



Organizations Working for Collaborative Environmental Solutions

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Green Zionist Alliance – www.greezionism.org

The Green Zionist Alliance formed with the mandate to provide resources and promote activism for environmental issues that affect the vitality of Israel, the Middle East, and Judaism. In addition, the GZA won 2 seats as an environmental slate for the 2006 World Zionist Congress Elections. Their platform focuses on environmental reform in the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Agency and other Zionist funded projects.

Union of Progressive Zionists - www.upzshalom.org

The Union of Progressive Zionists (UPZ) is a network of student activists organizing on campuses across North America for social justice and peace in Israel/Palestine. The UPZ was created to provide guidance, education and resources to students who seek to impart a progressive voice into the campus debate on Israel. Extremist voices pushing rigid “pro-Israel” and “pro-Palestinian” positions have come to dominate the discourse on many campuses across North America, obscuring the issues and alienating significant numbers of Jewish and moderate students.

Arava Institute for Environmental Studies – www.arava.org

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) is a regional center for environmental leadership. By encouraging environmental cooperation between peoples, the Arava Institute is working towards peace and sustainable development on a regional and global scale. The Institute is situated on Kibbutz Ketura in Israel's Southern Arava Valley - a desert in the Syrio-African rift near the Jordanian and Egyptian borders and the Gulf of Aqaba/Eilat. The Institute is home to academic programs, research and public involvement.

Friends of the Earth, Middle East – www.foeme.org

Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Our primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect our shared environmental heritage. In so doing, we seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv. FoEME is a member of Friends of the Earth International, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the world.

Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information – www.ipcri.org

The IPCRI Environment and Water Program has been in existence since 1994. Since then, the Environment and Water Program has worked to promote effective cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians in the field of environment with a special emphasis on Water issues. It has successfully secured cooperation from the Israeli and Palestinian Environment Ministries, local authorities, NGOs and a wide variety of academic institutions. Many of the projects which it has carried out have been highly innovative.

The Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum www.peacengo.org

The Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum is a network of Palestinian and Israeli NGOs working towards peaceful relations. As strength is found in numbers, the Forum, by uniting more than 100 organizations, validates and reinforces the efforts of the various Peace NGOs both independently and mutually.

Bustan - www.bustan.org

Bustan is a partnership of Jewish and Arab eco-builders, architects, academics, and farmers promoting social and environmental justice in Israel/Palestine. Bustan cultivates sustainable models to effect change by combining advocacy and in-depth political analysis with strategic action. Bustan utilizes the principles of permaculture and non-violent direct action across ethnic divides.

New Israel Fund - www.nif.org

The New Israel Fund aims to achieve environmental justice for Israel's citizens, particularly her most vulnerable populations, and to balance development with sustainability so as to preserve the country's dwindling natural resources and a clean environment for present and future generations. NIF has been in the forefront of developing and strengthening the environmental movement in Israel by seeding and supporting dozens of environmental organizations and working to ensure an active, knowledgeable public.

LAW - The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment

LAW is a Palestinian Human Rights organization based in Jerusalem. Founded in 1990 by a group of Palestinian lawyers to promote human rights and further the principles of the rule of law, and to defend Palestinian rights in accordance with international human rights law and United Nations declarations. LAW represents Palestinians in legal cases to do with the environment, on the basis that environmental rights are integral to human rights. LAW raises lawsuits in both Israeli and Palestinian courts against pollution and other environmental violations.

Greenpeace Mediterranean www.greenpeace.org/mediterranean

Greenpeace Mediterranean set up its first office in Malta in 1995, to set up a base for the coordination of Greenpeace activities in Albania, Algeria, Tunisia, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Malta, Syria, Turkey and the Palestinian Authority. We now actively campaign from bases in Istanbul, Tel Aviv and Beirut as well. We campaign to promote peaceful energy, and save the Mediterranean Sea.

Green Action www.greenaction.org.il/english

Green Action, a unique non-profit organization was created in 1994 with the aim of promoting socio-ecological change through direct non-violent action, community service, and youth empowerment. The organization firmly believes there is no environmental justice, without social justice first; therefore many of its activities are centered around social issues.

B'Tselem - www.btselem.org

The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories was established in 1989 by a group of prominent academics, attorneys, journalists, and Knesset members. It endeavors to document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories, combat the phenomenon of denial prevalent among the Israeli public, and help create a human rights culture in Israel.

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom www.btvshalom.org

The mission of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace is to educate and mobilize American Jews in support of a negotiated two-state resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.