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## Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

### Were the Palestinian Arabs never offered a state and therefore denied the right to self-determination?

The [Peel Commission](#) in 1937 concluded the only logical solution to resolving the contradictory aspirations of the Jews and Arabs was to partition Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. The Arabs rejected the plan because it forced them to accept the creation of a Jewish state, and required some Palestinians to live under "Jewish domination."

The Zionists opposed the Peel Plan's boundaries because they would have been confined to 1,900 out of the 10,310 square miles remaining in Palestine. Nevertheless, the Zionists decided to negotiate with the British, while the Arabs refused to consider any compromises.

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## Mitchell Bard in the Jerusalem Post

### Me, An Anti-Semite?

I have written on several occasions that the one place where anti-Semitism is still tolerated in America is on college campuses. We continue to see this across the country as Jewish students are pilloried for their support of Israel, their loyalties questioned, and their views dismissed as racist, Nazi-like and insensitive to human rights. Hypocritically, the labelers object to themselves being labeled for what they are -- anti-Semites and Israel deniers.

The reports of increasing anti-Semitism on campus may be exaggerated but they reflect the deteriorating conditions on at least a couple of dozen campuses where the boycott, divestment, sanctions movement (BDS) has poisoned the environment. At Berkeley, for example, Prof. Ron Hassner told Haaretz, "These repeated votes have had one effect only; a deterioration of the campus climate leading to outbursts of anger and even violence...These

anti-Jewish outbursts are not surprising since the anti-Semitism is rooted in the BDS movement itself."

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### Fact of the Week

#### Portugal Rededicates Its Oldest Standing Synagogue

Hundreds of people including Jews from all around the world attended the rededication ceremony for Portugal's oldest standing synagogue on April 23, 2015. The Sahar Hassamain synagogue is located on Sao Miguel Island, 900 miles from the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, and was rededicated following a restoration project started in 2014. Jose Oulman Carp, the president of the Jewish Community of Lisbon, stated at the dedication ceremony that "the renovation has been completed in a very thorough and professional manner with a lot of help from the United States, and from descendants of the big community of Jews from the Azores archipelago there."

[Read More about Portugal at the Jewish Virtual Library](#)

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