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## Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

### Are the Palestinians Ready Now for Peace Talks?

The United States as well as the Europeans have fed the media a steady diet of criticism of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for allegedly failing to take steps to advance the peace process. The American and Israeli Jewish left has been equally critical and reinforces the narrative suggesting Israel is not interested in peace.

This narrative has only one flaw - it's untrue. Netanyahu has repeatedly called for negotiations to discuss a peace agreement that would lead to the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel. By contrast, the Palestinians have obstinately refused to enter talks and yet they have been given an international free pass and continue to be portrayed as the aggrieved party.

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## Mitchell Bard in The Jerusalem Post

### Anti-Israel Student Abandon Moderation

Back in the Jurassic Period when I was a campus activist, anti-Israel propaganda was not very subtle. There was no talk of peace, non-stop condemnation of Israel and hope that the PLO terrorists would succeed in liberating Palestine. Anti-Semitism was tolerated and overt. At Berkeley, for example, next to my card table with the Israeli flag and some brochures about Israeli

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innovations sat a representative of the Muslim Students Association whose table featured signs that said Zionism is Racism and Allah Akbar, and his handouts included the highlights of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Meanwhile, students marched in front of me in protest of the war in Lebanon.

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## Fact of the Week

### Increase in Aliyah for Brazilian Jews

The number of Brazilian Jews making aliyah to Israel more than doubled between 2011 and 2015. In 2015, 463 individuals immigrated to Israel from Brazil, compared with only 191 in 2011. This number represents a 41% increase from 2014's 308 immigrants. The tough economic climate in Brazil combined with violence and government corruption have been driving factors of this recent uptick in immigration to Israel.

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