

# BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

Bay Area Women in Black, a group of Jewish feminists and allies, stands in solidarity with Israeli Women in Black, who have held silent vigils weekly for 14 years to protest the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem and to mourn all the Israeli and Palestinian lives that have been lost.

Bay Area Women in Black call for:

- An end to the Israeli Occupation and the evacuation of the Jewish settlements on Palestinian land
- The establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel on the basis of the 1967 borders
- Jerusalem as the shared capitol of both states.
- A just solution to the needs of Palestinian refugees, based on a negotiated combination of compensation and controlled right of return taking the needs and concerns of Israelis and Palestinians into consideration.
- International protection of Palestinian and Israeli civilians
- Israeli and Palestinian women represented in all negotiations leading toward a cease-fire and a peace settlement.
- A suspension of American military aid to Israel until the occupation is ended
- Support for those who are struggling for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine.

We wear black as a symbol of sorrow for all victims of war and as a way to join in spirit with the more than 150 other Women in Black groups around the world. As Jews, we honor the fundamental teaching, "Choose Life, so that you and your children may live." In order to choose life, we must struggle for the conditions that allow the lives of all people to flourish.

Bay Area Women in Black holds vigils in protest and mourning for all the lives that have been lost in religious, political and nationalistic struggles. Everyone is invited to join us.

For resources and information: contact [BayAreaWomenInBlack@earthlink.net](mailto:BayAreaWomenInBlack@earthlink.net)

There are two other Women in Black groups in the Bay Area.

**Berkeley Women in Black** stand every Friday from 12-1:00 pm at Bancroft and Telegraph.

**San Francisco Women in Black** hold a vigil on the first Friday of every month from 5:00-6:00 pm at Montgomery and Market.

Contributions to support our work are most welcome.

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