

Occupation-Free Shopping

Take these products off your shopping list

THEY ARE MADE IN ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

At its July 2012 meeting the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (USA) called for the boycott of all Israeli products made in the occupied Palestinian Territories and called upon all nations to prohibit the import of products made by enterprises in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land.

You can heed that call by not buying the products below and telling others about the boycott of products made in illegal settlements.

AHAVA COSMETICS: cosmetics products using Dead Sea minerals: moisturizers, creams, bath salts, etc.

The company factory and visitors' center are in an illegal Israeli settlement, Mitzpe Shalem, in the occupied West Bank. These products are sold at Macy's, Nordstrom's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Target, Lonely Planet, Zappo's, Amazon.com, BeautyBridge.com, DermStore.com, SkinOne.com, VitaCost.com, Soap.com, Makeup Alley, Birchbox.com, and Ulta Health and Beauty, among other places. See Code Pink website for more information <http://www.codepink4peace.org/section.php?id=415>

SODASTREAM: home carbonated beverage machines and syrups

The main plant of the company is in the industrial zone of Mishor Edomim (also spelled Adumim, Adomim, or Edummim), an illegal settlement in the West Bank. Products are sold at Amazon Bloomingdale's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Bon Ton, Crate & Barrel, Costco, HyVee, JC Penney, Kitchen Collection, Kohl's, Le Gourmet Chef, Macy's Meijer, Sears, Shopko, Staples, Sur la Table, Target, Williams-Sonoma, and SkyMall, among other places.

INTERSTAR, TIP TOP, AND EDUSHAPE TOYS: modular plastic toys, building pieces

These products are made in the Barkan Industrial Zone, part of an illegal settlement in the West Bank. Attached to the residential settlement of Ariel, Barkan was established in 1982 on the land of the Palestinian villages of Haris, Bruqin and Sarta. The industrial zone hosts a disproportionate number of factories that pollute the environment. For example, waste from Barkan runs down the hillside of the Al-Matwi Valley, damaging Palestinian farmland. Palestinian laborers are employed in the industrial zone and are paid, as documented in several sources, below the minimum wage and denied the right to unionize. The products are shipped to Edushape USA. They are sold at Toys R Us, Amazon, Walmart, Muni Toys, and other locations.

KETER PLASTIC PRODUCTS: garden furniture, outdoor storage solutions and sheds, shelving systems and utility cabinets, tool boxes and storage products for the Do-it-yourself (DIY) market, as well as household, baby and toddler products.

Both Keter and its full subsidiary, Lipski, have factories in the Barkan Industrial Zone (see above). The products are sold at Ace Hardware, Amazon.com, BJ's Wholesale, Costco, Home Depot, Menards, Lowe's, Orchard Supply Hardware, Sam's Club, Sears, Walmart, Wayfair, Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, True Value Hardware, Northern Tools, PepBoys, and other locations.

Keter is licensed to use the name **Black & Decker** and sells under that name the following products: Black & Decker Storage Building, SpaceRite Cabinets, and the Workmate series of storage containers.

WINERIES LOCATED IN ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS in the Palestinian Territories or the Golan Heights:

For a list: http://www.israelpalestinecommissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=232

What's wrong with settlements?

There are several problems with Israeli settlements such as Mitzpe Shalem and Kalya (associated with AHAVA products) and Mishor Edomim (location of main plant of SodaStream) and Barkan Industrial Zone (associated with Keter Plastics and toys sold as Interstar, Tip Top)

1. Settlements in the Palestinian West Bank and East Jerusalem, which Israel has occupied since 1967, are illegal under the Fourth Geneva Convention, which prohibits transferring civilian populations to occupied territory. The Convention also prohibits an occupying power from extracting resources from occupied territory. Ahava's Dead Sea minerals are exactly that – resources extracted from occupied territory.
2. United States foreign policy is opposed to Israel's settlements in the West Bank. A 1978 State Department legal memo, which still stands as official US policy, deemed Israel's settlements to be "inconsistent with international law." In June 2009 President Obama stated that "the United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements."
3. Only Jewish Israelis are allowed to live in Israel's settlements. Palestinians, whose land was confiscated to build these settlements, cannot live in them. Ethnically segregated housing, which prevails in Israeli settlements, is also illegal under international law. The United Nations Convention on the Punishment and Suppression of the Crime of Apartheid outlaws housing discrimination based on race and/or ethnicity.
4. Israel's settlements, through a slow process of ethnic cleansing, have displaced thousands of indigenous Palestinians, moving them out of their ancestral homes and preventing them from accessing the fields that provide their livelihoods.
5. Settlements are a major impediment to peace. Israel's settlements prevent the creation of a territorially-contiguous Palestinian state. Hillary Clinton reiterated in December 2010: "Like every American administration for decades, we do not accept the legitimacy of continued settlement activity. We believe their continued expansion is corrosive not only to peace efforts and [the] two-state solution, but to Israel's future itself."

Illegal Settlements and the Separation Wall

- The blue triangles represent illegal Israeli settlement colonies
- The separation wall (blue line) is not on the internationally recognized Israel and Palestine boundary (the 1967 "green line"). Large swaths of Palestinian territory are on the "Israel side" of the Wall.

