

**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!

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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! HEY!

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Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives,
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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 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 are all 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?

And 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 the Red-Nosed Reindeer")

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, Lev'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]
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Whitewashing
(to the tune of "White Christmas")

Lev's dreaming about whitewashing
The kind he did back in the days
But then Oxfam blocked him
U-nicef chopped him
They won't let him help fundraise

We washed away his whitewashing
Make City Harvest listen too
'Cause Lev's crimes are too hard to
 chew
And his claim to care is quite untrue

Lev's dreaming about whitewashing
The kind he did before we came
He would back fundraisers
Give party favors
All just to spread his name

But we expose his whitewashing
With every song that we create
We set all those nonprofits straight
They won't help Lev cover up his hate

Wein 'a Ramallah
(2012 Adalah-NY Remix)

Wein 'a Ramallah
Wein 'a Ramallah
Welfi ya msafer wein 'a Ramallah (2x)

Boycott Leviev
Boycott Leviev
Boycott Leviev, Boycott Leviev (2x)

Freedom for Jayyous
Freedom for Jayyous
Freedom for Jayyous, Freedom for
Jayyous (2x)

Freedom for Bil'in
Freedom for Bil'in,
Freedom for Bil'in, Freedom for Bil'in
(2x)

Justice for Gaza...

End occupation...

No to apartheid...

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 2:30
We won't go until 2:30
We won't go until 2:30
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

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!

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 are 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 has 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 the 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
Namibian 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 sto-len land as we sing
When Palestinians go to 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 bloody 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
Israel 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 in-ter-na-tion-al pressure
To help Apartheid fall
Each time we sing out in the cold
Their courage we recall

[Refrain]

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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]

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Will You Heed the Boycott? *(to the tune of "Do You Hear What I Hear?")*

Palestine called to people everywhere
Will you heed the boycott? Will you heed the boycott?
Show our little **kids** that you care
Will you heed the boycott? Will you heed the boycott?
A call, a call
Spread out far and wide
With your help we **can** turn the tide
With your help we **can** turn the tide

Said Adalah to the people of this town
Can we heed the boycott? Can we heed the boycott?
How can we help bring Apartheid down?
Can we heed the boycott? Can we heed the boycott?
A store, a store
Selling conflict stones
And its boss builds settlement zones
And its boss builds settlement zones

Said the protesters to the diamond king
Pension funds are listening - Pension funds are listening
You destroy with each and every ring
Pension funds are listening - Pension funds are listening
You **claim** Gilo
Is not in Palestine
But we won't let them buy your line
But we won't let them buy your line

Leviev's empire cracks from inside
Does he know we're laughing? Does he know we're laughing?
Even his best **pals** know he's lied
Does he know we're laughing? Does he know we're laughing?
We'll **sing** our songs
Right outside his store
With a voice he cannot ignore
With a voice he cannot ignore

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 here’s the decision
We’ve arrived at
Yes we **are** 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
Good citizens 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...
Japanese distributors, Co-ops in the UK
Methodists and Presbys, Boycotting settlements
BDS endorsed by trade union feds
Unions cutting ties
With the Histadrut...
Ahava closing flagships, Banks quitting Alstom
Europe cancels G4S, Norway cancels Elbit
City of Geneva, splits from JNF
Agrexco liquidating...
Cassandra Wilson, also Cat Power,
Zakir Hussain, Angela Davis,
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar...
Alice Walker and of course, Ken Loach
New Zealand’s national pension fund
The following **companies** has shunned
Danya Cebus, and Elbit
And also the holy grail
They’ve divested from Africa Israel

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 his diamonds cannot hide
His 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
Tearing Palestine apart!

Fashionistas and socialites
Leviev denies human rights

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

Pension funds you must choose
Don't believe Leviev's ruse

Don't put that ring on her hand
It helps Lev steal Palestinian land

Lev's a shonda, Lev's a shame
Don't buy anything with his name

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

Apartheid, we don't buy it!

Boycott Israel!

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