

# CORE VALUES

## 1. **We are inspired by Jewish traditions of social justice**

We are Jews and allies speaking out against injustice, according to Jewish values and following in the footsteps of Jewish social justice traditions.

We have a double responsibility as Jews, and as American tax-payers, to speak out.

The mainstream Jewish community does not speak for us. We refuse to narrow-mindedly and short-sightedly only care about the welfare of our own people, and we choose to speak out against the Israel-right-or-wrong attitude of the Jewish American Establishment.

## 2. **Our work is values-based**

We are for justice and universal human rights. Equality, dignity and self-determination for all peoples are the keys to peace for Israelis and Palestinians.

We are allies in the Palestinian struggle for freedom. We are leaders in the Jewish struggle for freedom from growing racism, fear, and hyper-nationalism that is moving us away from our core values of equality and justice.

## 3. **We support the suspension of US military aid to Israel until it abides by international law**

The siege, assaults on Gaza, and the occupation would not be possible without unconditional financial and diplomatic support provided by the US, so any successful peace agreement requires a change in US foreign policy. Israel won't give up its power willingly, and must be pressured. It is our job to change these unjust policies and to oppose lobby groups like AIPAC who pressure policymakers into unconditional support for Israel while claiming, falsely, to speak for all Jews.

## **4. Our political analysis of the conflict is shaped by root causes**

Underlying conditions of occupation, displacement, siege and consistent human rights violations are at the center of the ongoing violence. To end violence - and truly mourn all its victims - we must acknowledge, and challenge the root causes beneath it. The occupation, with US military and financial support, is one root cause. So too is a decades-long history of displacement of Palestinians who constitute the world's largest and longest suffering refugee population. The daily structural violence of the occupation systematically denies the very humanity of Palestinians, while valuing Jewish lives at the expense of others.

## **5. We support nonviolent resistance, including BDS**

We support Palestinian-led unarmed resistance, including the on-the-ground resistance in Palestinian villages, and the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. We engage in targeted campaigns against corporations and institutions that uphold the occupation and that profit off of oppression.

## **6. We are part of a broader movement of allies**

We are a national, grassroots, member-based organization. We partner, not only with Israeli and Palestinian peace activists, but with a diverse range of groups committed to a just peace- Christians, Muslims, Arab Americans, artists, academics, religious leaders, students, and more.