Michigan Peaceworks (formerly the Ann Arbor Area Committee for Peace (AAACP)) is virtually SILENT on the illegal killing, maiming, home destruction, and occupation of Palestinians by Israeli soldiers and settlers with the complicity of the US government and American Zionists.

**U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL ENDANGERS NOT ONLY PALESTINIANS BUT AMERICANS, TOO.**

“September 11 would not have occurred if the U.S. government had refused to help Israel humiliate and destroy Palestinian society. ... I believe the catastrophe could have been prevented if any U.S. president during the past 35 years had had the courage and wisdom to suspend all U.S. aid until Israel withdrew from the Arab land it seized in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.” Former 22-year veteran US Representative Paul Findley (R-IL). "Liberating America From Israel." Washington Report on Middle East Affairs. 11/02.

“President Bush changed the policy ... confirming Israeli settlements, and invading Iraq to secure Israel ... U.S. News & World Report and others keep parroting that terrorists hit us ‘because of our values’ and hate us ‘because of who we are.’ Not so! It is our Mideast policy they oppose.” 39-year veteran US Senator Ernest F Hollings (D-SC). “Now We Know: It’s our Mideast Policy that’s Creating Enemies.” Post and Courier (Charleston). 7/9/04.

... the conflict in Palestine/Israel is an issue of great concern in our community. ... We consider a peaceful resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict to be an important element in curtailing the cycle of violence worldwide.

--Michigan Peaceworks’ “Call for Peace in the Middle East,” adopted (but never acted upon) November 11, 2002 (http://michiganimc.org/newswire/display/6048/index.php)

**QUESTIONS FOR MICHIGAN PEACEWORKS LEADERS AND SUPPORTERS**

- Why won’t Michigan Peaceworks act on its own “Call for Peace in the Middle East” which was duly approved by 78% of voting members?
- Why did a majority of AAACP Directors vote against the “Call for Peace in the Middle East”?
- Why has Peaceworks—ostensibly a “grassroots” organization—quietly eliminated its membership? Is this “a viable community organizing model”?
- Why does Peaceworks—supposedly an organization "dedicated to ... democracy"—have a self-selected Board of Directors?
- Why has Peaceworks removed its “Call for Peace in the Middle East” from its web site?
- Why did the AAACP permit arch-Zionist Joan Lowenstein to speak at its rally on the first anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq while it banned speakers who would not agree to a gag rule against speaking about the plight of Palestinians?
- Why won’t Peaceworks endorse or publicize the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission’s “Resolution in Support of Ending U.S. Military Support for Israel”?
- Why didn’t Peaceworks support a divestment resolution put before the Michigan Student Assembly in March 2005?
- Why did Peaceworks President Eric Van De Vort physically assault a peaceful protestor at the group's Sept. 24, 2005, march?
- Except for a private, partial confirmation of the above incident by Vice President Nazih Hassan, why have Peaceworks leaders maintained a studied silence regarding the assault?

**IF YOU WANT ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS THEN PLEASE CONTACT MICHIGAN PEACEWORKS AT 734-761-5922 OR INFO@MICHIGANPEACEWORKS.ORG.**

Our purpose is to encourage Michigan Peaceworks to become a better, more democratic peace organization and one that will act on its own Call for Peace in the Middle East

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**Unbalanced Power, Unbalanced Suffering**

From 1987 through 2000, Israelis killed 386 Palestinian children and Palestinians killed 18 Israeli children (all 404 of these children were aged 16 or younger).

From December 1987 through August 7, 2005:

- Israelis have killed 3,897 Palestinian adults and 958 Palestinian children; according to B’Tselem “more than fifty percent of the Palestinians killed” by Israelis through 2003 were unarmed
- Palestinians have killed 1,256 Israeli adults and 135 Israeli children
- 77.7% of all those killed have been Palestinians; 22.3% have been Israelis.
- 87.6% of all children killed have been Palestinians; 12.4% have been Israelis.
- In 2002, the worst year for the killing of children on both sides, Israelis killed 153 Palestinian children; Palestinians killed 37 Israeli children.

### Palestinian & Israeli Death Toll, Dec. 1987-Aug. 7, 2005

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Based upon data from the Israeli human rights group, B’Tselem (www.btselem.org)

- Since 1967, Israel has illegally occupied and settled hundreds of thousands of its citizens on Palestinian and Syrian land; no Palestinians or Syrians illegally occupy Israeli land.
- Since 1987, the Israeli government has destroyed more than 5,770 Palestinian homes leaving thousands homeless; Palestinians have destroyed few or no Israeli homes.
- There are scores of Israeli checkpoints in the Occupied Territories. B’Tselem reported, “At least 40 Palestinians, including 14 minors [7 were newborns], have died after IDF soldiers delayed or denied them passage at checkpoints.” There are no Palestinian checkpoints in Israel.
- Israel has one of the world’s most formidable militaries, including tanks, jet fighters, helicopters, missiles, submarines, and nuclear weapons in its arsenal; the Palestinian Authority has a paramilitary police force armed with small arms; Palestinian irregulars have small arms and improvised explosives.
- Israel is building a “security barrier” encircling Palestinian communities inside the occupied West Bank, essentially creating large open-air prisons; Palestinians have erected no barriers in Israel.
- A 2002 US AID study found 19.5% of Palestinian children under age 5 suffered from moderate or severe malnutrition. In 2004, a UK Parliamentary committee concluded after, a six-month inquiry, the malnutrition was the result of “a deliberate Israeli strategy of putting the lives of ordinary Palestinians under stress . . .”

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**We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere.**

--Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech