

HUMINT (Human Intelligence)



The Dancing Israelis: Tip of the Israeli Spy Program in the US

US newspapers reported on several groups of Israeli nationals, driving around New York City on 9/11/01 in vans. These groups were detained by law enforcement.

One group consisted of five young Israeli army veterans working for a moving company that had their camera set up prior to the aircraft strikes. They were observed at a park on the Hudson River in New Jersey snapping photographs of the burning world Center and seemingly clowning around. In this van were fresh pictures of the men standing with the smoldering wreckage of the Twin Towers in the background. One image showed a hand flicking a lighter in front of the devastated buildings.... The driver of the van, Sivan Kurzberg, told the arresting officers: "We are Israeli. We are not your problem. Your problems are our problems. The Palestinians are the problem."

Vince Cannistraro, former chief of operations for counter-terrorism with the CIA, said many in the US intelligence community believed that some of the Israelis were working for Mossad and there was speculation over whether Urban Moving had been "set up or exploited for the purpose of launching an intelligence operation against radical Islamists". This belief was also stated by the respected New York Jewish newspaper, The Forward.

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/12768362.five-israelis-were-seen-filming-as-jet-liners-ploughed-into-the-twin-towers-on-september-11-2001/>

Back in Israel, several of the men discussed what happened on an Israeli talk show. One of them said: "The fact of the matter is we are coming from a country that experiences terror daily. Our purpose was to document the event."

But how can you document an event unless you know it is going to happen?

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The Jewish Chronicle reported that the FBI, under the direction of Michael Chertoff, cleared all the

Israeli nationals later that month, cited them for minor visa violations, and sent them back home to Israel.

<https://www.thejc.com/news/world/who-were-the-dancing-israelis-of-9-11-c7f9b960>

How did the Bush administration know within days the identities of the 9/11 perpetrators? According to Mike Ruppert, on August 23rd 2001, the Israeli Mossad provided the United States with a list of names of 19 alleged terrorists who were planning to carry out an attack in the near future. In fact according to multiple news sources, Mossad agents had rented an apartment in Hollywood Florida near where several of the alleged terrorists were living and taking flight lessons.

Michael C. Ruppert *Crossing the Rubicon* 2004. p 231-232

Corbett Report on Dancing Israelis and the Broader Israeli Spy Program in the US

https://archive.org/details/youtube-MCGrrbtrv_Y

Carl Cameron

In Corbett's Youtube video on the Dancing Israelis, Fox News' Carl Cameron reported "Since September eleventh, more than sixty Israelis have been arrested or detained either under the new Patriot anti-terrorism law or for immigration violations. A handful of active Israeli military were among those detained according to investigators who say some of the detainees also failed polygraph questions when asked about alleged surveillance activities against and in the United States."

"Beyond the sixty apprehended and detained ... another group of one hundred and forty Israeli[s] have been arrested and detained this year in what government documents describe as quote an organized intelligence gathering operation designed to quote penetrate government facilities, most of them [had] ... intelligence expertise, and either worked for Amdocs or other companies in Israel that specialize in wiretapping."

The Justice Department

The Justice Department destroyed photographic evidence on the Dancing Israelis on January 27, 2014; A highly placed investigator said there are quote tie-ins, but when asked for details he flatly refused to describe them saying quote evidence linking these Israelis to nine one one is classified, I cannot tell you about evidence that has been gathered, it's classified information; Etc....

[Corbett Israeli Spy Network Partial Transcript](#) With images from the video

https://archive.org/details/youtube-MCGrrbtrv_Y Corbett Report on Youtube.

Art Student Spy Ring

Corbett noted "In December of 2001, Cameron filed an explosive four-part series that went into depth about an Israeli art student spying ring that had been under investigation before 9/11, extensive Israeli wiretapping with sensitive US government communications, and the sixty Israeli spies that were detained in the wake of the September eleventh attacks. Unsurprisingly the story was quickly dropped and no mainstream journalists dared to continue probing into the matter."

Denial of Israeli spying activity

The Israeli embassy in Washington has dismissed claims about the spying ring as "simply untrue". The same denials have been issued repeatedly by the five Israelis seen high-fiving each other as the World Trade Centre burned in front of them. Their lawyer, Ram Horwitz, insisted his clients were not intelligence officers. Irit Stoffer, the Israeli foreign minister, said the allegations were "completely untrue". She said the men were arrested because of "visa violations", adding: "The FBI investigated those cases because of 9/11."

Denial of Israeli spying activity in the US is not only by Israel, but by the US government as well. All reports of Israeli spying during this period have been "dismissed" publicly by the U.S. government: Reports of Israeli spy ring dismissed: Camera March 8 2002: Israeli media denies Israeli spying stories; Washington Post March 6 2002: A wide array of U.S. officials yesterday dismissed reports that the U.S. government had broken up an Israeli espionage ring that consisted of young Israelis attempting to penetrate U.S. agencies by selling artwork in federal buildings; NY Times March 6 2002: U.S. cool to report of Israeli spy ring, by Brian Knowlton; International Herald Tribune March 6, 2002 American officials expressed caution and doubts Tuesday about reports that a large ring of Israelis spies had been broken up last year in the United States, where some of them allegedly had come in pursuit of Al Qaeda militants.

The FBI will never let the public know

Jim Margolin, an FBI spokesman in New York, implied that the public would never know the truth, saying: "If we found evidence of unauthorized intelligence operations that would be classified material." Yet, Israel has long been known, according to US administration sources, for "conducting the most aggressive espionage operations against the US of any US ally. It has always been a long-accepted agreement among allies - such as Britain and America or America and Israel - that neither country will jail a "friendly spy" nor shame the allied country for espionage. Chip Berlet, a senior analyst at Boston's Political Research Associates and an expert in intelligence, says: "It's a backdoor agreement between allies that says that if one of your spies gets caught and didn't do too much harm, he goes home. It goes on all the time. The official reason is always visa violation."

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Jonathon Pollard

Then of course there was the case of Jonathon Pollard, an American-born Israeli spy and former intelligence analyst who was jailed for spying for Israel. In 1984, Pollard obtained numerous US state secrets for Israel, including the National Security Agency's ten-volume manual on how the U.S. gathers its signal intelligence, and disclosed the names of thousands of people who had cooperated with U.S. intelligence agencies. He was apprehended in 1985, and subsequently sentenced to life in prison for violations of the Espionage Act. At first Israeli officials claimed Pollard was part of a rogue operation but later took responsibility for his work.



Isser Harel

Harel served as chief of both the Mossad and Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security service. He was born in the Russian Empire and emigrated to Palestine and became a member of the Haganah defense forces and headed its intelligence unit. After the establishment of the State of Israel, Harel founded and became the first director of the Shin Bet, akin to the US FBI and then took over the Mossad in 1951, and ran both organizations until 1963. He developed a close relationship with the CIA, and worked in tandem with the United States to collect information about the Soviet Union

During an interview in 1980, Mike Evans asked Isser Harel, a former Mossad chief, "Do you think terrorism will come to America and if so where and why". Isser Harel said "I fear it will come to you in America. America has the power but not the will to fight terrorism. The terrorists have the will, but not the power, to fight America. But all that could change with time. Arab oil money buys more than tents."

As to where, Harel continued, "New York City is the symbol of freedom and capitalism. It's likely they will strike the Empire State Building, your tallest building [at the time] and a symbol of your power.

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/america-the-target-602181>

After leaving the spy business in 1963, Harel served as a Knesset member and became a prolific writer.

Perhaps the best-known case of Israeli espionage in the U.S. was that of Jonathon Jay Pollard in 1986, revealed by declassified CIA documents.

<https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP90-00965R000403720030-6.pdf> and

<https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP90-00965R000504890018-0.pdf>

These documents suggested that the case masked a broader Israeli espionage operation within the

United States, but that a full accounting would sorely embarrass the Israelis, who have unswervingly maintained that the incident was at worst a one-time lapse. Despite this one-time lapse, Pollard claimed Israeli contacts told him "The highest levels of the Israeli government" had thanked him for passing U.S. military secrets to Tel Aviv. ref

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Rafi Eitan rose to fame when he led the Mossad operation to capture Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires Argentina in 1960. In addition Eitan was involved in many operations that were critical to Israel's national interests, such as increasing Israel's nuclear capabilities, establishing successful counter-espionage activities against Soviets, and nurturing positive relations with moderate Arab countries

<https://www.myisraelhome.com/post/israel-s-mystery-men>

Eitan's mentor was none other than the legendary spymaster Isser Harel

Spying in academia, the FBI, and the ADL

Academia

As Mearsheimer and Walt note, one important function of the Israeli Lobby in the US is to control civic discourse about Israel, and has faced the greatest difficulty in academia. Criticism at colleges and universities rose sharply after the Oslo process collapsed and Ariel Sharon came to power in February 2001, and it became especially intense in the spring of 2002 (after 9/11) when the IDF reoccupied Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and employed massive force against the Second Intifada.

As one would expect, the lobby moved aggressively to "takeback the campuses." New groups sprang up to squash criticism of Israel. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) initiated a series of advocacy training sessions for college students who wanted to defend Israel on their campuses, and a new organization—the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC) —was formed to coordinate the twenty-six different groups that now sought to make Israel's case on campus.

This campaign to cultivate students has been accompanied by efforts to influence university faculty and hiring practices. In the early 1980s, for example, AIPAC recruited students to help it identify professors and campus organizations that might be considered anti-Israel. The findings were published in 1984 in *The AIPAC College Guide: Exposing the Anti-Israel Campaign on Campus*.

Soon after the start of the October 2023 Israeli Palestinian hostilities, a new more aggressive form of campus persuasion appeared. Numerous news articles have reported campus "doxxing trucks," displaying large LED screens with names and images of ivy league college and university faculty members and students who have been critical of U.S. support of Israel.

Israel and the FBI

James Bamford is an American author, journalist, and documentary producer noted for his writing on United States intelligence agencies, especially the National Security Agency (NSA).

In an interview, he noted that the Israel on Campus Coalition is really operating as a foreign agent, which is illegal under U.S. law. Bamford noted "... I have a lot of contacts within the FBI, particularly at the agent level. And I talk to them all the time about it. And they just are very, very angry because they know this is going on, and they try to make cases against these people, but they go nowhere...". "A former head of the counterintelligence division of the FBI basically said, 'Yeah, we build cases, they go to the Justice Department and nothing ever happens'."

In a December 2023 article for The Nation magazine, Bamford noted that "What is missing from Congress are hearings into the decades of illegal anti-Palestinian espionage, covert action, and blacklisting of Americans within the United States by the Israeli government and its domestic collaborators—actions far more serious and damaging than campus semantics."

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The ADL (Anti-Defamation League)

Since 1913 the mission of the ADL has been "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." The ADL has an extensive history of spying in the US. Most recently, James Li exposed the authoritarian reality behind the ADL's facade, ultimately revealing how the tax-exempt non-profit has morphed into a hostile intelligence apparatus prioritizing foreign interests over American civil liberties. ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said his group is working with the FBI, and trains over 20,000 American police officers every year. The groups monitored by the ADL include left-wing radicals like the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), the "anti-war crazies" and the "pro-Palestine crazies." Greenblatt also says that the ADL is working with OpenAI, Alphabet (Google), Anthropic, Meta, Microsoft and more to influence large language models (LLMs) in AI to be pro-Israel.

[Spying in academia, the FBI, and the ADL](#)

Jeffrey Epstein

Jeffrey Epstein: More Than Just an Intelligence Asset

How does someone with no legitimate business model sustain a billion-dollar lifestyle. Why did power institutions protect him for decades, and perhaps most importantly, who was really funding and using Jeffrey Epstein to begin with? At his peak Epstein was worth an alleged six hundred million dollars and his lifestyle would have cost some forty to sixty million dollars per year to maintain. In the US Virgin Islands, he owned not one but two private islands. Little St James with seventy acres of Caribbean paradise, which came complete with the main residence guest quarters, a library, a movie theater and staff quarters for 70 employees who kept the operation running. Great St James was one

hundred and sixty-five acres that he purchased for eighteen million dollars. The seventy five hundred acre Zorro ranch in New Mexico, larger than Manhattan with an airstrip long enough to handle his private jets, a stunning twenty-one thousand square foot Manhattan townhouse on the upper east side, the largest private residence in New York City seven stories and forty rooms, Palm Beach and Paris residences, and other properties we probably don't even know about....

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/epstine/epstein.pdf



Jeffrey Epstein; A Complex Web

The picture painted by the evidence is not a direct Epstein tie to a single intelligence agency, but a web linking key members of the Mega Group, politicians, and officials in both the U.S. and Israel, and an organized-crime network with deep business and intelligence ties in both nations.... Perhaps the best illustration of how the connections between many of these players often meld together can be seen in Ronald Lauder: a Mega Group member, former member of the Reagan administration, long-time donor to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel's Likud Party, as well as a long-time friend of Donald Trump and Roy Cohn...

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/epstein/acomplexweb.pdf

Further References:

[antiwarEnigmaVastSpyNetwork](#) Nafeez Ahmed, in his classic 2002 book *The War on Freedom* discusses Israeli spys, as well as other evidence suggesting Israeli involvement in 9/11

See full FBI report and other details
<https://www.thedancingisraelis.com/>

The dancing Israelis_The Forgotten Documents.htm:

Details about documentation on images taken by 5 dancing Israelis:

these appear to all be single images; no video

Photocopies of photocopies:redacted; very poor quality; cannot see WTC burning in background

One high quality image: holding match below towers in background:

The documentation from FOIA request is intentionally poor quality: the fbi was trying to hide evidence