Free Speech on Israel Public Meeting



How Israel Silences Its Critics: Why We Oppose the Witch Hunt

Miko Peled - The Israeli General's Son

Miko Peled is Jewish. He was born in Jerusalem into a staunchly Zionist household. His grandfather was at the signing of Israel's declaration of independence, his father was a General in the Israeli Defence Force – IDF. Miko himself was a Captain in the IDF. In 1997 his niece was killed by Palestinian suicide bombers. Instead of reacting as one might expect, he was determined to find out what would drive young Palestinians to such desperate measures. He uncovered so many myths and lies about Israeli history that he became a peace campaigner and profoundly anti-Zionist.

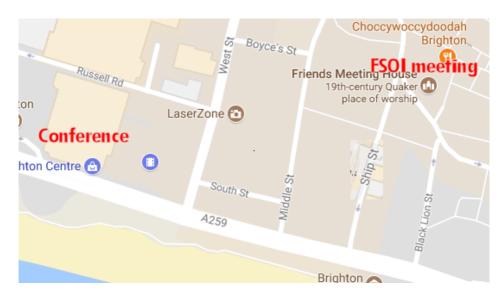
Salma Karmi-Ayyoub, Chair Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights

Why we need to talk about Israel: achieving Palestinian rights means breaking Israel's taboos

Monday 25 September

12.30 pm

Friends Meeting House, Ship St Brighton BN1 1AF



Who are Free Speech on Israel

Free Speech on Israel (FSOI) was founded as a predominantly Jewish campaign group in Spring 2016 to counter the manufactured moral panic over a supposed epidemic of antisemitism in the UK.

Exaggerated and falsified accusations have focused on the Labour Left, but have also targeted faith groups, student bodies and other organisations which advocate the rights of Palestinians. Criticism of Israel and of its founding ideology, Zionism, has been misrepresented as antisemitic

FSOI affirms that anti-Zionism is not antisemitism. Antisemitism is a form of racist bigotry directed at Jews because they are Jews. By contrast, anti-Zionism opposes the political ideology which underpins the Israeli state.

