

A Message from Jewish Voice for Peace



One year of unspeakable loss.

A year of impunity for Israeli genocide has landed us here. The U.S. government's refusal to impose any consequences for Israel's crimes against humanity has meant that the Israeli government feels it has free rein to keep escalating and expanding its destruction. **This week, Israel bombed Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen in a single day.**

This latest escalated assault has already displaced approximately one million people in Lebanon, and risks killing even more men, women, and children. Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to back this catastrophe.

Tell the Senate: Block bombs to Israel.

The Israeli military has massacred over 41,000 Palestinians in Gaza and has now begun carrying out massacres and mass forced displacement in Lebanon. The Israeli government is bringing the entire region to the brink of full-blown war. The grief, sorrow, and pain are endless. And it is funded and enabled by **the** Biden administration, which continues to arm the Israeli government. Congress must intervene.

For the first time in U.S. history, there will be a vote in Congress to block weapons to Israel. Senators Bernie Sanders, Peter Welch, and Jeff Merkley have introduced Joint Resolutions of Disapproval to stop a \$20 billion weapons shipment approved by the Biden administration.

Call your Senators immediately and tell them to block these weapons, and to support a full arms embargo on the Israeli government to save lives.

(Go to <https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/nobombs/> and follow the instructions on the site to make these calls.)

A year of genocide got us here.

For all of us grieving loved ones, the losses of the last year are unbearable.

As Jews, we have an unshakeable belief that each of us was created *b'tselem elohim*, in the image of G-d, and that every person is a whole world. Each of the thousands upon thousands of lives lost was an entire universe destroyed.

It is because of this knowledge, that every single life is precious, that we have mourned every single life lost over the past year — Palestinian, Lebanese, and Israeli. And it is because of this knowledge that we have fought at every turn against the efforts of the Israeli and U.S. governments to turn Jewish grief into a justification for genocide.

Since last October, Israel has murdered more than 41,000 Palestinians, with thousands more buried under the rubble. It is intentionally starving and trying to eradicate an entire people. More than 10,000 Palestinians have been abducted by the Israeli military, held in prison camps where they are being sexually, physically, and psychologically tortured. The Israeli military's calculated destruction of Gaza's hospitals, food, and clean water supply has made daily life unlivable, with these slower forms of genocide projected to claim as many as 200,000 lives. And the Israeli government has made clear its utter disregard too for the safety of Israeli hostages in Gaza, whom it has recklessly endangered while using their families for political propaganda.

For a year, we have watched as Palestinians in Gaza livestream this genocide, documenting every horror and war crime that the Israeli military inflicts — from the indiscriminate bombing of refugee camps and hospitals to starvation to the spread of eradicated diseases like polio.

Over and over, we bear witness to the lifeless bodies of children pulled from the rubble, [and] to the craters that are left behind when U.S.-made bombs obliterate families in their tents. And we watch as the Israeli and U.S. governments claim to be carrying out this horror in our names.

No more bombs to Israel.

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