

## Follow up info on “Speaking up for Palestinian Children’s Rights”

### To learn more:

1. Host a Zoom online workshop, “Speaking up for the Children”, for your Community of Faith by contacting Linda Scherzinger or Doug Rigby (contact info below).
2. Listen to the podcast: “David and Goliath” – an introduction to the situation in Palestine/Israel created by MCC (Mennonite Central Committee), Ontario. <https://anchor.fm/undercurrents/episodes/Ep-5-David-and-Goliath-ee1ec8>
3. Watch the video: “How are the Children”, part 1, <https://hatcnow.org/> created by the United Church of Christ, UCC partner church in the U.S.

### Some things you can do to advocate for Palestinian children’s rights and justice and peace for Palestine and Israel:

1. Use the sample wording below and send a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and your local Member of Parliament calling them to action.
2. Sign up for updates on the petition and our work for justice. Use this link: <http://eepurl.com/dKqOUg> to the United Network for Justice and Peace for Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI).
3. Write a “letter to the editor”: They are widely read; lawmakers monitor them; anyone can do it. ([see tips from NWTAC](#) ) and editor tips in Attached Resources)
4. Visit your MP ([see guide for visiting your MP](#))
5. Celebrate Children’s Sunday on a Sunday near November 20th to celebrate the gifts and lift up the needs of children. Pray and advocate for the end of detention of Palestinian children. (November 20<sup>th</sup> is Universal Children’s Day, the anniversary of the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Do you have questions about the campaign, “Speaking up for Palestinian Children’s Rights”?  
Interested to joining work for justice and peace for Palestine and Israel?

Contact Linda [lindakseven@gmail.com](mailto:lindakseven@gmail.com) or Doug [drigby@chebucto.ns.ca](mailto:drigby@chebucto.ns.ca)

# SAMPLE LETTER

(Note: Also send copy to your Member of Parliament)

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you out of deep concern for the lives of Palestinian children living under Israeli military occupation. They experience insecurity in so many ways. I am especially concerned about Israel's practice of detaining children in military prison.

Israel detains 500 to 700 Palestinian children aged 12 to 17 each year. Three quarters of these children experience physical violence from soldiers and guards. They are routinely denied contact with family members and legal services during arrest and interrogation. Because of the trauma of their experience, they have great difficulty readjusting to home life upon release.

All children deserve a life of safety and security, a life free from fear and want. Please take steps to appoint a Special Envoy to monitor and report on the human rights situation of Palestinian children the occupied territories, including Gaza. Canada must do more to urge protection of Palestinian children.

Sincerely yours,