

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?

- Take a pledge to pray, study, and act (including boycott) regarding the Palestinian/Israeli situation
- Set aside time (how much are you willing to give?) each week toward this project – for studying, praying, acting.
- Join a group of others working on these issues or find a partner to work with.
- Join a list serve or FB page that will send you action items to participate in : CMEP; End the Occupation; J Street; JVP; FOSNA (armchair activism from the comfort of your computer chair)
- Learn what is going on in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT): the apartheid wall; the checkpoints; how Israeli settlements are illegal under international law and how Israelis who live there (settlers) confiscate land and resources belonging to Palestinians.
- Learn what companies support or profit from the Israeli OPT and what products come from settlements.
- Learn about the 2005 Civil Call [adopted by Palestinian Christians in 2009 (*Kairos Palestine*)] for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) from corporations that support or profit from the Occupation.
- Select products/companies to boycott; refuse to purchase such items, thus removing your monetary support from the Occupation.
- Examine your investments and remove shares in companies that profit from or support the Occupation.
- If such investments are part of mutual funds or pension funds in which you participate, write to the fund and ask them to sell their shares of the company.
- Write a letter to any company you are boycotting, and express why you are boycotting and how you want them to change their behavior.
- Write reviews on Amazon website cautioning against purchasing products to be boycotted.
- Write a letter or fill in a comment form at a store selling products you are boycotting. Tell the manager or the store headquarters why you are boycotting and ask them to take the product(s) off their shelves and provide alternative products for purchase that are not made in illegal Israeli settlements.
- Tell your friends and family about the situation in Palestine/Israel and what you are doing about it. Tell them what you are boycotting and why.
- Write letters to schools, governmental entities, and other institutions, to ask them to stop buying products made in the illegal Israeli settlements.
- Write letters to newspapers or magazines that contain articles or op eds and comment on them – praise for balanced coverage and request corrections for unbalanced or false information.
- Write to your Congressional representative and senators and request their support of all the “US Government” items in the MESC report and ask them to support a move to distinguish imports so that it is clear what items are produced in Israel proper and which ones are produced in the OPT. Ask them to sponsor a bill to forbid importing items made in the illegal settlements in the OPT.