Judea Pearl’s Op-Eds
2002–2021

Can a new word — ‘Zionophobia’ — clarify the debate over Israel?
Forward, December 7, 2021

What Should the Role of American Jews be with Respect to Israel Today?
Moment Magazine, November 16, 2021
https://momentmag.com/role-of-american-jews-israel/#pearl

Dances with Judea Pearl
Jewish Journal, October 14, 2021
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/columnist/341386/dances-with-judea-pearl/

Judea Pearl: Reflections on Loss, Artificial Intelligence, and “Zionophobia”
Jewish Journal, October 13, 2021

How Did Hamas Become the Darling of the West?
Jewish Journal, June 2, 2021
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/337259/how-did-hamas-become-the-darling-of-the-west/

The Chase
Jewish Journal, April 14, 2021
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/335546/the-chase/

A Letter to the IQC and the State Board of Education about Ethnic Studies
Jewish Journal, March 5, 2021

My Purim Rabbi’s Hat
Jewish Journal, February 24, 2021
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/333567/my-purim-rabbis-hat/

My Rabbi Hat
Jewish Journal, February 12, 2021
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/332920/my-rabbi-hat/

Personal Reflections on Rabbi Sacks’ Life and Wisdom
Jewish Journal, November 9, 2020

Ginsburg on ‘Being Jewish’
Jewish Journal, September 23, 2020
https://jewishjournal.com/culture/321992/ginsburg-on-being-jewish/

A Lesson for Seth Rogen (and All Jews) on Early Zionists and Arabs
The Algemeiner, August 10, 2020

Carnegie Corp. Honors UCLA’s Judea Pearl as One of America’s ‘Great Immigrants’
Jewish Journal, July 20, 2020
1948 – The Year Everything Changed
MomentMag.com, June 23, 2020
https://momentmag.com/the-year-everything-changed/#pearl

1948 – The Year Everything Changed – Continued
MomentMag.com, July 9, 2020
https://momentmag.com/the-year-everything-changed-continued/#pearl2

Two New Weapons for Reclaiming Israel’s Posture on Your Campus
Jewish Journal, February 19, 2020
https://jewishjournal.com/first-person/310860/two-new-weapons-for-reclaiming-israels-posture-on-your-campus/

Chanukah – Our Trust Deed to History
Jewish Journal, December 22, 2019
https://jewishjournal.com/online/308874/chanukah-our-trust-deed-to-history/

Inspiration and a Rallying Cry for Graduates
Jewish Journal, June 26, 2019

Judea Pearl Denounces ‘Zionophobic Thuggery’ in Receiving Algemeiner’s ‘Warrior for Truth’ Award From Sharon Stone
The Algemeiner, June 18, 2019

Judea Pearl Renounces ‘Distinguished NYU Alumnus’ Status Over SJP Award
The Jerusalem Post, April 22, 2019
https://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Judea-Pearl-renounces-distinguished-NYU-alumnus-status-over-SJP-award-587530

Judea Pearl Calls on UCLA to Adopt CSU Position That Zionism Is Important to Jewish Identity
Jewish Journal, March 22, 2019

An Open Letter to Nancy Pelosi on Ilhan Omar
The Algemeiner, March 15, 2019

November 29 – The Jewish Thanksgiving Day
The Jewish Journal, November 28, 2018
https://jewishjournal.com/culture/lifestyle/first_person/242727/nov-29-jewish-thanksgiving-day/

Judea Pearl Calls on UCLA to Announce Support for Zionist Students
Jewish Journal, November 16, 2018

Faculty Corner: Zionophobia – our only fighting word
Ha’Am, May 14, 2018
https://haam.org/zionophobia-our-only-fighting-word/

An Interview with UCLA Professor Judea Pearl
Ha’Am, April 23, 2018
https://haam.org/ucla-professor-judea-pearl-on-jewishness-israel-and-bds/

BDS and Zionophobic Racism
Chapter 16 in Pessin and Ben-Atar (Eds) Anti-Zionism on Campus, April 1, 2018
http://bit.ly/AntiZionism / Table of Contents / Chapter

November 29 – The Jewish Thanksgiving Day
The Jerusalem Post, November 27, 2017
The Balfour Declaration at 100 and how it redefined indigenous people
*Jewish Journal*, November 3, 2017
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/226997/balfour-declaration-100-redefined-indigenous-people/

The Basel Congress’ unexpected result, 120 years later
*Jewish Journal*, August 30, 2017
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/223834/basel-congress-unexpected-result-120-years-later/

Why Linda Sarsour is a Fake Feminist
*Forward*, June 5, 2017
https://forward.com/opinion/politics/373847/why-linda-sarsour-is-a-fake-feminist/

Debating the BDS movement’s immorality
*Jewish Journal*, May 31, 2017
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/219795/debating-bds-movements-immorality/

Anti-Zionism is a hateful ideology. It has no place at UC

Chilling debate or chilling hate on UC campuses?
*Jewish Journal*, March 21, 2016
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/183592/

November 29: The Jewish Thanksgiving Day
*Jewish Journal*, November 24, 2015
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/179834/

The UC’s new dilemma: to name or not to name
*Jewish Journal*, November 3, 2015
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/judea_pearl/179145/

Letter to the Editor: Opposition to Cornel West’s invitation misrepresented
*Daily Bruin*, May 4, 2015
http://dailybruin.com/2015/05/04/letter-to-the-editor-opposition-to-cornel-wests-invitation-misrepresented/

Readers React: Why Cornel West was a bad choice for a UCLA event
*Los Angeles Times*, May 4, 2015

An open letter to Cornel West
*Jewish Journal*, April 21, 2015
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/judea_pearl/170625/open-letter-cornel-west/

At UCLA, Zionophobia trumps anti-Semitism
*Jewish Journal*, March 18, 2015
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/164954/ucla-zionophobia-trumps-anti-semitism/

At UCLA, a culture of equating “Israel” with “guilty”
*Haaretz*, March 13, 2015

Confronting Campus Scourge of Anti-Israel Venom
*The Daily Jewish Forward*, October 17, 2014

Should campus racism be discussed?
*Jewish Journal*, October 14, 2014
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/134008/
‘Klinghoffer’: An Opera and a Protest

Pearl Foundation: The pragmatic fight against evil
*Jewish Journal*, August 27, 2014
http://jewishjournal.com/cover_story/132668/

Judea Pearl: Standing up for Israel on campus
*Jewish Journal*, August 13, 2014
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/131991/

BDS, Racism and the New McCarthyism
https://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/bds-new-mccarthyism/

If boycott is anti-academic what do we call its leaders?
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, February 5, 2014

How not to fight an anti-Israel boycott
*The Times of Israel*, January 6, 2014
https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/boycott-israel-not-on-my-campus/

Boycott Israel? Not on my campus
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, January 3, 2014
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/125759/

Judea Pearl reflects: A father’s words
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, May 1, 2013
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/116287/

How Ed Koch Honored My Son
*Tablet Magazine*, February 4, 2013

Viewing Palestinian statehood through the clear lens of morality
*The Times of Israel*, December 9, 2012

Nov. 29 and Palestinian Statehood
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, December 5, 2012
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/110913/

In God We Trust, All Others Bring Evidence
*Forbes*, April 11, 2012

Work on Causality Causes Judea Pearl to Win Prize
http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2012/03/15/work-on-causality-causes-judea-pearl-to-win-prize/?blog_id=100&post_id=24092

A Turing Award for Helping Make Computers Smarter
http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/03/15/a-turing-award-for-helping-make-computers-smarter/
Judea Pearl Wins ACM A.M. Turing Award for Contributions that Transformed Artificial Intelligence
*The Association for Computing Machinery*, March 15, 2012

What Does It Mean To Be Pro-Israel Today?
*Moment Magazine*, January 5, 2012

Opinion: Moral Dimension of Palestinian Statehood
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 27, 2011
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/96585/

Opinion: It’s Time for a Jewish Spring
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 14, 2011
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/96070/

Obama’s dilemma — What Went Wrong and What Can be Fixed
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, June 7, 2011
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/92929/

Words Matter — Obama’s Next Challenge
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, May 17, 2011
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/92261/

Richard Holbrooke, Champion of Truth
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, December 22, 2010
http://jewishjournal.com/culture/lifestyle/obituaries/86237/

A later version:
A Champion of Truth
*The Jerusalem Post*, January 12, 2011

The David E. Rumelhart Prize
David E. Rumelhart Prize, December 27, 2010

The Psychology Behind the Ground Zero Mosque
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, August 28, 2010
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/82545/

Undercurrents Below the Ground Zero Mosque
*The Jerusalem Post*, August 28, 2010

UCLA’s Professor Judea Pearl Wins the Rumelhart Prize for His Leading Research in Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning Systems
*PR Newswire*, August 13, 2010

Jews of Discomfort
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, July 27, 2010
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/81652/

Two Big Questions
*Moment Magazine*, May/June 2010
Judea Pearl, how do you explain the murder of your son Daniel to the child he never met?

*Haaretz*, May 20, 2010
[https://www.haaretz.com/1.5122444](https://www.haaretz.com/1.5122444)

Seeking Honesty in the Middle East
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, April 20, 2010

Roger Cohen’s Game With Israel
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, February 16, 2010

The Sweet Victimhood of Israel’s Maligners
*Tikkun*, Vol. 25, No. 1, January February 2010

Airport Profiling, Statistics and Mistrust
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, January 19, 2010

The Miracles of November
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, November 25, 2009

A later version:
Rosh Hashana, Yom Hadin and Guantanamo Bay,
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 16, 2009

Netanyahu’s Latest Speech – Obama’s Next Opportunity
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, June 24, 2009

Why Israelis Are Cool on the Obama Speech
*The Wall Street Journal*, June 12, 2009
[https://spme.org/spme-research/analysis/judea-pearl-why-israelis-are-cool-on-the-obama-speech/6967/](https://spme.org/spme-research/analysis/judea-pearl-why-israelis-are-cool-on-the-obama-speech/6967/)

The Crucible of UC Irvine
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, May 27, 2009
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/70584/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/70584/)

Zionism: Essence versus Smear
*Los Angeles Times*, March 27, 2009

Our New Marranos
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, March 19, 2009

Is Anti-Zionism Hate?
*Los Angeles Times*, March 15, 2009

Letters to the Editor: Professor misquoted in Israel article
*Daily Bruin*, March 8, 2009
Dust Over Campus Life: UCLA at a Crossroad
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, February 18, 2009
[https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/68709/](https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/68709/)

Daniel Pearl and the Normalization of Evil

The Forgotten Miracle: Nov. 29, 1947
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, December 17, 2008
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/67667/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/67667/)

For the Sake of Peace, Israel and Palestinians Should Apologize to Each Other
*Haaretz*, November 25, 2008

A Clash of Two Birthdays.
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 17, 2008

Al Jazeera and the Glorification of Barbarity
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/65412/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/65412/)

Viewpoint: The Down with Israel Syndrome
*Haaretz*, July 15, 2008

Israel at 60: A Five-Part Debate with an Anti-Israel Activist – Israel, starting from scratch
*Los Angeles Times*, May 16-18, 2008
[https://www.latimes.com/la-op-dustup-may12-16-storygallery.html](https://www.latimes.com/la-op-dustup-may12-16-storygallery.html)

Israel, starting from scratch
*Los Angeles Times*, May 12, 2008

Reprinted April 11, 2018, at the *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*

Roots in the Holy Land
*Los Angeles Times*, May 16, 2008

History Disproves Myth that Founding Zionists Were Naïve
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/63540/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/63540/)
Right of Reply: Daniel Pearl’s Last Words  
*The Jerusalem Post*, May 14, 2008  

Paving the Path to Dialogue  
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, April 18, 2008  
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/18458/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/18458/)

The Daniel Pearl Standard  

The “Daniel Pearl Standard of Responsible Journalism”  
*NPR Special Series, Blog of the Nation*, January 30, 2008  

Listen to Judea’s NPR interview [related to this op-ed.](http://www.npr.org/tags/126946134/judea-pearl)

A Culture of Violence or a Cult of the Superficial  

Chanukah — The Pink Elephant of Annapolis  
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, December 20, 2007  

Saudi King’s Gift Should Fulfill ‘Contract with Humanity’  

In Quest for Meaning  
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 21, 2007  

You Have The Right to Feel Offended  

Stemming the Tide of Terror  
*Guardian Unlimited*, July 6, 2007  

Moral Relativism and A Mighty Heart  
[https://www.aish.com/ci/a/48955366.html](https://www.aish.com/ci/a/48955366.html)

On Science and Freedom  
University of Toronto, June 21, 2007  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MOtUvZ-tPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MOtUvZ-tPc) (video)

Why “Peace Camps” do not Make Peace  
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, June 15, 2007  
[http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/15010/](http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/15010/)

Reviewed by: Judea Pearl, UCLA, May 5, 2007 (Unpublished, shared with selected colleagues)  
Tsunami of Hatred
Houston Chronicle, May 5, 2007

What Israel Means to Me: On her 59th Birthday
The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, April 26, 2007

Why do Homo Sapiens Recognize Israel’s Right to Exist?
Los Angeles Times, March 27, 2007

Benefits Bolster the Case for Reciprocity
The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, March 15, 2007
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/14595/

Peacemaking: The Refugees Issue
The Saudi Gazette, February 13, 2007

A Meaningful Peace Plan
The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, February 9, 2007
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/14406/

Palestinian Remarks Generate Cheer and Gloom
The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, January 19, 2007
https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/14319/

Al Jazeera: Another Perspective, or Jihad TV?

Shoah Denial Conference: Damage Assessment
The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, December 29, 2006
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/14234/

MIDEAST RELATIONS: After His Son’s Death, A New Life’s Work
Newsweek, September 11, 2006

Future of Islam
Front Page Magazine, June 30, 2006
http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=23193

The Postage Stamp Question: A Key to Peace in Palestine
Nasseeb Vibes, April 9, 2006

Ilan Halimi and the responsibility of society (English)
Le monde, March 30, 2006
http://www.solomonia.com/blog/archives/008085.shtml#more

Remembering Ilan Halimi (English)
YNNetNews.com, March 19, 2006
http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3229504,00.html

Remembrance, Vigilance and Beyond
Speech delivered at the UN, January 26, 2006
Carving the Path for Muslim-Jewish Dialogue

*Common Ground News Service*, Middle East, January 18, 2006


Munich – Justice Must Be Done

*Los Angeles Times*, January 1, 2006


Munich – Missing from the Script

*The Jerusalem Post*, December 24, 2005


Musharraf’s Missed Opportunity

*The Jerusalem Post*, September 27, 2005

[https://www.voltairenet.org/article129529.html](https://www.voltairenet.org/article129529.html)

A Thought for Musharraf

*Forward*, September 16, 2005


American Fatwa Against Terrorism Falls Short

*The New Republic Online*, September 13, 2005


Islam Struggles To Stake Out Its Position

*The New York Times*, July 20, 2005


Islam is a Weapon that can be Turned Against the Suicide Bombers

*The Sunday Times*, London, July 17, 2005


Dialogue of the Deaf

*The Jerusalem Post*, June 16, 2005


Formula Could Combat Racism

*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, June 9, 2005


Daniel Pearl’s Parents: Stop Exhibition Killings

*International Herald Tribune*, October 29, 2004


How to Stop Barbarous Public Murders

*The Wall Street Journal*, October 8, 2004


An Open Letter to the People of Italy

*Corriere Della Sera*, Italy, August 31, 2004

[italian] [https://www.corriere.it/Primo_Piano/Esteri/2004/08_Agosto/31/pearls.shtml](https://www.corriere.it/Primo_Piano/Esteri/2004/08_Agosto/31/pearls.shtml)

[english] [http://www.ecolumnist.org/Links/PearlLetter.htm](http://www.ecolumnist.org/Links/PearlLetter.htm)

Across the Great Divide


Dialogue as Revenge
*The Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 26, 2004

Continuing a Son’s Legacy
*Philadelphia Inquirer*, January 18, 2004

A Journey through Interfaith Dialogue
*Pittsburgh Gazette*, October 30, 2003

Pearl’s reply
*Los Angeles Times*, October 19, 2003

The Tide of Madness

Sense From Senselessness
*The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 5, 2002
http://jewishjournal.com/opinion/personal_voice/6576/

Daniel Pearl: A Banner of Hope

Turn Tragedy Into Opportunity: An open letter to the people of Pakistan
*The Wall Street Journal*, July 17, 2002

Death Images Hide the Truth of Danny Pearl
*The New York Times*, June 18, 2002