

European Jews for a Just Peace EJJP demand the immediate reopening of the Bank account of our German affiliates that was closed unjustifiably

In Germany, the account of the group “Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East” (“Jüdische Stimme für gerechten Frieden in Nahost”) has been closed by the “Bank for Social Economy” (Bank für Sozialwirtschaft AG).

The Israeli government attempts to forbid any criticism of its policy, both inside in Israel and abroad. It pretends that all the people criticizing Israel are anti-Semitic. Certain organizations, such as the Bank for Social Economy, have voluntarily chosen to serve the Israeli repressive political agenda and attempt to silence critical voices.

The fact that organizations such as the Bank of Social Economy censor criticism of the State of Israel in the name of rejecting Antisemitism is a direct insult to us as Jews. The State of Israel does not represent us. We demand that any moral individual or organization will not allow their justified outrage against Antisemitism to be turned into a foreign policy tool by the Israeli government.

The right to call for boycott as a form of political pressure, as part of the global BDS-movement founded by Palestinians to promote the implementation of international law, is protected by the freedom of expression, by European law and specifically by German law. The Bank for Social Economy, however, makes its own law.

Also and especially because we are Jewish:

- we cannot ignore the crimes committed by the State of Israel that pretends to act in our name: occupation, colonization, apartheid, destruction of Palestinian society and war crimes.
- we refuse to take responsibility for those crimes and to be punished for exercising our rights to criticize them.
- we support the Palestinian people's claims for its freedom (end of occupation and colonization, destruction of the Wall of separation, end of the blockade of Gaza, freedom for all Palestinian prisoners), equality of rights between Israelis and Palestinians and a just solution for the Palestinian refugees.
- we support the struggle for a just peace as a struggle for both, Israeli Jews and Palestinians. A just peace is the only way to bring human rights and safety to all people in the region.

Since in this case the Bank of Social Economy is directly working against the efforts for such a just, peaceful and lasting solution, we demand that it changes its decision regarding the account of the “Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East” for the good reopens the account immediately.