

Yonatan Shapira: from Israeli air force officer to solidarity activist and Gaza Boat sailor - a story of transformation

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 3
UBC - Room 261 in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
(1961 East Mall)**

Admission by donation

Yonatan Shapira was one of 27 Israeli air force officers who denounced as war crimes the "targeted assassinations" carried out in the densely-populated Gaza Strip. The 27 were dismissed from the air force, and Yonatan went on to co-found Combatants for Peace with other disillusioned Israeli and Palestinian ex-fighters.



He subsequently piloted the Jewish Boat to Gaza (2010), was a crew member of the US Boat to Gaza, THE AUDACITY OF HOPE (2011), and sailed on the ESTELLE from Sweden in 2012.

Yonatan is a member of the group supporting the Palestinian call for BDS from within Israeli society (aka Boycott from Within) and has also taken part in numerous other nonviolent actions and campaigns in opposition to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.

He has an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies and since 2010 has facilitated dialogue



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meetings for high school and university students at the School for Peace of the binational community of Wahat al-Salam –

Neve Shalom (Oasis of Peace), inside the 1948 borders of Israel.

Hosted by the Progressive Jewish Alliance at UBC, with a growing list of cosponsors, currently including: Canadian Boat to Gaza, Canadian Memorial United Church, Independent Jewish Voices-Vancouver, Kairos-Metro Vancouver, the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

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