

Op-Ed Leads

1. **Israel and the Apartheid Slander**

“THE Palestinian Authority’s request for full United Nations membership has put hope for any two-state solution under increasing pressure. The need for reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians has never been greater. So it is important to separate legitimate criticism of Israel from assaults that aim to isolate, demonize and delegitimize it.”

By Richard J. Goldstone

New York Times, October 31, 2011

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/01/opinion/israel-and-the-apartheid-slander.html?_r=1

2. **What If Jews Had Followed the Palestinian Path?**

“It is doubtful that there has ever been a more miserable human refuse than Jewish survivors after World War II. Starving, emaciated, stateless—they were not welcomed back by countries where they had lived for generations as assimilated and educated citizens. Germany was no place to return to and in Kielce, Poland, 40 Jews who survived the Holocaust were killed in a pogrom one year after the war ended. The European Jew, circa 1945, quickly went from victim to international refugee disaster.”

By Warren Kozak

Wall Street Journal, June 20, 2011

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304432304576371771855162448.html?KEYWORDS=Warren+Kozak>

3. **Understanding Hamas, A Detailed Assessment**

“What do you have to do to be recognized as a revolutionary Islamist group using terrorism, backed by Iran (and now probably a radicalized Egypt), seeking to wipe Israel off the map and kill the Jews? It isn’t easy. People keep trying to make you into something else: incipient moderate? Multifaceted debating society? Insisting that you just don’t really mean it?”

By Barry Rubin

June 20, 2011 (in Rubin Reports), July 4, 2011 (The Globe and Mail)

<http://rubinreports.blogspot.com/2011/06/understanding-hamas-detailed-assessment.html>
or

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/hamas/shunning-hamas-not-just-about-israel/article4210664/>

4. Boycott of Samaria products called devastating for Palestinians

“A successful boycott of Jewish businesses in Samaria (the West Bank) will harm the very people the United Church of Canada (UCC) claims it wants to help: Palestinians.”

“Do you realize what you’re doing?”

By Joanne Hill

Jewish Tribune (Canada), August 7, 2012

<http://www.jewishtribune.ca/news/2012/08/07/boycott-of-samaria-products-called-devastating-for-palestinians>

5. The Israeli story

“As peace talks in the Middle East continue for yet another week with little progress, a central question looms large in the minds of many: Why should we care about Israel? It seems like a fair question. Why should we bother learning about Israeli history? Why should we seek to understand the nuances of a conflict that is seemingly without end? It is, admittedly, far easier to silently support Israel, or even turn a blind eye, than to vocally defend her. So why bother?”

By Carrie Filipetti

The Cavalier Daily, October 5, 2010

<http://www.cavalierdaily.com/2010/10/05/the-israeli-story/>

6. A Difference Beyond Question

“Before the Jews of Hungary were emancipated in the 19th century, they were not permitted to own land. By the end of the century, they were on their way to owning fully one-fifth of Hungary's large estates and were hugely successful in business and the arts. The Jews of Germany had a similar history. They comprised many if not most of the country's lawyers, doctors, composers, playwrights and scientists, and were so astonishingly successful in business that while they were just 1 percent of the population, they were 31 percent of the richest families. What did it? Was it nature (Jews were smarter) or nurture (Jews had a certain culture)? Here's my answer: I don't know.”

By Richard Cohen

RealClearPolitics.com, August 7, 2012

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2012/08/07/a_difference_beyond_question_115026.html

7. **Iran's Axis of Terror Draws Closer**

“Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is having a particularly bad week. His country’s Prime Minister Riad Hijab has just defected and appealed to other top officials to “abandon this murderous and terrorist regime.” He joined a swelling number of military defectors. The armed opposition continues to strike close to Assad’s seat of power, bombing the state television building.”

By Joseph Klein

FrontPageMagazine, August 8, 2012

<http://frontpagemag.com/2012/joseph-klein/iran-doubles-down-on-the-resistance-axis/>