

# Sarah Schulman

**Sarah Schulman publicly calls for BDS, an anti-Palestinian and anti-Semitic movement dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.**

- BDS is an anti-Semitic movement because it spreads lies about the only Jewish state in an attempt to isolate it politically, economically, and socially.
  - Freedom House ranks Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets the Jewish state.<sup>i</sup>
    - BDS ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with actual atrocious human rights records.
- BDS has harsh repercussions for both Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians.
  - The BDS movement against Israel harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting products they produce and eliminating their places of work and sources of income. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**<sup>ii</sup>
  - BDS undermines peace negotiations by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners. It also distorts reality by demonizing Israel and insisting it is to blame for the entire conflict.

**Schulman ignores Hamas's central role in the conflict and even legitimizes the U.S. designated terrorist group. Additionally, she only blames Israel for violence.**

- When questioned about Hamas' human rights atrocities, Schulman refused to condemn its actions, instead saying, "I don't know enough about Hamas to give you a complete, intelligent analysis of Hamas."<sup>iii</sup> She also legitimized the terrorist group when she said it is a "...democratically elect[ed]... religious government."<sup>iv</sup>
- Here is what she is missing about Hamas:
  - **Hamas uses Palestinian-Arab civilians as human shields<sup>v</sup> and launches rockets at Israeli children.**<sup>vi</sup>
  - **The Hamas charter calls for the genocide of the Jewish people and the destruction of the only Jewish state.**
    - "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them." (Article 7)
    - "The **Nazism of the Jews** does not skip women and children, it scares everyone." (Article 20)
    - "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it." (Hamas Covenant, *In the Name of Merciful Allah*)
  - **Hamas abuses the human rights of Palestinian-Arabs, as it persecutes women, children, and the LGBTQ community.**
    - Hamas openly admitted to **working 160 children to death** building terror tunnels into Israel.<sup>vii</sup>
    - Hamas heavily infringes upon women's rights by controlling their public actions and politicizing their private lives. For example, the terrorist group forbids them from dancing in public and riding with men on motorcycles.<sup>viii</sup>
    - Hamas imposes Islamic Shari'a law on Palestinian-Arabs, which calls for the murder of homosexuals by crucifixion and the harsh persecution of minorities.<sup>ix</sup>

Despite Hamas's **despicable treatment of its minorities**, Schulman, who claims to be a feminist and LGBTQ activist, **bullies Israel**. However, Israel is the **only safe place for the LGBTQ** community and women in the Middle East.

- **She criticizes Israel's effort to open itself up** to the international LGBTQ community as a safe place to vacation.<sup>x</sup>
  - "Last year, the Israeli news site Ynet reported that the Tel Aviv tourism board had begun a campaign... to brand the city as 'an international gay vacation destination....a deliberate strategy to conceal the continuing violations of Palestinians' human rights behind an image of modernity signified by Israeli gay life."<sup>xi</sup>

- **Schulman slams Israel for its equal treatment and welcoming of the LGBTQ community and spreads lies about Israel's treatment of Palestinian-Arabs.<sup>xii</sup>** Moreover, her claims are baseless conspiracy theories.

**Schulman demonizes Israel without knowing all the facts.** Asserting baseless claims against Israel is a **demonization tactic against the only Jewish state**, which is considered to be anti-Semitic according to the U.S. State Department.<sup>xiii</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

<sup>ii</sup> *EU Survey: Palestinians working for Israelis are paid double those working for Palestinians in the West Bank and triple those in the Gaza Strip.* Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik. Palestinian Media Watch. February 26, 2015.

<sup>iii</sup> Sarah Schulman 'Doesn't Know' About Hamas. Sohrab Ahmari. Tablet Magazine. March 15, 2013.

<sup>iv</sup> *Sarah Schulman reading from her new book Israel/Palestine and the Queer International.* Schulman, via Youtube. 2013.

<sup>v</sup> *Conclusive Proof that Hamas Uses Palestinians as Human Shields.* Moshe Phillips and Benyamin Korn. Algemeiner. August 7, 2014.

<sup>vi</sup> Hamas fires rockets for first time since 2012, Israeli officials say. The Times of Israel. June 30, 2014

<sup>vii</sup> *Report: Hamas Used Child Labor to Build Terror Tunnels; Hundreds Killed.* Joel B. Pollack, Breitbart News. July 27, 2014.

<sup>viii</sup> *Hamas Bans Women Dancers, Scooter Riders in Gaza Push (Update1).* Daniel Williams. Bloomberg November 30, 2009.

<sup>ix</sup> *The "Moral Equivalence" – Hamas, ISIS and the Media.* ACDemocracy. Rachel Ehrenfeld. July 20th, 2014

<sup>x</sup> *Israel and 'Pinkwashing'.* Sarah Schulman. The New York Times. November 22, 2011.

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<sup>xiii</sup> *Defining Anti-Semitism.* U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.