

The Organizer

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Socialist Party USA Points of Agreement

The following points represent the key ideas of agreement of the Socialist Party USA.

- 1) The Socialist Party is a democratic socialist organization. We see socialism as a new social and economic order in which workers and consumers control production and community residents control their neighborhoods, homes and school and the production of society is used for the benefit of all humanity, not the private profit of a few..
- 2) We see the working class as in a key and central position to fight back against the ruling class and its power. The working class is the major force worldwide that can lead the way to a socialist future – to a real radical democracy from below.
- 3) We stand in opposition to all forms of oppression including but not limited to racism, sexism and homophobia.
- 4) We are a “multi-tendency” organization. We orient ourselves around our principles and develop a common program, but our members have various underlying philosophies and views of the world. Therefore we reject vanguardism and democratic centralism.
- 5) We advocate for independent political action outside the Democratic and Republican parties.
- 6) Our tactics in the struggle for radical democratic change reflects our ultimate goal of a society founded on principles of egalitarian, non-exploitative and non-violent relations among all people and between all peoples.

The Socialist Party Needs Your Support

The Socialist Party relies on your support to keep us going. This has been a busy year and we need you to renew your membership on-time and consider a contribution toward our activist work. Please renew or contribution on-line or return the coupon enclosed.

Renew on-line at:

www.socialistparty-usa.net/join-us-or-renew.html

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Close Guantanamo/ End Torture!



events in your area.

Vigils/Demos

A local vigil or demonstration can be organized by reaching out to other peace & justice organizations in your area. We encourage you to contact “Witness against Torture” (info below) for ideas.

Movie Screenings

There are many videos available for screening at local events. Check out the “Witness against Torture” website for more info.

More info: www.witnesstorture.org

Stop the Attack on Gaza – Stand in Solidarity with the Palestinian People

passed by the N.A.C 11/2012

Palestinians, have been subject to the escalating violence and oppression of Israel and the United States for decades. The recent Israeli bombings and threat of ground invasion of Gaza are just the latest examples of the brutality of the decades-long occupation of Palestine. While the bloodshed is carried out by Israel, the blood running through the streets of Gaza is paid for by the United States government.

The United States government has repeatedly stood up to support, defend and serve as cover for the crimes of the “political Zionism” of Israel, and Israel has been the largest recipient of US military aid since World War II, at an average of \$1.8 billion annually. The outcome of this funding is now being rained down upon the heads of Palestinian civilians in the form of a relentless bombing campaign and, possibly, a bloody land invasion.

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Socialist Party Mourns the Loss of Long-Time Member Bob Auerbach



Bob was killed in a hit and run while walking in Greenbelt Maryland. We'll miss him.

SPUSA ANNUAL DUES RATES

Based on Net Income

(under \$20k) base rate: \$33.00 or sliding scale up to \$78.00
(\$20k-\$35k) base rate: \$78.00 or sliding scale up to \$153.00
(\$35k-\$50k) base rate: \$153.00 or sliding scale up to \$275.00
(\$50k-\$65k) base rate: \$275 plus 1% of net income between \$50,000 - \$65,000/ yr
(over \$65k) base rate: \$425 plus 2% of net income over \$65k

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Gaza continued...

Since its formation in 1948, Israel has consistently violated nearly every Human Rights convention regarding the rules of war. It is a nuclear power which has refused to sign the United Nation's Non-Proliferation Treaty and while the US has threatened war and sanctions on Iran primarily because of the "threat" to Israel, no pressure has been placed on Israel to comply. The shocking disproportion of an advanced militarized state armed to the teeth attacking a basically defenseless civilian population is on clear display during this latest incursion into Gaza. Despite this, all of the Human Rights violations that will occur will be endorsed by and given international political cover by the US government under the empty slogan of Israeli "self- defense."

Despite the recent cease-fire agreement, it is critical that international pressure is placed on the state of Israel in order to support the movement for justice in Palestine. American activists, especially those who espouse the values of democratic socialism, can contribute to this struggle in three ways:

1. In the event of a new round of attacks by Israel, we can build and support emergency actions to protest against the bombing and military aggression by Israel. Building the broadest possible demonstrations internationally can serve to place popular pressure on the Israeli government and to undermine the support being provided by the Obama administration and other mainstream politicians. Solidarity with Palestine should be a call that unites all sectors of the left.
2. Get involved with the movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel. The BDS movement aims to put some economic teeth into the movement of international solidarity with the Palestinian people. BDS proved to be an effective tool against the South African regime - it was built from the grassroots until it became policy at the level of the state - and can galvanize resistance to apartheid in Israel.
3. Socialists in America should place a particular political focus on demanding an end to all US military funding to Israel. This is the primary contribution Americans can make to the Palestinian liberation struggle. Turning off the spigot of American military funding into the region can be part of the larger struggle to create a world based on international solidarity and peaceful co-existence. We aim to end the "heavy footprint" of the US in the region.

Today we stand in solidarity with the peace movement in Israel, we stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation, we stand in solidarity with the Israeli refuseniks and we stand with the people of Gaza - in opposition to the violators of human rights, the militarists and the political fear mongers, whether they reside in Israel or the US.

Solidarity with the People of Gaza - Free Palestine