particularly, educational broadcasting.

### **Revising Ancient History**

In 1998, PA historians held a conference in which they devised a policy of historical revisionism. Dr. Yussuf Alzamili, head of the History Department at the Khan Yunis Government Educational College, presented the approach of the developing PA educational system. The goal would not be to teach historical truth but rather to convey a political history aimed at denying Israel's right to exist in the Land of Israel. Thus, at the conference, "Alzamili called on all universities and colleges to be active in the writing of the history of Palestine and not to enable the defiled and the enemies to distort it...or to enable legitimacy for the existence of Jews on this land." [4]

Historians eager to follow this lead were regularly featured on PA TV (Fatah) educational programs. They fabricated an entire Palestinian Arab history, packaged it with academic credibility, and erased Jewish history from the land.

The challenge to PA academics was considerable, since much of the Jewish historical record has continuous independent and archeological documentation. Even Islam recognized the Hebrew narrative to a great degree. Hence the Palestinian academics, recognizing the futility of attempting to erase the documented history of the Jews, instead adopted a different solution of literally stealing the identity of the Jews by identifying ancient Hebrews as both Arabs and Muslims and denying their connection to today's Jews of the state of Israel.

One leading historian, Jirar al-Qidwa, chosen by Arafat as an adviser and today chairman of the PA Public Library, has been featured regularly and prominently on educational TV and was a major promoter of this "replacement" ideology. Although historical records confirm that the first presence of Arabs in the Land of Israel was after the Muslim conquest in the seventh century C.E., Al-Qidwa unabashedly and emphatically turned the Hebrews of the Bible into Arabs: "Regarding the Israelites [of the Bible], they were Arab tribes and among the purest.... And believe me, in Allah's name, that my blood has more of the Israelites' blood and the blood of the ancient Hebrews than does the blood of Netanyahu and Sharon." [5]

Prof. Issam Sissalem, chairman of the History Department at the Islamic University of Gaza and host of PA TV (Fatah) educational programs for many years, has also been a driving force of this

historical revision:

"[Biblical Hebrews] were primitive shepherd tribes. They had no history. Titus slaughtered them, and this land was cleansed of those fools...the ancient Hebrews were destroyed, utterly decimated. Actually, they were foreigners in this land. They were primitive Bedouin from the Arabian desert. This land is ours. Jerusalem and every one of her stones are ours. They [the Jews] are liars. Their allegations are lies and are worthy of scorn and ridicule." [6]

Turning the ancient Hebrews into Arabs was not enough for the PA, and the religion of Islam was attached to all biblical characters with similar fervor. Therefore, even though Islam was first introduced by Mohammed in the seventh century, long after ancient Judaism, the academics denied the existence and legitimacy of ancient Judaism by turning it into Islam. As Al-Qidwa stated:

"Judaism is not a religion in the full sense of the word, and is not a nation at all.... Where does this religion come from? The source of Judaism is the Mosaic Law...which is the continuation of Islam of our master Abraham.... Several researchers...have found in the Bible [Torah], when translated correctly, texts that prove that it is the continuation of Islam." [7]

Denying the central place of Jewish worship was likewise critical to this replacement ideology, as was the denial of the Jewish presence in Jerusalem. Sissalem, in his weekly program with children in the TV studio, explained that the tradition of the Temple in Jerusalem was based on "Jewish lies":

**Girl asks Sissalem:** "Tell us about the Night Journey and Ascent to Heaven and the Al-Buraq Wall that the Jews falsely claim as the Wailing Wall and hold ceremonies there."

**Sissalem:** "That's the place where Mohammed went to Heaven, and it is part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Zionist enemy falsely claims that this wall is part of the so-called 'Temple.' This is a deceitful lie."

**Girl 2:** "We hear many claims by the Jews that Solomon's Temple is located in Jerusalem under the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Is this true?"

**Sissalem:** "This is the biggest lie in history by those liars." [8]

This revisionism, initiated in 1998, continues unabated until today. During Ramadan broadcasting in October 2006, Dr. Hassan Khader, founder of the Al-Quds Encyclopedia and regular TV host, repeated the claim that the Jews have no ancient historical connection to the Western Wall of the Temple:

"The first connection of the Jews to this site began in the sixteenth century.... The Jewish connection to this site is a recent connection, not ancient...like the roots of the Islamic connection.... Who would have believed that the Israelis would arrive 1,400 years [after the beginning of Islam], conquer Jerusalem, and make this wall into their special place of worship, where they worship and pray?" [9]

The purpose of this revisionism, as expressed by Alzamili in 1998, was not academic accuracy but was inherently political—namely, to deny the "legitimacy for the existence of Jews on this land." [10] Following this lead, many academics did not leave the political conclusions to the TV viewers but stated them explicitly. For example, after repeating his denials of any Jewish connection to the land, Sissalem announced the political implications: "They [Jews-Israelis] are like a parasitic worm that eats a snail and lives in its shell. We will not let anyone live in our shell!" [11]

### **Denying the Holocaust; Demanding a New One**

Another component of the negation of Jewish history is the denial of modern Jewish experience—including the horrors of the Holocaust. As Sissalem stated on a PA TV (Fatah) educational program:

"Lies surfaced about Jews being murdered here and there and the Holocaust. And of course these

are all lies and unfounded claims. There was no Dachau, no Auschwitz! [They] were cleansing sites.... They began to publicize in their propaganda media that they were persecuted, murdered, and exterminated.... Committees acted here and there to establish this entity [Israel], this foreign entity, implanted as a cancer in our country.... They always portrayed themselves as victims, and they made a Center for Heroism and Holocaust. Whose heroism? What Holocaust? It is our nation that is heroic, the holocaust was against our people.... We were the victims. We will not stay victims forever!"[12]

PA antisemitism, however, goes beyond denying Israel's right to exist.

PA academics have also systematically built a case denying Jews the right to exist. As their expert witness, these religious academics bring Allah[13] Himself, who is said to have sent a message through the Prophet Mohammed that killing Jews is a necessary step to achieve world redemption through resurrection.

Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Najem, a lecturer in Quranic interpretation at Gaza's Al-Azhar University, taught in a televised PA sermon that Allah described the Jews as "characterized by conceit, pride, arrogance, savagery, disloyalty, and treachery ... [and] deceit and cunning." [14] Just a month later the same academic again appeared on the PA's official station, saying: "The Jews are Jews, and we are forbidden to forget their character traits even for a moment, even for a blink of an eye." [15]

Dr. Khader Abas, a lecturer in psychology at Gaza's Al-Aqsa University, taught the origins of Jewish evil from a different perspective: "From the moment the [Jewish] child is born, he nurses hatred against others, nurses seclusion, nurses superiority...." [16]

As part of this delineation of Jewish evil, the PA presents fictitious libels as authentic Jewish documents. Prominent among these is *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which the PA routinely treats as the Jewish plan for world domination.

Dr. Riad al-Astal, a lecturer in history at Al-Azhar University in Gaza, brought up the Protocols when discussing the rise of political Zionism in Europe. "What is known as the Zionist Renaissance," he asserted, "grew and the seeds of what is called *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* appeared at the end of the eighteenth century [sic]. They are the protocols that were presented in Basel [at the First Zionist Congress]." [17]

A new Palestinian schoolbook, written by senior Palestinian academics, likewise taught children to view the *Protocols* as authentic: "There is a group of confidential resolutions adopted by the [First Zionist] Congress and known by the name 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' the goal of which was world domination." [18] After worldwide condemnation it was removed from the new edition of the book.

Academic discussions on educational TV routinely refer to the *Protocols* as authentic. Sheikh Attiyeh Sahar, chairman of the Department of Islamic Research at Al-Azhar University in Gaza, stated:

"It must be known that this nation, the Jews, are willing to alter their religion in order to attain their demands.... in order to attain their goals, they are willing to turn away from their God and His Singularity, which was introduced to the world by their prophets. We also know that they changed the Bible and replaced it, because it does not serve their purposes, and they drafted the Talmud, as it is known, and came up, finally, with the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*." [19]

Dr. Attallah Abu al-Farah, calling in to a talk show hosted by Sissalem, queried: "Can there be coexistence on Palestinian land between ourselves and the Jews, in light of their mentality that stems from the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, Dr. Issam?" Sissalem responded to A-Farah, who presented the *Protocols* as authentic, by calling him "My beloved friend...who is a learned expert..." [20]



## **Painting Jews as Evil**

Inherent to the purported Jewish program of domination is the planning and execution of massive crimes that endanger all humanity. Senior Palestinian academics regularly portray Jews as a threat to stable society and as responsible for all civil strife, financial crises, conflicts, and wars. They present Zionism, the movement to reestablish the Jewish national home in Israel, as a European colonialist plot to rid Europe of Jews and thus attempt to solve their own "Jewish problem." The aforementioned Dr. Riad al-Astal asserted: "Britain's first aim [in promoting Zionism] was to be rid of the Jews, who were known to provoke disputes and disturbances and financial crises in Germany, France, and other European states." [21]

The PA augments the picture of the evil nature of Jews by defining Jewish traditions and sources as evil. Judaism is said to be a racist, murder-promoting religion. In an educational broadcast, Al-Qidwa taught: "The commandments of their Hebrew Bible or their Talmud say that we are goyim—that is, non-Jews. [They] view all non-Jews as barbarians or as their servants, devoid of any human rights, and [one] may destroy them and kill them." [22]

Completing this picture, worldwide outbreaks of antisemitism are described as the nations of the world acting legitimately to protect themselves from the threat posed by the Jews—or to take revenge. Psychologist Khader Abas expounded on this point on PA TV (Fatah):

"The Israelis brought it on themselves, I emphasize, brought on themselves in every society they lived, disasters and massacres. First, they concentrated money in their hands, denying it to others. Second, they spied against the nations where they lived. And the third important and basic aspect: they were condescending.... Thus the people of the societies they were in took revenge against them, or tried to punish them." [23]

The Pact of Omar, which in 637 CE prohibited Jews from living in Jerusalem, was defended on PA TV by Al Quds Encyclopedia founder Hassan Khader: "If we presented this before a judge [today] he would renew this condition.... The solution is that no Jew should live there.... The prosperity of that city [Jerusalem] and of this land necessitates that no Jew should ever live there." [24]

The call to fight Jews solely because of their ethnicity is widespread. Dr. Ismail Radwan, professor at the Islamic University in Gaza, justifies the ongoing battle: "It is no coincidence that the Noble Quran mentions the story of Mohammed's heavenly ascent while talking of the Israelites—as though Allah was preparing the Islamic nation that Jews will be in this land and as if He was addressing the Muslims: 'O Muslims, prepare yourselves for the struggle with world Jewry.'" [25]

Many academics have gone beyond the theoretical "struggle." According to Dr. Ahmad Abu Halabiyah, rector of advanced studies at the Islamic University, on PA TV (Fatah), the Jews are a threat and for that reason Allah demands they be killed:

"The Jews are the Jews.... They do not have any moderates or any advocates of peace. They are all liars. They must be butchered and must be killed.... The Jews are like a spring—as long as you step on it with your foot it doesn't move. But if you lift your foot from the spring, it hurts you and punishes you....

It is forbidden to have mercy in your hearts for the Jews in any place and in any land. Make war on them any place that you find yourself. Any place that you meet them, kill them." [26]

PA academics teach that the killing of Jews by Muslims is a precondition of world redemption. The PA promotes this belief by repeatedly propounding in its print and television media the following Hadith, a tradition attributed to Mohammed: "The Hour [Resurrection] will not take place until the Muslims fight the Jews, and kill them. And the Jews will hide behind the rock and tree, and the rock and tree will say: 'O Muslim, O servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!'" [27]

On 10 January 2005, Dr. Khader cited this Hadith mandating the killing of all Jews everywhere. This came just two weeks after he devoted an entire TV lecture to analyzing this Hadith and concluded that its demand for committing genocide was specifically directed at the Palestinians:

"Allah meant our land and our people and meant our trees and our stones." [28] Muhammad Abd al-Hadi La'afi, responsible for religious instruction in the Office of the PA Waqf, [29] likewise wrote of the impending extermination of the Jews: "The battle with the Jews will surely come.... The Prophet spoke about it in more than one Hadith, and the Resurrection will not come without the victory of the believers over the descendants of the monkeys and pigs and with their annihilation." [30]

## Conclusion

The Palestinian Authority's academic antisemitism has built an extensive case against Jewish existence, which starts with denying the authenticity and legitimacy of both the Jewish nation and religion. Through libels, lies, and stereotyping, this endeavor in antisemitism portrays Jews as a genuine threat to humanity. Because Jews are inherently evil and an existential danger, their annihilation is justified self-defense, a service to humanity, and an enactment of God's will. Although the PA is not reticent about its antisemitic ideology and plans, the world remains mostly apathetic except for an occasional criticism of what is called "incitement." Indeed, the world finds this ideology so repugnant that many simply choose to deny the existence of PA antisemitism and repackage it as anti-Zionism, an ideology they find more palatable and even legitimate. This indifference is directly reminiscent of the world's response to Hitler's open calls for genocide against the Jews. As Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief U.S. counsel to the Nuremberg Trials, wrote: "We must not forget that when the Nazi plans were boldly proclaimed, they were so extravagant that the world refused to take them seriously." [31]

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## Notes

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[20] PA TV (Fatah), 14 May 1999.  
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[22] J. al-Kidwa, Open Day Broadcast, PA TV (Fatah), 2 March 2001.  
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"Corruption is in the nature of the Jews all over the world, to the point where only rarely do you find corruption that Jews are not behind.... If we take a look at history, we discover to what degree the Jews were exposed to loss and expulsion all over the world as a result of their ugly deeds and their wickedness. This is after their actions were discovered and their responsibility for the destruction of the land and its people caused the [local] people to start a war of annihilation against them." (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), 11 July 1998)  
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