

PRESS RELEASE: NION statement on the Israeli Wine Boycott picket of April 5

At 1:00 On Sunday April 5, about twenty members and supporters of NION: Not in Our Name: Jewish Voices Opposing Zionism, held a peaceful sidewalk picket outside of the Summerhill/Yonge LCBO, asking customers this Passover to boycott Israeli wines. The title of the 500 brochures that they handed out was "Apartheid Isn't Kosher", suggesting that support for the Palestinian struggle can be expressed by boycotting the following Israeli wines: Dalton, Margalit, Barkan, Carmel, and Gush Etzion, urging people to make their Passover apartheid free by purchasing Kosher wine from countries other than Israel.

More than two hundred pro Israel counter-demonstrators organized to disrupt the picket, including B'nai Brith, the Jewish Defense League (JDL), (with leatherjacketed JDL on motorcycles), and other organizations in support of Israel's wars and apartheid. The counter-demonstrators became increasingly abusive and unruly, threatening, and starting to be, violent. There are incident reports filed with the police. The police could not control the counter-demonstrators, who were blocking the sidewalk, pushing and hurling abuse and threats. The non-violent boycott picketers left quietly at 2:00, having made their point, delivering the news of the wine boycott, and representing the growing number of Canadian Jewish voices in support of Palestine, and the boycott of Israeli goods.

The Brochure: "Make Your Passover Apartheid Free"
can be downloaded from NION's website:
www.nion.ca

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