**Israel-Palestine Working Group of NEYM Talking points**



**1. Our 2017 minute called for response with an implicit request for accountability. “That’s why I’m before you.”**



<https://neym-ip.org/neym-statement-2017/>

**2. Israel-Palestine Working Group is reporting back on its April 14th Living Faith Panel & workshop.**

 

<https://neym-ip.org/panel-discussion-about-anti-semitism-islamophobia-racism-and-privilege/>

A. JOURNEYS TO ENGAGEMENT: a panel discussion “Living into NEYM’s Israel/Palestine Minute: Understanding the Interplay of Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and Racism.”

B. QUAKERS AND ANTI-SEMITISM: a workshop organized by Jonathan Vogel-Borne and Allan Kohrman

**3. Burlington MM’s “Minute of Concern for Palestinians in Gaza” is an example of a time-sensitive crisis, which moved one meeting to respond.**



<https://neym-ip.org/minute-of-concern-for-palestinians-in-gaza/>

**4. Invite Friends to visit/subscribe to neym-ip.org website & mention outdoor displays, lunch and dinner meetings, photo exhibit, website, and simple availability to talk personally with any of us at sessions.**



<https://neym-ip.org/palestine-israel-programs-at-neym-sessions/>

**5. Reinforce AFSC’s major efforts:**

A. No Way to Treat a Child—Emphasize parallel of Israel imprisoning 600 to 800 Palestinian children each year with U.S. government’s separation of refugee families at southern border.



<<https://nwttac.dci-palestine.org>>



<https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/ending-detention-palestinian-children>

B. End the blockade of Gaza:



<<http://www.gazaunlocked.org>>

**6. Introduce revised Minute of Concern for Palestinians in Gaza**



**7. Ask will Sessions adopt this minute? Will NEYM ask monthly & quarterly meetings to consider?**

*Friends have throughout our history exercised persistent practices of speaking, listening, expectant waiting, community-building, and truth telling as ways to witness to the power of the Spirit.*

—Diane Randall, Executive Director of Friends National Committee on Legislation (FCNL), gave Bible Half Hours at NEYM Sessions, 2018 **(**Hartford MM)

*Go where are you least wanted, for there you are most needed.*

—Abby Foster Kelly, early Quaker