

BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

A Report from Jerusalem

With

Marcia Freedman,
former Member of Knesset and Israeli feminist peace activist

Special guest

Tamir Sorek,
member of Courage to Refuse and one of the more than 300
Israeli army reserve officers who signed a declaration
refusing to serve in the Occupied Territories

Sunday, March 31

4:00 P.M.

Berkeley Fellowship of Universalist Unitarians,

Cedar and Bonita Streets

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Marcia Freedman lives half of each year in Jerusalem, where she is active in the Israeli women's peace movement. Having just returned, her unique experiences in these past months will shed much needed light, perspective, and clarity on the troubling events of the past 18 months and especially the past two weeks.

The recent massive Israeli invasions of Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have shocked the world and deeply disturbed many in our community. What is the meaning of these extreme actions, particularly when they not only do not prevent terrorist attacks on Israel but actually increase them? The loss of life on both sides has been massive and indiscriminate, including innocent civilians, old people, women, and children. What are the hopes for an end to the violence and a resumption of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

There is a growing movement in Israel that opposes the policies and actions of the present government. There is a growing number of Americans, Jewish and non-Jewish, who support Israel's right to exist in security yet question its current policies.

Join us for a discussion of the events and the phenomena that mark these troubled and troubling times.

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 as a result of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.

This is a free event.

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