

Jews for Justice

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Most Israelis either support suppression of Palestinian resistance violently or by other means – or they're preoccupied with their own lives, indifferent to how Palestinians are brutalized and otherwise mistreated.

A Jewish minority in Israel opposes longstanding militarized occupation, along with an attempt to terrorize an entire population into submission.

Over the weekend, several hundred Israelis rallied in Tel Aviv, protesting against bloodshed in Gaza since Friday, wanting to “create hope (and) stop the next war,” chanting:

“No to the occupation. In Gaza and Sderot, little girls want to stay alive.”

Human rights lawyer **Michael Sfard** explained

“Gaza is under siege and has been (blockaded) for the past decade.”

“The people of Gaza are suffering from an enormous humanitarian crisis and now, when they tried to protest against it, they were met with brutal force which killed 16 of them and injured and maimed many others.”

“As an Israeli, my duty is to protest against the evils that are done in my name.”

I as an American Jew have the same obligation. We're all obliged to support Palestinians in their liberating struggle to be free from brutal Israeli bondage.

Activist writer **Amira Hass** said the following:

“The army allows itself to violate international law and shoot at unarmed civilians, and even kill them, because Israeli society accepts this as an a priori

act of defense, without investigating the details.”

“And despite a few feeble condemnations, even governments around the world do not represent an obstacle to deter Israel.”

“The March of Return – whether it continues or not – declares to Israel and the international community that the residents of the Gaza Strip are not wretched and passive charity cases, but a politically aware public.”

Countless thousands of Palestinians throughout the Territories involved in “Great March of Return” activism are sick and tired of being sick and tired without redress – including for PA officials serving Israeli interests, not theirs, in Gaza, Hamas unable to contest Israel’s might to end brutalizing blockade, creating nightmarish conditions.

The Gisha Center for Free Movement issued a statement saying:

“For more than 10 years, residents of Gaza have lived under excessively harsh restrictions on movement, made possible by Israel’s closure of the Strip’s land, sea and air space.”

“A daily reality unbearable by any reasonable standards has been compounded by the impact of three devastating military operations and left little hope to Gaza’s overwhelmingly young population.”

The “Great March of Return” is the right of all Palestinians to resist a brutal occupier. For besieged Gazans, its a declaration of their legitimate demand to be freed from imprisonment without bars.

Palestinians have suffered since Balfour – a 67-word UK declaration changing everything in historic Palestine.

Generations of political, military and cultural repression of its people followed, far worse after Israel’s so-called war of independence, stealing 78% of historic Palestine, the rest in June 1967.

Endless conflict, occupation, dispossession, and repression, along with social and cultural fragmentation define conditions for beleaguered Palestinians – 100 years of suffering, no end of it in sight, the world community dismissive of their rights.

Palestinian resistance is more than a right. It’s essential, a duty. The alternative is endless subjugation by a brutal occupier, apartheid viciousness, the triumph of Ziofascist dominance over democratic freedoms.

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