

Jewish Groups Protest Outside UJA over NIF Support

Cynthia Blank writes in [report tracing NIF funds](#) to a Ramallah-based Palestinian organization that financed reports by Breaking the Silence and B'Tselem accusing the IDF of war crimes during Operation Protective Edge.

At the rally, Helen Friedman, the Executive Director of Americans For a Safe Israel (AFSI) called on donators to “close their wallets from the UJA” until the philanthropy’s support for BDS groups is discontinued.

Richard Allen, founder of JCCWatch.org, declared, “We call on the UJA-Federation to stop their promotion and support for groups that call for a boycott of Israeli companies such as SodaStream and Ahava Cosmetics.

“The UJA protects and promotes the BDS groups in the Israel Day Parade, and we insist this be stopped immediately,” Allen added.

Morton Klein, President of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) exclaimed, “Allowing Jewish BDS groups like Peace Now, Partners for a Progressive Israel, and the New Israel Fund to march in the Celebrate Israel Parade gives credibility, legitimacy and encouragement to the larger BDS movement, whose goal is Israel’s delegitimization and destruction.”

More than 101 Shofars were blasted in unison to serve as a “wake-up call” to UJA against the “political terrorism” of the BDS movement.

Jewish communal leaders Dr. Paul Brody and Rabbi David Algaze both decried UJA’s actions, calling for support to be stopped, as well as suggested the need to turn BDS in BS”D – B’siyata D’shmaya – i.e. only with God’s help can

the BDS movement be defeated.

The rally was organized by the Hear O'Israel Coalition consisting of the JCC Watch, AFSI, ZOA, Jewish Political Education Fund, Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET), the International Committee for the Land of Israel, Jewish Action Alliance, the National Conference on Jewish Affairs, Americans for Peace and Tolerance, and others.