

BANKRUPTING TERRORISM – ONE LAWSUIT AT A TIME



SHURAT HADIN

ISRAEL LAW CENTER

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SHURAT HADIN'S MISSION

Shurat HaDin is at the forefront of fighting terrorism and safeguarding Jewish rights worldwide, acting in court systems around the world to protect

the State of Israel and its citizens. We put terrorists on trial to compensate their victims, block terror funding, and lead the fight to end the use of social media to incite violence and terror. We defend Israel, its leaders, and soldiers against war crime allegations, and battle lawfare, BDS, and other efforts to delegitimize the Jewish State.



FIGHTING TERROR FUNDING

Israel and the Jewish community worldwide have repeatedly been targeted with devastating waves of terrorism, and the present is no exception. Shurat HaDin pioneered direct legal action and civil lawsuits against terrorists and their sponsors and has become a world leader in the fight to compensate victims and stop terror funding.

Shurat HaDin works with western intelligence agencies and a network of lawyers around the world to file legal actions on behalf of terror victims.

Today, we represent hundreds of victims in legal actions against Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, North Korea, the Palestinian Authority, Iran, and Syria.

These cases seek not just to obtain compensation for injury and loss, but to present

evidence of these crimes to the world and receive a measure of justice for innocent victims and their families.

Terrorists need money to operate. They need a steady flow of funds — for equipment, training, weapons, personnel, and more. Cash flows from donors and outlaw regimes to places like Gaza, the West Bank, and southern Lebanon.

Without this, terrorists cannot function effectively. By blocking the flow of funds, we can cut off the lifeline that keeps terrorist organizations alive.

While government efforts to obstruct terror financing are vital, those efforts alone are not enough. Shurat HaDin's legal actions serve a unique and crucial role in blocking terror funding, thus eliminating the ability to carry out attacks.

Shurat HaDin has brought claims, for example, against UBS, the Lebanese Canadian Bank, American Express Bank, and the Bank of China, for providing financial services to terrorists. And we serve as a watchdog to warn and block other entities and organizations that may consider giving money or resources to benefit terrorist groups.



FIGHTING JIHAD ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Radical Islamic jihadists and other terror groups have hijacked valuable social media communication, networking, and marketing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to recruit followers, incite violence, and carry out their terrorist activities. Unfortunately, social media

Shurat HaDin is putting terrorists and their supporters on notice that we will go on the legal offensive against Israel's enemies.

providers have largely turned a blind eye to the use of their services by terrorists. Shurat HaDin has initiated a public campaign and legal strategy to expose their brazen refusal to effectively shut down accounts affiliated with organizations and terrorists sanctioned by the United States. These companies must be held accountable for their complicity in the terrorism that their services are used to facilitate and promote.

Shurat HaDin filed a lawsuit against social media giant Facebook for providing material support to Hamas and other designated terrorist organizations, and assisted Google and Facebook shareholders in presenting shareholder demands that the companies comply with US sanction laws. Similar actions and suits involving other social media platforms and terror groups are soon to follow along with the launch of a comprehensive database identifying terrorists and their supporters who maintain active social media accounts.

DEFENDING AGAINST WAR CRIMES ALLEGATIONS

In their attempt to delegitimize Israel, advance their cause internationally, and pressure Israel to make concessions in the “peace process,” the Palestinians have stepped up their efforts to bring condemnation upon Israel in national and international tribunals. Despite not qualifying as a sovereign state under international law, the Palestinian Authority was accepted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague as a member state. It has now lodged complaints against Israel, its leaders and soldiers for purported “war crimes” arising out of Israel’s 2014 Gaza operation to halt missile attacks aimed at Israeli civilians, as well as for Israel’s “settlement” activity in Judea and Samaria.

The State of Israel is not a member of the ICC, which complicates its ability to respond to these complaints formally. As a non-governmental organization, however, Shurat HaDin plays an essential role in countering the Palestinians’ actions. We submitted several communications to the ICC documenting war crimes committed by the Palestinian Authority and its leaders. When the ICC announced its war crimes probe against Israel, we challenged its authority, jurisdiction and lack of impartiality in investigating Israel while simultaneously ignoring the wealth of evidence of war crimes openly committed by the Palestinian Authority. We also convened a series of major conferences with academic and legal experts on the “laws of war” to promote public awareness and debate on the standards that should be applied to evaluate Israeli military actions.



Shurat HaDin's role is to fight terrorism, to prevent the next attack and we do it with one simple thing — using law.

— Nitsana Darshan-Leitner

COMBATTING LAWFARE, ANTI-SEMITISM AND BDS

Israel and Jewish communities around the world continue to be confronted by the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement's anti-Semitic international campaign to delegitimize Israel. BDS employs various "lawfare" tactics attacking Israel and Israelis with baseless legal actions to delegitimize the Jewish state and challenge its right to exist. Shurat HaDin has taken the lead in combatting these efforts, working to support legislation to prohibit and penalize racist and anti-Semitic boycotts, as well as exposing and shutting down bank accounts and fundraising avenues belonging to organizations that fund or support BDS activities.



SHURAT HADIN'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019



Shurat HaDin Assists in Filing Petition to Supreme Court in Case against Facebook

Shurat HaDin assisted in filing a petition for Supreme Court review (*writ of certiorari*) in the case brought against Facebook on behalf of five families whose loved ones were victims of brutal terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas and Islamic Jihad between 2014-2016. The plaintiffs alleged providing social media services to designated terrorist organizations constitutes material support and resources in violation of the Anti-Terrorism Act. They also argued that Facebook's "friend and content suggestion" algorithms assist these terror organizations with not only fundraising but disseminating information and recruiting new members.

The District Court dismissed holding Facebook is not responsible for content on its platform and is therefore immune from suit under the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (CDA). The Second Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed in a 2-1 decision. Chief Judge Robert Katzmann dissented reasoning that immunity under the CDA does not mean Facebook is also immune when it delivers messages to users based on its statistical analyses.

The questions presented by this case are extraordinary. Facebook has hidden behind the CDA for far too long while knowingly providing terrorist organizations with the means and opportunity to conduct their criminal activities online with impunity. Shurat HaDin will continue its fight to hold Facebook accountable for the horrific consequences of its actions. •



Shurat HaDin received historic ruling against the PA and PLO

Shurat HaDin filed this case on behalf of over 150 plaintiffs in 2000, claiming that the attacks and bombings during the Second Intifada were not a spontaneous uprising by Palestinians, but instead planned attacks calculated to force Israel to concede issues Palestinians could not win through negotiations. The Jerusalem District Court found that the now deceased Yasser Arafat and his terrorist underlings directed and financed the 17 attacks committed by the Martyrs of al-Aqsa, Hamas, the PLO, and Islamic Jihad. After more than 19 years, tens of thousands of documents, and more than 100 court appearances, justice was finally served, and the PLO and its terror partners' complicity in the attacks were finally exposed.



Shurat HaDin scores powerful victory against BDS

In November 2018, Airbnb caved to pressure from the extremist Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions ("BDS") propaganda movement agreeing to ban Jewish listings from its platform. Shurat HaDin immediately filed a lawsuit on behalf of Israeli and Jewish American homeowners and renters against Airbnb pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, on the grounds Airbnb's policy discriminated against them on the basis of their religion and national origin.

In a high-profile defeat for the anti-Israel boycott movement, Airbnb agreed to rescind its discriminatory redlining policy removing listings in Judea and Samaria from its platform. Under a settlement agreement, Airbnb will adopt a neutral policy towards all properties in the region, allowing all owners to list their homes on its web platform regardless of their religion, race, or national origin. As Shurat HaDin's president Nitsana Darshan-Leitner stated: "BDS is an anti-Semitic campaign which purports to care about human rights but whose real goal is to replace the Jewish State with a Palestinian one. Other international companies need to learn the lessons from Airbnb's mistake and understand that boycotting Israel and discriminating against Jews are unlawful acts which will ultimately result in dire legal consequences, public condemnations, and embarrassment. No outside party can decide for Israel what its legitimate borders will be or where Jews will be permitted to live." •

Shurat HaDin Wins Precedent-Setting Ruling in Achille Lauro Terror Case

We continue our fight against the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) on behalf of the estates of two Jewish-American terror victims who were held hostage in the infamous Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking in 1985.

In November 2018, we received a precedent-setting ruling from District Court Judge Moshe Drori, who wrote: "The people of the Jewish nation are often harmed due to their Jewish descent, and therefore Israel must work to guarantee their safety. Since the state failed, in this case, and the plaintiffs were hurt from a terror attack carried out by the respondents, the State of Israel is obligated to allow and assist the plaintiffs to receive the highest compensation possible, according to the Israeli judicial system."

The case is ongoing. Shurat HaDin is hard at work preparing summaries required by the court before a final judgment. We will not rest until these victims and their families receive justice. Nitsana Darshan-Leitner stated: "The Achille Lauro affair was one of the most horrific terror attacks carried out in Israel's history... Drori's decision proves that even after 34 years, the State of Israel is responsible for hunting down those who want to harm it and will bring to justice those persecuting Jews worldwide." •



Shurat HaDin Succeeds in Obtaining Israeli Residency for Palestinian Family that Provided Aid to Jewish Terror Victims

Shurat HaDin won an important victory in its efforts to assist a Palestinian couple who selflessly put their lives in danger rendering aid to Jewish victims of a devastating terrorist shooting attack near Hebron in 2016. Knowing the consequences, the couple stopped at the scene of the terror attack that killed Rabbi Miki Mark and severely wounded his wife and two teenage children. They rescued the children, rendered first aid and called the police. Shurat HaDin assisted this man throughout his ordeal, first obtaining an interim order allowing him to remain in Israel for his protection, and finally in August, Israeli residency for him and his family. •



Shurat HaDin files suit against Hamas and money changers who transferred money to Hamas from Iran

Shurat HaDin filed a lawsuit on behalf of five families who lost loved ones to terror attacks demanding damages in the amount of NIS 500 million against Hamas and three money changers

in Jerusalem whose services the terrorist organization used to collect money for terror attacks. For the first time, we named money changers as defendants for abetting terror attacks by knowingly working with Hamas and transferring money from Iran to Hamas. By proving that they work with Hamas, a recognized terror organization, we hope to initiate an action in the United States to seize assets held in US accounts.

According to Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, "It is an endless battle, but the only way to weaken terror groups is to harm their funding. Money enables Hamas to control Gaza, it is what enables them to manufacture rockets and mortars, and it is what enables them to manage an army of murderous terrorists. If we cut off their money supply, we can bring about their downfall." •



Shurat HaDin Warns the ICC's Chief Prosecutor against ethical violations in proposed investigation of Israel

On behalf of the parents of 13-year-old Hallel Ariel who was murdered in her bed in 2016 by a Palestinian terrorist, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner responded to the ICC (International Criminal Court) Chief Prosecutor Bensouda's biased announcement that she intended to open an investigation into the situation in "Palestine."

The Chief Prosecutor's decision blatantly ignores the Palestinian Authority's glaring war crimes, including its barbaric "pay to slay" scheme designed to incentivize killing Jews and Israelis by providing financial incentives to all Palestinian terrorists including Hamas members.

Darshan-Leitner stated, "with all due respect, "blood money" and incitement to murder come within the core reasons for the existence of the court, surely more than some of the political issues upon which you choose instead to focus."

We pointed out that over the past five years, Shurat HaDin, in its tireless pursuit of justice for terror victims, submitted communications with detailed evidence to the ICC of war crimes committed by PA officials who, unlike Israel, are subject to the court's jurisdiction under international law.

As recently as November 2019, Shurat HaDin sent the Chief Prosecutor a stern reminder of the detailed evidence we provided, describing the severity of the PA's crimes.

Not only did Prosecutor Bensouda disregard all of the PA's criminal conduct, in direct violation of ICC regulations, she failed even to contact us to discuss the allegations.

We also notified Bensouda that the way in which she arrived at her decision was highly inappropriate. While refusing to meet with representatives from Shurat HaDin, she held a private meeting with PA President Mahmud Abu Abbas (Abu-Mazen) on October 30, 2015, despite clear evidence concerning his criminal liability for Fatah rocket fire at Israeli civilians. Bensouda also repeatedly met with NGOs which have filed complaints against Israel.

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner requested the prosecutor shift her investigation to matters within her jurisdiction and, after five years of communications from Shurat Hadin with no response from the ICC, finally address the overwhelming evidence of PA war crimes we have provided them.

Shurat HaDin will continue its fight at the ICC on behalf of Israel, its soldiers, and all terror victims until that organization impartially addresses the crimes committed by the actual war criminals — the PA, Hamas, and its partners. •



Cryptocurrency brokerage Coinbase, Inc. closes Hamas accounts after warning from Shurat HaDin

Shurat HaDin achieved another important legal victory against the BDS movement this year when it managed to shut down a Hamas fundraising source.

Shurat HaDin sent an urgent cease and desist letter to Coinbase, Inc., one of the largest cryptocurrency brokerages, warning them that the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas maintained an account on its platform through which it was accepting donations. We notified Coinbase that knowingly providing material support or resources to Hamas is a violation of U.S. federal criminal law and demanded that Coinbase immediately terminate any and all accounts and services provided to Hamas. •



Human Rights Watch Official/BDS Activist Omar Shakir Deported

Shurat HaDin succeeded in its three-year battle to have Human Rights Watch Director Omar Shakir deported due to his BDS activity against the state of Israel. Israel deported Shakir on November 25, 2019, after the High Court of Justice in a landmark

anti-BDS ruling determined he had supported boycott activity to delegitimize Israel.

Shakir is a United States citizen with a well-documented history as a BDS activist, including his involvement in founding and leading an anti-Israel student organization promoting BDS on campuses, and advocating to indict IDF soldiers for alleged war crimes. He was hired by Human Rights Watch (HRW) as its Director for Israel and Palestine (HRW) and, shockingly, granted a work visa in 2017. Shurat HaDin immediately petitioned Israel's Interior Ministry to revoke the permit as it contravenes Israel's anti-boycott laws.

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner stated after the ruling, "The High Court took for granted that there is no right of entry into the country, and certainly no right to work, nor even the right to petition the High Court at all, for those who work toward harming the State of Israel and striving for its destruction."

"Shakir is the one who pushed Airbnb to delist the Jewish homes in the territories and even took pride in having the hosting platform comply with his dictates," Darshan-Leitner said. "Now that the High Court has ruled Omar Shakir is grossly biased, HRW has now lost all its credibility in the Israeli-Arab conflict. They ought to shut down their offices here and stay out of this region." •



Shurat HaDin Shuts Down German BDS Bank Account

Shurat HaDin succeeded in closing Jewish Voice for Just Peace in the Middle East's (EJJP) account

with the German Bank für Sozialwirtschaft (Bank of Social Economy), in Cologne Germany. On June 12, 2019, we warned the bank that continuing to permit the EJJP to utilize the bank's financial services exposed it and its officers to potential criminal and civil liability under the United States' Anti-Terrorism Act. We warned the bank that EJJP is the sister organization of the radical anti-Israel Jewish Voice for Peace in the United States as well as an integral part of the anti-Semitic BDS movement. We also warned that EJJP has close ties to the designated terrorist organization PFLP and openly courts its members and former members who are convicted terrorists as speakers at its events. Upon being notified of the closing, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner stated, "We applaud the bank for shutting down the account of this infamous hate group that has ties to the PFLP, an organization that was connected to the Munich Olympic massacre... European institutions that refuse to investigate whether their account holders are tied to terror might find themselves both civilly and criminally liable." •



Shurat HaDin Files Two "Friend of the Court" Appellate Briefs against BDS

Shurat HaDin continued its battle against the racist BDS movement and filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the State of Arkansas' Anti-BDS law. The Arkansas law requires any contractor who does business with the state to certify that they will not boycott Israel. Despite having no intention of boycotting Israel, the Arkansas Times newspaper challenged the

law. The court dismissed the newspaper's claim and it has appealed.

Shurat HaDin also filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the state of Texas' anti-BDS law that was held unconstitutional by a federal district judge. Our briefs in both cases expose the dark and violent underbelly of the BDS movement. We reveal the movement's true nature and purpose; that it is not a human rights movement, but an anti-Semitic campaign calculated to isolate, demonize and destroy Jews while chanting Hamas' battle cry: "Free Palestine from the [Jordan] river to the [Mediterranean] sea."

We made it clear that the United States Constitution places no value on discrimination and that both Arkansas and Texas have every right to not fund BDS' unlawful discriminatory agenda. Shurat HaDin will not rest until we hand BDS yet another convincing defeat. •



Shurat HaDin Files Lawsuit in France Against INSTEX

Shurat HaDin filed a lawsuit in France against INSTEX, the special purpose vehicle developed by France, Germany, and Great Britain to bypass US economic sanctions after the United States withdrew from the Iran Deal. The suit demands as compensation to terror victims who are plaintiffs in the lawsuit, money, oil, or other goods either belonging to Iran or earmarked for Iran via a third party. We will continue to act anywhere in the world to hold Iran accountable for its actions and will not permit these European countries to continue business as usual with Iran, while terror victims hold millions of dollars in unsatisfied judgments. •



Shurat HaDin Sues Lufthansa for Fees Owed Iran

Shurat HaDin is ratcheting up the pressure on the already cash-starved Iranian government.

We filed Restraining Notices against the German airline Lufthansa in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, demanding the airline freeze any funds or property owed to Iran as a result of Lufthansa's continued flights to Tehran.

International airlines that still provide services into Iran are obligated to pay the Iranian airport authority multiple fees for their use of the airport and its facilities.

We filed this action on behalf of the Braun and Leibovitch families whose loved ones were injured or murdered in Iranian sponsored attacks by Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and hold millions of dollars in unsatisfied federal court judgments against the outlaw regime.

According to Shurat HaDin's President and Founder, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner: "No airline in the Western world should be serving the Tehran airport... German companies like Lufthansa should not be profiting from business with Iran while billions of dollars in federal court judgments for Iranian terror victims remain unpaid... We will pursue the Iranian regime until it takes responsibility for its horrific actions and compensates the victims of its terrorism..." •

SHURAT HADIN PUBLISHES HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS IN 2019



The Great March of Return: Palestinian War Crimes against their Own Children

Every year UNICEF gathers information for the UN's report regarding Israel's treatment of Palestinian children. In March 2019, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner met with UNICEF representatives and provided them with the detailed and graphic information contained in this report.

Since the UN refused to act despite this overwhelming evidence, Shurat HaDin initiated a social media campaign to raise awareness of the heinous and cynical use of children as combatants and human shields for Hamas and the PA's political gains.

Among other things, we demanded FC Barcelona, and its Barça Foundation, terminate its partnership and fundraising efforts with UNICEF until the UN condemns the Palestinian Authority and Hamas for sacrificing their children as cannon fodder. We also disseminated the report to human rights organizations world-wide demanding they condemn the recruitment and use of these children for armed combat in violation of International Law.

Shurat HaDin will sound the alarm until the United Nations and all world bodies vociferously and unequivocally place full responsibility for the violent suffering and deaths of these children at the feet of Hamas, its partners, and the PA. •

Persecution of the LGBT Community in the Palestinian Authority's Territory Including the Gaza Strip

Human Rights organizations and governments worldwide continue to ignore the torture inflicted upon the LGBT community by the PA and Hamas, choosing instead to criticize the State of Israel for granting members of this beleaguered community sanctuary.

In response, Shurat HaDin published a detailed report replete with personal accounts from LGBT Palestinians who on the condition of anonymity detail the persecution, torture, and even deaths suffered by members of the LGBT community at the hands of the PA and Hamas authorities.

We also launched a social media campaign to raise awareness of the heinous acts committed against this community and call on the international community that ostensibly prides itself on protecting human rights, to finally acknowledge and openly condemn the glaring human rights violations committed by the PA and Hamas.

If there is ever to be any palpable relief for LGBT Palestinians, the PA and Hamas must be held accountable — both financially and diplomatically. •

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INFLUENTIAL JEWS

THE JERUSALEM POST

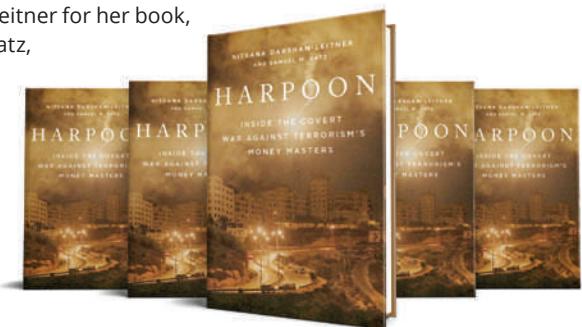
THE JERUSALEM POST'S 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL JEWS OF 2019



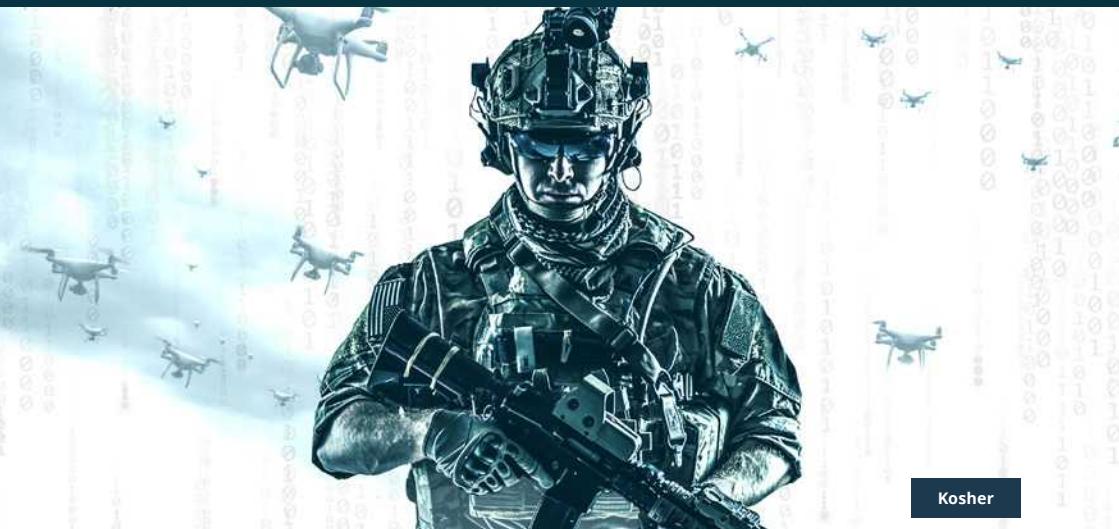
In September 2019, the Jerusalem Post recognized Shurat HaDin Founder and President Nitsana Darshan-Leitner as one of the 50 most influential Jews of 2019, hailing her as Shurat HaDin's legal warrior bringing justice to terror victims.

It published a profile highlighting a number of her accomplishments, including the victory against Airbnb's discriminatory attempt to ban Jews in Judea and Samaria from listing their properties on its platform, and the groundbreaking victory in a Jerusalem District Court holding the Palestinian Authority liable for 17 terrorist attacks during the Second Intifada.

The paper also commended Darshan-Leitner for her book, "Harpoon," co-authored with Samuel Katz, which tells the fascinating story of the background behind Mossad's financial war on terror.



LAW & WAR CONFERENCE



JOIN OUR INTERNATIONAL PANEL ON LAW AND WAR

Shurat HaDin will host its fourth Law & War Conference on June 2-3, 2020, in Jerusalem. Democratic states, like Israel, are being unnecessarily restrained in their fight against radical Islamic terrorist groups. The Conference will address the ever-increasing challenges western militaries endure defending their civilian populations from terrorists while facing war crimes accusations.

The 2020 conference will feature a dynamic lineup of academics, experts, policymakers and military leaders. They will address the impact of international politics and non-state entities on the Laws of war and current and emerging issues in the fight against terrorism, including the adaptability of the law to the emergence of new technologies, the targeting of financial assets of terrorist groups, the criminal nature of Palestinian "Pay-to-Slay" scheme and the lessons learned from the war in Syria and Iraq.

The Law & War Conference series has been an overwhelming success. Highlights from the 2019 conference included the annual "*Magen Israel*" award ceremony recognizing citizens who fought back against terror as well as keynote speeches by prominent leaders. Participants were privileged to hear from the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, former Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Tony Abbott, former Prime Minister of Australia, the Honorable Senator Joseph Lieberman, Minister Naftali Bennett, Professor Alan Dershowitz, Avi Dichter, former Shin Bet Director and Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, MK Yair Lapid and Gilad Erdan, Israel's Minister for Public Security and Strategic Affairs.



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- Enjoy lectures and workshops taught by leading activists, renowned attorneys, Israeli officials and scholars
- Learn to combat BDS and other anti-semitic movements
- Learn to defend Israel and its soldiers against war crimes allegations
- Field trips to IDF Bases, the Syrian border and military courts
- Network with pro-Israel activists from around the world
- Our fourth annual Law and War Conference will overlap with the Advocacy Seminar. Enjoy cutting-edge lectures and briefings by academics, experts, policy makers and military leaders with a focus on current and emerging issues in the fight against terrorism.
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- This program may be eligible toward CPD credits as substantive hours in Upper Canada, British Columbia and Victoria, Australia.
- Credits for other jurisdictions available upon request
- Discover majestic Jerusalem! Enjoy authentic cuisine, sightseeing and top-notch accommodations

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"Amazing and emotional" is a good description of the seminar. Until that week I didn't know so many lawyers shared my desire to participate in Shurat HaDin legal initiatives. I felt like I had discovered a group of close relatives."

— Seminar Participant, 2015

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WONDERWOMEN MISSION TO ISRAEL

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Since Israel's founding, women have been at the helm of this history-making country. Represented at the forefront of business, politics, and media, as well as on the battlefield and in cutting-edge social endeavors, Israel has truly set the bar for women in leadership.

- Visits with women-only observation units on the Gaza and Lebanon borders, IDF headquarters war rooms operated by female officers, and to the chambers of a Supreme Court Justice, exclusive high-powered women speakers and more...
- Meet with combat soldiers from Israel's first co-ed infantry battalion
- Attend briefings by female government ministers and MKs
- Mission includes 5-star deluxe accommodation throughout the trip, meals and participation in all events and activities.



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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

JULY - AUGUST 2020

LEARN TO DEFEND ISRAEL THROUGH ADVOCACY

- An enrichment program that includes tours to places inaccessible to the general public
- Military courts
- Military bases
- Special tours of important Israeli institutions such as the Israeli Supreme Court and the Israeli Parliament (The Knesset)
- Lectures on relevant legal issues by top experts. Among the topics are Anti-Terror litigation, BDS, free speech issues, international law and war crimes
- Lectures on Middle East current events
- Meetings with senior Israeli officials
- Overnight trip to the northern part of the country, focusing on border and security issues

"The speakers they arranged for us had the direct goal of educating us about various legal matters and introducing us to new perspectives. The lectures and programs were always very interesting and relevant... Through the people, lecturers, programming, and work I truly believe I have gained important new knowledge and dedication towards the mission of Shurat Hadin: the protection of the State of Israel and its citizens. I feel more prepared to continue the fight on my college campus, and eventually in the legal field as well."

— Jordana Schiff, Bachelor student for International Public Relations, McGill University

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MOSSAD MISSION TO ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 2020



HEAR INSIDE STORIES FROM THE LEGENDARY INTELLIGENCE SPY AGENCY

- Go behind the scenes of Israel's legendary Mossad
- Receive briefings from a former head of the Mossad, Officers, Shin Bet Commanders, and IDF intelligence operations officers
- Experience riveting tours to the strategic northern and southern fronts and Gaza border checkpoints
- Visit Sderot and Kibbutz Alumim to hear from local residents about life under the constant threat of mortars, tunnels and kites
- Gain new insight into the intelligence and security challenges faced by Israel and its citizens



PA liable for Second Intifada terror attacks, up to 1b. NIS in damages

THE RULING WAS OBTAINED BY SHURAT HADIN ON BEHALF OF EIGHT VICTIMS' FAMILIES

BY YONAH JEREMY BOB JULY 8, 2019



A child walks in front of a mural painting depicting the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on her way to a school run by United Nations Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) in Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus on August 29, 2018 (photo credit: JAAFAR ASHTIYEH / AFP)

The Palestinian Authority is liable for civil damages for a series of terror attacks carried out mostly during the Second Intifada, the Jerusalem District Court has ruled.

With liability decided against the PA, the court case moves to the next stage where the plaintiffs will need to prove their damages,

which could add up to as much as NIS 1 billion. Shurat Hadin has been pursuing a judgment for years on behalf of eight victims' families and relating to 17 complaints.

The 17 complaints mostly come from the 2000-2002 period of the Second Intifada, including the infamous Ramallah lynch in 2000.

One claim also dated back to 1996 when there was an attack at Joseph's Tomb.

Some of the attacks involve Hamas and Islamic Jihad, but Judge Moshe Drori still held the PA liable based on official PA statements taking credit for all of the terror attacks during the Second Intifada. Drori added that the PA had also sometimes provided logistical or material support to other groups in carrying out the terror attacks.

More broadly, the court held the PA liable not only on the basis of such logistical and material direct support to terrorists, but also on the basis of continued financial support of terrorist prisoners and their families. Going even beyond financial support, the court noted that the PA regularly dedicates street names and other landmarks to terrorists.

Despite these rulings, the court denied arguments against the PA that said it had direct responsibility for certain specific attacks due to general statements of incitement.

Though the ruling was handed down on Sunday, the court spokesperson's office announced the decision for the first time on Monday.

The issue of the PA making "martyrs" payments to terrorists has led to significant public and legal fighting between Israel and the US on one hand, and the PA on the other. Israel and the US have portrayed the payments as support for terror, and both countries recently passed laws to penalize the PA monetarily for continuing the payments.

In response, the PA has been rejecting US and Israeli financial support. Some in the Israeli defense establishment believe that the PA itself could collapse in the near future due to a lack of funds.

Groups in favor of penalizing the PA say that it is grandstanding, and that it is always able to find funds for wealthy top officials and

high-end portions of the West Bank that the PA controls.

Commenting on Monday's decision, Shurat Hadin President Nitsana Darshan-Leitner said that the court's "historic" decision showed that PA leader Yasser Arafat had tried to use war and murder, via the Second Intifada, to obtain concessions from Israel that he had not succeeded in getting through the Oslo negotiations.

With the dramatic decision handed down, the standard question arises on whether there will be any way to collect on any future potential judgment.

In January, the same court placed a temporary lien on a plot of land in Jerusalem owned by Arafat, after Shurat Hadin sought the land as collateral for the claims against the PA. The land in question is mainly situated on the Mount of Olives Cemetery, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.

Darshan-Leitner had told the court that if they won the lawsuit, it would be difficult to collect the compensation from the Arafat estate, and as a result, she requested a lien on the property.

"Yasser Arafat was the grandfather of modern terrorism, responsible for the murder of thousands of innocent men, women and children," said Darshan-Leitner at the time. "This move is one step closer toward justice for the victims and their families. We will not allow a situation in which the Arafat estate can own land in the heart of Jerusalem, while avoiding paying damages to his victims."

Drori himself issued Monday's decision as one of his last upon his retirement, meaning that evidence regarding damages will be held by a different Jerusalem District Court judge.



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