Jewish survivors and descendants of survivors of Nazi genocide unequivocally condemn the massacre of Palestinians in Gaza

As Jewish survivors and descendants of survivors of the Nazi genocide we unequivocally condemn the massacre of Palestinians in Gaza and the ongoing occupation and colonization of historic Palestine. We further condemn the United States for providing Israel with the funding to carry out the attack, and Western states more generally for using their diplomatic muscle to protect Israel from condemnation. Genocide begins with the silence of the world.

We are alarmed by the extreme, racist dehumanization of Palestinians in Israeli society, which has reached a fever-pitch. In Israel, politicians and pundits in The Times of Israel and The Jerusalem Post have called openly for genocide of Palestinians and right-wing Israelis are adopting Neo-Nazi insignia.

Furthermore, we are disgusted and outraged by Elie Wiesel’s abuse of our history in other media to promote blatant falsehoods used to justify the unjustifyable: Israel’s wholesale effort to destroy Gaza and the murder of nearly 2,000 Palestinians, including many hundreds of children. Nothing can justify bombing UN shelters, homes, hospitals and universities. Nothing can justify depriving people of electricity and water.

We must raise our collective voices and use our collective power to bring about an end to all forms of racism, including the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people.

We call for an immediate end to the siege against and blockade of Gaza. We call for the full economic, cultural and academic boycott of Israel. “Never again” must mean NEVER AGAIN FOR ANYONE!

Signed,

Survivors

Henri Wajnbloom, survivor and son of a victim of Auschwitz from Lodz, Poland. Lives in Belgium.
Renate Birndorf, child refugee from Hitler, granddaughter of Auschwitz victim, United States.
Marinka Ebrich Ross, survivor of Nazi ethnic cleansing in Vienna. Austria. Now lives in United States.
Irena Klepsza, child survivor from the Warsaw Ghetto. Poland. Now lives in United States.
Hedy Epstein, her parents & other family members were deported to Camp de Gus & subsequently all perished in Auschwitz. Now lives in United States.
Lillian Rosengarten, survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, United States.
Suzanne Weiss, survived in hiding in France, and daughter of a mother who was murdered in Auschwitz. Now lives in Canada.
H. Richard Leuchtag, survivor, United States.
Evrin Somogy, survivor and son of survivors, United States.
Ilse Hadda, survivor on Kindertransport to England. Now lives in United States.
Jacques Glaser, survivor, France.
Norbert Hirschhorn, refugee of Nazi genocides and grandson of three grandparents who died in the Shoah, London.
Eva Naylor, survivor, New Zealand.
Suzanne Ros, child refugee from Nazi occupation in Belgium, two thirds of family perished in the Lodz Ghetto, in Auschwitz, and other Camps, United States.
Bernard Swierczek, Polish survivor, lost relatives in Majdanek concentration camp. Now lives in the United States.
Joseph Klinkov, hidden child in Poland, still lives in Poland.
Nicole Milles, survivor from Belgium. Now lives in United States.
Hed Saraf, child survivor and daughter of survivor of Dachau, United States.
Michael Roze, child survivor and son and grandson of survivors; aunt died in Auschwitz and cousin in concentration camp. AIL 14 remaining Jewish children in my Dutch boarding school were murdered in concentration camps, United States.
Barbara Ross, survivor from Germany, half-sister killed in Auschwitz, United States.
Sonia Herzbrun, survivor of Nazi genocide, France.
Ivan Huber, survivor with my parents, but 3 of 4 grandparents murdered, United States.
Altman Janina, survivor of Janowice concentration camp. Lived in Israel.
Ruth Halpern, survivor. United States.
George Bartenieff, survivor from Germany and many sons of survivors, United States.
Edith Bell, survivor of Westerbork, Therezaanstad, Auschwitz and Kurzbach. Lives in United States.
Janine Evrard, survivor, France.
Harry Halbreich, survivor, German.
Ruth Halpern, survivor, spent five years hiding. The Netherlands.

Children of survivors

Liliana Kerzegriszki, daughter of Viska ghetto resistance fighter and grandmother of murdered in Ponary woods, Lithuania. Now lives in France.
Jean Claude Meyer, son of Marcel, shot as a hostage by the Nazis, whose sister and parents died in Auschwitz. Now lives in France.
Chava Finkler, daughter of survivor of Starogard ghetto labour camp, Poland. Now lives in Canada.
Micah Bazant, child of a survivor of the Nazi genocide, United States.
Sylvia Schweizer, daughter and granddaughter of survivors and grandson of survivors of the Nazi genocide, United States.
Margot Goldstein, daughter and granddaughter of survivors of the Nazi genocide, United States.
Elen Schwart Walp, daughter of survivors from Vienna, Austria. Now lives in United States.
Lisa Kossowski, daughter of survivor and granddaughter of Auschwitz victims, United States.
Daniel Strum, son of a refugee from Vienna, who, with his parents were forced to flee in 1939. His maternal grand parents were lost. United States.
Bruce Ballin, son of survivors, some relatives of parents died in camps, one relative behaved for being in the Baum Resistance Group.
Rachel Daudl, daughter of survivor from Germany and Poland, United States.
Tom Mayer, son of survivor and grandson of victim, United States.
Alex Neissen, daughter of survivors who escaped but lost family in the Holocaust, United States.
Mark Aleshnick, son of survivor who lost most of her family in Nazi genocides, United States.
Prof Haim Bresehov, son of two survivors of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, London.
Todd Michael Edelman, son and grandson of survivors and great-grandson of great-grandson of the Nazi genocide in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, United States.
Tim Naylor, son of survivor, New Zealand.
Victor Nepomnichy, son and grandson of survivors and grandson and relative of many victims, United States.
Tanya Ury, daughter of parents who fled Nazi Germany. Granddaughter, great-granddaughter and niece of survivors and those who died in concentran camps, Germany.
Rachel Gora, granddaughter of Polish Jews who fled Poland, Israel.
Jane Hirschmann, daughter of survivors, United States.
Jenny Heinza, daughter of survivors, United States.
Jajo Hamburger, son and grandson of 4 grandparents murdered in Auschwitz, The Netherlands.
Elia Auerbach, daughter of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, United States.
Julian Clegg, son and grandson of Austrian refugees, relatives of Austrian and Hungarian concentration camp victims, Taiwan.
David Mizner, son of a survivor, relative of people who died in the Holocaust, United States.
Jeffrey J Westcott, son and grandson of Holocaust survivors from Germany, United States.
Susan K Jacoby, daughter of parents who were refugees from Nazi Germany, grand daughter of survivor of Buchenwald, United States.
Audrey Boms, daughter of survivor of Nazi ethnic cleansing in Vienna, Lived in United States.
Daniel Gottschalk, son and grandson of refugees from the Holocaust, relative to various families of survivors who died in the Holocaust. United States.
Barbara Grossman, daughter of survivors, granddaughter of Holocaust victims, United States.
Abraham Westfield PhD, son of survivors who escaped Warsaw (Jewish Bundist) and Lublin ghettos, Canada.

David Rohlich, son of refugees from Vienna, grandson of victim, United States.
Walter Ballin, son of Holocaust survivors, United States.
Fritz Ross, daughter of survivor, grand daughter of Dachau survivor Hugo Rosenbaum, great-granddaughter and great niece of victims, United States.
Reuben Roth, son of survivors who died from Poland in 1939, Canada.
Tony Itto, father fled from Czechoslovakia and grandmother murdered in Auschwitz, Australia.
Avik Hudes, daughter and granddaughter of survivors from Vienna, Austria, great-granddaughter of victims who perished in Auschwitz, United States.
Mates Nabe, son of survivor from Berlin, Germany. Lived in United States.
John Mihald, son of survivors from Malta, United States.
Mike Okrent, son of two Holocaust / concentration camp survivors, United States.
Susan Bailey, daughter of survivor and niece of victims, UK.
Brenda Lewis, child of Kindertransport survivors, parent’s family died in Auschwitz and Terezin. Lives in Canada.
Patricia Rincon-Mauviel, daughter of survivor and granddaughter of survivors, Colombia.
Banik Michale, daughter and granddaughter of a survivor, many members of family were killed in Auschwitz or Basiareia. Lives in Germany.
Jessica Blatt, daughter of child refugee survivor, both grandparents’ entire families killed in Poland. Lived in United States.
Maia Ettinger, daughter & granddaughter of survivors, United States.
Amnell Alcalay, child of survivor from then Yugoslavia. Lives in United States.
Julie Deborah Kosowski, daughter of hidden child survivor, grandparents did not return from Auschwitz, United States.
Julia Shpirt, daughter of survivor, United States.
Ruben Rosenberg Colom, grandson and son of survivors, The Netherlands.
Victor Ginsburg, son of survivors, Belgium.
Arviane Sreed, daughter of survivor and granddaughter of victim, Spain.
Rolf Verleger, son of survivors, father fled from Czechoslovakia and granddaughter murdered in Auschwitz, Spain.
Johanna Haan, daughter and granddaughter of survivors, London, UK.
Helga Fischer Mankovitz, daughter, niece and granddaughter of victim, Spain.
Eitan Altman, son of survivor, France.
Michal H. Fleishon, daughter of survivors, United States.

H. Reidson, daughter of survivors, United States.
Barbara Meyer, daughter of Polish concentration camps. Lived in Italy.
Susan Heiman, child of survivors and granddaughters of two grandparents murdered in a forest in Minsk. Lives in United States.
Rami Heled, son of survivors, all grandparents and family killed by the Germans in Treblinka, Oswiecim and Russia. Lives in Israel.
Eliat Nissen, survivor from the Warsaw Ghetto, Poland. Now lives in United States.
Josef Sved, son of survivor and grandson of victim, United Kingdom.
Mania Kruczinski, daughter of Lea Horowicz who survived the Holocaust in Poland. Lives in Poland.
Sarah Lanzmann, daughter of survivor of Auschwitz, United States.
Cheryl YD, daughter, granddaughter and nieces of survivor, grandfather was a member of the Dutch Underground (Eindhoven). Lives in Australia.
Chey Holmgust, son of survivor, UK.
Beverly Stuart, daughter and granddaughter of survivors from Romania and Poland. Lives in United States.
Peter Truskie, son and grandson of survivors, United States.
Karen Bennett, daughter of a child refugee from Vienna. Lives in United States.
Rebecca Weston, daughter and granddaughter of survivor, Sweden.
Prof. Yosefa Loshitzy, daughter of Holocaust survivors, London, UK.
Morton Gelber, daughter and granddaughter of those who escaped, great-grandfather and relative of many who died in the camp. UK.
Susan Sloymonovics, daughter and granddaughter of survivors of Auschwitz, Placceau, Markleeberg and Ghetto Mateszalka, United States.
Heida Fischer Markowitz, daughter, nieces and cousins of refugees who fled from Austria, nieces of victim who perished, Canada.
Steinberg, daughter of survivors and grand daughter of victim killed in Auschwitz as well as all of his family of Poland, France.
Michael Wachnia, son of survivors and relatives of many who perished, United States.
Arthur Graaff, son of decorated Dutch resistance member and Nazi victim, The Netherlands.
Johanna Haan, daughter and granddaughter of survivors, The Netherlands.

This petition was also signed by 132 other Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and other relatives of the survivors of the Holocaust.