

As a group of faculty, students, and activists, we write to state our support of the principles of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which works to end the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian peoples.

**Counter to media reports, there has been no BDS-driven opposition to Mr. Shimon Dotan's screening of his documentary *The Settlers* at Syracuse University.**

As supporters of academic freedom, we endorse open discussions of difficult but necessary topics, including those relating to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We support the free exchange of ideas on our campus, an important tradition at Syracuse University and a basic tenet of academic principles, ideals, and practices.

We therefore welcome speakers, scholars, and artists whose work relates to Palestinians and Israelis in adherence with the Palestinian civil society's BDS guidelines. Importantly, these guidelines do not call for the boycott of individuals for being Israeli or for expressing certain views.

Consistent with the principles of academic freedom, we call for a respectful campus environment in which BDS and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be openly debated and discussed.

*For information on the BDS movement, please refer to <https://bdsmovement.net>.*

*For the guidelines of the International Academic Boycott of Israel, please see <http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=1108>.*

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