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Re: We Stand By as Genocide continues

Dear Friends,

Confessions of a Holocaust Bystander  
by Eduard Loring

My name is Cain  
I murder my brother  
He who trims olive trees  
for love and life.

Israelis defames him:

“Animal”

God names him:

“my brother”

Why do I murder Abel  
30 times a day?  
I have not choice.  
My bloody hammer is in my hand  
“Oh, don’t pay your war taxes.”  
I do, I seek not innocence but  
    responsibility.

I weep for Abel.  
I weep for myself.  
I weep for you.

The only clean carpet is  
    Israeli/USA bombing.  
We are forsaken.  
Holocaust, I stand and  
Look & Listen But Do Not Stop....

# THE WEEKEND GOSHEN NEWS

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Letter to the Editor:

## A Plea for a Cease-Fire

Well its the start of 2024, as I lay tossed and turned last night, visited by phantoms of 2024, spawned from 2023. These phantoms; a Trump presidency and bloody children dead or having operations without anesthetics or pain killers in Gaza.

South Africa named the rulers of Israel genocidal. The reasons; bombing of refugee camps and "safe" areas, twenty two thousand plus dead and thousands and thousands more injured. Also, 500,000 plus at imminent risk of starvation while the dehydrated citizens fall sick to disease, from overcrowding. Bombs continue to rain down in this unreciprocal response, how can anyone sleep?

I don't discount the horror of Oct 7th, nor yet the holocaust. Yet I believe we are caught in the web of historical memory, which makes any criticism of this sorry gang of Israeli leaders, antisemitic. I reject this label for calling out Israeli policy that would empty Gaza of life and people through migration. Also complicit is the United States support of this crime, through a lack of a call for a cease-fire and funding.

I plead for a cease-fire and a change of heart, calls to the White House and visits to representatives. And of course Prayer and hitting the streets.

In conclusion; only a negotiated, political settlement will work. A response of darkness for darkness is a "dead" end, and it all starts with ceasefire.

Bruce Bishop. Former resident volunteer at ODC. High regarded ceramicist. Mennonite Peacemaker.

# What Good Am I?

Written by: Bob Dylan

What good am I if I'm like all the rest  
If I just turn away, when I see how you're dressed  
If I shut myself off so I can't hear you cry  
What good am I?

What good am I if I know and don't do  
If I see and don't say, if I look right through you  
If I turn a deaf ear to the thunderin' sky  
What good am I?

What good am I while you softly weep  
And I hear in my head what you say in your sleep  
And I freeze in the moment like the rest who don't try  
What good am I?

What good am I then to others and me  
If I've had every chance and yet still fail to see  
If my hands are tied must I not wonder within  
Who tied them and why and where must I have been?

What good am I if I say foolish things  
And I laugh in the face of what sorrow brings  
And I just turn my back while you silently die  
What good am I

Justice Precedes Peace  
Love to all,

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Thank you, Eduard (He/Him)

Cease Fire Now/No Genocide  
The only Solution is to end the occupation of Palestine  
NOW!



Please pray for Ukraine and the Russian Peacemakers,  
friends on death row. Stop Israel's Apartheid State.  
Support Palestinians. And give thanks for Murphy  
Davis.

I live in the unceded territory and tidewaters of the Piscataway, Nanticoke, and Susquehannock Nations, known more commonly as Maryland.

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