

Challenging Israel's Water Policies

Thursday, June 11, 2015, 8am-4pm – Sacramento City Hall

The Sacramento Jewish Federation, whose activities include “advocate[ing] on behalf of Israel”, is holding an *Israel Water Workshop: Opportunities for California* in the Sacramento City Council Chambers (in the new City Hall building, located behind 915 I St.).

This workshop is an attempt to ‘greenwash’ Israel’s well-documented human rights abuses by touting its supposed achievements in water management while completely ignoring the reality of Israel’s water misuse and inequities.

Local human rights supporters will hold an informational picket outside the event to provide information missing from the workshop agenda are topics like:

- Israel’s stealing water from Palestinians and draining ancient aquifers while it destroys Palestinian wells and cisterns.
- 90% of the water for the 1.9 million people in the Gaza Strip is not safe to drink largely due to Israel’s siege on Gaza that includes repeated bombing of sewage treatment and power stations and blockade of needed replacement equipment..
- Why illegal Jewish-Israeli settlers are watering their lawns and filling their swimming pools while West Bank Palestinians sometimes go without water up to several days a month
- Many Palestinians citizens of Israel live in villages that are not connected to the national water system, so they must rely on expensive trucked-in water.
- The trickle that is now the Jordan River and the disappearing Dead Sea

