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IN JULY 2005, THE PALESTINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY CALLED FOR A GLOBAL **BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS** AGAINST ISRAEL AS PART OF A NON-VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO URGE COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND RESPECT OF THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BDS IS CALLING FOR THE **END OF THE OCCUPATION** OF GAZA, THE WEST BANK, AND JERUSALEM, FOR THE DISMANTLING OF THE APARTHEID WALL, BY GRANTING **EQUAL RIGHTS** TO ARAB CITIZENS OF ISRAEL, AND BY RESPECTING THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES' RIGHT OF RETURN AS ARTICULATED IN THE UN RESOLUTION 194.

INSPIRED BY THE GLOBAL BDS CAMPAIGN AND INFORMED BY **EARLHAM'S PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES**, BDS EARLHAM IS A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE EARLHAM TO DIVEST FROM COMPANIES MATERIALLY SUPPORTING OR PROFITING FROM ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE. THESE COMPANIES INCLUDE: **CATERPILLAR, MOTOROLA, AND HEWLETT PACKARD.**



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### WEAVING PEACE

MISHEL MUSSALI

A PROFOUND SADNESS HAS INVADDED MY LAND OVER THE YEARS. WE HAVE SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE DISAPPEARED, BUT THEY HAVE NOT GONE AWAY, THEY INHABIT OUR HEARTS. OUR LAND IS AN EXTENSION OF OURSELVES. OUR SOIL IS AN EXTENSION OF OUR MINDS. WHEN SOMEONE DIES IN MY COUNTRY, A PART OF ME DIES AS WELL.  
I AM CONNECTED TO MY PEOPLE.

THE SPIRITS THAT DIED HAVE FOLLOWED ME; THEY HAVE BECOME MY TRIBE AND FAMILY.

NOW I AM FAR AWAY, TRYING TO COLLECT THE PIECES OF MYSELF IN FOREIGN TERRITORIES. THIS DISPLACEMENT HAS NOT ONLY MOVED ME THOUSAND MILES AWAY, BUT IT HAS ALSO EXPANDED THE TERRITORIES OF MY MIND.

WHEN I RETURN HOME, I SEE NOSTALGIC GAZES AND SAD SOULS; THE HISTORY OF MY LAND IS MY OWN HISTORY - I'M MOURNING FOR THE LOST ONES AND CRAVING FOR REVOLUTION.

HOWEVER, I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT TO WEAVE PEACE WE NOT ONLY NEED LOVE FOR JUSTICE, BUT ALSO JUSTICE WITH LOVE. WE WILL ONLY MAKE A RADICAL CHANGE IF WE BEGIN OUR SEARCH FOR PEACE HAVING COMPASSION FOR THOSE THAT HAVE HARMED US. NOW I KNOW, IF YOU WORK FOR PEACE IN YOUR MIND, YOU WILL CREATE PEACE IN YOUR LAND.

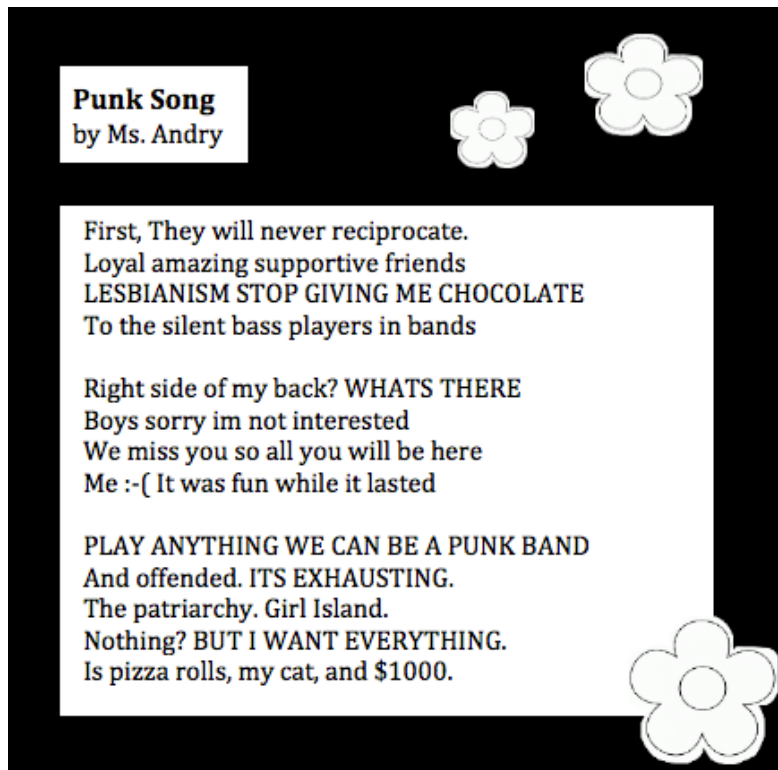
**BDS Earlham would like to thank you for picking up a copy of this zine. It is our hope that this publication will generate conversation, challenge positions, and better articulate our relentless striving for a just peace, not only for Palestine, but for all oppressed peoples in the world.**

BDS is a non-violent *tactic* that is being used to leverage pressure against the State of Israel, so that Israel will adhere to its *obligations* under international law, the Geneva Conventions in particular.

**Why this tactic in particular?** Modeling the call after the African National Congress's (ANC) call for BDS against Apartheid South Africa, BDS is a non-violent tactic that seeks to leverage the power of international civil society to hold Israel accountable. Since call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions in 2005, countless individuals and organizations including colleges and universities, churches, academic organizations and trade unions have debated utilizing BDS, with many choosing to go forward. On college campuses in particular, BDS has taken off like wildfire. Countless Student Senates have debated supporting BDS, with many choosing to support divestment. Recent student resolutions passed in favor BDS have occurred at UC Davis and DePaul University. At this point 7/9 University of California Schools have had divestment resolutions passed in the Student Senate.

**How are we responding to the call for BDS at Earlham?:** In 2010, following Israel's first assault on Gaza, where over 1,500 Palestinians were killed--among them 304 children--Earlham students wanted to find more concrete pathways through which students at Earlham could stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people. After a great deal of research into the call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions and the ways in which Earlham students could respond to the call from Palestinian civil society, a broad and diverse group of Earlham students started BDS Earlham, calling upon Earlham College to divest its endowment funds from companies profiting from Israeli Human Rights abuses. These companies include Motorola Solutions, Hewlett Packard, and Caterpillar.

**What now?:** We hope that this zine will be an important starting point for all of those who seek to learn more about the BDS campaign and other campaigns at Earlham. Please read through it, ask questions, and--perhaps--let it unsettle you and the presuppositions you hold. Most importantly, speak out! Whether we are students, alumni, faculty, or staff, we have a stake in the Earlham's character as an institution. The time is now to heed the call of Palestinian Civil Society and divest from Israeli Human Rights abuses.



**Punk Song**  
by Ms. Andry

First, They will never reciprocate.  
Loyal amazing supportive friends  
**LESBIANISM STOP GIVING ME CHOCOLATE**  
To the silent bass players in bands

Right side of my back? WHATS THERE  
Boys sorry im not interested  
We miss you so all you will be here  
Me :- ( It was fun while it lasted

**PLAY ANYTHING WE CAN BE A PUNK BAND**  
And offended. ITS EXHAUSTING.  
The patriarchy. Girl Island.  
Nothing? **BUT I WANT EVERYTHING.**  
Is pizza rolls, my cat, and \$1000.



**CARTOON DRAWN BY  
FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SFT, TENDOR.  
SUBMITTED BY STUDENTS FOR FREE TIBET EARLHAM**

### **Support By Carolina Wajnerman**

I ask for support for Javier,  
not for Javier:

for Javier, for Ines,  
for Juana, for Diego,  
for Rafael.

I ask for support for the leader,  
not for the leader:

for the leader, for the listener,  
for the lover, for the spokesman,  
for the judge.

I ask for support for the father,  
not for the father:

for the father, for the grandmother,  
for the daughter, for the great-grandson,  
for all ten.

I ask for support for the water,  
not for the water:

for the water, for the metal,  
for the earth, for the fire,  
for the fish.

I support from home,

Not for home:

for home, for the green,  
for the eye, for the sky,  
for the skin.

**I support Javier Ramirez, president of Junin village in Ecuador,  
one of the many communities on earth whose life is at risk  
because of mining projects.**

## Apoyo

Pido apoyo a Javier,  
no por Javier:  
por Javier, por Inés,  
por Juana, por Diego,  
por Rafael.

Pido apoyo al líder,  
no por el líder:  
por el líder, por el oyente,  
por la amante, por el vocero,  
por el juez.

Pido apoyo al padre,  
no por el padre:  
por el padre, por la abuela,  
por la hija, por los biznietos,  
por los diez.

Pido apoyo al agua,  
no por el agua:  
por el agua, por el metal,  
por la tierra, por el fuego,  
por el pez.

Apoyo desde casa,  
no por la casa:  
por la casa, por el verde  
por el ojo, por el cielo,  
por la piel.

A message to the student body,

At the beginning of this past fall the Responsible Energy Investment (REInvestment) Campaign submitted a revised Proposal to the Socially Responsible Investment Advisory Committee (SRIAC). This proposal outlined in greater detail the **pressing need for Earlham to divest from companies associated with coal and tar sands extraction, and fracking**. As we stressed in our Proposal, this issue is not just one of global warming or climate change, but one concerning **extreme** violations of human rights for those in close proximity to these companies and their practices.

As our Socially Responsible Endowment Investment Policy states, “*Earlham seeks to minimize investing in the securities of companies whose overall behavior results in irresponsible use of the natural environment and/or denigrates the dignity of individuals.*”. We would like to see Earlham take their commitments to this policy seriously, to look critically with students at our investments.

In terms of communication, over the past few months REInvestment and SRIAC have made significant progress that we are pleased to share. Coming in a few weeks we will be hosting a series of faculty forums in collaboration with SRIAC inviting Earlham faculty to join the conversation concerning our investments and the fossil fuel industry. We are currently in the process of drafting questions for professors which seek to achieve a common understanding of the impact these companies have on the surrounding communities.

As it stands now, we have questions ranging from toxicity levels of fracking fluid to connections between treaty violations of indigenous people's land in Canada and tar sands extraction. We would love to hear from you about what questions you have for faculty members! Please feel free to send us a message via facebook or email.

**Much Love,**  
Gurt & Ananda

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# GAZA IN ARIZONA: EXCERPTS

HOW ISRAELI HIGH-TECH FIRMS WILL UP-ARMOR THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER  
BY TODD MILLER AND GABRIEL M. SCHIVONE

It was October 2012. Roei Elkabetz, a brigadier general for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), was explaining his country's border policing strategies. In his PowerPoint presentation, a photo of the enclosure wall that isolates the Gaza Strip from Israel clicked onscreen. "We have learned lots from Gaza," he told the audience. "It's a great laboratory."

... Swimming in a sea of border security, the brigadier general was, however, not surrounded by the Mediterranean but by a parched West Texas landscape. He was in El Paso, a 10-minute walk from the wall that separates the United States from Mexico.

Just a few more minutes on foot and Elkabetz could have watched green-striped U.S. Border Patrol vehicles inching along the trickling Rio Grande in front of Ciudad Juarez, one of Mexico's largest cities filled with U.S. factories and the dead of that country's drug wars. The Border Patrol agents whom the general might have spotted were then being up-armored with a lethal combination of surveillance technologies, military hardware, assault rifles, helicopters, and drones. This once-peaceful place was being transformed into what Timothy Dunn, in his book *The Militarization of the U.S. Mexico Border*, terms a state of "low-intensity warfare."

On November 20, 2014, President Obama [announced](#) a series of executive actions on immigration reform. Addressing the American people, he referred to bipartisan immigration legislation [passed](#) by the Senate in June 2013 that would, among other things, further up-armor the same landscape in what's been termed -- in language adopted from recent U.S. war zones -- a "border surge." The president bemoaned the fact that the bill had been stalled in the House of Representatives, hailing it as a "compromise" that "reflected common sense." It would, he pointed out, "have doubled the number of Border Patrol agents, while giving undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship."

In the wake of his announcement, including executive actions that would protect five to six million of those immigrants from future deportation, the national debate was quickly framed as a conflict between Republicans and Democrats. Missed in this partisan war of words was one thing: the initial executive action that Obama announced involved a further militarization of the border supported by both parties.

"First," the president said, "we'll build on our progress at the border with additional resources for our law enforcement personnel so that they can stem the flow of illegal crossings and speed the return of those who do cross over." Without further elaboration, he then moved on to other matters.

No one may frame the budding romance between Israel's high-tech companies and Arizona better than Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. "If you go to Israel and you come to Southern Arizona and close your eyes and spin yourself a few times," he says, "you might not be able to tell the difference."

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