Frequently Asked Questions

Who are you?

Israelis for Peace NYC is a grassroots organization of Israeli anti-occupation activists living in NY – some of which have lost family members on October 7th – who mobilized for a ceasefire and hostage release until a ceasefire agreement was signed, and calling for an end to the occupation, lifting of the Gaza siege, and a shared Israeli-Palestinian future in the longer term.

What Do You Do/Support?

Since October 7th, we have held vigils, weekly protests, and events in which we uplift and amplify affected communities, activists, and peace makers in and from Israel and Palestine.

The Israelis for Peace community protested in Union Square, NYC, every Sunday for two years, until a ceasefire was achieved. Our protests now take place once every first Sunday of the month. IFP strives to continue doing our part in fostering American support for the peacemakers and the paradigm shifters on the ground – those who are tasked with building the just future we are all calling for. We support ending the Occupation of the West Bank, lifting the siege on Gaza, ending Apartheid and finding long term diplomatic resolutions rooted in equality and safety.

IFP strives to exemplify that the demands for ceasefire and hostage release are one and the same, as are Palestinian and Israeli security and freedom. No one will be safe on the land until we are all safe, and everybody in the world, including those between the river and the sea, deserve freedom and equality.

Why no flags?

Given that flags are symbols, they inherently symbolize different things to different people and can very effectively shut down the possibility of a dialogue before it even has a chance to begin.

We believe that in this extremely polarized moment, flags are very often an obstacle to an actual conversation where true listening happens; they make us immediately make assumptions about where the other is coming from, instead of listening to what they have to say.

We invite people, instead, to read our signs and stay open to messages that hold multiple truths at the same time.

How Can I Get Involved?

You can join our monthly protests in Union Square, NYC, every first Sunday of the month.

You can come to our panels, speaking events and screenings.

You can share content from our protests and spread the word by filming them yourself or by sharing our speakers' speeches from our social media.

You can stay up to date on other activists and organizations in Israel/Palestine by following us on social media. You can amplify and share this content and help spread the message.

You can join our silent whatsapp group to receive updates, as well as opportunities to contribute to direct aid work in Gaza.

I want to come but I don't live in NYC

Get in touch with us and we will help you set up an Israelis For Peace (or other title) protest in your town! All you need is some signs, a couple of friends and the internet.

Who Attended / Spoke at Your Events? (non-exhaustive list)

NYC Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani
NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Journalist Peter Beinart
Standing together co-director Sally Abed
Council member Shahana Hanif
Lily Greenberg Call - the first Jewish-American political appointee to resign from the Biden-Harris administration over its policies in Gaza
Israeli peace activist Maoz Inon, whose parents were both killed on October 7th
Palestinian peace activist Aziz Abu-Sarah, whose brother was killed by the Israeli army.
Amira Mohammed, Palestinian peace activist and podcaster of "The Third Narrative"
Libby Linkenski, New Israel Fund
Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib, Gazan Palestinian American peace activist, who lost 31 family members in Gaza.
Rabbi Rachel Timoner, Congregation Beth Elohim
Rabbi Margo Hughes-Robinson, Partners for a Progressive Israel
Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, founder of Lab/shul
Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah
Rabbi Jill Jacobs, CEO of T'ruah Rabbis
Ayala Metzger, Daughter-in-law of hostage Yoram Metzger Z"L ,who was killed in captivity.
Efrat Machikawa, the niece of hostage Gadi Moses.

Yifat Kalderon, cousin of hostage Ofer Kalderon.
Noam Shuster-Eliassi, Israeli peace activist and comedian
Osama Eliwat, Palestinian peace activist
Rotem Levin, Israeli peace activist
Hamze Awawde, Palestinian peace activist
Yehuda and Vicky Cohen, parents of hostage Nimrod Cohen
Zahiro, nephew of hostage Abraham Munder Z”L, who was killed in captivity.
Parents Circle Families Forum members and activists:
Yonatan Zeigen, Whose mother - peace activist Vivien Silver Z”L, was killed on October 7th.
Robi Damelin, whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper.
Layla Alshekh, whose infant son was killed by the IDF preventing treatment.
Arab Aramin, whose sister was killed by the IDF.
Michal Halev, whose son was killed on October 7th.
Elik Elhanan, whose sister was killed in a suicide bombing.
Israeli artist and activist Yossi Zabari.
Rabbi Arik Acherman, founder and director of Torat Tzedek Torah of Justice
Alon Lee Green, Co-director of Standing Together
Rula Daood, Co-director of Standing Together
Elie Avidor, Combatants for Peace
Elly Oltersdorf, Achvat Amim outreach Director
Dr.Yael Admi, co-founder and chair of Women Wage Peace
Adnan Jaber, Tech2Peace and Friends of Standing Together LA
Ruti Netzer Baidatz, chair of Rabbis For Human Rights
Josh Drill, peacebuilder and student activist at Columbia
Stav Salpeter, Itach-Maaki - Women Lawyers for Social Justice
Arash Azizi, Iranian journalist and author

Who are the Israelis For Peace organizers and founders?

Tamar Glezerman is a narrative filmmaker and anti-occupation activist from Tel-Aviv, living in New York. After losing her aunt on October 7th, Tamar co-founded Israelis For Peace.



Tamara Gayer is an Israeli-American public artist and longtime activist. In her current activist iteration she is one of the organizers of Israelis for Peace and the Chair of the NYC Friends of Standing Together.



Noa Fort is an Israeli musician, recording artist, music educator and music therapist based in Brooklyn. She is one of the co-organizers for Israelis for Peace.



Gili Getz is an Israeli-American photojournalist, actor, and peace activist. Gili is one of the organizers of Israelis for Peace and the chair of American Friends of Combatants for Peace. Gili is best known for his extensive documentation of the American Jewish left and is a regular contributor to Jewish and Israeli press outlets.

