

Deportation? Murder? Holocaust?

No. A Call to Return to Israel.

On February 20th, the government of Israel took an historic step in approving the evacuation of settlers and troops from the Gaza Strip and the northern part of the West Bank. No one believes that it will be easy for these Israeli settlers to leave their homes and begin new lives inside Israel proper. That's why the Israeli government is providing financial compensation and other assistance to ease the pain of those making this transition.

Contrary to the overheated rhetoric of some evacuation opponents, the government's decision is not a deportation or transfer of Jews. It's not the beginning of a new Holocaust. And it isn't the murder of Israeli citizens.

No—it's a call to people who were encouraged to move to the settlements to come back to the State of Israel, to help strengthen the country in the Negev and the Galilee, to contribute to building a Jewish, democratic state.

A recent survey of 100,000 Israelis found that 68% of the nation supports the settlement evacuation plan. They recognize that settlements have become an economic, security, and diplomatic burden on the Jewish state...that it's in Israel's own best interests to start getting out of the occupation business...that the time has come to put concrete national interests ahead of messianic dreams.



On March 19th in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, the Israeli Peace Now movement and other members of the Majority Coalition (including the Labor Party, the Yahad Party, and the Kibbutz movement) will stage a mass demonstration to give voice to the majority of Israelis who support the settlement evacuation plan.

Help us fill Rabin Square with tens of thousands of Israelis who want settlement evacuation and peace. Your contributions through Americans for Peace Now will help produce the billboards, banners, and flyers needed to let people know that now is the time for the majority to take back the street and show its support for leaving settlements. Support the Israeli majority that wants to welcome the settlers home, to help build a better future for the nation and the people of Israel.

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