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Letters to the Editor: Jerusalem: A City Of Many Religions

(In letters to the editor, Timothy D. Naegele responded to an April 28, 1999 editorial, "Arafat Demands")

Should the Palestinians be entitled to less than the Jews achieved with the establishment of the state of Israel? Aren't the Palestinians entitled to a state of their own, whenever they wish to decree it, over the lands they control? Similarly, is not Jerusalem an international city, representing the convergence of many religions, not just one? Why should Israel control this city, as opposed to the Palestinians?

Peace in the Middle East will transcend the lives of Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu. Indeed, years from now, both men may be viewed as impediments to the peace process that was realized ultimately. It is time to move forward economically, politically, socially and intellectually in the region. Yesterday's thinking must give way to a new Israel and a new Palestinian state, and a new Middle East.

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