**“Walid Shoebat”**

This individual can’t even keep a straight story as to whether this is an assumed or real name, but claims to be a “former PLO terrorist” now converted to evangelical Christianity. Nothing about his story is verifiable. Though he claims to be from the Bethlehem area, “grandson of the mukhtar of Beit Sahour,” and a long-time member of Fateh, no one from Bethlehem, Beit Sahour or associated with Fateh has been found who recognizes or recalls him. The “Hasbara Fellowships” speakers’ bureau, closely associated with the Israeli Foreign Ministry and its website honestreporting.com, even calls him “the grandson of a Nazi ally.”

Although he usually says that “Walid Shoebat” is an assumed name, adopted to avoid retribution from other Arabs, in one of his most overwrought articles, “Shoebat” insisted that this is, in fact, his actual birth name: “I even showed documents to prove that my true name is ‘Walid Shoebat’ and is not an assumed name as they say in the media…”

However, the biography posted on his own website, shoebat.com, clearly states that, “Walid is an American citizen and lives in the USA with his wife and children, under this assumed name.”

His tale is so improbable, contradictory and unsupported by the least trace of evidence that even some passionate supporters of Israel have questioned its veracity. “Shoebat” has frequently complained about this publicly: “I get continual accusations for doing this for money, an accusation I already get from my enemies, but also from my Jewish friends.” According to a friendly article in Joseph Farah’s worldnetdaily.com: His stated mission was “to kill as many Jews as possible.” “He started murdering people at 14, and within four years had accumulated ‘223 points‘ – a PLO term for 223 kills, two-thirds of them with daggers.”

Naturally, there is no mention of when and where these hundreds of supposed murders took place exactly.

He claims that after a lifetime of violent anti-Israel activity, “In 1993, Walid studied the Tanach (Jewish Bible) in a challenge to convert his wife to Islam. Six months later, after intense study, Walid realized that everything he had been taught about Jews was a lie. Convinced he was on the side of evil, he became an advocate for his former enemy.”

The only thing that outstrips his passionate love of the Israeli state is his even more passionate hatred of the Arabs, Muslims, Palestinians and Islam: “The so called ‘Israeli occupation’ is currently the only real freedom any Arab has had in any part of the Middle East in the 56 years of Israel's existence.”

He encourages Israeli violence against Palestinians and has urged Israel to “take back the holy Temple Mount.” He condemns the majority of Jewish Americans for being too weak on pro-Israel issues: “If I was a Jew I would be ashamed to call myself one,” since, “The Jews are not up to the task and no matter what we say, Jews will continue to fight Brit Zedak, Norman Finklestein [sic] and
Naom Chomsky [sic] et al. What we need is the support of a handful of people, and not the majority belly-achers.”
(http://somebodyhelpme.info/righteous/Walid_Shoebat/Its_a_dead_heart_that_thinks_only_of_the_dead_and_forgets_the_living..html)

”Shoebat” is an extremist Christian fundamentalist who yearns for the apocalypse and the battle of Armageddon, is passionately anti-Islam and anti-Muslim. He has frequently called Islam ”the anti-Christ” and has written that ”both the Antichrist and the revived beast empire will very likely be Muslim.” (Why I Left Jihad, p. 369)

This summary is excerpted from a forthcoming study on Islamophobia in the United States by Dr. Hussein Ibish from the Muslim Public Affairs Council.