

# Press release

## Jewish Appeal addressed to the Israeli Government

At a press conference held in Berne (Switzerland) on Monday, March 2, 2009 a worldwide appeal launched by concerned Jews for an Israel that respects human rights has been presented. "Out of a sense of shared responsibility and in the spirit of Jewish tradition – because the occupation is destroying the lives of the occupied and the souls of the occupiers" the following appeal is addressed to the Israeli Government: "We the undersigned Jews want the Israeli occupation, settlements and blockade of Palestinian territories to come to an end. We call for humane living conditions and security for all the people in Israel and Palestine".

It is the wish of the twenty three personalities from Switzerland, Germany, Austria und Israel who first signed the appeal that in the coming three years as many as possible of the estimated 13 millions Jews of the world sign this appeal, which will be available in eight languages on [www.humanrights-in-israel.ch](http://www.humanrights-in-israel.ch) . They expect that the Israeli Government will gradually implement the initiative.

The appeal was initiated by Jochi Weil-Goldstein (Zurich). Together with former Ambassador Philippe Lévy (Berne) and Shelley Berlowitz (Zurich) of the Jewish Voice for a Just Peace between Israel and Palestine (Switzerland) he explained at the press conference the motivation and the background of the initiative.

The 23 first signatories are. Rochelle Allebes (Zurich, CH), Rachel Babecoff (Geneva, CH), Gaby Belz (St. Gall, CH), Shelley Berlowitz (Zurich, CH), Judith Bernstein (Munich, D), Guy Bollag (Zurich, CH), Michel Bollag (Zurich, CH), Tsafirir Cohen (Jerusalem, IL / Berlin, D), Dr. Ernest Goldberger (Tel Aviv, IL), Batja und Chanan Guggenheim-Ami (St. Gall, CH), Evi Guggenheim Shbeta (Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, IL), Dorrie Iten-Gilden (Uster, CH), Philippe Lévy (Berne, CH), Prof. René Lévy (Mézières, CH), Dr. Rachel Livné-Freudenthal (Jerusalem, IL), Hanno Loewy (Hohenems, A), Miriam Victory Spiegel (Zurich, CH / New York, USA), Raffael Ullmann (Zurich, ZH), Prof. Rolf Verleger (Lübeck, D), Jochi Weil-Goldstein (Zürich, CH), Dr. Samuel Wiener-Barraud (Hombrechtikon, CH), Prof. Moshe Zuckermann (Tel Aviv, IL). Organisation: Jewish Voice for a Just Peace between Israel and Palestine (Switzerland)

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