## FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES ARE NOT WELCOME IN NYC

Tonight, Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) is having a fundraising dinner in the Grand Ballroom at the Waldorf Astoria. At their last gala, they raised **\$20** million to assist "the wellbeing of IDF soldiers." Not only will this organization raise millions of dollars for a foreign military tonight, but all that money will be tax free because the US government has granted FIDF tax exempt **50IC3 status** 

We have gathered here to demand an end to FIDF's charitable organization tax-exempt status, because there is nothing charitable about funding the systematic oppression of the Palestinian people.

The Israel Defense Forces:

- maintain the longest military occupation in modern history.
- have demolished over 16,000 Palestinian homes.
- killed more than 2,000 Palestinians in last year's bombardment and invasion of Gaza.
- have killed I Palestinian child every 3 days for the past I3 years.
- continue to receive US government funding despite the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act, which prohibit giving aid to militaries that have committed human rights violations.

## Tonight, the Friends of the IDF comes to the Waldorf to raise money to continue making war on the Palestinian people and building the system of apartheid the IDF upholds. Together with human rights supporters worldwide, WE SAY NO!

This protest is part of **Israeli Apartheid Week** (IAW), an annual series of discussions, cultural performances, film screenings, and demonstrations held around the world. These events raise awareness of Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people and help build campaigns - including Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions - to stop those crimes.



Endorsed by: Direct Action Front for Palestine; CODEPINK NYC; Queers against Israeli Apartheid-NYC; Al-Awda New York: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition; Jews for Palestinian Right of Return; Jews Say No!; Jewish Voice for Peace-NYC; Labor for Palestine; Students for Justice in Palestine at the New School, Rutgers Newark and NYU; Brooklyn for Peace

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