

The UN - where anti-Israel prejudice remains supreme - opinion

In facing this undisguised institutionalized prejudice, Israel has a crucial friend in the United States.

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There are clear signs that Arab hostility towards the Jewish state is on the wane. The Abraham Accords normalized Israel's relations with the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, an Israeli Defense Minister can make a very public visit to Morocco and even Saudi Arabia allows flights to and from Israel to cross over its territory. But there remains at least one bastion of anti-Israel enmity, the United Nations, where systematic, organizational prejudice against the Jewish state reigns supreme.

The opening act: Though not representing a member state, in 1974 Yasser Arafat was issued an extraordinary invitation to address the UN General Assembly (UNGA). His speech included a call for an end to Israel. The Jews, he said, could become citizens in the PLO's "democratic Palestine." Extreme content notwithstanding, and the fact that he spoke soon after his PLO massacred 25 hostages in Ma'alot, mostly high school students, Arafat received a standing ovation.

Infamously, the following year, the UNGA adopted Resolution 3379 which declared Zionism a "form of racism and racial discrimination". Although that travesty was officially repealed in 1991, its annulment did not mark the end of the UN's anti-Israel obsession – far from it.

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