

Views of News: Palestine

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At the State Board of Investment hearing on March 4, three out of four members of the Minnesota State Board of Investments voted to continue to invest in the State of Israel bonds, even though it violates international law.

However, goodness is all around us. We know that but sometimes it's like the checkbook that you left in the pocket of the jacket you threw in the laundry basket. You're looking in the wrong places. So it is with the situation in Israel/Palestine. Little good seems to ever appear but voila!— it did. Recently the Israeli Prime Minister, one Benjamin Netanyahu, approvingly commented on the military's destruction of 400 Palestinian pre-fabricated bungalows funded by the European Union, claiming builders did not have proper permits and they were illegal structures. In response the organization, Rabbis for Human Rights, submitted an open letter to Mr. Netanyahu which, among other things, stated, "Israel has an obligation to ensure that every human being under her control, each created in God's image, has a fair chance to build a home for him/herself and his/her family, irrespective of the current state of the peace process or differing opinions about what areas will be under Israel's control in a future final status agreement." It's a good beginning at any rate.

And there is this: The 2015 Sundance Film Festival included "Censored Voices," This award-winning film is based on interviews of Israeli soldiers summarily executing prisoners and evacuating Arab villages. A particularly striking element of the film is that it shows the soldiers later questioning their actions.

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