

CONFRONTING ISRAEL'S APARTHEID WEBINAR CHAT

January 12, 2023

18:55:55 From MIKE LEVINSON to Everyone:

Hello Priscilla!

18:59:25 From MIKE LEVINSON to Everyone:

Hello Julie C. !

19:00:34 From Randall Heyn-Lamb to Everyone:

Greetings from All Saints Church, Pasadena, CA, Diocese of Los Angeles, historic lands of the Kizh (Tongva) people.

19:05:37 From MIKE LEVINSON to Everyone:

Hello Julie W. !

19:06:08 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

We are on Facebook: Hampton Roads for Palestine in Virginia Bch VA.....

19:06:40 From Lisa Mullenneaux to Everyone:

Greetings from Jewish Voice for Peace in the Hudson Valley

19:07:04 From Jessica Sun to Everyone:

Greetings from Vienna, VA! Happy to be a part of the Virginia Coalition for Human Rights and Pax Christi

19:07:12 From Mercy Aiken to Everyone:

Greeting from Network of Evangelicals for the Middle East. (NEME).

19:07:20 From Julie Carran to Everyone:

Hi Mike! And Priscilla, Julie W., Shahida...

19:07:29 From MIKE LEVINSON to Everyone:

Hello Again from the WAR EESISTERS LEAGUE

19:08:47 From Loren McGrail to Everyone:

Greetings from UCC PIN

19:09:10 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

Greetings from Los Angeles from a passionate Palestinian rights supporter.

19:09:54 From Maryn P Goodson to Everyone:

Greetings from Bethesda MD

19:10:17 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

From Toronto, Canada, member of Independent Jewish Voices, and of the United Network for Justice & Peace in Palestine & Israel (mostly United Church of Canada with some Jewish members), and Canadian Friends Service Committee.

19:10:33 From Theresa Basile to Everyone:

Greetings from UMKR, and from me in Culver City, CA

19:10:52 From Abigail Abysalh-Metzger to Everyone:

Greetings from Ho Ho Kus, NJ and Pax Christi Int./USA

19:11:45 From Gloria Fearn to Everyone:

Greetings from the Palestine Task Force of the California/Nevada Conference United Methodist Church.

19:15:05 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

Thanks Gloria, I am in Illinois, social action coordinator at a local UMC

19:15:26 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

from Vancouver Island, BC in Canada. Member of Independence Jewish Voices, Jewish Voice for Peace, co-founder of Mid-Islanders for Justice & Peace in the Middle East.

19:15:47 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

There is also Kairos Response in the UMC

19:15:51 From Anne Wolkow (she/her) to Everyone:

Greetings, and thanks. In Hamilton, Ontario, I support the work of CJPME especially, and closely follow the difficult, difficult work of DCI P, Defence for Children Palestine.

19:16:16 From Haithem El-Zabri to Everyone:

salam from austin, texas. occupied ancestral territory of the Tonkawa, Lipan-Apache, Karankawa, Comanche, and Coahuiltecan people.

19:18:52 From Theresa Basile to Everyone:

@Janice Gintzler: thank you! We are United Methodists for Kairos Response, UMKR:
<https://www.kairosresponse.org/>

19:19:49 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

Yeah!

19:21:35 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

@Anne Wolkow I just donated to DCIP

19:28:27 From Ellen Isaacs to Everyone:

Isn't there a problem in that inequality and racism continue in South Africa, with only a betterment in terms of some civil rights having been achieved. So Africa is still a capitalist state with a small ruling elite. You are welcome to consider
<https://multiracialunity.org/2018/05/21/one-state-in-palestine-israel-cannot-bring-equality-if-it-is-a-capitalist-state/> which deals with the economies of S Africa, the US and Israel/Palestine.

19:34:17 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

I want to know how we can get Congress to stop funding ethnic genocide and from going to Israel to hug Bibi>

19:34:34 From Randall Heyn-Lamb to Everyone:

MK and former Israeli UN Amb Danny Danon is planning to submit legislation to annex the Jordan River Valley to include all the illegal settlements, access roads and Area C lands from Lake Kinnaret (Sea of Galilee) to the Dead Sea.

19:35:30 From Mark Braverman to Everyone:

The best Dvar Torah, Brant. Strength to strength.

19:36:39 From Haithem El-Zabri to Everyone:

thank you, rabbi! and thank you dr. falk! really appreciate both of you.

19:36:45 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

Kol Kavod, Brant!

19:36:56 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

I don't understand what you wrote entirely What is MK, Randall

19:37:16 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

I was waiting for actions suggestions from the rabbi

19:37:16 From Mark Braverman to Everyone:

Member of Knesset

19:38:42 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

Thank you. So appropriating the Jordan valley and illegal settlements, and doing what with those areas? Handing them to the Palestinians?

19:40:12 From Primo Racimo to Everyone:

How about the roles of the US and EU in supporting the State of Israel?

19:40:45 From Phillip Palmer to Everyone:

If the Hebrew Scriptures record the Jewish people's resistance to oppression, don't they also record Jewish people's oppressing of the people who were already in Palestine? How do we distinguish what is from God and what is not?

19:41:31 From William Aldrich to Everyone:

My question to the panelists is to describe the inhuman acts that Israel is doing in "48 Israel." The ones in the OPT are obvious. Human Rights Watch found apartheid only in the OPT, whereas other groups including B'Tselem and Amnesty International have found apartheid also in "48 Israel."

19:43:49 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

Indeed, Primo. I think if the US can be motivated to stop the flow of money to Israel, maybe the EU will follow. The US seems to control the world after all

19:45:41 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

I've just read "The Delusions of Crowds," which is partly about religious manias, including Christian Zionism. Jewish Zionism is a Jewish problem. I figure that Christian Zionism is a Christian problem, and it's very influential in the US, including in Washington. Canada too; Stephen Harper is a Christian Zionist. Comments?

19:46:45 From Mark Braverman to Everyone:

this is an important hermeneutical as well as theological question, Phillip. There are narratives, including divine imperatives, in the scriptures that are, to say the least, difficult. Jews making claim to Palestinian lands cite those scriptures. Christian Zionists do the same. These are difficult and very important discussions that need to be taken on. Palestinian theologians have taken these questions on directly, as well as theologians in the West and in the Global South.

19:53:47 From Jim Best to Everyone:

US law has supported BDS since Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Law of 1986. With unrestricted, unquestioned supply of 2/3 of all US foreign aid, we are guilty of unquestioned support of Apartheid. Why? Because US war industry profits exert more influence than US law. How can we make Peace more profitable than War? We must enact mass resistance, elect a gov. which values people more than profits of war. Help, lead us!

19:54:52 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

Regavim, an Israeli organization trying to take all the land in Palestine a bite at a time, had a week of events in Toronto. I went to one of them. I was interested that she didn't say God or the Bible gave all the land to the Jews. She said the British did.

19:55:13 From MIKE LEVINSON to Everyone:

Question: Ask Prof. Falk to explain how Israel uses its interpretation of international law to justify the military occupation.

19:55:47 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

@jim Best. Yes, but everyone votes for the bad person they already have. We need to get the money out of politics.

19:55:55 From Rose Eaber to Everyone:

Thank you Professor Falk and Rabbi Rosen. Thank you Mai Khader Kakish for sharing your painful family story.

19:56:00 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

SUKRAN KTEER MAI KHADER KAKISH for your extraordinary work...and explanations....

19:56:04 From Lisa Mullenneaux to Everyone:

Very empowering. Thank you!

19:56:19 From Pauline Coffman to Everyone:

Thank you so much, Mai. That was so eloquent.

19:56:29 From Sherna Gluck to Everyone:

Wonderful program. Thank you so much. Unfortunately, I do have to leave now.

19:56:33 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

No matter how many times I hear these stories, I am moved to fresh tears. Thank you Mai!

19:57:01 From Linda Kateeb to Everyone:

Thanks for your truly powerful analysis, Mai. Don and Linda

19:57:47 From Janice Gintzler to Everyone:

Yes, I read the same thing that Mai spoke about just this week, It might have been in Counter Punch

19:58:08 From Judith Schelble to Everyone:

Thank you Mai — I wish everyone could hear your story; that just once the news media or 60 Minutes or PBS news hour would see fit to have someone like you on to share their story — it is so compelling, but so few are aware of the true reality

19:58:23 From J Paula Roderick, UMKR, on unceded land of the three fires to Everyone:

thank you Mai. I think that we have a sacred trust, once we hear your story, to remember your story, and to take action

19:59:10 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

We need to educate the American PEOPLE....and to share Palestinian CULTURE too...their embroidery, olive wood carvings, poetry literature, famous Palestinian leaders, songs, the oud, their sports,,,Culture often reaches people....

19:59:22 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

How do we convince the American Congress to stop their continued support of Israel? Maybe stop giving them billions in aid? And how do we change the Israeli public's acceptance of the situation.... so that they stop voting the same terrorist leaders?

20:01:13 From Scott Elliott to Everyone:

How can one counter the accusation of antisemitism in response to criticism of Israeli policies?

20:02:23 From Sandra Deming to Everyone:

WE can each write our senators and make an appeal for the human rights of the Palestinians particularly in light of the new Israeli government

20:02:35 From Jim Best to Everyone:

Ask ALEC, Scott!

20:02:40 From Shahida Qadir to Everyone:

Wonderful program, unfortunately I have to leave

20:02:58 From Rev Sandra Mackie to Everyone:

We MUST get Dark Money out of our political system so that we can start to examine the possibility to have a normal lawful foreign policy.

20:04:02 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

Yes BOYCOTT...and true stories like yours....Na'am! YES

20:04:29 From Helen Langa to Everyone:

Have to recognize that US has international goals in supporting Israeli militarism and its position in middle east in relation to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iran. Larger international politics are at play and trump the power of humanistic sympathies. We also have to ask what is happening in Israel as right wing conservative Orthodox Jews have large families and are increasingly able to outvote left wing and liberal Jews: the vision of Jewish humanism is being taken apart as we watch.

20:05:15 From Judith Schelble to Everyone:

Yes — stories like hers are the hardest to ignore & deny

20:06:08 From Linda Kateeb to Everyone:

Israel, in its extreme violence, is immune to accountability thanks to the US blind support. Is it time to call for a credible international protective force to save Palestinian lives and communities? The US will oppose it but perhaps its time to raise this issue. the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago's website next week.

20:06:28 From Jim Swanson to Everyone:

Why are so many of our educational institutions contributing to suppressing Palestinian voices? I think about the professor who was hired and then un-hired because of telling the truth about Israeli policies we are discussing this evening.

20:07:01 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

Yes, I think Harvard scored an own goal when they did that.

20:07:11 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

Challenge those institutions who equate criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism. Don't allow IHRA definition to be passed. <https://www.noihra.ca/>

20:07:32 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

We have rallies here in conservative military Norfolk with excellent signs to make people think, as they pass in their cars....

20:08:36 From Rev Sandra Mackie to Everyone:

We also MUST get practical about system in which \$ billions go from Congress, to Israel, to munitions manufacturers, and back to Congressional campaign coffers.

20:10:21 From tina liakopoulos to Everyone:

I find it so incredible that there is absolutely no international body that can force Israel to conform to international law and punish it for what it has been doing. Israel just laughs at everyone and then threatens everybody and gets away with it because the US allows for this like so many people have said. Disgusting and appalling. We need a miracle given the fact that we have allowed this monster to grow to this point over the last 7 decades. Completely unacceptable and highly immoral and unethical!!!

20:10:26 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/oct/30/if-we-endorse-the-ihra-definition-of-antisemitism-we-put-at-risk-australias-academic-freedom>

20:10:44 From Lisa Mullenneaux to Everyone:

Academics and administrators need to stand up to accusations of anti-semitism and the threat that donors will not give \$\$ Support free speech!

20:10:46 From Anne Wolkow (she/her) to Everyone:

The work of Congresswoman Betty McCollum is very important in the USA.

20:11:27 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

Tina L... couldn't agree more.

20:12:06 From Scott Elliott to Everyone:

I went to high school with Ken Roth

20:12:30 From Julie Weiner to Everyone:

The anti-semitism accusation is particularly ironic in light of the history of international human rights law - were not substantial portions of it drafted by the international community in response to the holocaust?

20:12:33 From Judith Goldschmidt to Everyone:

What Falk is referring to at Harvard U:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/jan/10/kenneth-roth-human-rights-watch-harvard-israel>

20:12:44 From tina liakopoulos to Everyone:

Meera, given how long this has gone on and how extreme Israel has become and belligerent, I do not know how we can defeat them now, but it must be done. I cry everyday for Palestine and feel helpless!!

20:13:16 From Scott Elliott to Everyone:

Thank you for that Judith

20:13:40 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

We all also need to demand from our media that they give these topics more coverage instead of the crap they feed us.

20:15:01 From Ellen Isaacs to Everyone:

The US needs Israel as its nuclear ally in the Middle East. The racism and violence of Israel is no worse, is in line with that of the US, from slavery to support of murder and oppression from Congo to Phillipines to all of Central and So America. The US only fears that Israel will go so far as to arouse too much blowback from its neighbors or citizens, but little to fear on that score.

20:15:02 From Bob and Lynne Herbst to Everyone:

It isn't just accusations of antisemitism that has been so effective. It is the accusation that Palestinians and their solidarity advocates want to destroy Israel -- "Israel has a right to exist!" or "Israel has a right to exist as a Jewish state." It has been a very effective cry, even though it obscures the fact that what is really being said is that Israel has a right to exist as an Apartheid State." Perhaps we need to make that point and say it does not have a right to exist in that form, its present form.

20:15:30 From Scott Elliott to Everyone:

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20:15:33 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

Same as South Africa? It's worse. The SA whites wanted to control and exploit the Blacks. They didn't want to get rid of them.

20:15:43 From tina liakopoulos to Everyone:

Agreed Meera, the media is highly complicit in this US Israel led brutal aggression, the narrative is that Israek is the victim and Palestinians are the terrorists.

20:16:57 From Helen Langa to Everyone:

And as in South Africa, Israel needs Palestinian laborers to do work Israelis don't want to do: in factories, farming, etc.

20:17:21 From Debby Fosdick to Everyone:

Thank you for a highly motivating discussion. I plan to share about it with the Hands of Peace community.

20:17:22 From Elizabeth Block to Everyone:

Israel has been importing guest workers to do the work Palestinians used to do.

20:17:37 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

Having worked in the media I will tell you that the powers that be DO listen when the public starts to make a point... especially if they accuse them of not educating the public.

20:17:38 From tina liakopoulos to Everyone:

Thank you for this webinar.

20:18:14 From Rev Sandra Mackie to Everyone:

Come and see... Go and tell!

20:18:24 From Meera Cheriyan to Everyone:

Fabulous discussions.

20:18:48 From Sandra Castillo to Everyone:

thank you for an very informative and helpful webinar.

20:18:54 From Julie Weiner to Everyone:

Don't occupied peoples have a legal right of self-defense? Do we dare say so?

20:19:01 From Christine Hoppe to Everyone:

mabruk...an outstanding webinar with Dr Falk and amazing Mai...shukran...thank you

20:19:02 From Elizabeth Read to Everyone:

With much gratitude for this rich educational program

20:20:55 From J Paula Roderick, UMKR, on uncaded land of the three fires to Everyone:

thank you all

20:21:41 From Anne Wolkow (she/her) to Everyone:

Thanks so much for this evening.

20:21:54 From Haithem El-Zabri to Everyone:

thank you!

20:24:35 From Julie Weiner to Everyone:

Great job, all of you. Thanks -Julie

20:25:05 From John Holden to Everyone:

Thank you for this program.