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**1/14 VIGIL: BAY AREA JEWS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE END TO
ISRAELI ASSAULT ON GAZA
organized by Jewish Voice for Peace/Bay Area**

**5pm, Wednesday, January 14, 2009
in front of the Israeli Consulate
456 Montgomery Street, San Francisco**

PHOTO/VIDEO: Banners, signs, candles.

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) - a national Jewish peace organization with 55,000 supporters, which supports human rights for Israelis and Palestinians - is calling for an immediate end to the Israeli assault on Gaza.

"We support peace, justice, and security for Israelis and Palestinians; we strongly oppose the killing of any civilians," said Penny Rosenwasser, board member of JVP. "We condemn the quassam rockets fired on Sderot – and these do not justify the ongoing attacks on 850,000 children in Gaza who have nowhere to hide. US weapons are killing hundreds of these children and wounding many more. One and a half million Gazans are being brutally punished for the crimes of a few. Bombing Gaza will not bring security or peace. As US Jews, and as tax-payers, we say 'Not In Our Name!'"

We call on the US to pressure Israel to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1860 which calls for "an immediate durable fully-respected ceasefire in Gaza leading to full withdrawal of Israeli forces." We call on the US Congress to support Dennis Kucinich's resolution to be introduced this week calling for unrestricted humanitarian access to Gaza and an immediate and unconditional ceasefire."

We call on the Israeli government to immediately lift the siege of Gaza, so that people there have access to food, water, medicine and fuel, in accordance with international law.

We stand in solidarity with 500 Israeli Jews from Sderot who have called for a renewal of the truce. We stand in solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian women from the International Women's Commission who call for an immediate end to Israeli aggression in Gaza. We stand with the 700 Israelis who have been arrested for protesting Israel's assault on Gaza. We stand with Jews in Toronto, Montreal, the UK, New York City, Chicago, Seattle, Minneapolis, and elsewhere protesting the Israeli attacks.

Jewish Voice for Peace (www.jvp.org) is inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, justice, and human rights; we support the aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians for security and self-determination.

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