

**ADALAH-NY:
THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FOR THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL**

The Boycott Leviev Holiday Songbook

Why SHOP when you can help STOP Apartheid?



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Leviev, Leviev

(to the tune of Jingle Bells – emphasis on the Lev; i.e. Lev-i-ev, Lev-i-ev)

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, -HEY!
Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

Building settlements
On confiscated lands,
Selling di-amonds,
With blood on his hands. Ho Ho Ho!

Making lots of dough,
Ignoring human rights
What a shame it is to shop at Leviev tonight! -HEY!

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, HEY!
Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

When greed is the game
Why speak of human rights?
Lev has got no shame
Out of mind and sight! Ho Ho Ho!

If it sells, it sells,
Nothin's in his way!
Oh what fun it is to hide
The high price poor folks pay! -EY!

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, HEY!
Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives,
Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

Just Say No
(to the tune of "Let it Snow")

Oh the diamonds inside are sparklin'
But they can't hide what's behind 'em
They're funding apartheid so
Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

Leviev's spent decades earning
Off of people's pain and suff'ring
So if you'd rather not help his show
Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

In Bil'in all the farmers sigh
As Lev takes away their land
But the settlements are a crime
And justice is our demand

Lev's lies are finally showing
And his greed is overflowing
New York knows the way to go
Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

(REPEAT ONCE FROM THE TOP)

Leviev Oh Leviev
*(to the tune of "Hanukkah oh Hanukkah",
emphasis on Lev, i.e. Lev-i-ev Oh Lev-i-ev)*

Leviev oh leviev
Destruction you're sowing
Stealing the land
where the crops all are growing
Using all your billions to sponsor a cheat
In Jayyous and Bil'in there's nothing to eat

And while you
Ignore it
A Settlement still is a crime

No matter where
Apartheid's not fair
And **we'll** resist you every time

No matter where
Apartheid's not fair
And **we'll** resist you every time

(REPEAT ONCE FROM THE TOP)

Buy Yourself a Little Tchotchke
(to the tune of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas")

Buy yourself a merry little tchotchke
At Leviev's store;
To be sure, it's gonna cost you thousands more.

Think of all the settlements you're funding
Where they don't belong
'Cause Leviev's ruthless and he can't go wrong.

Here you are, having wine and cakes
While Leviev takes lots more
He'll make sure that there's nothing left
After all his theft and gore.

Make yourself all comfy at the Plaza;
Leave aside all care;
And forget the folks who live in Gaza there;
Buy your tchotchke at Leviev's if you dare.

I Made a Little Settlement
(to the tune of "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel")

Leviev's building settlements
On Palestinians' best
Farmland and bulldozed houses,
Calls cops when they protest!

[Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott
Don't buy Leviev today
Funds crime with all that profit
Who needs diamonds anyway?

When Jews come to Israel,
Lev sells them stolen land.
The law says it's illegal,
He says catch me if you can!

Apartments for Jews only—
Discrimination, sure!
Thinks Palestine's the problem
and Apartheid is the cure!

[Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott
Don't buy Leviev today
Funds crime with all that profit
Who needs diamonds anyway?

(I Made a Little Settlement cont'd)

Dividing up the West Bank
Jewish-only homes and roads
Makes Palestine impossible.
Peace talks a cru-el hoax!

It's not just Palestine
Where Lev defies the law.
At his building sites in Brooklyn,
Workers have no rights at all.

[Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott
Don't buy Leviev today
Funds crime with all that profit
Who needs diamonds anyway?

So boycott Leviev diamonds,
Until his land grabs cease.
Love your neighbor, not your glitter—
This season, work for peace!

[Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott
Don't buy Leviev today
Funds crime with all that profit
Who needs diamonds anyway?

Leviev the Two-Faced Magnate
(to the tune of Rudolph)

Leviev the two-faced magnate
Watches all his billions grow
Off of Angolan diamonds
Helping a dictator's show

Look at Leviev's billions
Funding an illegal plan
Settlements he is building
Dividing up the West Bank land

Then one cold November eve
Leviev came to town
He put a store here in New York
But we will shut him down

Leviev your crimes are showing
Your deeds are getting hard to hide
No matter what you call it
We say NO to apartheid!

(Leviev the Two-Faced Magnate cont'd)

Leviev the two-faced magnate
Likes to uproot olive trees
And the way he can fund this
Is with every shopping spree

But if you spend cash elsewhere
Palestinians won't lose land
Leviev the two-faced magnate
He'll just have an empty hand

A few days be-fore Christmas eve
We're here to announce.
Leviev won't sell gems tonight!
We know customers will do right!

Lev we all hope you're listening,
Stop building on stolen land,
We'll come to say what you do,
'Til you have no more demand.

Stealing Palestinian Land
(to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

Sales will ring, are ya list'nin'?
In the lanes jewels are glist'nin'.
A beautiful sight, Leviev's happy tonight,
Stealing lots of Palestinian land.

Gone away is the bluebird;
Here to stay is a boo-bird.
We'll sing you this song as he goes along,
Stealing lots of Palestinian land.

In the meadow he will build a snowman,
And pretend his lawyer is in town.
He'll ask, "Are you legal?" Lev says, "No, man!
But I won't let the question get me down!"
Later on, he'll conspire
As he dreams by the fire,
And face unafraid the plans that he's made
Building lots of homes on stolen land.

[Softer]

And face unafraid the plans that he's made
Building lots of homes on stolen land.

[Softer]

And face unafraid the plans that he's made
Building lots of homes on stolen land

Wein 'a Ramallah
(Arabic)

Wein 'a Ramallah
Wein 'a Ramallah
Welfi ya msafer wein 'a Ramallah

Ma tkhaf minaallah
Ma tkhaf minaallah
Sargat glaibee ma tkhaf minaallah

Wein ya habibi
Wein ya habibi
Tarekni ou rayeh wein ya habibi

Hazzi ou nassibi
Hazzi ou nassibi
Raitak min Allah hazzi ou nassibi

Khail min Ramallah
Khail min Ramallah
Nadait, rad el-khail min Ramallah

Wein 'a Bil'ini
Wein 'a Bil'ini
Tarekni ou rayeh wein 'a Bil'ini

Shougi ou hanini,
Shougi ou hanini
Bayen fi glaibi shougi ou hanini

(Wein 'a Ramallah cont.)

Wein 'a Jayyoussi
Wein 'a Jayyoussi
Tarekni ou rayeh wein 'a Jayyoussi

Itammi mahroussi,
Itammi mahroussi,
Raitek minaallah itammi mahroussi

Wein 'a Ramallah
Wein 'a Ramallah
Welfi ya msafer wein 'a Ramallah

Raje' 'a bladi
Raje' 'a bladi
'ala ardi alkhadra, raje' a' bladi

Leviev is Stealing our Town
(to the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

You'd better not shop
You'd better not buy
Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid
Leviev is stealing our town

We're making him shvitz
We'll make him think twice
We're gonna boycott Lev 'til he acts nice
Leviev is stealing our town

Huge profits he's been reaping
Dead bodies in his wake
Although blood diamonds may look good,
Boycott Lev for goodness sake!

Oh, you'd better not shop
You'd better not buy
Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid
Leviev is stealing our town

We Wish You a Loss of Business
(to the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")

We wish you a loss of business
We wish you a loss of business
We wish you a loss of business
And a poor fiscal year

Apartheid's one thing Lev's got his hands in,
Screwing workers and Angolans for the rest of the year

Lev's bling is a bit off-putting
Lev's bling is a bit off-putting
Lev's bling is a bit off-putting,
Made from Angolan tears

We won't go until 3pm
We won't go until 3pm
We won't go until 3pm
Lev, you're worse than DeBeers

We wish you a loss of business
We wish you a loss of business
We wish you a loss of business
And a poor fiscal year

LEV, WE ALL...

(to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

Lev, we all can see the folly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Of profit from illegal colonies
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Boycott now Leviev apparel
Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la
Sing anti-apartheid carols
Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the empty store before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Customers, they can't ignore us
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Lev's caused suffering beyond measure
Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la
While he sells apartheid treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Steals away the land of masses
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Boycott Lev now; don't be asses
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Think of Jayyous, walled and tethered
Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la
Heed us and we'll win together
Fa la la la la, la la la la

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like

Failure

(to the tune of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas")

It's beginning to look a lot like failure
At Leviev's store
All the headlines rolling in, listing Leviev's sins
With all his lies and settlement crimes on show
It's beginning to look a lot like failure
Lev's on top no more
All the world's started to see, the criminal that is he
And won't buy any more

It's beginning to look a lot like failure
At Leviev's store;
There's a piece in the New York Press, one in Tel Aviv as well,
Exposing Lev for rotten deeds we know.
It's beginning to look a lot like failure
Soon the chants will start,
And the thing that will make them ring is boycott that we'll bring
Until the wall's apart

Lev's Dirty Rocks
(to the tune of "Jingle Bell Rock")

Lev's dirty, Lev's dirty, Lev's dirty rocks
Lev ruins lives to rake in his bucks
His **Angolan** polishers asked for fair pay
They were beaten and driven away

So don't you buy, don't you buy Lev-i-ev bling
Lev builds on stolen land right as we sing
When Palestinians peacefully protest
They face arrest

As we stand here in the cold air, we know Lev's in the wrong.
Leviev he robs, pays PR slob; they can't whitewash the truth in this song

So Lev as you, watch while your, stock goes kaput
Think of the folks you've hurt
And we'll keep being the thorns in your side
Til' there's justice for
Palestinians
And you've paid for your crimes!

Boycott Leviev Jewelry Store
(to the tune of "God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen")

Boycott Leviev jewelry store
Don't buy his dirty jewels
He's built illegal settlements
He's broken all the rules
If you care about human lives
You'll see right through Lev's ruse

[Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian
Women and men
The question is not i-i-if but when

In Jayyous and in Bil'in
The people do resist
The IDF, it shoots to kill
The children raising fists
Is-rael jails people for their words
And daring to persist

[Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian
Women and men
The question is not i-i-if but when

(Boycott Leviev Jewelry Store cont'd)

The people of these villages
Said heed the boycott call
With international pressure
To help Apartheid fall
Each time we sing out in the cold
Their courage we recall

[Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian
Women and men
The question is not i-i-if but when

When shooting tear gas canisters
They're aiming for the head
In Nabi Saleh Mustafa Tamimi now
is dead
They try to stop the freedom tide
But Palestine has said

[Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian
Women and men
The question is not i-i-if but when

Diamond Mines
(to the tune of "Silver Bells")

See those diamonds, in the window
Shining bright like the sun
But in each stone there is a big flaw
If you want peace for the children
Know this store's owned by one
Who defies international law

Diamond mines
Palestine
Lev's selling crimes in the city
Don't you buy
From this guy
Oppression does not match your
dress

Growing settlements, racist
checkpoints
Soldiers pointing their guns
At the children - just late for their
classes
People dying for protesting
As Leviev makes tons
If you can't see what's wrong, you
need glasses

Diamond mines
Palestine
Lev-i-ev's crimes aren't pretty
Don't you buy
From this guy
Stand up for justice today!

You're a Shonda, Diamond Lev

(To the tune of "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch," lines in parentheses are spoken)

You're a shonda, Diamond Lev
That's Yiddish for "a shame"
And you feign gen-er-os-i-ty
But it's just to sell your name
Diamond Lev
(A teeny weeny child)
Can see right through your game!

You are greedy, Diamond Lev
Settlements not your one vice
You befriend nasty dictators
Workers, tenants you despise
Diamond Lev
(Even after the millions you spend on public relations)
You can't cover up your lies!

You are crooked, Diamond Lev
All your jewels are full of flaws
Polishers that your abusing
Can't hide all your broken laws
Diamond Lev
(Bit by bit with our boycott campaign we'll pry everything you've stolen)
From your predatory claws!

The Twelve Days of Boycott
(To the tune of "The *Twelve Days of Christmas*")

On the 1st day of boycott Leviev said to me
Diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 2nd day of boycott Leviev said to me
Your skits are funny,
But diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 3rd day of boycott Leviev said to me
I'm humanitarian, I do good for others,
Just ask UNICEF
And diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 4th day of boycott UNICEF said to me
We see your point, settlements aren't legal
Conflict diamonds neither
So we'll **take** no more blood money from Lev

On the 5th day of boycott Leviev said to me
I **think** I'll just ignore you, business will be fine
And I've **got** endorsements from celebrities

On the 6th day of boycott Leviev said to me
Did I say celebrities, I've got no celebrities
Not on my website, they were never there
And diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 7th day of boycott Leviev said to me
OK, no celebrities **but** business is good
Protest all you want
Cause to **tell** the truth I really don't.....care

On the 8th day of boycott CARE said to me
Yes it does seem odd to **have** the president of
Africa-Israel **which** is building settlements
Which are illegal **sitting** on our board
So we'll **cut** him loose it's **only** fair, said CARE

On the 9th day of boycott
TIAA-Cref said to me
Africa Israel is a disgrace building bloody
colonies
Natives to displace **so** we're disinvesting
But we're standing pat
We're not **yet** disinvesting from Cat

On the 10th day of boycott Africa Israel said to
me

OK OK, we get it, people get kvetchy
Settlements are sketchy, building them is chancy
We're getting antsy as of this moment
Africa Israel's not engaged in building
In the OPT...

Though we were the leader you
Have brought us to our knees
We'll just leave it to Lev's other companies
But it's not polit-i-cal, you **have** had no effect
Our decision doesn't mean we caved in

On the 11th day of boycott some people said to
me

We're withdrawing from and won't participate
In the dirty work of this apartheid state
Or at least some parts of it
Signed, the following...

Dutch pension funds, Canadian postal workers
British Trade Unions, Irish electricians
Scottish film festivals,
The Church of England...

South African dock workers,
Dublin City Council

Greek foreign ministers,
Norway, Sweden and Holland...

Black Rock Investments, Costco bans Ahava
Dexia Bank of Belgium, **Heineken** breweries
Veolia Transportation...

Olympia Food Co-op, Parliament of Brazil
Hampshire College students...

Gil Scott-**Heron**, also Meg Ryan
Klaxons and Gorillas, Elvis Costello
Pixies and Santana...

Roger Ebert and of course, Ken Loach

On the 12th day of boycott, well that day is yet to
come

So go home and warm up
Or just stay and sing more
There's still work to do....

Til there's justice **for** all
we're not nearly at the end
Of finding ways to stop apartheid's best friends

*And would your anti-apartheid holiday
season be complete without a few...*

CHANTS

Lev Leviev you will see
Palestine will be free

You sparkle, You shine
But settlements are still a crime

He's glitz, He's glam
He's stealing Palestinian land

How fancy, How pretty
Leviev out of New York City

All Your diamonds cannot hide
Your support for Apartheid!

Behind the dazzle you will see
Lev destroys communities

From Bil'in to Jayyous
Stop the Human Rights Abuse

Lev Leviev's got no heart
Every sale tears a village apart!

From Brooklyn to Bil'in
Home destruction is obscene

South Africa to Palestine
Leviev profits every time.

Lev's a shonda, Lev's a shame
Settlements his claim to fame

Don't buy diamonds from a man
Who has stolen people's land

From Madison to Palestine
Occupation is a crime

Oxfam [Unicef] won't take his dimes
Because they know Leviev's crimes

If you put that ring on her hand
You help Lev steal Palestinian land

Fashionistas and socialites
Leviev denies human rights

*Adalah-NY wishes you
joy and justice in the coming year!*

Apartheid, we don't buy it!

Boycott Israel!

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