

No, Palestinians Did Not Shelter Jewish Refugees After WWII

THE LIE

- After World War II, Arab Muslims in British Mandatory Palestine welcomed Jews into their homes.

THE TRUTH

- Muslims in British Mandatory Palestine obstructed Jewish rescue and immigration, collaborated with Nazi Germany, and repeatedly massacred Jewish communities.

BACKGROUND

- On December 17, 2025, pro-Palestinian activist Nadine Ayoub claimed on *Piers Morgan Uncensored* that “after WWII, we Palestinians took [Jews] into our homes.” (X)
- Similar claims have been repeated by other activists, including Mohamed Hadid, who has insisted that Muslims sheltered Jewish refugees from Europe.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **The claim that “Palestinians took Jews into their homes after WWII” has no basis in the historical record.**
- **Jewish immigration was actively restricted—not welcomed.** In the 1930s, Arab leaders successfully pressured Britain to severely limit Jewish immigration and land purchases. This resulted in the 1939 White Paper, which sharply restricted Jewish entry to Palestine and denied refuge to hundreds of thousands of Jews trying to escape Nazi-occupied Europe. They were later murdered by the Nazis. ([Encyclopedia Britannica](#))
- **Palestinian Muslims collaborated with Nazi Germany.** Haj Amin al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and most prominent Palestinian Arab leader of the era, collaborated with Adolf Hitler and Nazi officials. He worked to block Jewish rescue efforts and opposed Jewish immigration to Palestine—hardly the actions of someone offering refuge. ([TIME](#)), ([Jewish Virtual Library](#))
- **Al-Husseini sought the extermination of Jews beyond Europe.** Historical records show that al-Husseini met with Adolf Hitler and proposed a Nazi-Arab alliance aimed at exterminating Jews across the Middle East. ([TIME](#))
- **Jews faced violence, not hospitality.** Arabs repeatedly attacked Jewish communities during the Mandate period, including the 1929 massacres and the 1936–1939 Arab Revolt. These were not isolated incidents but sustained campaigns of violence in which Arabs murdered hundreds of Jews. ([WJC](#)), ([Jewish Virtual Library](#)), ([Grokikipedia](#))
- **Jewish self-defense groups formed out of necessity.** Because of ongoing attacks, Jews organized defensive militias such as the Haganah, Irgun, and Lehi to protect their communities against Arab Muslim violence. ([Jewish Virtual Library](#))
- **Violence continued despite the UN Partition Plan.** In 1947, Arab militias rejected the UN proposal to create separate Jewish and Arab states and instead launched attacks on Jewish civilians and neighborhoods. ([CAMERA](#))
- **Jews already lived there in large numbers.** By 1939—before World War II began—over 450,000 Jews already lived in Palestine. There was no mass influx of Jews needing to be housed by Arab families after the war. ([British White Paper](#))
- **Postwar Jewish refugees were detained, not hosted.** After WWII, Jews who reached British Mandatory Palestine were placed in detention camps. Many were labeled “illegal immigrants” and faced arrest, deportation, or imprisonment by British authorities. These Jewish immigrants were not sheltered by Arab households. ([Jewish Virtual Library](#))

QUOTES

- “Arabs! Rise as one and fight for your sacred rights. Kill the Jews wherever you find them. This pleases God, history, and religion. This saves your honor. God is with you. — Haj Amin al-Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem (1944)
- “This will be a war of extermination and momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Tartar massacre or the Crusader wars.” — Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League (1947)

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→ “The heavy immigration in the years 1933–36 would seem to show that the Jews have been able to enlarge the absorptive capacity of the country for Jews.” – Peel Commission, 1937

TAKEAWAY

The claim that Palestinians took Jews into their homes after World War II is a modern political myth. The historical record shows obstruction, hostility, and violence toward Jews—not refuge or generosity—before, during, and after the Holocaust.