Rockefeller Brothers Fund’s Financing of Anti-Israel NGOs

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) under the direction of Stephen Heintz, supports numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) centrally involved in political advocacy related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Many grantees promote systematic demonization campaigns against Israel, use antisemitic rhetoric, and some cooperate with the NGO network linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a designated terrorist group in the US and European Union.

- **Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P)**: (Latest: $100,000 for 2 years, October 2020, for US programming; Total $180,000 since 2017): Designated by Israel as a terrorist entity in October 2021, citing links to the PFLP, its accounts were closed by Citibank, Arab Bank, and Global Giving in 2018, related to terror financing concerns.

- **Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)** (Latest: $165,000 for 2 years, July 2021, total $625,000 since 2015): JVP claims to be the “Jewish wing of the Palestinian solidarity movement,” seeking to create “a wedge” within the American Jewish community over support for Israel, while working toward the goal of eliminating U.S. economic, military, and political aid. In June 2017, JVP launched the “Deadly Exchange” campaign that aims to “end police exchange programs between the US and Israel,” claiming that Jewish organizations and programs are to blame for police violence against minorities. JVP supported convicted terrorist and PFLP operative Rasmea Odeh during her US deportation proceedings (immigration fraud), and she was a featured speaker at their 2017 National Meeting. JVP cooperates with DCI-P, designated by Israel as a PFLP-linked terror NGO. In February 2022, JVP welcomed Amnesty’s “apartheid” campaign, urging the US government to “end its complicity and stop funding Israel’s brutal apartheid rule.”

- **Middle East Children’s Alliance (MECA)** (Latest: $150,000 for 2 years, February 2021, total $470,000 since 2015): MECA organizes “Palestine/Israel” propaganda tours to learn “about the origins of the Palestinian refugees and the Right of Return, and how
it can be implemented.” Founder and ExecDir Barbara Lubin wrote “the Jewish State is racist to the core;” refers to 1948 “ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population” and wrote that “[t]he concept of ‘Jewish morality’ is truly dead. We can be fascists, terrorists, and Nazis just like everybody else.” MECA also has significant ties with and has raised funds for PFLP-affiliated NGOs, including UAWC and UPWC (designated by Israel in October 2021 as terror groups), as well as UHWC, also affiliated with the PFLP.

- **U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights** (aka Education for Just Peace in the Middle East) (Latest: $150,000 for 2 years, July 2021; total $445,000 since 2015.) Umbrella organization for BDS supporters; “impossible to ignore the apartheid nature of Israel’s occupation,” and advocates for the commemoration of the Nakba and the “ethnic cleansing of Palestine.”

- **Adalah/ Adalah Justice Project** (Latest: $150,000 for 2 years, June 2021, total $728,137 since 2016): A self-proclaimed “independent human rights organization and legal center,” labels Israel an “apartheid regime,” advocates for ICC investigation of Israel, and played a key role in the antisemitic 2001 Durban Conference; The Adalah Justice Project is promotes BDS, condemns “white supremacy” and “Zionism,” accusing Zionists of anti-Blackness.

- **Palestine Legal via the Tides Center** (Latest: $150,000 for 2 years, June 2021, total $425,000 since 2016): Palestine Legal provides legal cover for demonization on college campuses; guidance on campus activities such as posting mock eviction notices to dorm rooms and mock checkpoints; lobbying public officials on behalf of activists and initiatives. In July 2021, PL published a piece calling reports on increased antisemitic incidents in the United States “weaponized accusations” designed to “distract from Palestinian rights.”

- **Who Profits Research Center** (Latest: $135,000 for 2 years, June 2021, total $510,000 since 2016): Who Profits reports serve as the basis for international BDS campaigns, such as the February 2020 UN BDS “blacklist” of businesses operating across the 1949 Armistice line. Who Profits targets Israeli and foreign banks, security companies, civil infrastructure facilities, and private companies, claiming to expose
“the commercial involvement of Israeli and international companies in the continued Israeli control over Palestinian and Syrian land.”

- **Breaking the Silence** (Latest: $200,000 for 2 years, April 2020, total $570,000 since 2012): Breaking the Silence promotes “war crimes” charges against Israel based on anonymous and unverifiable hearsay “testimonies” in international fora, making sweeping accusations against Israel and the IDF while regularly omitting crucial context such as Palestinian terror.

- **Just Vision** (Latest: $335,000 for 3 years, March 2021, total $1.31 million since 2012): Claiming to “increase the power and reach of Palestinians and Israelis working to end the occupation;” produced films promoting marginal viewpoints from the fringe of Israeli discourse; partnered with +972 (see below) aimed at “disrupting the Israeli mainstream conversation.”

- **+972 Magazine** (Latest: $150,000 for 2 years, February 2020, total $290,000 since 2018; $134,000 indirectly via Just Vision (see above), 2021, total $495,000): Mission statement: “As Israel demonstrates that apartheid and occupation are fundamental pillars of its regime, we are striving — in line with our legacy — for a renewed approach to journalism in Israel-Palestine. We believe in a journalism that is intersectional, progressive, and that centers the experiences and demands of vulnerable communities on the ground.” RBF is +972 Magazine’s single largest funder.

- **Yesh Din** (Latest: $100,000 for 2 years, September 2019, for general support, total $160,000 since 2017): Yesh Din seeks an ICC investigation of Israeli officials and claims that Israeli investigative and court systems are unable or unwilling to investigate allegations of wrongdoing. In January 2022, Yesh Din stated in a Facebook post that the relevance of the term “apartheid” to the Arab-Israeli conflict is “undeniable.”

- **European Council on Foreign Relations** (Latest: $75,000 for 1 year, June 2021): Lobbied for UN BDS database of businesses; ECFR report claims that “Israel has created a situation of egregious human rights violations and institutionalised discrimination that amounts to modern-day apartheid.”
● **War on Want** (Latest: $57,057 for 1 year, December 2020, total $157,057 since January 2020): War on Want is a leader and mobilizer of anti-Israel BDS campaigns in the UK. It has accused the British government of “Arming Apartheid” and urged it “to implement an immediate two-way arms embargo to end all arms sales to and purchases from Israel.” In October 2018, Paypal stopped providing services to War on Want due to its ties to the PFLP.

● **If Not Now** (Latest: $60,000 for 2 years, June 2021, total $160,000 since 2017): Seeks “to end American Jewish support for the occupation” and claims that the “occupation is a system of violence and separation by which Israel denies Palestinians freedom and dignity by depriving them of civil, political and economic rights.” It regularly organizes protests and sit-ins at the headquarters of leading American Jewish communal organizations and has endorsed pro-BDS legislation. IfNotNow also runs regular campaigns urging American Jews “to have open conversations about Zionism and apartheid.”

● **Zochrot** (Latest: $40,000 for 2 years, 2018, general support, total $80,000 since 2015): Supports a “One State Solution” or a “de-Zionized Palestine,” and refers to Israel as having an “ethnicized and racialized Zionist” system.

● **American Friends Service Committee** (Latest: $35,000 for 1 year, November 2019, total $135,000 since 2015): Actively promotes BDS campaigns; accuses Israel of “apartheid against Palestinians”; supports efforts to encourage Israeli youth to dodge the draft; and promotes “anti-normalization,” rejecting dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

● **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** (Latest: $10,000 for 1 year, June 2017): HRW is a leader of demonization, including lobbying the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate Israeli officials, and has led BDS campaigns targeting banks, soccer clubs, and other businesses operating in Israel. In 2021, HRW published “A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution,” rejecting Israel's legitimacy as a Jewish state.

● **Amnesty International USA** (Latest: $50,000, 2019) For Global Human Rights and Climate Change Civil Society Summit