



PARODY
SONGS

CIVIL RIGHTS
CLASSICS

CELEBRATING
THE PALESTINIAN
UNIFIED CALL FOR BOYCOTT
DIVESTMENT & SANCTIONS
AGAINST ISRAEL

BDS SONGBOOK- BOYCOTT, DIVEST, SING!

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

INTRO/INFO

Here are some Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions songs put together by Adalah-NY and friends, including Alexis Stern, Dave Lippman, and lots of folks who keep rewriting each others' rewrites. You can find more, including recordings and videos, songs about artists who insist on playing in Israel, and explanations of campaigns, at:

adalahny.org/category/resources/songs

davelippman.com/boycottsongs.html

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OLD ABDALLAH

Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
And on his farm he grew zaytoon
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

With a good crop here and a good crop there
Here a crop, there a crop
everywhere a good crop
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And from his farm they took his trees
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a caterpillar here, a caterpillar there
Here a cat, there a cat, everywhere a cat, cat
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And on his farm they built the wall
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a checkpoint here and a checkpoint there
Here a soldier, there a soldier
everywhere Israeli soldiers
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And from his farm they took his sons
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With an army raid here, army raid there
Here a raid, there a raid
Everywhere an army raid
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And on his farm he gathered friends
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a protest here, a protest there
Here a march, there a march
this is how a movement starts
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

Back at home we heard the call,
Demands they numbered three
Occupation falls, equality for all,
Return of refugees
With a boycott here, divestment there
BDS grows everywhere
Join us now and boycott here,
Save Abdallah's farm!

TURN ME ROUND

Ain't gonna let occupation
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
turn me round
Ain't gonna let occupation
Turn me 'round
Gonna keep on walkin', keep boycottin'
'Til Palestine is free
Ain't gonna let bombs on Gaza...
Ain't gonna let Apartheid...
Ain't gonna let Netanyahu...
Ain't gonna let Brand Israel...
Ain't gonna let whitewashing..

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

Chorus:

We shall not, we shall not be moved

We shall not, we shall not be moved

Just like a tree that's planted by the water

We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

Until Israel stops its occupation

We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

Just like those Freedom Fighters

in South Africa

We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved

We'll boycott Israel 'til there's justice

We shall not be moved

Chorus

Tear gas will not stop us, we shall not be...

We're fighting for our farmland,

we shall not be...

We're fighting for our children,

we shall not be...

We'll end this occupation,

we shall not be...

No walls through our village,

we shall not be...

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

I was sittin' home watching CNN

Runnin' that government line

They say that Israel must be safe

But what about Palestine?

Chorus:

Which side are you on?

Which side are you on?

Justice or oppression?

Which side are you on?

All we really want is peace

Palestinians want it too

But segregation walls and bombs

Can't lead to anything new

Chorus

In Egypt and in Palestine

Folks struggle for their rights

Until each child can say, "I'm free!"

We all must join the fight

Chorus

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions

BDS to be concise

You too can help apartheid end

Make Israel pay a price

Chorus

DON'T BUY ISRAELI

(tune: *Hava Nagila*)

Thanks to Linda Jansen, Seattle

Chorus:

Don't buy Israeli, don't buy Israeli

Don't buy Israeli goods today!

Don't buy Israeli, don't buy Israeli

Don't buy Israeli goods today!

L'Oreal and Ahava,
Stolen beauty breaks the law
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!
Motorola, Sabra Hummus
You won't take our freedom from us
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!
Hey, hey, hey hey hey hey
Our tax dollars buy the weapons
Gotta stop this gruesome schleppin'
Congress needs some moral fiber
Zionists can't be the drivers
Freedom now, freedom now
Freedom now for Palestine!
Chorus

When you shop and when you dine
You can send Israel a sign
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!
Human rights are on the line,
Stand up for Palestine!
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!

Hey, hey, hey hey hey hey
Our tax dollars buy the weapons
Gotta stop this gruesome schleppin'
Congress needs some moral fiber
Zionists can't be the drivers

Freedom now, freedom now

Freedom now for Palestine!

Chorus

THE BOYCOTT CALL

(tune: L. Cohen's "Democracy")

It's comin' through the tears and angry shouts
From Palestinians on the ground without a house
It's comin' from the just who realize they must
If peace shall ever come for anyone
From the victims losing homes
and white phosphorus still burning
From those children's broken bones
Hopes of refugees returning
The Boycott Call is comin'... to the USA

It's comin right through the Apartheid Wall
Through those of conscience,
and those who came and saw
On Arab streets and avenues
Amongst the righteous Jews
Even echoing through academic halls
It comes with every settler gang
that Israel's lettin' loose
Every time they close the crossings, and
tighten up that noose.
The boycott call is comin'... to the USA

PROFIT FROM WAR NO MORE

(tune: "Down By the Riverside")

We're gonna Boycott Israel (*clap clap*)
'Til Palestine is free
'Til Palestine is free
'Til Palestine is free
We're gonna Boycott Israel (*clap clap*)
Til Palestine is free
They will profit from war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more.....

We're gonna Boycott Moto too (*clap clap*)
Won't let them rest until
Won't let them rest until
Won't let them rest until
We're gonna Boycott Moto too (*clap clap*)
Won't let them rest until
They profit from war no more

BUY, BUY APARTHEID

(tune: "Bye, Bye, Birdie")

Pack up all your cares and woes,
Social conscience, there it goes
I buy apartheid,
Where somebody's land is free
It must be made for me,
I buy apartheid!

I don't see the suffering of others
They'd all move away if I had my druthers

God gave me their water and land
That's why I buy Israeli brands
Apartheid I'll buy

Pack up all your olive trees
That you've grown for centuries
Bye-bye natives
We were here before you were
Now we're back, you must defer
Bye-bye natives

International law can't understand me
And then that human rights stuff
They all hand me
God gave me your water and land
That's why I buy Israeli brands
Apartheid I buy
Apartheid I buy

BDS...JUST BOYCOTT, MAKE THEM DIVEST

(tune: The Jackson Five's "ABC")

B B-B B D-S	We are gonna tell you to	Don't whitewash apartheid
B B-B B D-S	boycott all-out	Don't whitewash apartheid
You went to hear some music	Come on, come on come on	Don't whitewash apartheid
Now you're standing with	Let us tell you what it's all	Don't whitewash apartheid
tickets in hand	about	Don't whitewash apartheid
But, we got three letters to		Don't whitewash apartheid
sing to you	Bil'in, Jayyous, Jerusalem	
That's why we're singing our	Israel is destroying lives	Freedom now for Palestine
just demand	And with the help of their	
(Now now now)	collaboration	BDS
We're gonna teach you	Many a dictator thrives	Brand Israel hides distress
All about whitewash	Now now now we're gonna	It covers up Israel's crimes
Sit yourself down, and take	show you	But its time, for freedom for
a seat	(show you, show you)	Palestine
All you gotta do is repeat	How to BDS (how to BDS)	
after me	Spell "me"....."you"	We are gonna show you how
	Standing up for justice, that's	to BDS
<i>chorus:</i>	all you gotta do	
<i>BDS</i>	<i>chorus</i>	Come on, come on come on
<i>Let's boycott, why not divest</i>		Let us tell you what it's all
<i>And sanctions</i>	BDS	about
<i>Make Israel see</i>	Brand Israel hides distress	
<i>There's a price, don't make nice,</i>	It covers up Israel's crimes	<i>chorus</i>
<i>'Til Palestine is free</i>	But its time, for freedom for	
	Palestine	We are gonna show you how
BDS	Freedom now for Palestine	to BDS
Brand Israel hides distress	Freedom now for Palestine	
It covers up Israel's crimes	Freedom now for Palestine	Come on, come on come on
But its time, for freedom for		Let us tell you what it's all
Palestine	Sit down [<i>name</i>], and stop	about
(1 bar rest)	your lying!	
	Get up folks, show us what	
Come on let us tell you just a	you can do!	
thing or two		

CATERPILLAR

(tune: "Hello Mudda")

Caterpillar you're a killer
You're the foremost fear instiller
Smashing homes is your profession
In the cause of Palestinian dispossession

Dear stockholders, think a minute
Your portfolio, what is in it?
Let them come home to their village
Don't invest in demolition, death and pillage

(Bridge)

T-CREF, here's a rule of thumb
Don't count on bloodstained income
Gained from your sad participation
In the theft of land by Caterpillar's hands

Wait a minute, they've stopped wrecking
Human rights law, now they're checking
Guess they heard that we might divest
Caterpillar kindly disregard this protest

HELLO MOTO

(same again, but...)

Hello Moto here's a photo
This is me not buying your phone
Not because of the recession
But because of Palestinian dispossession

Your communi-
Cations know-how
Has turned suffering to a cash cow
Helping settlers squash a nation
How I'm hoping you will help with its cessa-
tion

I don't need a cellphone picture
To know how the checkpoint strictures
Ruin the lives of Palestinians
Who can't get out or in!

Moto you can stop it
If you give up bloody profits
Gained from your sad participation
In the theft of land
As settlements expand

Wait a minute,
They've stopped bombing
No more checkpoints, people calming
There is justice, so says Newsday
Thank you Moto for your change of heart
next Tuesday

MOTOROLA CRIME-LAND

(tune: Gilligan's Island Theme Song)

Come sit with us and you'll hear a tale,
Of an occupation force,
That's taking people's land and lives,
With corporate help, of course.
With corporate help, of course.

Motorola is a firm,
That won't pass up a buck.
They profit from their cell phones,
And practices that suck!
And practices that suck!

The kids in the Gaza Strip were starved,
Killed by bombs dropped from drones.
The Israeli army planned all this,
Using Moto phones.
They were using Moto phones.

If you think that's not enough,
To join in our boycott...
They've built fuzes
For cluster bombs,
Surveillance systems for use
In illegal settlements.
Boycott Motorola!

This tale of Motorola's crimes
Didn't start in the Mideast
South Africa's apartheid, they
Sold radios to police.

Sadly, Moto didn't learn.
Til Moto stops the crime,
Of profiting from Apartheid,
We won't give them a dime.

No offices, no U.S. aid
No PR agency
Israel may have resources.
We tell the truth for free.

So join us every other week,
Don't sit at home and groan.
'Til there's justice for Palestine,
Don't buy a Moto cell phone!

SABRA SONG

(tune: "Darling Clementine")

In a tavern with my companion
Excavating for some wine
Found my hummus implicated
In the suffering in Palestine

Humiliation of a nation
By brigades who have free rein
Soldiers supported by Sabra Hummus chant
"We are Golani, we are insane"

We say Sabra is macabre
On its war crimes we won't dine
Won't let it near our candelabra
Cause it's killing Palestine

None among us wants a hummus
If we must cross a picket line
When we learned what we'd been buying
Dreadful sorry, Palestine

It's ironic and demonic
And it's really not benign
Eating Arab food while paying
for the murder of Palestine

O my darling, I'm not quarreling
Just don't bring it to my house
Tastes like Human rights violations
Don't buy anything from Strauss

And Tribe hummus just among us
Donates to the Jewish National Fund
Stealing land from indigenous people

And that's why Tribe should be shunned
There is hummus
Right among us
We can eat, and sleep at night
Doesn't kill indigenous people
Stealing land and water rights

So buy local, and be more vocal
Ethnic cleansing, don't abide
Or make your own, get in the zone
Don't despair until you've tried

Some Garbanzo or either Chick peas
Which are actually the same
Garlic, salt and olive oil
And you're ready now to bring

Some tahini, it's made from sesame
Dash of Lemon juice, you bet
Don't like our recipe,
look one up yourself,
that's why God made the internet

Sabra hummus, Sabra hummus
We won't buy you anymore
You are lost and gone forever
Dreadful Golani we abhor

VEOLIA

(tune: The Kinks' "Victoria")

Built a fine factory
In the land of Galilee
From three Palestinian villages
Factory land it was pillaged
Sure it's great underwear
Made by land theft over there

Chorus:

Victoria, (what's your secret!)

Victoria, (apartheid!)

Victoria, like Pretoria

Companies that make their tights
Are the worst on labor rights
Outsourced labor, pay is teeny

Allowed 3 minutes per bikini
Some may call that free trade
It's a sweatshop panty raid

Got some beautiful bras
But they give me the blahs
Lost my mood for flirting
When I saw how they were hurting
Don't you buy no babydoll
Heed the people's boycott call

Biggest name in fabric field
their supplier Delta Galil
Their m.o. is to steal
That has no sex appeal
Home demolitions, stolen land
Got me switchin to different brand

HOW TO BDS: (a quick guide) - www.adalahny.org



AHAVA MEDLEY

(The Times They Are A-Changin')

Come gather 'round people wherever you buy
And admit that the makeup you're using's a lie
And accept that it causes Palestinians to die
If human rights are worth savin'
Then you're better boycottin' Ahava apartheid
For the times they are a-changin'.

(Mack the Knife)

Ahava sells beauty creams dear, and they
make them for your delight
But apartheid's in the background, and they
keep it out of sight

When the Dead Sea is a colony,
and the settlements start to spread
Mineral mud, dear, hides apartheid, more
dispossession lies ahead

We went looking At the Dead Sea-
subjugation's what we saw
Someone's sneakin' 'round the truth dear,
is that someone Ahava?

Down at Ricky's, Tuesday evening,
something's sticking in our craw
Don't use lotions for ethnic cleansing
That's what you get with Ahava

(Drive My Car)

Asked that girl what she wanted to be
She said baby can't you see
I wanta look fine with some beauty cream
But ethnic cleansing's killing the dream

Don't buy me no Ahava
From a stolen beauty spa
Don't buy me no Ahava

(All you need is love)

Ahava means love
So why do they shove
Nothing to be proud of, love
Freedom's all you need

(Battle Hymn)

Mine eyes have seen the story
of the mud in Ahava
They are trampling on the people and on
international law
From the Dead Sea and all Palestine
they really must withdraw
The truth is marching on

Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava
Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava
Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava
Solidarity's marching on!

T-I-A-A

(tune: The Village People's "Y-M-C-A")

T-CREF,
They say they're the best
For people
Who want to invest
We say
They should divest
From the occ-u-pa-tion

T-CREF
Are you listening to me?
I said T-CREF
Who do you want to be?
I said T-CREF
Invest responsibly
So Palestine can be free

T-CREF
We know your motto
That you care
About more than our dough
That you work
For the greater good
Well here is the way that you should

T-CREF
Divest from Motorola
T-CREF
Elbit and Veolia
I said T-CREF,
Divest from Caterpillar
And North-rop Gru-u-um-man

It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF
It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF
You got to pull all your funds
From the corporations
Profiting from occupation
Of Palestine

It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF
It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF
You got to pull all your funds
From the corporations
Profiting from occupation
Of Palestine

T-I-A-A-CREF
It's time to divest T-I-A-A-CREF
You got to pull all your funds
From the corporations
Profiting from occupation

T-I-A-A-CREF
It's time to divest T-I-A-A-CREF
You got to pull all your funds
From the corporations
Profiting from occupation
Of Palestine!

THIS PLAN IS YOUR PLAN

(tune: Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land")

This plan is your plan,
This plan is my plan
When we stop working,
we'll have our pension
We make smart choices
For the greater good
So let's divest from apartheid

I said to T-CREF
These are my investments
I want to make them
ethical and peaceful
Don't wanta invest in
Colonialism
This plan was made for you and me

As I studied my holdings
and my percentage points
I saw below me support for checkpoints
I saw beside me ethnic cleansing
This plan must be changed by you and me

O I've roamed and rambled
and followed the research
From uprooted orchards to Apache choppers
And all around me a voice was sounding
Divest from settler colonies

This plan is your plan
This plan is my plan
No room for violence
Or occupation
For peaceful retirement
There's one requirement
T-CREF, divest for you and me
As I went walking
I saw a high wall
With hi-tech equipment
from Elbit Systems
And house demolitions by Caterpillar
These stocks weren't made for you and me

In the midst of a city
I saw a light rail
Built by Veolia to make the peace fail
You can't seize the capital of another people
This stock's not made for you and me

As I go marchin'
I'm singin' and strummin'
'Bout assaults on civilians
By Northrop Grumman
Military surveillance by Motorola
This portfolio's not made for you and me

This plan is your plan, this plan is my plan
From the hospital corridor to the college campus
We're choosing equities, not inequities
T-CREF divest for you and me

As I was driving I saw a sign there
And that sign said

Settlers only
But on the other side
It spoke of justice
That side belongs to you and me
When I choose an annuity
Don't want incongruity
Cause I'm gonna hold it
Almost in perpetuity
No ambiguity, simply ingenuity
T-CREF, divest from apartheid

This plan is your plan, this plan is my plan
When we stop working, we'll have our pension
We make smart choices
For the greater good
So let's divest from apartheid

CHRISTMAS/CHANUKAH SONGS



AHAVA

(tune: "Jingle Bells")

Beauty cream's not what it seems
If it's from Ahava
Dead Sea mining violates international law.

Building settlements
On confiscated lands,
Selling beauty creams,
Blood mixed in with mud. No No No!

Making lots of dough,
Ignoring human rights
What a shame it is to shop for Ahava
tonight! HEY!

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Beauty cream's not what it seems
If it's from Ahava
Ethnic cleansing violates international law.

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

If it sells, if it sells,
Nothin's in the way!
Oh what fun it is to hide
the high price poor folks pay! HEY!

Beauty cream's not what it seems
If it's from Ahava
Stolen beauty violates international law.

AHAVA OH AHAVA

(tune: “Hanukkah oh Hanukkah”)

Ahava oh Ahava
Destruction you’re sowing
Stealing the land
where the crops all are growing
Mining from the Dead Sea, is theft and deceit
You know ethnic cleansing is hardly a treat

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

AHAVA IS COMING TO TOWN

(tune: “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”)

You’d better not shop
You’d better not buy
Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid
Ahava is coming to town

We’re making ‘em shvitz
We’ll make ‘em think twice
We’re gonna boycott until they act nice
Ahava is coming to town

Those profits they’ve been reaping
Dead bodies in their wake
Although it makes your skin look good,
Rots your soul for goodness sake!

Oh, you’d better not shop
You’d better not buy
Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid
Ahava is coming to town

WE WISH YOU A LOSS OF BUSINESS

(tune: “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”)

Don’t bring us your stolen beauty
Don’t bring us your stolen beauty
We know that it’s stolen beauty
And it brings no good cheer

Apartheid is one thing you’ve got your hands in,
Stealing minerals, you’re criminals
and cheap profiteers

Your cream is a bit off-putting
Let’s get on a better footing
And stop all the pussyfooting
It’s a settlement souvenir

We won’t go until there’s justice
We won’t go until there’s justice
We won’t go until there’s justice
If it takes us all year

You’re stealing the land and water
We don’t think you really oughter
That beauty cream you bought her
Makes her soul disappear

Don’t bring us your stolen beauty
Don’t bring us your stolen beauty
We know that it’s stolen beauty
And it brings no good cheer

CATERPILLAR

(tune: “Deck the Halls”)

Caterpillar, oh my golly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Home destruction is not jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the leveled land before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la
It’s no wonder they abhor us
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Boycott now the D-9 dozer
Fa la la la la, la la la la
It’s the ultimate forecloser
Fa la la la la, la la la la

They’ve caused suffering beyond measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Let’s divest from evil treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Morals high Israel espouses
Fa la la la la, la la la la
So they bulldoze families’ houses
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don’t invest in such aggression
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Justice is our sole obsession
Fa la la la la, la la la la

IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE MASS EXPULSION

(tune: “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like
Christmas”)

It’s beginning to look like ethnic cleansing
(or: mass expulsion, a bit destructive...)
In Jerusalem
The headlines rolling in,
 listing Caterpillar’s sins
Their violence and destruction we condemn

It’s beginning to look like ethnic cleansing
When you lose your home
All the world’s started to see, the criminality
And we don’t buy it any more

A stock in gross civil wrongs
 is not what belongs
In T-CREF’s social choice fund
But in fact what we find is this cursed D-9
Honestly, T-CREF, we’re stunned
Investors and friends can hardly wait
To invest in justice again

It’s beginning to sound like ethnic cleansing
To miss it you must be deaf
And the thing that will make us know
We stood up and said hell no
Is divestment from destruction by T-CREF

DIVESTMENT IS COMING TO TOWN

(tune: “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”)

You’d better divest
You’d better not buy
Each dollar to Cat helps fund apartheid
Caterpillar’s coming to town

We’re getting real pissed
But we’re telling you nice
A CAT D-9 is an evil device
Caterpillar’s coming to town

(Bridge)

Huge profits they’ve been reaping
Whole villages they take
Their bottom line may look real fine,
But they leave blood in their wake! So,

You’d better divest
You’d better not buy
Each dollar to Cat helps fund apartheid
Divestment is coming to town

BULLDOZER, DOZER, DOZER

(tune: “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel”)

I have a little dozer
OK it’s not so small
And when I’m good and ready
I’ll smash down your front wall

Bulldozer, dozer, dozer
I smash your house to clay
And when I’m good and ready

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Ethnic cleansing I shall play

So boycott boycott boycott
Join the rising tide
For our sisters and our brothers
Stop funding apartheid

So let’s divest from CAT now
Let the aggression cease
Love your neighbor, not destruction—
This season, work for peace!

CATERPILLAR, CATERPILLAR

(tune: Chanukah, Oh Chanukah)

Caterpillar, Caterpillar
Not in the Torah
When you kill a village
You’re opening Pandora

Firing up your dozers
You smash houses flat
People’s lives you play with
Freedom you combat

And when you come calling
Only moments of warning you give
Their land in your sights
You destroy all their rights
You remind us of old Jim Crow

Their land in your sights
You destroy all their rights, we
Should have sold your stock long ago

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Thank you for singing with us! For videos of us singing some of these songs (and others) and for more information about these companies, or to sign up for our mailing list so you can join our performances, visit: adalahny.org

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See you in the streets!