

FOR THE LOVE OF ISRAEL

In these days, when reason succumbs to reaction, and hope falls to fear; when militarism and violence constitute a first course of action, rather than a last:

We say NO to violence, YES to dialogue
NO to terror, YES to compromise
NO to war, YES to peace

We support Israel by supporting its citizens.

- 70% of Israelis support the evacuation of settlements.
(Survey by Mina Zemach, Israel's premier pollster, published April 2002.)
- More than 50% agree the settlements constitute an obstacle to the resolution of the conflict.
(Mina Zemach poll, April 2002.)
- 73% of Israelis favor the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.
(Poll taken by Yediot Achronot, April 2002.)
- 75% of Israelis believe that Prime Minister Sharon has no long-term plan.
(Mina Zemach poll, April 2002.)
- Only 35% of Israelis approve of Prime Minister Sharon's performance.
(Market Watch poll, week of March 13, 2002.)
- Only 30% of Israelis approve of Prime Minister Sharon's performance in the security area.
(Market Watch poll, week of March 13, 2002.)

Israeli citizens want security within recognized international borders. Unlike their current government, they do not want to retain control of the occupied Palestinian territories, and they do not want to maintain Jewish settlements in these territories.

We mourn the deaths of Israelis by Palestinians, yet we do not support the right wing's policies, under the leadership of Ariel Sharon, with blind loyalty. We believe they are cruel and unjust.

WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER TO TERRORISM.

Military operations have never prevented terrorism. Nor will they now. By increasing the suffering and deaths of Palestinians, terrorism will likely resume in even greater force.

**WE BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLES OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE
CAN NEGOTIATE A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE!**

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