

Israel Has Learned Need for Peaceful Results

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To the Editor: One of the big lies about Israel is that it is not a willing partner for peace. Hence, the Palestinians must take a unilateral path at the United Nations, asking to be given a state without a peace agreement with Israel.

Israel gave up land for peace with Egypt and Jordan and got peace. Israel gave up land without peace in Lebanon and Gaza and was rewarded with war and rocket attacks. Charles Krauthammer wrote, "Israel is prepared to give up land, but never again without peace. A final peace which is exactly what every Palestinian leader from Haj Amin al-Husseini to Yasser Arafat to Mahmoud Abbas has refused to accept."

The other big lie is that Israel is an "occupier." Branding Israel as an "occupier" is used by Israel's enemies designed to engender overwhelming negative reaction to Israel and ultimately to delegitimize her. There are many sources that will accurately chronicle the history of Israel and "Palestine."