

Cease-Fire Now & End Gaza Blockade

- **LA Jews for Peace** joins the 7,000 Israelis who stood-up Saturday in Tel Aviv, the 50,000 who stood-up in London, and the **world community** in demanding a cease-fire now to stop the killing of civilians. The killing of Palestinian civilians is not being done in our name.

As of July 30, Israel has killed over 1,410 Palestinians in Gaza through attacks from air, ground, and sea (<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/07/15/world/middleeast/toll-israel-gaza-conflict.html>). The U.N. says over 70% of those killed are civilians.

Israeli bombardment of civilian targets must stop because it is a war crime. LA Jews for Peace concurs with B'Tselem, the Israeli human rights NGO, that Israel must "immediately cease the bombardment of inhabited homes, neighborhoods and areas in the Gaza Strip" (http://www.btselem.org/20140721_btselem_calls_on_government_to_terminate_bombardment). Bombing houses and hospitals with people in them, even if a warning was issued, is unacceptable and violates international and Jewish law.

Three Israeli civilians have been killed. Palestinian rockets must stop - they are aimed at civilian targets and like the Israeli bombardment, are a war crime.

- **LA Jews for Peace** calls for a just peace between Israel and Palestine. Peace will make both Israeli and Palestinians winners, and only peace will bring security to both people.
- **LA Jews for Peace** demands as the first step towards peace that Israel and Egypt end the blockade of Gaza. The blockade has destroyed the Gaza economy by preventing the free movement of people and the export of agricultural and manufactured goods. The blockade is the root cause of Palestinian frustration that underlies their primitive rocket attacks.
- **LA Jews for Peace** joins with ten **Israeli Human Rights organizations** in demanding that Israel (1) refrain from violating the laws of war and re-evaluate its aggressive policy and rules of engagement, and (2) establish a safe route for civilians and wounded to escape the battle zone. (<http://gisha.org/press/3097> & <http://gisha.org/press/3143>)
- **LA Jews for Peace** demands an end to U.S. government's unconditional diplomatic, financial, and military support of Israel that enables the occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza. Israel's use of American supplied weapons, like F-16 jets and Apache helicopters, in its aggressive war on Gaza civilians violates United States laws – namely the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act. It is time for the Obama Administration to finally support a binding United Nations Security Council resolution to end both the fighting and the siege of Gaza.

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