

Protest “Boston Celebrates Israel”

Sunday, June 19, 11:30 AM, Boston Government Center.

The Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston has announced its annual “Boston Celebrates Israel” event. The title implies the backing and involvement of the city of Boston. It is explicitly advertised as being “in support of Israel.” The event consists of a rally at Copley Square at 10:30 AM, a walk to Government Center, and a celebration at City Hall Plaza starting at 12:30 PM.



For the fourth year in a row The New England Committee to Defend Palestine calls for a protest of “Boston Celebrates Israel.” We ask the people of Boston in whose name this event is being held: Is the oppression of the people of Palestine and the theft of their land since 1948 something to “celebrate”?

Does Boston celebrate the mass expulsion of 780,000 Palestinians in 1948?

Does Boston celebrate military massacres, from Deir Yassin in 1948 to Jenin in 2002?

Does Boston celebrate the use of U.S. fighter jets, attack helicopters, tanks, bulldozers, and assault rifles to attack Palestinians?

Does Boston celebrate soldiers shooting children?

Does Boston celebrate the razing of Palestinian villages and home demolitions?

Does Boston celebrate 5 million refugees kept by force from returning to their homes in Palestine?

Does Boston celebrate the stealing of land by a state-sponsored settlement program?

Does Boston celebrate the stealing of water, the uprooting of olive trees, the building of 450 miles of 24-foot-high concrete walls to imprison Palestinians?

Does Boston celebrate ethnic cleansing and Apartheid?

If not please join all those for justice in Palestine at 11:30 AM Sunday, June 19!

