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## SHALOM TV TELEVISIONS PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND ALAN DERSHOWITZ AT BRANDEIS

Shalom TV is now televising Brandeis University coverage of President Jimmy Carter's recent speech to 1,700 students following the publication of his book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, as well as airing Harvard Law Professor Alan M. Dershowitz's same-day rebuttal.



"There has not been a recent event on campus that has caused as much stir in both the academic community and the Jewish community as the Carter-Dershowitz appearances," remarked Shalom TV President & CEO Mark S. Golub. "I am pleased that viewers are able to see both addresses in their entirety as well as the questions and answers that follow. I appreciate Brandeis' making it possible for us to televise the event."

At the late January forum, President Carter spoke for fifteen minutes and spent 45 minutes answering select student questions. Brandeis University officials had proposed that he appear in a debate with Professor Dershowitz, but the President's refusal of that format led to a separate invitation for Mr. Dershowitz to address students after President Carter's presentation.

During the audience exchange, President Carter acknowledged the stinging response by members of the Jewish community.

"I've been hurt and so has my family by some of the reaction. I've been through political campaigns and I've been stigmatized and condemned by my political opponents and their stories. But this is the first time that I've ever been called a liar and a bigot and an anti-Semite and a coward and a plagiarist. This has hurt me. I can take it. But that group of people who have made those statements--sometimes in full-page ads in the New York Times--I think they are an extreme minority."



In his response, Alan Dershowitz noted that while he shares many views expressed by President Carter at Brandeis, he remains extremely critical of the President's portrayal of Israel in his new book.



"Had he written a book similar to what he said on stage, I don't believe there would have been much controversy," Mr. Dershowitz said to students, adding, "There are two different Jimmy Carters."

"President Carter suggests that everything rides on Israel's decision not to give back land. Somehow this is about land and the small percentage of Israelis who live in the occupied areas, that they are the only barriers to peace. That simply is not the reality."

"This is a very delicate period in American Jewish history," explained Rabbi Golub, underscoring that "many in the Jewish community have been particularly upset by Mr. Carter's characterizations of Israeli policies. It is extremely important to hear Mr. Carter's explanation and his answers to questions, and then to watch Mr. Dershowitz present his perspective and engage with students. It's significant and riveting television!"

Characterized by academic excellence since its founding in 1948, [Brandeis](#) is one of the youngest private research universities in the country and is the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college or university in America. Based in Waltham, Massachusetts, the university is named for the late Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis of the US Supreme Court. Shalom TV is a cable television network responsive to the interest and needs of the North American Jewish community.

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