

# Ilana Freedman: The Alternate Universe of Barack Obama



Our astute colleague Ilana Freedman has zeroed in on the parallel universe of President Obama in her latest op-ed, "[The Alternate Universe of Barack Obama](#)." Her observations mirror the comments of contributing editor Dr. Richard Rubenstein in a 2010 NER Symposium [article](#), this telling comment:

One journalist wrote, "[The Administration] has made little effort to conceal its interest in a victory for Ehud Barak." Another noted, "It does not take much detective work in the corridors of Washington to see how the Clinton administration is cold-shouldering Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and subtly trying to help his more conciliatory challengers."

Thus President Obama's rationale is duplicitous and reminiscent of what Clinton winked at in Israel's 1999 general election. It looks like it is back to the future in Israel's upcoming snap Knesset election. The good news is that Israelis seem to be getting good and tired of Obama's shenanigans and have finally awakened to the fact that he doesn't have their back. The result may well be a resounding re-election for Bibi, as the drums of war rattle in the north as well as the south.

## **The Alternate Universe of Barack Obama**

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A perfect storm is gathering in the Middle East, fueled by revolution, increasingly organized Islamic terrorism at its

most brutal, and the repositioning of world leaders as they struggle to wrap their arms around the growing threat. The gathering storm is being fed in the most unlikely way by a man who is at once afraid of his own power and, at the heart of it, delusional about his vision and his ability to achieve it.

He leaves critical decisions to others no more competent than himself, and delays implementing them, often until the need to act has passed. He panders to our enemies and offends our allies. He has undermined the strength of his nation and fed power to those who would destroy it. (Read more