

## Cease-Fire Now & End Gaza Blockade

- **LA Jews for Peace** joins the 7,000 Israelis who stood-up in Tel Aviv, the 50,000 who stood-up in London, and the **world community** in demanding a permanent cease-fire now to stop the killing of civilians.

The killing of Palestinian civilians is not being done in our name.

- **LA Jews for Peace** calls for a just peace between Israel and Palestine. Peace will make both Israeli and Palestinians winners because only peace will bring security to both.
- **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 and the greater occupation is the root cause of Palestinian frustration that underlies their resistance including the primitive rocket attacks.
- **LA Jews for Peace** supports the U.N. Human Rights Council investigation of possible war crimes committed in the recent war in Gaza.

As of Aug. 9, Israel has killed nearly 1,900 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 72% (about 1,330) 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 Israeli bombardment of inhabited homes, hospitals, neighborhoods, and areas in the Gaza Strip, even when a warning was issued, is unacceptable and violates international and Jewish law.

([http://www.btselem.org/20140721\\_btselem\\_calls\\_on\\_government\\_to\\_cease\\_bombardment](http://www.btselem.org/20140721_btselem_calls_on_government_to_cease_bombardment))

Three Israeli civilians have been killed. Palestinian rockets are aimed at civilian targets and, like the Israeli attack on civilians, they too are a war crime.

- **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 two U.S. laws – namely the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act. It is time for the Obama Administration to enforce these law and finally support a binding United Nations Security Council resolution to end both the fighting and the siege of Gaza.

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