Statement by Anne Bayefsky on behalf of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust that the UN Did Not Allow Her to Deliver

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In another embarrassment to Canadians and the University of Western Ontario Law School, Professor Michael Lynk has produced a series of antisemitic lies:   
  
Lie One: the Gaza so-called “demonstrations” have been “largely peaceful”   
  
Lie Two: Palestinians may not have launched explosives and incendiary devices into Israel   
  
Lie Three: the purpose of what are actually riots is the right to “return” con, not Hamas’ stated goal to lay waste the Jewish state.   
  
Modern antisemitism operates through the UN, this Council, and its newest echo chamber, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives – this way:   
  
First, demonize the Jewish state. Lynk’s Nazi and antisemitic tropes include claims that the Jewish state has an “appetite for territory” and “acquisitive purposes.”   
  
Second, push a boycott of the demonized Jewish state. Lynk describes “calling for boycotting Israel” as “legitimate work.”   
  
Third, criminalize the self-defense of the Jewish state. Would-be Palestinian killers aren’t sufficiently successful for Israel to satisfy Lynk’s proportionality parody.   
  
There is a real-life final step to this antisemitic UN formula. More Jews die. Early this year 19 -year-old Israeli Ori Ansbacher was raped and butchered by a Palestinian because she was a Jew. Her murderer is now entitled to a Palestinian reward.   
  
Ori isn’t mentioned in the Lynk report on the “current human rights situation.” Nor is any Palestinian terror, or fiery devastation of forests and farms. Instead, Lynk brags his report only “focuses on violations committed by Israel.”   
  
At this UN, antisemitism is not a problem. It’s a human right.