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Author (left) with B'Tselem human rights worker Musa Abu Hashhash, to whom the book is dedicated.
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IN THIS LONG-AWAITED SEQUEL to his international best-seller *The Holocaust Industry*, Norman G. Finkelstein moves from an iconoclastic interrogation of the new anti-Semitism to a meticulously researched exposé of the corruption of scholarship on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Bringing to bear the latest findings and recasting the scholarly debate, Finkelstein points to a consensus among historians and human rights organizations on the factual record. Why, then, does so much controversy swirl around the conflict? Finkelstein's answer, copiously documented, is that apologists for Israel contrive controversy. Whenever Israel comes under international pressure, another media campaign alleging a global outbreak of anti-Semitism is mounted.

Finkelstein also scrutinizes the spread of distortions masquerading as history. Recalling Joan Peters's book *From Time Immemorial*, published to great fanfare in 1984 but subsequently exposed as an academic hoax, he asks deeply troubling questions here about the periodic reappearance of spurious scholarship and the uncritical acclaim it receives. The most recent addition to this mendacious genre, Finkelstein argues, is Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz's bestseller *The Case for Israel*.

The core analysis of *Beyond Chutzpah* sets Dershowitz's assertions on Israel's human rights record against the findings of the mainstream human rights community. Sifting through thousands of pages of reports from Amnesty International, B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch, and others, Finkelstein presents the first accessible distillation of key human rights findings and demonstrates that Dershowitz has systematically misrepresented the facts.

Thoroughly researched and tightly argued, *Beyond Chutzpah* lifts the veil of contrived controversy shrouding the Israel-Palestine conflict, enabling readers in search of a just and lasting peace to act on the basis of truth.