

# Trump Envoy Tells Palestinians to Stop Denying Jewish History

As far as Israel is concerned, denial of the Jewish historical and religious connection to this land, and especially to Jerusalem, is the primary roadblock to peace at present.

Finally, it would seem that the American government agrees.

US President Donald Trump's special Middle East envoy, Jason Greenblatt, on Thursday blasted Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas for failing to mention that Jerusalem's connection to the Jewish people.

On Tuesday, Abbas addressed a Palestinian youth festival and repeatedly told the young Arabs that Jerusalem is and always has been a city for Muslims and Christians. No mention of Jews.

According to Greenblatt, that kind of rhetoric only pushes peace further away.

"Pres. Abbas states about Jerusalem: 'it is Arab, Muslim, and Christian.' And makes no mention of any Jewish ties. Nothing peaceful or productive can come from statements like this," Greenblatt wrote on Twitter.

"Lasting peace will not be achieved by denying Judaism's thousands of years of ties to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is holy to Muslims, Christians, and Jews," he added.

All of the Palestinian Authority's most hard-line positions are based on the premise that the Jews have no right to be here.

Furthermore, Israel believes that a genuine, long-lasting peace can only be achievable if it's built upon a foundation of truth and acceptance of documented historical fact.

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