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Letters to the Editor
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To the Editor:

Once again, an invitation to Norman Finkelstein to speak at the University of Pennsylvania last week does not represent one of Penn's finer moments.

His presentation at Penn distorted the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and dismissed Israel's legitimate security concerns. His absurd allegations that Israel and Jews fuel hatred for Israel undermine efforts to reduce anti-Semitism. Rather than encourage constructive and amicable discussion regarding the Middle East, Finkelstein promotes discord and prejudice.

Finkelstein's obsessive hatred of Israel is antithetical to productive Arab-Israeli dialogue. Certainly, he offers little insight, wisdom or truth to educate college audiences, shedding more heat than light on the subject.

Sincerely,

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