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Good evening and welcome to Bucknell occupied here on 90.5 WPB) tonight I got to guests in the studio with me Miko Peled was a guest here on campus. He is an Israeli peace activist here. Talk about issues of the condition of the occupied territories, West Bank and Gaza, what peace activism looks like in Israel and what it means to talk about justice for the Palestinians from the United States context, also in studio with me is Michael Drexler, Prof. of history, sorry English sitting in the history department and getting my geographies confused so Michael Drexler, Prof. of history. He invited Miko Peled to campus and will be joining our conversation so thank you both for being in the studio with me tonight. sure. So Miko, I'd like to ask you how you got to start by just asking to talk a little bit about your own experience and how was that you became an activist. So show the way, I became a, I grew up in Jerusalem, a very patriotic, Zionist family, my dad was a general, and I have a grandfather who signed the declaration of independence, all these important people were part of my family and so that was my upbringing, and I say this mostly just as a prelude to the fact that when I talk about Israel and know all the things I just know the stuff not from reading about it, but from having lived through it, and sat at the dinner table with the people who made it happen, and that was my upbringing. And then later on in life I changed because of ideological political change. Unfortunately, the changes happen when we encounter in my case, my sister little girls forced all of us looks is as well to rethink the patriotism rethink is really think about the issue of dive deeper or deep into it and then I began to engage Palestinians to be posted in the US already so it was all US and whereas growing up drizzle. I never met Palestinians. States that was after the start hearing that there's no story. History is a narrative that I never forced me to reflect what I believe. I don't believe all I know they all united semi killers. Arabs are the serious people and I realize they can't all be liars. They can all be killers are not ACTUALLY very intelligent, educated people. So friends of mine. So I began that journey at the points journey. This logos on some 20 years later. But that journey forced me to leave the comfort of the white privilege sphere were works of the slight water rose up a fine to this other sphere of the Palestinians live wears a completed reality. Five drive from where I grew up I lived five drive different electricity and water were there is water. It's it's it's it's limited on should memorize the day potholes everywhere. There's nothing develop this kind of dusty and dirty and this is not the same thing. The first reaction is what's wrong with these people actively can live the way we do one thing the fix the potholes not complete on The physical work will eventually realize that up to them because later controlled things they occupied the other pressed I coming from this very privileged life. Assume that they have privileges and it is, together with the reality is they did not have religions

they live in entirely different set of laws that rules reality and some Palestinians Archie citizens of the state of Israel. They live in a time of life. I was or other juice citizens. So that was really the main lesson that I learned as a result of my journey and that forcibly to become active to speak out protests to be more Palestinians as a writing and enrich the political inclusions that I reached that I speak missing as you're talking you talk about how even know you live five minutes away right I can think such a different world wondered the kinds of stories that Israeli Jews are told about the condition of Palestinian peoples that prevent them from practicing this is a problem well is is just know what the problems are. They don't think that a the words everybody can see you drive in draft of the highways and drive through different neighborhoods. It's inevitable that you see Palestinian neighborhoods, almost inevitably signals in towns, but the assumption is something wrong with them. They're not as developed because they're just less sophisticated than we were smarter, more developed than earlier because of your were civilized. They're not all falls down to all these terribly racist characterizations of the other is nothing unique about it. It's the same in every country will replacement reality seven colonialism was imported from Europe and took deep roots in the same racism in the same characteristics of the other. So there dirty delays in their violent and irrational thought they live. Nothing to do with us all things we've done, so that's a conversation. As for the violence. Well, they hate us because they hate is due to Arabs and a Visio similar language in a lot as Jews. This is our land first and Lisa for the Holocaust and you know how to suffer no exile all these thousands of years of direct combat with the means have to have a strong army would have a strong army, they can go home at 11 justified the perfect picture. There is no there no dents, no holes. It's a perfect picture perfect and were always right there always will. And so it's always and that's how Israelis survive. That's what they see country much like narratives United States tells himself to write about its presence here. Can you talk to us a bit about the expansion of settlements in the occupied territories well that the listener just dignity is the fact when they will say occupied territories. It sounds a little bit like the saying that occupied parts of the reality is that there are no territories that are not occupied all of Israel is now the majority of Palestine was occupied by his real 1948, was established by 80% remaining 20% was left out of the beginning of the occupied that 20 years later in today all of Palestine is occupied by Israel. Now, when when Israel was established on 80% of Palestine, which they destroyed. They built towns and cities, highways and shopping malls and farms and everything for Jews only about 20 is later when they took the remaining 20% of the West Bank strip. They built the same thing that cities and towns and farms, and I was in Moscow Jews only on housing land as well so I don't solicit difference between the two parts of the country, the happen to pocket inhabitant to stages. These identities occupied the entire country is governed by a violent racist regime which gave itself a very nice name Israel biblical story could sound like it's the legitimacy three no different than any other than South Africa apartheid in South Africa for where excessive colonialism and systemic racism and its government and state that has created such segregation that I could grow up in Jerusalem five minutes away from Boston in neighborhoods and never meet about and have nothing to do posted that's how effective it was a visit before the wall for checkpoints. So that's a reality. So that is so this is of course that this there there expanding cities and towns for Jews at the expense of dolphins or the entire country in the area of the stimulus bacchanal ecology

in Samaria and Galilee deserts. Jerusalem, everywhere across the country. Their building towns and cities highways for Jews and exclude the Palestinians and it's all about the planets always involved in water so you've been talking you can using this framework of settler colonialism bank which has come up for people who listen to the show regularly come up more than one time over the course of this, can you talk specifically about the operations of settler colonialism within the state of Israel and then talk about what the ultimate fishing is from the vantage point of the state of Israel of the future of the Palestinian people will is that the concept of dualism. The kid of Palestine is somewhat unique because these were Jewish people who turn away from religion turned away from heritage and decided to grade national identity and so that's really what size business. It's an ideology that was created in order to justify so they did was they said Jews are no longer not really a religion. Jewish people are a nation then they sad the Bible. The Old Testament is not afraid it's a history book and those can the others Moses and Jacob and David Solomon always think and they treated as history even though there's actually no historical, no stubble findings that that that that justified calling history the dog up the country for decades and is not a single shred of evidence that was conveyed but the use that as history is that this is an et al. taught in schools. The Old Testament is.as is history, not as of the prophetic. And then I said Palestine is outlined history people have ever country and the problem is the people in exile doesn't take out just know unjustly by the Romans, 2000 and find so there was this very beautiful story that was created in order to justify the second colonialism in the beginning, most Jews looked at it last as absurd deliver all these Arabs of these Europeans is that among these Arabs and then there was acting very little response from communities and all offenders rabbis came against it was its elected absurd. This is when 1920s. This was that, as is earlier back is 1900 and all major rabbis around the world, Eastern Europe and Africa. I everywhere assisted up and Palestine in Jerusalem city crazy designs of the big violent terrible things you know and they did not accept any of the press. The Zionist lozenge Zionism was built upon. But now, 70 years later they did of you know we know they did a really good job in selling and marketing and pushing for the establishment. Think of the state of Israel, and they created a new thing in a nation of Israel is relevant, like myself, were not of people. We don't speak any of the languages that are grandparents spoke we know very little about her own roots religious roots as Jews. But now we have his identity: Israeli nothing compared to whites in South Africa there there. The results of the colonialism out there Africans so we are Israelis where this new thing happy. Lastly, identity is Israeli. That's the languages because even with a song that's the culture and swam sitting on his identity so is unique in that way now and and I think the goal is been reached is not like something they're trying to achieve their Concorde comedy targeted they consider to be the land of Israel, which involved off-line establish themselves state there that they legitimized by the world strong army. They are supportive of all all countries in the West basics importance state of Israel and their debt have to deal with what they call this problematic population that is part of that by the landscape. That's what have to start Monica's problematic population lives in these pockets throughout. Arabs try to get him out to them about the reality so that's, that's, that's, that's about Israel you're listening to 90.5 WPB whisper I sent to hearing just to push a little bit like what is the ultimate goal that Palestinians disappear of their own choice, right or in fact, from the perspective of

the state of Israel is the ultimate goal of state policy to annihilate constantly what I think it's interesting is doing three things Olson time is been engaged in genocide and ethnic cleansing and supposedly part energy so to do all three. And when I say this uses terms in a people are shocked how to say is he choose whatever commit genocide will take a look at the definition of genocide should take a look at what's been happening for seven decades in Palestine by this call, Israel and Tel Aviv. The religious differences in rates. If you know since it's almost identical to look at the definition of the cleansing. See what Israel is done for seven decades and it's a constant process of killing is a constant process of pushing people out by lots of different ways and there's more than one way to bog all trucking and drive amount you can make life impossible to deny the water. You can harass the children. They do all the above you make and make create a sense that the children of the future. So in the regime that was imposed on Palestine from the very beginning from the moment state is established was the part that is either a privilege to me. Extensive alternate new people myself. And so that's so they wanted to come out they will kill them and they want people pressed all the same time and then maybe 100 years and will be less costly but expect that they'll be completely will disappear as a practical product related to the public good Silica have to be ongoing reality. All these things all these three things happen all the same time. Fortunately, no stated society strong and robust and highly educated and is not going anywhere as he knows not succeed, so it's just a question of people constant throughout the world rally garage support so they don't end up like you know the Americans that genocide is exceeded and that's the vision just to keep going and it's interesting as Israel's elections coming up and the word laughed. You know, I think, even when people drive they wanted to 70 turned left and say that word because the word left is become like such a terrible thing to be categorized in the so everything is everything everybody wants some of both is on the right of something else better than some of you of the reality and in Israel right left Austin with Palestine.no comics or it's mostly Palestine how much you're willing to kill her, gradually so that's the reality show back in back in the late 90s. There's a lot of conversation around like what if I bring one state solution might look like night what what if the discourse around that at this point. Well, there's very little discourse inside his side as that of the temple talks about a nobody talks about a non-Zionist reality so there's no conversation that, except for the very French but is it about a single democracy is been around since the very early on for decades and then as a political platform posted in national movement brought that 60s division is a peaceful vision and today it's talked about again by people get on the outside because when you look at Palestine realizes all the one option if you believe in peace and justice and you see the oppression of violence is an option which is stenciling part of his mental state of Israel and replacing of democracy, legal rights, personal and vote with the return of Jesus, and progress rations another way to forward unless you accept the reality today which says Israel has a right to exist. You will and to the dance. Now this conversation is back again and got some people say what was going on. Despite his is right to do is doing all Israel find other people like myself and Michael say this is absurd to accept this people stand up and say the strongest, like apartheid and other resistant genes fell. Can you talk to us a bit about the state of activism in Israel, not on the right. But on the left, right, people who are actually involved to different degrees in peace activism monies actually look like it's very poor as a small fridge friend of mine, a wonderful writer and

activist organize. She wrote in this is really stress on Facebook. The small Israeli publication told them make and she wrote about this particular area in Jerusalem shifted off, which has been the subject of ethnic cleansing first couple decades, and in the beginning there was a very robust protest every Friday. Every weeks to support the population from the this campaign about taking the homes and I mean it's it's Rent-A-Center. The city, its not like summer that Satan is having a broad daylight suffers, the police, they throw the people out. That's it, straight and juice. No settlers or their homes is like and now all these years later there's a new wave of this ethnic cleansing, so the protesters are back Jesus in the meantime, all the families are not liberally how did we let this happen. And that's typical of what happens in Israel for its abysmal people, so the source they can do so implicitly can be in the zone recently fight fight besides that it's kind of it's it's a little sleepy sleepy left no minutes of the father. I can't blame it on the plane. The reality is that it's very small. It's insignificant, has no political power whatsoever and is only so much that is small do in that kind of environment throughout support from outside message cc's campaigns and the cleansing going on you know over the country. You know terrible thing about the incident examples as you go to jail something visually citizens him or not the reality – for your views on that some breaking assignment sure these are NGOs are not really activists so the NGOs are whole different category activism because they know they rely on on on fundraising so they have to limit their political discourse left political limit their activism, which in my view, is a big problem because I did some is is is monitoring a reservation they monitoring the rights violations and they have to be very careful not stick so very careful with those parameters and records that are under a lot of pressure. Israel's diet disappeared in one breaking the silence have to limit themselves well maybe because that's on the file because their budget is over. The result of Christians by funders that their perspective is unit we serve in the Army we did these terrible things now are breaking the sound with what we did and they stop short of saying all young people should refuse to serve in the military because this will make you do you should refuse the orders of in uniform should refuse being drafted nonuniform yet they stop short of saying that again because of the limitations imposed on maybe the self-imposed they have to live with those within those parameters, because the gel to be these that's that's part of the problem that you have people who perhaps if they could go all the way but is missing the target on purpose, but even they asked that the small group of people in smaller positions among people in both of them at both Patel and breaking the silence in the considered the enemy to consider traders by the state and by the society. So we switched the US context. Can you just talk about like the social costs of activism. Well I can't say that I have dictated a price mean I have more friends and more robust social networking political network to me with all of the thing you know, perhaps, a few friends and speak to me this some tension at home. Families of effectively visiting speaking it's all I was his life, and I think it is probably true. It certainly revving out a few have started people to through the stances of agenda speaking as Israelis as privileged people we we live, we risk mean the worst thing that happened to be having today's accident and I spent 20,000 prison. That's it thousand Austin and get story problems entering the country leaving the country traveling the country. You know you are further protest if I push hard in the iMac interested interested agenda treated with kid gloves in my lawyer anyhow calls immediately coffee. In other words, it's not the kind of interrogation where you sell

without light bulb that the subpoena beating report so as privileged be enjoyed a privileged even. But I'm becoming socially this price today is people who cares. So I adjacent my and my experience on personal experience is quite the opposite blessing to sacrifice that's really a commentary like the strength of the sinus discourse fact that more people aren't in fact speaking of course it revisited the self-righteousness that I'd seen before. It's it's it's incredible know I mean American skin will have the Americans ever seen a Native American live near a Native American follower. The Americans in Iraq or Afghanistan or Oregon Japan were due to bonding due to bombs dropped and he did so. So distance that well. I've never seen a mom never heard him and I know they live in Israelis never lived more than five minutes away from Boston in town or from a Palestinian town was destroyed and their houses built on right hourly University of restaurant to go to the building they work at is probably built on trust district of Homer Cemetery or something. So it's right there in saliva if the self-righteousness of sins that will be our fault is it is really amazing, but everything points to is that the apartheid is really apartheid is learned a lot from South Africans and other racist regimes in that even in situations like this activists there is there's a privilege and absolute privilege that we have all things about have cited be arrested exact in place, the accuser, the exaction violation is involved in anti-one-way night and day, night and day. You know they get they get handcuffed, shackled, stinky breath bag is thrown over there had to throw the Jeep. Their cake beaten by time to reach the seller to be thrown forgot is how long already beaten and tortured the denied water anything basically something. I mean, I sometimes I get handcuffed, sometimes I don't think my phones don't usually lay dogs government water, when I'm sitting at the interrogation questioning of things of his office, offering a cacophony I don't have backups on its over pleasant to completely tonight experience so you those conditions that the apartheid provides privilege to me. That's how it is so deep it is to switch switch frames now. You've been living in the United States for many many years obviously been here for long time as well. So from United States bank, the dominant discourse is about the way in which Israel is under attack night, both from the international community but also from Palestinian terrorists right to what is, it can break it down for us. Why is it that the United States has such a case, fixed and dominant vision of what actually happened, but I think it's because or is a result of the fact that it's the early Zionists had put together a really smart team of spokespeople. My grandfather was one of the other posters home where selected by it was advertised 1920. He's going speaking about the conditions in the land of Israel, and they were all there, all shaded in their clean-shaven acknowledged lectures there all highly educated doctors and professors as assistant will not. They spoke five languages. They drink tea drink brandy like they look just like perfect white Europeans which is one spoke very well in every language that they spoke all five very articulate, so they're able to travel around the world and spread this new gospel land of Israel, you know, embrace it and embrace their homeland and the wonderful island and his whole idea that were people of land land without people, but they did with the people that their people there but not people are important not to worry about and give them the issue and integrate job so that was this this this is a prelude to what is today known as lobby. They were already doing all this lobbying they're already in the halls of power. Over the last and were accepted in the bricks love them French and American submit of them. Then you had not said so they sedate so they sold this decision they sold was narrative

that these fortunes. They're going to be living in this place of the Arabs and those that after all suffering and then you have the narrative the start after established wars. Well, the way these wars are portrayed is these evil Arabs are coming to kill these poor Jews who finally come back after all these thousands of years ago and now they killed by these Arabs and it's only loaded after the Holocaust of the Nazis. Give them a little of this board is a very powerful narrative, its biblical and romantic into Roenick's secret how can you where you can begin if you want to challenge it. It's tough because it touches on all on all the nerve endings/romance and heroism Bible the whole exit. This is so exit is was a trailer. It's enough to make you throw up so nauseating. But that's the story that's look that's that's so, so powerful that it was perpetuated by very smart, talented salespeople and today continues now America on top of that has this system allows lobbying to have pharmaceuticals in the end and the weapons benefactors and always other horrifying you know into a people of interest groups are there and there they are, the more they get is a very good lobby homes different groups and refrigeration and defamation league. All of that already. The same thing. They're all up to doing with the system allows them to do their using the tools that America American politics lozenges, so I don't know if America politicians really care about is the other that they know work do they need to do. The gospel is, otherwise they might job and that's Santa that probably the largest group of Zionists in the United States are Christian and they raise more money than to support patient support Israel's side is ridiculous because this is robust is healthy. You know that is of the need for a for example, and then it's a delete always other money that's coming from all these other groups are sending them on his visa forms... No Israelis who are hungry is present. Carbon is it's not country the needs for hate, it's a developed country that defeated many are in many many many armies. Many times, getting foreign aid on top of the four-day event always other groups like collect evangelists like friends of these really on the fence of the IDF always I mean is really socialist and swimming dollar bills. I think you know. And unlike cigars with them if they wanted to get my money because physical hazard powerful and always very talented agents that are using the American political system to push in a way that you have to support his, so that's that's why it is the way it is and I think now it seems like it might be a crack like it might be a crack in the halls of power states with a couple members of Congress. The supporting call to boycott Israel. There is a bill that was presented last on the sofa will be presented in this Congress to make sure that Israel that money to ghosted Israel does not go to tortured attention of the children talk about the detention of torture as children of Israel as a crack. Now it's tough battle to open door to you. This is kind of talking with Nico Trexler assignment to think about what the costs are of speaking out against Israel from the United States, right, and I'd like to start a conversation through discussing PDS but we can expand and and and talk about how the indications for campus activism in just a little bit your supporter PDS that maybe people today in here who are not so familiar with what that means it can. You can walk us through what the meaning of that is well little over 10 years ago Austin society came out of the call to the rest of the world, to impose boycott section is and this is the largest said to be the largest coalition of apostate nations and individuals ever agree on something this big. And basically the call for gases to be demands that I think are very reasonable remedial and they are in the military occupation of the liturgy mothers to the military regime in Palestine to allow for equal rights to costings and

Israelis and to allow the researcher. I don't know what could be more reasonable. I mean, to end the no circulation. This primitive consensus in others. Consensus editions resolutions you know everybody talks about the need to and condition of the Hispanic military regimes where it still existed equal rights. Where's the argument them and how can anybody justify racism dismisses patient exist between Jews and on as Roosevelt and the right of return. That is not about things were forced off their land. Some seven decades ago not be allowed to return many of them have the keys to the homes the deeds to the land, even where there was a highway built on the town. They can still go around the highway shortly whether house with the basic premise of the state of Israel is a Jews are returning after the thousand, so that you thousand year claim has exhibited a 70 year claim several of setting that those of the demands that is Nicole based on the experience that device in South Africa. South Africa everybody spoke to activists of Blacks why colored everybody of all races, of all genders of all political persuasions, said BDS boycott the sanctions help South Africa tremendously in radio and now we as South Africans want to see the same happening thousand boxes of evidence, probably as a nation's biggest supporters. Both find so that's so how can I not supported anybody who believes in justice who believes in equality believes in freedom, not support a call to boycott a regime that is denying these things from a donation on part of the problem by people of the problem. Zombie supporter is big badge and says yes on things very important people support standard. Now the other side design is to come up with all of these stories as why BDS is that Israel has an entire government ministry dedicated to fighting the BDS. The PDS of the disk amount article paper side how BDS people are and working together with terrorist with known terrorist organizations, all kinds of nonsense now to Israel. Of course any Palestinian who poses terrorist. These collaborations are legitimated as far as I can see even if they you know a benefit as as as they do exist. Chuck Schumer and other Zionist politicians and I decided this was anti-Semitic will show was innocent look at the demands and I don't know the answer is easy somehow saying that freedom and justice and equality are incompatible with Jewish values as a reasoning ability saying that that is anti-Semitic and nonexistent observe this it absolutely absurd argument. No, and it was interesting that when I have the discussion in the Senate days ago the junior Sen. from Maryland was escaped me home. Holland gave Britain what I thought was a good very long speech which of course he explained how much he loves his supports Israel supports a leftist is not brought why legislation against boycott Israel is wrong and that scares these rallies and that scares a pack more than anybody more than us sitting in his room because this guy Sen. claim support Israel but opposes a very very important part of what is been Israeli strategy and size strategy which is to criminalize BDS lies the culture boycott only states can overhear working on for a lifetime of passing legislation. So that's the story of the boycott. You know it's it's it's legitimate. It's works it's dedicated his nonviolent its principal. I don't know how anybody who says they support freedom, justice or quality cannot support against enough TV look at the ways in which support her BDS has become associated rhetorically with anti-Semitism fairies effort on going to criminalize it, or prohibited, and when it's crept into many different areas of life structure you know the case of the teacher down in Texas who a few months ago went to read her contract 19 is exactly right she was. She was reading her contract related all of a sudden included a provision prohibiting her from supporting BDS if she were to be

employed by the state of Texas Holland cited all the cases Raleigh Westside several cases where this was going on is that how can we agree to this river cemented rights in America and so it was wonderful because he cited all of those cases that how absurd it was time to this they did is they redefines anti-Semitism so anti-Semitism is not racism Jews anymore. Anti-Semitism is criticism of Israel asked them to say that Israel is a racist endeavor which if you look at it. I don't know what else you describe it as but a racist endeavor that is anti-Semitism. So it's very easy because you change the definition and then you can accuse people want nine-day night is date is not they want and now this thing and state-by-state universities, political parties, all excepting this new force to accept this new definition and they do not everybody's in anti-Semites of four 771 cemented his newly changed definition is the opposite. That's what they do not write it in the context of university campuses at Lancaster to spend some time thinking through that right. Often times these debates become like most prominent on university campuses and a lot of attention in recent years to BDS activism for so-called pro-Palestinian activism on campuses in the way in which that is that is perceived and taken on a national level as being in fact anti-Semitic my cooking. If you, my talking was a little bit about the way in which Palestinian politics play out on university campuses in the United States. The government follows from one ago has said about how the US government bears interest groups. The changing definition of anti-Semitism has also enabled or perhaps encouraged Jewish students on college campuses to feel that they are under assault. Anytime Israel is challenged so and this is happening about now. Right now, so you Rabbi, Leslie Glaser announced that students Jewish students in particular support group to deal with the presence of invidious campuses and that should be treated as traumatic event as an anti-Semitic event even within the house walls of university. This is a shame because first and foremost, there are many Jewish activists is myself support BDS Jews are not a monolith United States or around the globe and I think the challenge for American juices to not outsource our identity to design is an unfortunate byproduct of how the US is positioned itself vis-à-vis Jewish students at Hillel at what other organizations that they're involved in on-campus do not need to declare allegiance to Israel or to design is to be there faith community are to be there to be there there cultural and ethnic also said Jewish values themselves, if embraced would be very consistent with the demands such very unfortunate because some in Amicus talk here has received tremendous press critical press from Zionist organizations in the country and it's almost a hysteria around the presences of man's dedicated peaceful resolution of conflict you tuned into 90.5 WPB is Frank hi, we can explore that a bit more what happened specifically here on the campus right in the ways in which I your presence here, particularly renting steer support for BDS is being represented us into my controversial eye to what what is the function of representing things that way. I sent this particular university. I just think it's amazing to think that there are two sides to this argument with critics of visit have sent me as well. Should present only one side of this debate should have stated he shouldn't have a platform on South have represented Zionist physicians to stand next ancestors are confused and I wish that scientists would justly articulate about what it is that they are for and for too long they've been a lot to hide behind a veil of that beautiful narrative and its and in particular in America. Jews going through the education process for apartments going to summer camps participating in youth group life in synagogues. This is the constant message and

date do not receive the message that anything is wrong with Houston entered I'm I was on summer trips to Israel six week team that are threatening, it wasn't as before. Birthright existed back in the Mrs. in late 1980s, we were never date weekly never met Houston and we didn't go to Palestinian towns talked about the occupation anything. This was a trip that was designed to make us feel entitled to his face in the Middle East. Should we ever happened to playground for American Jews and last risk should America turn against us know where that leaves us in this conversation other than to say that American Jews can't own designers because I don't understand they don't understand what its precepts are they don't understand the damage that is done to people who inhabit that planet #along with Jews who had residence there over centuries as well, but live together in relative peace until 1940 and was interesting that in the message from Rabbi. She mentions birthright and set ON by the way of organizing a birthright trip anybody wants to live like she's revealing her true true intent also nonsense about about my visit his life and the thing is that this planet I am THE tire which is which. Whether pullout out of I do believe that there should be a conversation about every issue, the free speech that anybody from talking about Augusta that is complete nonsense eczema Semitic. It also but the fact that he put in that that that in this idea that yeah this is this is a place for Jews. One day viewing over the place. We have their pocket in case one day my habit this in absurd notion as it sits in the whole concept is horrible is horrible and racist and stupid and work because the idea was that somehow you know the connections and come back and get married or get pregnant and come back and they have to always get back on life you and back things. This is crazy piece of propaganda don't go back and this was virtually leaving his room because it's unlivable for them. I was reading out of Romberg's not as well in it. I think in promoting promoting it tells a story and speech about about #Jewish Federation event and a woman saying well without Israel where will we go care of things turn out poorly, America will and his response was his answer were supposed to suffer worse posted deal with this internal terminable problem. Just in case you might have need of us in the future. That's the attitude of American army, which is to say, six of Aslan's auditor suggests talked about eager jump back into thoughts about the present day here yeah and I wanted to mention that many of your listeners are inmates and talk about the expense that I had both the justice of foundation and the price they paid for an activity that had politics. Another good boy got nothing to remotely political but they were running a charity organization for will most difficult time there helping other areas. They were they were there. After 9/11 they were. Thereafter, the city bombing of delivery is that foundation for relief and development is costing Muslims and the price they paid because they were presenting a story that design is like they felt challenging their narrative for the holy Grail will kill and die for the narrative they started disseminating information false information about these guys at the terrorists support terrorism terrorism and eventually after 9/11, they were shut down and unitization and individuals were designated as terrorists and asked, frozen, and after one civil trial of the lost into criminal trials. The first of which was conclusive. There were no convictions. These five things are federal prison to 65 years one for 20 years and 15 years, and these are not just innocent men use of the finest people you'll ever meet, and I went to prison through the sitting and that is the price they paid only because there about things and only because there there is political dogma paying a price. Now these this organization.

These particular five-man work pillars in the Palestinian Muslim community America for many many years because it is so much good and they ran such a clean and tight and honest organization. Each of the young Muslims around America those illegalities to volunteer for the foundation. The doctors that are the money that's where you need all the work was known to the branches and the only reason they are in jails because of thousands of Muslims. The only reason their close dollars because of and it's a price they paid and they did everything they could to follow laws intellectually were dealing with legitimate organizations that absolutely did nothing wrong, nothing wrong but they could do nothing right because of the identity incident in jail that he price idling people like us to think of white privilege, but the communities destroyed by this key it's almost possible to resign from dolphin today America because of this is about. But the story even among even within Muslim communities today because of this one. Stand up and since that gate is a lot easier to to falsely accuse young Muslims and Arabs of all kinds of nonsense and throw them in jail it a lot easier to keep it almost 10 years to get these guys in jail and the government put all his resources into this president said there terrorists, but there's no proof of courses developed onto the banister to do this today. It's much easier than the burden of proof is as ridiculous as laughable and what it takes to put on muscle today and saw 35 years is it's unbelievable. And that's a price they paid for doing something good for for now and then identify themselves and talking about talking about and not even in a political way, not even divided boycott item mentioning Israel in context why the Muslim students Association opted not to have. They do not struggle posted after taking Palestinian students learning. That's a reason for heavier spark the seminar last few minutes I'd like us actually take this from a different angle and actually Ingo Solidarity rightly spent this whole hour talking about. I state policy in particular like intersections between US state priorities and Israeli state priorities, and the way in which both those policies and the present day, but the passive settler colonialism interaction landscape of the discourse within both nations. But in fact like you to think there's also been as you well know a very long and extensive history of African-Americans in United States are finding solidarity with Palestinians that came up obviously throughout the 20th century. In particular around Ferguson activism and then recently that been to very high-profile cases.of Markham Whitehill speaking before the UN and that eventually Davis in fact been turned down for receiving chief some wondering if you can hide in our last few minutes. Think through the issue and the politics of solidarity between African-Americans in United States and will again, Israel and the Zionist movement are investing everything in black churches, black leaders taking them to all these trips to the holy land, and so forth, injecting as much religious and biblical stuff to all of this in the right of the Jews of the people of Israel to come back in Atlanta, one sensibly said to be a negative electrician until people of the people of Israel long as you begin to frame out so it doesn't take advantage of that fact that she was marked with the king so they push all of that plus everything is that God into convincing black leaders in America support Israel and cited. There's a certain level of succeeding same time you got this very clear through the specter connections between blood plasma or Apple so that it was testing that can be a game changer of the black community stands with Palestine black leaders stand outside like Angela Davis is done and several others have done. That is a game changing and that is exactly what is scaring size exactly what scaring the state of Israel because that game changer in

America is ready for that slope resting so much into this important activist move that American Jews can take is to distinguish African-American support for Palestinians from stranger African-American & they should not be told present and not we stand up to any attempts to call constant activism by lack America is so how would you both hope that the conversation here on campus develops get connection between real and black lives matter how well-known it is the techniques and tactics used by the St. Louis police were imported from training with IDF is very robust for elections. This program where mercantilism Israelis. It's a very robust program also border control board ice agents are going to learn how to handle mass relations toward border and Elbit Israeli arms by factors for long because all of Israeli Anthony factoring companies. There's a lot of business of order that a lot of states that giving money slots by politicians in the United States paying campaign donations to the presence of visual military is very strong. There's this this glorification visually military is really security and so forth, which is very troubling to enter last minute when you both hope and not wasting both hope the conversation both here and gnashing begins to change who overhears a decision is a good thing in the fact that University stood out and cancel his account that intends to cancel the river succeeded a family had one lecture canceled many many years of lecturing and before coming to listen important you got got rise above this nonsense is a lot of noise but it's noise that has no substance size don't really notice that for the donor, preventing, and so the conversation is about and realize that freedom and justice and equality is nothing somatic about it. There's nothing wrong about it. If you believe in those things, then you should be doing what were doing and then listening and being part of this process dying postings of killed children are being denied water and and you have diseases that children have cost and shall have the people like me who has a kid we would dreamt to have these kinds of diseases lived minutes away from each other only because of the lack of water conditions over that we take for granted and may not even close to having relevant as a government while the reality thing to rise above the noise of the people suffering, things to live through and say this enough of this nonsense, equality, freedom, justice, social. Lexi conversation continue after procedure. Students participate in conversation I'd like to thank you both pay much for coming into counseling thinking