

# The Zionist Lobby: Myth, Reality, or Mythic Reality?

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As in much associated with Zionism and *Talmudic* Judaism,<sup>1</sup> there are two formulae's at work, one for Jews, and one for *goyim*.<sup>2</sup> Among Jews, the Zionists boast of their steam-rolling influence in the affairs of state of all nations of the West and—since the multiple “color revolutions” that have swept the world over the past few decades—many others beside. However, if some *goy*, no matter how knowledgeable and with first-hand expedience, raises the matter of Zionist influence, there are lamentations up to high heaven from Zionist sources that not only deny any such influence exists, but

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insist that it is an “anti-Semitic” myth perpetrated by the ignorant and the delusional.

## **Australian political veterans expose Zionist lobby**

There have recently been in Australia statements in the news media by two of the most eminently qualified Australians able to comment on the power of the “Jewish lobby,” former prime minister Malcolm Fraser, and former foreign minister Bob Carter. One would think that those serving in such positions would know better than virtually anyone else whereof they speak on such matters. However, according to Jewish reactions, apparently not.

In April 2014, Bob Carr stated that the “pro-Israel lobby” exerted “extraordinary power” during his time in Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s cabinet. Carr states of his book *Diary of a Foreign Minister* when dealing with the Israeli lobby:<sup>3</sup>

I found it very frustrating that we couldn’t issue, for example, a routine expression of concern about the spread of Israeli settlements on the West Bank—great blocks of housing for Israeli citizens going up on land that everyone regards as part of the future Palestinian state if there is to be a two-state solution.

The important point about a diary of a foreign minister is you shine light on areas of government that are otherwise in darkness, and the influence of lobby groups is one of those areas.<sup>4</sup>

Carr explained that “I had to resist it, and my book tells the story of that resistance, coming to a climax when there was a dispute on the floor of caucus about my recommendation that we don’t block the Palestinian bid for increased non-state status at the United Nations.”<sup>5</sup>

The national chairman of the Australia-Israel and Jewish Affairs Council, that is to say “the Jewish lobby,” Mark Leibler, retorted that such a lobby is “a figment of his [Carr’s] imagination.”

Just unpick for a moment what he’s saying. He’s talking about the Jewish lobby, he’s talking about a difference of opinion between him and the prime minister. Why can’t they have a difference of opinion on a matter related to Israeli policy? No, if there’s a difference of opinion ... the prime minister has to be wrong because she’s controlled by the Jewish lobby. How does the Jewish lobby control the prime minister? Through donations to the ALP and sending people to Israel. I mean, give me a break. Would anyone seriously accept that?<sup>6</sup>

Let us “unpick for a moment” what Mr. Leibler is saying. What exactly is the purpose of Mr. Leibler’s organization if not to act as the “Jewish lobby” and the “pro-Israel lobby in Australia”? Mr. Leibler insists that his organization is no different from any other “community lobby”:

“Julia Gillard is an independent-thinking woman. She can come to her own conclusions without being influenced by the Jewish lobby,” he said. He says the council’s lobbying of governments is no different to other community organisations. “When we’ve got an issue which is a serious one, which needs to be raised, we haven’t had a problem in getting access to either ALP or Liberal prime ministers or foreign ministers and so it should be,” he said. “Any representative of a community organisation, if they’ve got something serious to say, they’ll get the access.”<sup>7</sup>

Did Australia's Russian community have any influence when Tony Abbott threatened to "shirtfront"<sup>8</sup> president Vladimir Putin amidst growing contrived world hysteria against Russia?<sup>9</sup> Imagine the reaction if something similar was said about some Israeli politician. What would be the response if someone threatened to "shirtfront" Mr. Leibler? One would hear the brouhaha from Melbourne to Jerusalem and back to New York and Miami...

Mr. Leibler also stated that "he was able to raise concerns with Ms. Gillard in the same way he raised them with former Australian prime ministers Kevin Rudd, John Howard, Paul Keating, Bob Hawke and Malcolm Fraser."<sup>10</sup>

Ironically, of the last named, Malcolm Fraser, a prime minister for the Australian Liberal Party (conservative) spoke out just the following month of his own experiences with the "Jewish lobby" in precisely the same manner as his Labor Party opponent, Mr. Carr. Like Mr. Carr, Mr. Fraser's opinions were deemed irrational, in fact outright "mad." Again, the comments came from Mr. Leibler, who presumably has a stock answer to anyone who questions the Jewish lobby; *his* lobby.

While being interviewed on his new book *Dangerous Allies*<sup>11</sup> during an interview with ABC Radio Melbourne broadcaster Jon Faine, Mr. Fraser said that Bob Carr was "absolutely correct" in his view on the Israel lobby. *The Australian Jews News* took up the story:

Asked by Faine if he agreed that "the pro-Israel and in particular Jewish community lobby in Australia wielded too much power", Fraser responded, "They certainly do." When Faine suggested other religious, ethnic and communal groups, like the Italian community, also lobbied the government, Fraser said, "I don't think the Italian community, just to take one example, try to get us to follow any particular policies in relation to Italy. And that's the difference ... The Jewish community seek to get Australia to support policies as defined by Israel."<sup>12</sup>

## USS Liberty: Zionists in denial

Mr. Fraser mentioned the sustained Israeli attack on the USS Liberty in 1967, during which 34 U.S. servicemen were killed and 171 injured. When bizarrely challenged by Faine, he alluded to information that he had received as prime minister. This particularly incensed Mr. Leibler, who said he was “absolutely appalled” by the remarks. Mr. Leibler said: “To make these allegations about Israel deliberately targeting Americans when there’s no evidence to support it, when successive inquiries by both the Americans and the Israelis have demonstrated that this was an accident, I just think it is appalling beyond description.”<sup>13</sup> That “successive inquiries” have claimed there was no calculation on the part of Israel to attack the USS Liberty, that it was all an error, albeit one that was of long duration, perpetrated on a very distinctive looking ship that was displaying a thirteen foot American flag, is itself indicative of the power of the Zionist lobby. To achieve findings so contrary to what has been exposed time after time as an Israeli atrocity which, if undertaken by any other state, would have resulted in American military retaliation, indicates a power with few comparisons.

Australian Zionist Federation president Danny Lamm referred to ten U.S. and three Israeli inquiries into the USS Liberty incident, all affirming the Israeli “accident.”<sup>14</sup> There are many accounts, documents, and reports on the facts of the USS Liberty, but the Zionist apologists remain in denial. The servicemen aboard the Liberty never forgot and some have been vocal despite attempts to have had them silenced. A 2007 story from the *Chicago Tribune* quotes one Liberty veteran as stating that Israel “tried to lie its way out of it,” not believing that four Israeli fighters could mistake the USS Liberty for “an Egyptian horse-cavalry transport that was half its size and had a dissimilar profile.” Declassified documents show that the U.S. National Security Agency protected Israel when the NSA had received reports of the attack. The American 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet launched and withdrew at last twice Navy aircraft that could have prevented 26 further deaths on the Liberty. Tony Hart, the chief petty officer

handling communications between the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet and Washington, was told that the Navy aircraft must be recalled as President Johnson was not going to embarrass Israel “over a few sailors.”<sup>15</sup> For Leibler, et al, to indignantly call Fraser irrational over the Liberty attack requires what might be termed one heck of a lot of *chutzpah*.

The war drums were beating from the USA and elsewhere when Russian “influence” was alleged to have been the result of the downing of a Malaysian airliner over the Ukraine, on the basis of no convincing evidence. Yet Zionist apologists are still claiming the innocence of Israel nearly fifty years after the Liberty event, during which time Israeli culpability has been well and truly established. One might wonder whether at the back of these affirmations of Israel’s enduring innocence and perpetual victimhood is the belief that the “elect nation of G-d” is ordained to inflict whatever curses it sees fit upon the *goyim* as in Old Testament days? Certainly one looks in vain for any sign of remorse from the Israeli State for any of its miscreant actions since 1948, and of Zionist terrorism even before then.

### **“Financially powerful and politically influential”**

Mr. Leibler recalled the warm relations that existed between Fraser and the Zionist lobby during the 1980s.<sup>16</sup> It is often the case that the politicians who seemed the most craven towards Israel during their terms of office discover their backbones—or freedom—years after retirement.

While Mr. Leibler states that the Zionist lobby’s associations with Australian prime ministers are what amounts to bland, routine matters, and even that there is no lobby, in 2003 the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies stated that:

The Jewish community is a substantial body, well-organized, financially powerful and politically influential. Due principally to [Bob] Hawke’s passionate dedication to Israel and friendship with the

likes of Peter Abeles and Frank Lowy, and despite constant courtship by [John] Howard, it has generally supported Labor.<sup>17</sup>

Read that again, if necessary, albeit a statement that no longer seems to be on the Board's website. The NSW Jewish Board stated that the "Jewish community" is "financially powerful and politically influential." This is an example of Jews boasting of their power among themselves. If a *goy* comments on such Jew-to-Jew affairs he is declared to be an "anti-Semite," irrational, imaginative, as indeed Carr and Fraser have found out.

## **Jewish financial clout**

The above named Frank Lowy, a veteran of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, global shopping mall magnate, is founder of Westfield Holdings, which gives large contributions to both the Australian Labor and Liberal parties. In 2002 Westfield entered U.K. politics, and paid consultancy fees to then Labor prime minister Tony Blair's chief Middle East adviser, Lord Michael Levy, although it was conceded that Lord Levy did not have any experience in developing shopping malls. *The Melbourne Age* reported that "The head of Westfield's British operation, Peter Allen, confirmed the company was attempting to enhance its political clout in Britain."<sup>18</sup> Other big funders of the Labor and Liberal parties have been Jewish businesses notables such as John Saunders, who co-founded Westfield Holdings; Harry Triguboff (Meriton Apartments); Rodney Adler (FAI Insurance Group), a close friend of Malcolm Turnbull when he was treasurer of the Liberal Party, the latter having been head of the Australian branch of Goldman Sachs. According to the *Australian Jewish News*, five of the ten wealthiest Australians are Jewish, giving substance to the 2002 NSW Jewish Board view that the community is financially and politically powerful.<sup>19</sup>

Triguboff, for example, a donor to both the Liberal and Labor parties, turned off “the flow of donations” to the New South Wales Labor Party in a “furious backlash” against the state government’s property tax changes.<sup>20</sup> While the bout was not related to Israel or Zionism, it is an example of the way such donors will use their money to change politics and Triguboff, for one, has been very prominent in Jewish interests. Mark Leibler’s own firm, Arnold Bloch Leibler, donates to the Liberal Party.<sup>21</sup> When President George W. Bush visited Australia in 2003, Mark Leibler was one of a select few invited by prime minister John Howard to a barbecue for the president.<sup>22</sup>

While Mr. Leibler and Co. wax indignant about the anti-Semitism and even the lunacy of Malcolm Fraser and Bob Carr, two politicians coming from the top of Governance; from opposing political parties, yet stating precisely the same conclusions, they are not alone. Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, when retired, like Carr and Fraser, wrote a book, this one specifically aimed at Israel; *Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid*. He referred to “the deep impediment to criticizing Israeli policy” due to the influence of the Jewish lobby. The Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith which, if noting else, has proved over its history since 1913 the reality of the power of the Jewish lobby by its own activities, replied that Carter had given ammunition to Muslims, Arabs and anti-Semites.<sup>23</sup> It is the retort of Zionists the world over indicating that Zionism has nothing to confound such facts; just *ad hominem*, perhaps if serious enough, coupled with the destruction of one’s career or livelihood.

## **Across the ditch**

Even the backwater of New Zealand has had several significant examples of how quickly one’s career can be destroyed if offending Israel’s sensibilities. Award winning cartoonist Malcolm Evans, who had worked for the *Auckland Herald* for many years, had his employment promptly terminated when the pressure was applied due

to his cartoons opposing Israeli policies. While *Herald* editor Gavin Ellis tried to deny that Evans was removed for his criticism of Israel, Television One News reported:

The *Herald* newspaper has sacked its award-winning cartoonist following a censorship row. Malcolm Evans was dismissed after drawing a series of cartoons criticising the Israeli government's treatment of the Palestinian people. Some Jews complained about the cartoon which used the Star of David as a symbol of Israel. Goeff Levy of the Auckland Jewish Council said: "The apartheid cartoon was offensive to Judaism and members of the Jewish community." But Evans refused to be censored about what he draws. He said *Herald* management tried to stop him drawing any more cartoons about Israel.<sup>24</sup>

Around the same time, Dr. Joel Hayward had his career broken as a university defense lecturer in New Zealand through intense pressure from the Jewish lobby, to the extent that he became unemployable in regard to any job here and had a nervous breakdown. In 2011, Hayward was again harassed, having been tracked to England. German language doctoral student Hans Kupka was disgracefully hounded out of Waikato University when the same Zionist interests mobilized against him as they had Hayward, with one Dr. Dov Bing, to the fore.<sup>25</sup> In Christchurch, New Zealand, Canterbury University historian Dr. Thomas A. Fudge resigned his position when an issue of the history department's journal was pulped because of his scholarly article on the Hayward saga.<sup>26</sup> The same shenanigans were attempted against this writer in 2008 by Dr. Bing, threatening a \$NZ300,000 libel suit when academic ineptitude, and more, of which he was a part, was exposed. This was augmented by media smears, tertiary union strike threats, and a craven Vice Chancellor, Roy Crawford, who did not even have the gumption to reprimand Dr. Bing when he was shown to have lied about

Crawford's own assistant and the university's lawyer, Gillian Spry. Would anyone other than a Zionist be able to get away with this type of behavior year after year?

## Americans speak out

Indeed, it is after facing vendettas from Jewish lobbies that some who, like Carter, Fraser, and Carr, have hit back and exposed Zionist machinations. Paul Findley, U.S. Congressman for Illinois for 22 years, came into conflict with the Zionist lobby in 1972, having been appointed to the Congressional Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. He promptly found his career ended, he wrote a compilation of those who "confront Israel's Lobby." In *They Dare to Speak* he explains that

Eight short years later my involvement in Middle East politics would bring me infamy among many U.S. Jews, notoriety in Israel and applause throughout the Arab world. By 1980, in urban centers of pro-Israel activism—far from the local Jews in central Illinois who knew and trusted me, I found myself in the most expensive Congressional campaign in state history. Thanks to the flow of hostile dollars from both coasts and nearby Chicago, I became "the number one enemy of Israel" and my re-election campaign the principal target of Israel's lobby.<sup>27</sup>

General George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, responding to a question following a lecture at Duke Law School in 1974, stated that the power of the Israeli lobby is 'so strong you wouldn't believe it.' Brown explained that when the Israeli's wanted something from Congress they stated: "Don't worry about Congress; we'll take care of congress." Now, this is somebody from another country but they can do it. They own, you know, the banks in this country, the newspapers, you just look at where the Jewish money is

in this country.”<sup>28</sup> This was greeted naturally with cries about anti-Semitism.

The iconic Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright confronted the Israeli lobby. This most experienced of Senators said during a “Face the Nation” CBS television interview in 1973 that:

The Senate is subservient to Israel, in my opinion much too much. We should be more concerned about the United States interest rather than doing the bidding of Israel. This is a most unusual development. The great majority of the Senate of the United States—somewhere around 80 percent—are completely in support of Israel, anything Israel wants. This has been demonstrated time and again and this has made it difficult for our government.<sup>29</sup>

It was the widespread belief in Jewish influence that persuaded the British War Cabinet to agree to the Balfour Declaration, on the assumption that Jews held sway over the U.S. Government to the extent of being able to push the USA into the world war.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, is it “anti-Semitism,” or informed comment, based on deep, first-hand experience, to refer to the power of the Zionist lobby? When political, military and diplomatic leaders of western states all come to the same conclusions, whether they are conservatives or liberals, left, right or center, over the course of decades, might we not ask legitimately whether such Zionist power is a reality rather than a “delusion”?

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