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Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

Did Mahmoud Abbas Ever Turn Down a Peace Offer From Israel?

Throughout [Myths & Facts](#), we have documented the long sad history of how the Palestinians have repeatedly missed opportunities for independence because their leaders have either been short-sighted, politically weak or simply disinterested in any agreement that would not lead to the destruction of Israel. These chances began as early as the [1937 Peel Plan](#) and include the [1939 British White Paper](#), the [1947 partition resolution](#), the 19 years of Jordanian and Egyptian occupation, the Camp David Accords autonomy offer, the Oslo agreements, the [2000 Clinton parameters](#) and, most recently, the 2008 Olmert-Abbas negotiations.

It is easy to demonstrate how the Palestinians squandered each opportunity for statehood, but much harder to find evidence of a Palestinian leader willing to take responsibility for the failure to win independence for his people. [Yasser Arafat](#), responsible for most of the Palestinians' misfortune went to his grave convinced he would one day liberate Palestine from the Jews without reaching any peace agreement.

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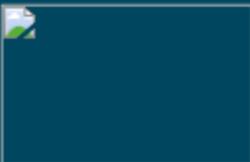
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Mitchell Bard in The Jerusalem Post

Should Your Child Go To A College Whose Faculty Supports The Anti-Semitic Boycott Against Israel?

Many considerations go into the decision of where to attend college. Up until fairly recently, however, the comfort of being Jewish, and the atmosphere toward Israel, were not major factors. Today, however, with the alarming reports from students witnessing and experiencing [anti-Semitism](#), and the attacks on Israel by not only

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students but faculty, parents and their children would be wise to investigate what is going on, and how the administrators are responding, before deciding on a college.

Nearly 5,000 professors around the world, half from the United States, support the anti-Semitic BDS movement and/or signed onto petitions or statements that exceeded the bounds of legitimate criticism of Israel. According to the leaders of the BDS campaign, Jews have no right to self-determination in their homeland, two-states for two people is not a solution to the conflict with the Palestinians and Israel should be destroyed. As Prof. As'ad AbuKhalil, a BDS proponent from California State University, explained: "The real aim of BDS is to bring down the state of Israel....That should be stated as an unambiguous goal. There should not be any equivocation on the subject. Justice and freedom for the Palestinians are incompatible with the existence of the state of Israel."

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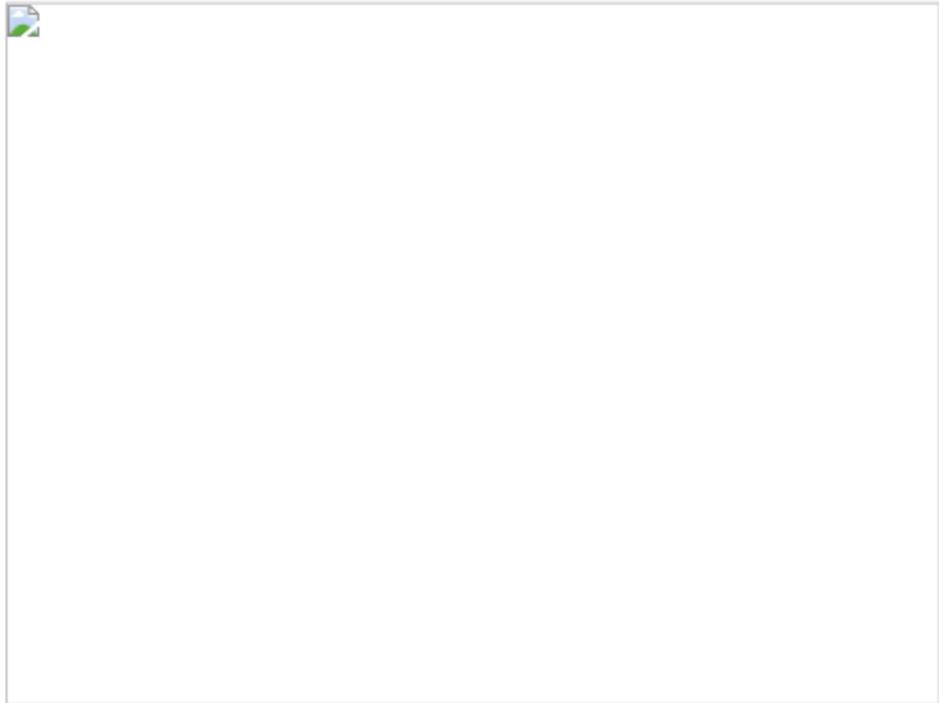
Fact of the Week

United Nations Climate Change Talks

At the United Nations Climate Change talks in Paris during November 2015, a delegation of Israeli scientists and technology leaders showcased green technology, focusing on solar energy, developed in Israel. Israeli technologies were pushed as solutions to the global climate crisis at the climate change talks, which gathered representatives from all 166 U.N. members to commit to keep global warming below an increase of two degrees Celsius over the next century.

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