ADALAH-NY: THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN FOR THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

# The Boycott Leviev Holiday Songbook

Why SHOP when you can help STOP Apartheid?



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#### Leviev, Leviev

#### (to the tune of Jingle Bells – emphasis on the Lev; i.e. Lev-i-ev, Lev-i-ev)

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, HEY! Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

Building settlements On confiscated lands, Selling di-amonds, With blood on his hands. Ho Ho Ho!

Making lots of dough, Ignoring human rights What a shame it is to shop at Leviev tonight! HEY!

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, HEY! Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

When greed is the game Why speak of human rights? Lev has got no shame Out of mind and sight! Ho Ho Ho!

If it sells, it sells, Nothin's in his way! Oh what fun it is to hide The high price poor folks pay! HEY!

Leviev, Leviev, destroys human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives, HEY! Leviev, Leviev, displaces human lives, Think of where your money goes when shopping for your wives.

#### Just Say No (to the tune of "Let it Snow")

Oh the diamonds inside are sparklin' But they can't hide what's behind 'em They're funding apartheid so Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

Leviev's spent decades earning Off people's pain and suff'ring So if you'd rather not help his show Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

In Bil'in all the farmers sigh As Lev takes away their land But the settlements are a crime And justice is our demand

Lev's lies are finally showing And his greed is overflowing New York knows the way to go Just say no, Just say no, Just say no

(REPEAT ONCE FROM THE TOP)

#### Leviev Oh Leviev (to the tune of "Hanukkah oh Hanukkah", emphasis on Lev, i.e. Lev-i-ev Oh Lev-i-ev)

Leviev, oh Leviev Destruction you're sowing Stealing the land Where the crops are all growing Using all your billions to sponsor a cheat In Jayyous and Bil'in there's nothing to eat

And while you Ignore it A Settlement still is a crime

No matter where Apartheid's not fair And **we'll** resist you every time

No matter where Apartheid's not fair And **we'll** resist you every time

(REPEAT ONCE FROM THE TOP)

#### Buy Yourself a Little Tchotchke (to the tune of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas")

Buy yourself a merry little tchotchke At Leviev's store To be sure, it's gonna cost you thousands more

Think of all the settlements you're funding Where they don't belong 'Cause Leviev's ruthless and he can't go wrong

Here you are, having wine and cakes While Leviev takes lots more He'll make sure that there's nothing left After all his theft and gore

Make yourself all comfy at the Plaza Leave aside all care And forget the folks who live in Gaza there Buy your tchotchke at Leviev's if you dare

#### I Made a Little Settlement (to the tune of "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel")

Leviev's building settlements On Palestinians' best Farmland and bulldozed houses Calls cops when they protest!

# [Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott Don't buy Leviev today Funds crime with all that profit Who needs diamonds anyway?

And when Jews come to Israel Lev sells them stolen land The law says it's illegal He says catch me if you can!

Apartments for Jews only -Discrimination, sure! Thinks Palestine's the problem And Apartheid is the cure!

# [Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott Don't buy Leviev today Funds crime with all that profit Who needs diamonds anyway?

#### (I Made a Little Settlement cont'd)

Dividing up the West Bank Jewish-only homes and roads Makes Palestine impossible Peace talks a cru-el hoax

It's not just Palestine Where Lev defies the law At his building sites in Brooklyn Workers have no rights at all

# [Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott Don't buy Leviev today Funds crime with all that profit Who needs diamonds anyway?

So boycott Leviev diamonds Until his land grabs cease Love your neighbor, not your glitter This season, work for peace

# [Chorus]

Oh boycott, boycott, boycott Don't buy Leviev today Funds crime with all that profit Who needs diamonds anyway?

#### Leviev the Two-Faced Magnate

(to the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer")

Leviev the two-faced magnate Watches all his billions grow Off of Angolan diamonds Helping a dictator's show

Look at Leviev's billions Funding an illegal plan Settlements he is building Dividing up the West Bank land

Then one cold November eve Leviev came to town He put a store here in New York But we will shut him down

Leviev your crimes are showing Your deeds are getting hard to hide No matter what you call it We say NO to apartheid

#### (Leviev the Two-Faced Magnate cont'd)

Leviev the two-faced magnate Likes to uproot olive trees And the way he can fund this Is with every shopping spree

But if you spend cash elsewhere Palestinians won't lose land Leviev the two-faced magnate He'll just have an empty hand

A few days be-fore Christmas eve We're here to announce. Leviev won't sell gems tonight! We know customers will do right

Lev we all hope you're listening Stop building on stolen land We'll come to say what you do 'Til you have no more demand

#### Stealing Palestinian Land (to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

Sales will ring, are ya list'nin'? In the lanes jewels are glist'nin'. A beautiful sight, Leviev's happy tonight, Stealing lots of Palestinian land.

Gone away is the bluebird; Here to stay is a boo-bird. We'll sing you this song as he goes along, Stealing lots of Palestinian land.

In the meadow he will build a snowman, And pretend his lawyer is in town. He'll ask, "Are you legal?" Lev says, "No, man! But I won't let the question get me down!" Later on, he'll conspire As he dreams by the fire, And face unafraid the plans that he's made Building lots of homes on stolen land.

# [Softer]

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#### Whitewashing (to the tune of "White Christmas"")

Lev's dreaming about whitewashing The kind he did back in the days But then Oxfam blocked him U-ni-cef chopped him They won't let him help fundraise

We washed away his whitewashing Make City Harvest listen too 'Cause Lev's crimes are too hard to chew

And his claim to care is quite untrue

Lev's dreaming about whitewashing The kind he did before we came He would back fundraisers Give party favors All just to spread his name

But we expose his whitewashing With every song that we create We set all those nonprofits straight They won't help Lev cover up his hate

#### Wein 'a Ramallah (2012 Adalah-NY Remix)

Wein 'a Ramallah Wein 'a Ramallah Welfi ya msafer wein 'a Ramallah (2x)

Boycott Leviev Boycott Leviev Boycott Leviev, Boycott Leviev *(2x)* 

Freedom for Jayyous Freedom for Jayyous Freedom for Jayyous, Freedom for Jayyous *(2x)* 

Freedom for Bil'in Freedom for Bil'in, Freedom for Bil'in, Freedom for Bil'in (2x)

Justice for Gaza...

End occupation...

No to apartheid...

#### Leviev is Stealing our Town (to the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

You'd better not shop You'd better not buy Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid Leviev is stealing our town

We're making him shvitz We'll make him think twice We're gonna boycott Lev 'til he acts nice Leviev is stealing our town

Huge profits he's been reaping Dead bodies in his wake Although blood diamonds may look good Boycott Lev for goodness sake!

Oh, you'd better not shop You'd better not buy Each dollar spent here helps fund apartheid Leviev is stealing our town

#### We Wish You a Loss of Business (to the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")

We wish you a loss of business We wish you a loss of business We wish you a loss of business And a poor fiscal year

Apartheid's one thing Lev's got his hands in, Screwing workers and Angolans for the rest of the year

Lev's bling is a bit off-putting Lev's bling is a bit off-putting Lev's bling is a bit off-putting, Made from Angolan tears

We won't go until 2:30 We won't go until 2:30 We won't go until 2:30 Lev, you're worse than DeBeers

We wish you a loss of business We wish you a loss of business We wish you a loss of business And a poor fiscal year

#### LEV, WE ALL... (to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

Lev, we all can see the folly Fa la la la la, la la la la Of profit from illegal colonies Fa la la la la, la la la la

Boycott now Leviev apparel Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la Sing anti-apartheid carols Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the empty store before us Fa la la la la, la la la la Customers, they can't ignore us Fa la la la la, la la la la

Lev's caused suffering beyond measure Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la While he sells apartheid treasure Fa la la la la, la la la la

Steals away the land of masses Fa la la la la, la la la la Boycott Lev now; don't be asses Fa la la la la, la la la la

Think of Jayyous, walled and tethered Fa la la, la la la, la - la - la Heed us and we'll win together Fa la la la la, la la la la

# It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Failure

(to the tune of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas")

It's beginning to look a lot like failure At Leviev's store All the headlines are rolling in, listing Leviev's sins With all his lies and settlement crimes on show It's beginning to look a lot like failure Lev's on top no more All the world has started to see, the criminal that is he And won't buy any more

It's beginning to look a lot like failure At Leviev's store There's a piece in the New York Press, one in Tel Aviv as well Exposing Lev for rotten deeds we know It's beginning to look a lot like failure Soon the chants will start And the thing that will make them ring is the boycott that we'll bring Until the wall's apart

#### Lev's Dirty Rocks (to the tune of "Jingle Bell Rock")

Lev's dirty, Lev's dirty, Lev's dirty rocks Lev ruins lives to rake in his bucks Nam**ib**ian polishers asked for fair pay They were beaten and driven away

So don't you buy, don't you buy Lev-i-ev bling Lev builds on sto-len land as we sing When Palestinians go to protest They face arrest

As we stand here in the cold air, we know Lev's in the wrong. Leviev he robs, pays PR slobs; they can't whitewash the truth in this song

So Lev as you, watch while your, stock goes kaput Think of the folks you've hurt And we'll keep being the thorns in your side Til' there's justice for Palestinians And you've paid for your crimes!

#### Boycott Leviev Jewelry Store (to the tune of "God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen")

Boycott Leviev jewelry store Don't buy his dirty jewels He's built illegal settlements He's broken all the rules If you care about human lives You'll see right through Lev's ruse

# [Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian Women and men The question is not i-i-if but when

In Jayyous and in Bil'in The people do resist The IDF, it shoots to kill The children raising fists Is**rael** jails people for their words And daring to persist

# [Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian Women and men The question is not i-i-if but when

#### (Boycott Leviev Jewelry Store cont'd)

The people of these villages Said heed the boycott call With in-ter-na-tion-al pressure To help Apartheid fall Each time we sing out in the cold Their courage we recall

# [Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian Women and men The question is not i-i-if but when

When shooting tear gas canisters They're aiming for the head In Nabi Saleh Mustafa Tamimi now is dead They try to stop the freedom tide But Palestine has said

# [Refrain]

O-oh justice for Palestinian Women and men The question is not i-i-if but when

#### Diamond Mines (to the tune of "Silver Bells")

See those diamonds, in the window Shining bright like the sun But in each stone there is a big flaw If you want peace for the children Know this store's owned by one Who defies international law

Diamond mines Palestine Lev's selling crimes in the city Don't you buy From this guy Op**pres**sion does not match your dress

Growing settlements, racist checkpoints Soldiers pointing their guns At the children - just late for their classes People dying for protesting As Leviev makes tons If you can't see what's wrong, you need glasses

Diamond mines Palestine Lev-i-ev's crimes aren't pretty Don't you buy From this guy Stand up for justice today!

#### You're a Shonda, Diamond Lev (To the tune of "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch," lines in parentheses are spoken)

You're a shonda, Diamond Lev That's Yiddish for "a shame" And you feign gen-er-os-i-ty But it's just to sell your name Diamond Lev (A teeny weeny child) Can see right through your game!

You are greedy, Diamond Lev Settlements not your one vice You befriend nasty dictators Workers, tenants you despise Diamond Lev (Even after the millions you spend on public relations) You can't cover up your lies!

You are crooked, Diamond Lev All your jewels are full of flaws Polishers that your abusing Can't hide all your broken laws Diamond Lev (Bit by bit with our boycott campaign we'll pry everything you've stolen) From your predatory claws!

#### The Twelve Days of Boycott (To the tune of "The *Twelve Days of Christmas*")

On the 1st day of boycott Leviev said to me Diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 2nd day of boycott Leviev said to me **Your** skits are funny, But diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 3rd day of boycott Leviev said to me I'm humanitarian, I do good for others, Just ask UNICEF And diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 4th day of boycott UNICEF said to me We see your point, Settlements aren't legal Conflict diamonds neither So we'll **take** no more blood money from Lev

On the 5th day of boycott Leviev said to me I **think** I'll just ignore you, **Bus**iness will be fine And I've **got** endorsements from celebrities

On the 6th day of boycott Leviev said to me Did I say celebrities, I've got no celebrities Not on my website, they were never there And diamonds are apartheid's best friend

On the 7th day of boycott Leviev said to me OK, no celebrities, **But** business is good **Pro**test all you want Cause to tell the truth I really don't.....care

On the 8th day of boycott CARE said to me Yes it does seem odd to, Have the president of Africa-Israel, Which is building settlements Which are illegal, Sitting on our board So we'll cut him loose it's only fair, said CARE

On the 9th day of boycott TIAA-CREF said to me Africa Israel is a disgrace Building bloody colonies, Natives to displace **So** here's the decision **We've** arrived at Yes we **are** disinvesting from Cat On the 10th day of boycott Africa Israel said to me OK OK, we get it, People get kvetchy Settlements are sketchy, Building them is chancy We're getting antsy As of this moment, Africa Israel's Not engaged in building In the OPT.... Though we were the leader you Have brought us to our knees We'll just leave it to Lev's other companies But it's not polit-i-cal, You **have** had no effect Our decision doesn't mean we caved in

On the 11th day of boycott Good citizens said to me We're withdrawing from, And won't participate In the dirty work of, This apartheid state Or at least some parts of it Signed, the following... Japanese distributors, Co-ops in the UK Methodists and Presbys, Boycotting settlements BDS endorsed by trade union feds Unions cutting ties With the Histadrut... Ahava closing flagships, Banks guitting Alstom Europe cancels G4S, Norway cancels Elbit City of Geneva, splits from JNF Agrexco liquidating... Cassandra Wilson, also Cat Power, Zakir Hussain, Angela Davis, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar... Alice Walker and of course, Ken Loach New Zealand's national pension fund The following companies has shunned Danya Cebus, and Elbit And also the holy grail They've divested from Africa Israel

On the 12th day of boycott, well That day is yet to come **So** go home and warm up **Or** just stay and sing more *There's still work to do....* Til there's justice for all we're not Nearly at the end Of finding ways to stop apartheid's best friends And would your anti-apartheid holiday season be complete without a few...

# **CHANTS**

Lev Leviev you will see Palestine will be free

You sparkle, You shine But settlements are still a crime

He's glitz, He's glam He's stealing Palestinian land

How fancy, How pretty Leviev out of New York City

All his diamonds cannot hide His support for Apartheid!

Behind the dazzle you will see Lev destroys communities

From Bil'in to Jayyous Stop the Human Rights Abuse

Lev Leviev's got no heart Tearing Palestine apart!

Fashionistas and socialites Leviev denies human rights From Brooklyn to Bil'in Home destruction is obscene

South Africa to Palestine Leviev profits every time

Lev's a shonda, Lev's a shame Settlements his claim to fame

Don't buy diamonds from a man Who has stolen people's land

From Madison to Palestine Occupation is a crime

Oxfam [Unicef] won't take his dimes Because they know Leviev's crimes

City Harvest you must choose Don't believe Leviev's ruse

If you put that ring on her hand You help Lev steal Palestinian land

# Adalah-NY wishes you joy and justice in the coming year!

Apartheid, we don't buy it!

Boycott Israel!

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