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Daniel Sokatch
CEO
New Israel Fund (NIF)

Re: Adalah's participation in "Apartheid Week"/BDS event

Dear Daniel and other members of the NIF Board,

As the NIF board meets in Israel, I am writing to you regarding NIF grantee Adalah's participation in an Israeli Apartheid Week [event](#) next Tuesday, February 14, in Switzerland.

Suhad Bishara, [Director](#) of Adalah's Land and Planning Rights Unit, is scheduled to speak on "The policy of Apartheid in Israel: The new racist laws." The event is being hosted by a Swiss group named "[BDS Geneva](#)."

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Simultaneously, Adalah's [submission](#) to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), which is [meeting](#) in Geneva next week to discuss Israel, demonizes Israel for laws and policies that allegedly "permit and even actively promote racial discrimination."

I bring the event and submission to your attention because they constitute a direct violation of NIF funding [guidelines](#) and other [principles](#). They are also central components of Adalah's ongoing campaign, rooted in its 2007 "Democratic Constitution," to eliminate the Jewish character of Israel and undermine Jewish sovereignty.

I call upon you and the board to immediately and publically condemn and disassociate NIF from Adalah's campaign. I reiterate the longstanding call that the NIF act responsibly and end all support for anti-Israel and anti-Zionist projects and organizations.

I look forward to your response and to discussing these issues with you in a constructive, in-depth manner.

Sincerely,

Gerald Steinberg
President
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