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BDS SONGBOOK- BOYCOTT, DIVEST, SING!

ADALAH-NY: THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FOR THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

INTRO/INFO

Here are some Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions songs put together by Adalah-NY and friends, including Alexis Stern, Dave Lippman, and lots of folks who keep rewriting each others' rewrites. You can find more, including recordings and videos, songs about artists who insist on playing in Israel, and explanations of campaigns, at:

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DIVESTMENT IS COMING TO TOWN

(tune: "Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

You'd better divest You'd better not buy Each dollar to Cat helps fund apartheid Caterpillar's coming to town

We're getting real pissed But we're telling you nice A CAT D-9 is an evil device Caterpillar's coming to town

(Bridge)

Huge profits they've been reaping Whole villages they take Their bottom line may look real fine, But they leave blood in their wake! So,

You'd better divest You'd better not buy Each dollar to Cat helps fund apartheid Divestment is coming to town

BULLDOZER, DOZER, DOZER

(tune: "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel")

I have a little dozer OK it's not so small And when I'm good and ready I'll smash down your front wall

Bulldozer, dozer I smash your house to clay And when I'm good and ready 17 Ethnic cleansing I shall play

So boycott boycott
Join the rising tide
For our sisters and our brothers
Stop funding apartheid

So let's divest from CAT now
Let the aggression cease
Love your neighbor, not destruction—
This season, work for peace!

CATERPILLAR, CATERPILLAR

(tune: Chanukah, Oh Chanukah)

Caterpillar, Caterpillar Not in the Torah When you kill a village You're opening Pandora

Firing up your dozers You smash houses flat People's lives you play with Freedom you combat

And when you come calling
Only moments of warning you give
Their land in your sights
You destroy all their rights
You remind us of old Jim Crow

Their land in your sights
You destroy all their rights, we
Should have sold your stock long ago

CATERPILLAR

(tune: "Deck the Halls")

Caterpillar, oh my golly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Home destruction is not jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the leveled land before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la
It's no wonder they abhor us
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Boycott now the D-9 dozer Fa la la la la, la la la la It's the ultimate forecloser Fa la la la la, la la la la

They've caused suffering beyond measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Let's divest from evil treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Morals high Israel espouses
Fa la la la la, la la la la
So they bulldoze families' houses
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don't invest in such aggression
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Justice is our sole obsession
Fa la la la la, la la la la

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE MASS EXPULSION

(tune: "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas")

It's beginning to look like ethnic cleansing (or: mass expulsion, a bit destructive...)
In Jerusalem
The headlines rolling in,
listing Caterpillar's sins
Their violence and destruction we condemn

It's beginning to look like ethnic cleansing When you lose your home All the world's started to see, the criminality And we don't buy it any more

A stock in gross civil wrongs
is not what belongs
In T-CREF's social choice fund
But in fact what we find is this cursed D-9
Honestly, T-CREF, we're stunned
Investors and friends can hardly wait
To invest in justice again

It's beginning to sound like ethnic cleansing To miss it you must be deaf And the thing that will make us know We stood up and said hell no Is divestment from destruction by T-CREF

OLD ABDALLAH

Old Abdallah had a farm (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh) And on his farm he grew zaytoon (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

With a good crop here and a good crop there Here a crop, there a crop everywhere a good crop Old Abdallah had a farm (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And from his farm they took his trees (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a caterpillar here, a caterpillar there
Here a cat, there a cat, everywhere a cat, cat
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And on his farm they built the wall (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a checkpoint here and a checkpoint there
Here a soldier, there a soldier
everywhere Israeli soldiers
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And from his farm they took his sons (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With an army raid here, army raid there
Here a raid, there a raid
Everywhere an army raid
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

And on his farm he gathered friends (ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)
With a protest here, a protest there
Here a march, there a march
this is how a movement starts
Old Abdallah had a farm
(ee-eye-ee-eye-oh)

Back at home we heard the call,
Demands they numbered three
Occupation falls, equality for all,
Return of refugees
With a boycott here, divestment there
BDS grows everywhere
Join us now and boycott here,
Save Abdallah's farm!

TURN ME ROUND

Ain't gonna let occupation
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
 turn me round
Ain't gonna let occupation
Turn me 'round
Gonna keep on walkin', keep boycottin'
'Til Palestine is free
Ain't gonna let bombs on Gaza...
Ain't gonna let Apartheid...
Ain't gonna let Netanyahu...
Ain't gonna let Brand Israel...
Ain't gonna let whitewashing...

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Chorus:

We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the water
We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved Palestine, we shall not be moved Until Israel stops its occupation We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved Palestine, we shall not be moved Just like those Freedom Fighters in South Africa We shall not be moved

Palestine, we shall not be moved Palestine, we shall not be moved We'll boycott Israel 'til there's justice We shall not be moved Chorus

Tear gas will not stop us, we shall not be...

We're fighting for our farmland,
we shall not be...

We're fighting for our children,
we shall not be...

We'll end this occupation,
we shall not be...

No walls through our village,
we shall not be...

I was sittin' home watching CNN Runnin' that government line They say that Israel must be safe But what about Palestine?

Chorus:

Which side are you on? Which side are you on? Justice or oppression? Which side are you on?

All we really want is peace Palestinians want it too But segregation walls and bombs Can't lead to anything new Chorus

In Egypt and in Palestine Folks struggle for their rights Until each child can say, "I'm free!" We all must join the fight Chorus

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions BDS to be concise You too can help apartheid end Make Israel pay a price Chorus

AHAVA OH AHAVA

(tune: "Hanukkah oh Hanukkah")

Ahava oh Ahava
Destruction you're sowing
Stealing the land
where the crops all are growing
Mining from the Dead Sea, is theft and deceit
You know ethnic cleansing is hardly a treat

And while you ignore it A settlement still is a crime

No matter where Apartheid's not fair And we'll resist you every time

No matter where Apartheid's not fair And we'll resist you every time

AHAVA IS COMING TO TOWN

(tune: "Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

You'd better not shop You'd better not buy Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid Ahava is coming to town

We're making 'em shvitz We'll make 'em think twice We're gonna boycott until they act nice Ahava is coming to town

Those profits they've been reaping Dead bodies in their wake Although it makes your skin look good, Rots your soul for goodness sake! Oh, you'd better not shop You'd better not buy Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid Ahava is coming to town

WE WISH YOU A LOSS OF BUSINESS

(tune: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")

Don't bring us your stolen beauty Don't bring us your stolen beauty We know that it's stolen beauty And it brings no good cheer

Apartheid is one thing you've got your hands in, Stealing minerals, you're criminals and cheap profiteers

Your cream is a bit off-putting Let's get on a better footing And stop all the pussyfooting It's a settlement souvenir

We won't go until there's justice We won't go until there's justice We won't go until there's justice If it takes us all year

You're stealing the land and water We don't think you really oughter That beauty cream you bought her Makes her soul disappear

Don't bring us your stolen beauty Don't bring us your stolen beauty We know that it's stolen beauty And it brings no good cheer

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CHRISTMAS/CHANUKAH SONGS



AHAVA

(tune: "Jingle Bells")

Beauty cream's not what it seems If it's from Ahava Dead Sea mining violates international law.

Building settlements On confiscated lands, Selling beauty creams, Blood mixed in with mud. No No No!

Making lots of dough,
Ignoring human rights
What a shame it is to shop for Ahava
tonight! HEY!

Beauty cream's not what it seems If it's from Ahava Ethnic cleansing violates international law.

When greed is the game
Why speak of human rights?
Some folks got no shame
Out of mind and sight! Ho Ho!

If it sells, if it sells, Nothin's in the way! Oh what fun it is to hide the high price poor folks pay! HEY!

Beauty cream's not what it seems If it's from Ahava Stolen beauty violates international law.

DON'T BUY ISRAELI

(tune: *Hava Nagila*)
Thanks to Linda Jansen, Seattle

Chorus:

Don't buy Israeli, don't buy Israeli Don't buy Israeli goods today! Don't buy Israeli, don't buy Israeli Don't buy Israeli goods today!

L'Oreal and Ahava,
Stolen beauty breaks the law
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!
Motorola, Sabra Hummus
You won't take our freedom from us
Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!
Hey, hey, hey hey hey hey
Our tax dollars buy the weapons
Gotta stop this gruesome schleppin'
Congress needs some moral fiber
Zionists can't be the drivers
Freedom now, freedom now
Freedom now for Palestine!
Chorus

When you shop and when you dine You can send Israel a sign Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today! Human rights are on the line, Stand up for Palestine! Don't buy Israeli goods! Stop today!

Hey, hey, hey hey hey hey
Our tax dollars buy the weapons
Gotta stop this gruesome schleppin'
Congress needs some moral fiber
Zionists can't be the drivers

Freedom now, freedom now Freedom now for Palestine! Chorus

THE BOYCOTT CALL

(tune: L. Cohen's "Democracy")

It's comin' through the tears and angry shouts
From Palestinians on the ground without a house
It's comin' from the just who realize they must
If peace shall ever come for anyone
From the victims losing homes
and white phosphorus still burning
From those children's broken bones
Hopes of refugees returning
The Boycott Call is comin'... to the USA

It's comin right through the Apartheid Wall
Through those of conscience,
and those who came and saw
On Arab streets and avenues
Amongst the righteous Jews
Even echoing through academic halls
It comes with every settler gang
that Israel's lettin' loose
Every time they close the crossings, and
tighten up that noose.
The boycott call is comin'... to the USA

PROFIT FROM WAR NO MORE

(tune: "Down By the Riverside")

We're gonna Boycott Israel (clap clap)
'Til Palestine is free
'Til Palestine is free
'Til Palestine is free
We're gonna Boycott Israel (clap clap)
Til Palestine is free
They will profit from war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more......

We're gonna Boycott Moto too (clap clap)
Won't let them rest until
Won't let them rest until
Won't let them rest until
We're gonna Boycott Moto too (clap clap)
Won't let them rest until
They profit from war no more

BUY, BUY APARTHEID

(tune: "Bye, Bye, Birdie")

Pack up all your cares and woes, Social conscience, there it goes I buy apartheid, Where somebody's land is free It must be made for me, I buy apartheid!

I don't see the suffering of others They'd all move away if I had my druthers

God gave me their water and land That's why I buy Israeli brands Apartheid I'll buy

Pack up all your olive trees
That you've grown for centuries
Bye-bye natives
We were here before you were
Now we're back, you must defer
Bye-bye natives

International law can't understand me And then that human rights stuff They all hand me God gave me your water and land That's why I buy Israeli brands Apartheid I buy Apartheid I buy In the midst of a city
I saw a light rail
Built by Veolia to make the peace fail
You can't seize the capital of another people
This stock's not made for you and me

As I go marchin'
I'm singin' and strummin'
'Bout assaults on civilians
By Northrop Grumman
Military surveillance by Motorola
This portfolio's not made for you and me

This plan is your plan, this plan is my plan From the hospital corridor to the college campus We're choosing equities, not inequities T-CREF divest for you and me

As I was driving I saw a sign there And that sign said

Settlers only
But on the other side
It spoke of justice
That side belongs to you and me
When I choose an annuity
Don't want incongruity
Cause I'm gonna hold it
Almost in perpetuity
No ambiguity, simply ingenuity
T-CREF, divest from apartheid

This plan is your plan, this plan is my plan When we stop working, we'll have our pension We make smart choices For the greater good So let's divest from apartheid

THIS PLAN IS YOUR PLAN

(tune: Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land")

This plan is your plan,
This plan is my plan
When we stop working,
we'll have our pension
We make smart choices
For the greater good
So let's divest from apartheid

I said to T-CREF
These are my investments
I want to make them
ethical and peaceful
Don't wanta invest in
Colonialism
This plan was made for you and me

As I studied my holdings and my percentage points I saw below me support for checkpoints I saw beside me ethnic cleansing This plan must be changed by you and me O I've roamed and rambled and followed the research From uprooted orchards to Apache choppers And all around me a voice was sounding Divest from settler colonies

This plan is your plan
This plan is my plan
No room for violence
Or occupation
For peaceful retirement
There's one requirement
T-CREF, divest for you and me
As I went walking
I saw a high wall
With hi-tech equipment
from Elbit Systems
And house demolitions by Caterpillar
These stocks weren't made for you and me

BDS...JUST BOYCOTT, MAKE THEM DIVEST

(tune: The Jackson Five's "ABC")

| B B-B B D-S | We are gonna tell you to | Don't whitewash apartheid |
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| B B-B B D-S | boycott all-out | Don't whitewash apartheid |
| You went to hear some music | Come on, come on come on | Don't whitewash apartheid |
| Now you're standing with | Let us tell you what it's all | Don't whitewash apartheid |
| tickets in hand | about | Don't whitewash apartheid |
| But, we got three letters to | | Don't whitewash apartheid |
| sing to you | Bil'in, Jayyous, Jerusalem | |
| That's why we're singing our | Israel is destroying lives | Freedom now for Palestine |
| just demand | And with the help of their | |
| (Now now now) | collaboration | BDS |
| We're gonna teach you | Many a dictator thrives | Brand Israel hides distress |
| All about whitewash | Now now now we're gonna | It covers up Israel's crimes |
| Sit yourself down, and take | show you | But its time, for freedom for |
| a seat | (show you, show you) | Palestine |
| All you gotta do is repeat | How to BDS (how to BDS) | |
| after me | Spell "me""you" | We are gonna show you how |
| | Standing up for justice, that's | to BDS |
| chorus: | all you gotta do | |
| BDS | chorus | Come on, come on come on |
| Let's boycott, why not divest | | Let us tell you what it's all |
| And sanctions | BDS | about |
| Make Israel see | Brand Israel hides distress | |
| There's a price, don't make nice, | It covers up Israel's crimes | chorus |
| Til Palestine is free | But its time, for freedom for | |
| | Palestine | |
| BDS | Freedom now for Palestine | We are gonna show you how |
| Brand Israel hides distress | Freedom now for Palestine | to BDS |
| It covers up Israel's crimes | Freedom now for Palestine | |
| But its time, for freedom for | | Come on, come on come on |
| Palestine | Sit down [name], and stop | Let us tell you what it's all |
| (1 bar rest) | your lying! | about |
| | Get up folks, show us what | |
| Come on let us tell you just a | you can do! | |
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thing or two

CATERPILLAR

(tune: "Hello Mudda")

Caterpillar you're a killer You're the foremost fear instiller Smashing homes is your profession In the cause of Palestinian dispossession

Dear stockholders, think a minute Your portfolio, what is in it? Let them come home to their village Don't invest in demolition, death and pillage

(Bridge)

T-CREF, here's a rule of thumb Don't count on bloodstained income Gained from your sad participation In the theft of land by Caterpillar's hands

Wait a minute, they've stopped wrecking Human rights law, now they're checking Guess they heard that we might divest Caterpillar kindly disregard this protest

HELLO MOTO

(same again, but...)

Hello Moto here's a photo This is me not buying your phone Not because of the recession But because of Palestinian dispossession

Your communi-Cations know-how Has turned suffering to a cash cow Helping settlers squash a nation How I'm hoping you will help with its cessation

I don't need a cellphone picture To know how the checkpoint strictures Ruin the lives of Palestinians Who can't get out or in!

Moto you can stop it
If you give up bloody profits
Gained from your sad participation
In the theft of land
As settlements expand

Wait a minute,
They've stopped bombing
No more checkpoints, people calming
There is justice, so says Newsday
Thank you Moto for your change of heart
next Tuesday

T-I-A-A

(tune: The Village People's "Y-M-C-A")

T-CREF,

They say they're the best

For people

Who want to invest

We say

They should divest From the occ-u-pa-tion

T-CREF

We know your motto

That you care

About more than our dough

That you work

For the greater good

Well here is the way that you should

It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF You got to pull all your funds From the corporations Profiting from occupation

Of Palestine

T-I-A-A-CREF

It's time to divest T-I-A-A-CREF You got to pull all your funds

From the corporations Profiting from occupation

T-CREF

Are you listening to me?

I said T-CREF

Who do you want to be?

I said T-CREF Invest responsibly So Palestine can be free

T-CREF

Divest from Motorola

T-CREF

Elbit and Veolia I said T-CREF,

Divest from Caterpillar

And North-rop Gru-u-um-man

It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF It's time to divest, T-I-A-A-CREF You got to pull all your funds

From the corporations
Profiting from occupation

Of Palestine

T-I-A-A-CREF

It's time to divest T-I-A-A-CREF You got to pull all your funds

From the corporations
Profiting from occupation

Of Palestine!

AHAVA MEDLEY

(The Times They Are A-Changin')
Come gather 'round people wherever you buy
And admit that the makeup you're using's a lie
And accept that it causes Palestinians to die
If human rights are worth savin'
Then you're better boycottin' Ahava apartheid
For the times they are a-changin'.

(Mack the Knife)
Ahava sells beauty creams dear, and they make them for your delight
But apartheid's in the background, and they keep it out of sight

When the Dead Sea is a colony, and the settlements start to spread Mineral mud, dear, hides apartheid, more dispossession lies ahead

We went looking At the Dead Seasubjugation's what we saw
Someone's sneakin' 'round the truth dear,
is that someone Ahava?

Down at Ricky's, Tuesday evening, something's sticking in our craw Don't use lotions for ethnic cleansing That's what you get with Ahava (Drive My Car)

Asked that girl what she wanted to be She said baby can't you see I wanta look fine with some beauty cream But ethnic cleansing's killing the dream

Don't buy me no Ahava From a stolen beauty spa Don't buy me no Ahava

(All you need is love)
Ahava means love
So why do they shove
Nothing to be proud of, love
Freedom's all you need

(Battle Hymn)
Mine eyes have seen the story
of the mud in Ahava
They are trampling on the people and on
international law
From the Dead Sea and all Palestine
they really must withdraw
The truth is marching on

Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava Glory, glory, don't buy Ahava Solidarity's marching on!

MOTOROLA CRIME-LAND

(tune: Gilligan's Island Theme Song)

Come sit with us and you'll hear a tale, Of an occupation force, That's taking people's land and lives, With corporate help, of course. With corporate help, of course.

Motorola is a firm,
That won't pass up a buck.
They profit from their cell phones,
And practices that suck!
And practices that suck!

The kids in the Gaza Strip were starved, Killed by bombs dropped from drones. The Israeli army planned all this, Using Moto phones. They were using Moto phones.

If you think that's not enough, To join in our boycott...
They've built fuzes
For cluster bombs,
Surveillance systems for use
In illegal settlements.
Boycott Motorola!

This tale of Motorola's crimes Didn't start in the Mideast South Africa's apartheid, they Sold radios to police.

Sadly, Moto didn't learn. Til Moto stops the crime, Of profiting from Apartheid, We won't give them a dime.

No offices, no U.S. aid No PR agency Israel may have resources. We tell the truth for free.

So join us every other week, Don't sit at home and groan. 'Til there's justice for Palestine, Don't buy a Moto cell phone!

SABRA SONG

(tune: "Darling Clementine")

In a tavern with my companion Excavating for some wine Found my hummus implicated In the suffering in Palestine

Humiliation of a nation By brigades who have free rein Soldiers supported by Sabra Hummus chant "We are Golani, we are insane"

We say Sabra is macabre On its war crimes we won't dine Won't let it near our candelabra Cause it's killing Palestine

None among us wants a hummus
If we must cross a picket line
When we learned what we'd been buying
Dreadful sorry, Palestine

It's ironic and demonic And it's really not benign Eating Arab food while paying for the murder of Palestine

O my darling, I'm not quarreling Just don't bring it to my house Tastes like Human rights violations Don't buy anything from Strauss

And Tribe hummus just among us Donates to the Jewish National Fund Stealing land from indigenous people And that's why Tribe should be shunned There is hummus
Right among us
We can eat, and sleep at night
Doesn't kill indigenous people
Stealing land and water rights

So buy local, and be more vocal Ethnic cleansing, don't abide Or make your own, get in the zone Don't despair until you've tried

Some Garbanzo or either Chick peas Which are actually the same Garlic, salt and olive oil And you're ready now to bring

Some tahini, it's made from sesame Dash of Lemon juice, you bet Don't like our recipe, look one up yourself, that's why God made the internet

Sabra hummus, Sabra hummus We won't buy you anymore You are lost and gone forever Dreadful Golani we abhor

VEOLIA

(tune: The Kinks' "Victoria")

Built a fine factory
In the land of Galilee
From three Palestinian villages
Factory land it was pillaged
Sure it's great underwear
Made by land theft over there

Chorus:

Victoria, (what's your secret!) Victoria, (apartheid!) Victoria, like Pretoria

Companies that make their tights Are the worst on labor rights Outsourced labor, pay is teeny Allowed 3 minutes per bikini Some may call that free trade It's a sweatshop panty raid

Got some beautiful bras
But they give me the blahs
Lost my mood for flirting
When I saw how they were hurting
Don't you buy no babydoll
Heed the people's boycott call

Biggest name in fabric field their supplier Delta Galil Their m.o. is to steal That has no sex appeal Home demolitions, stolen land Got me switchin to different brand

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