



***“As long as
the Occupation
continues,
Israel itself
cannot be free.”***

Potluck & Discussion with Jeff Halper

Monday, May 23 6 PM

Biltmore United Methodist Church

376 Hendersonville Road Asheville

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Jeff Halper's visit to the Asheville area will include meetings with a number of faith communities to discuss the of continuing violations of human rights in the West Bank and Gaza. On May 24, his most recent book "War Against the People" will be discussed by the Veterans for Peace Book Club (6 PM), followed by a reading and book signing at Malaprop's Bookstore (7PM). His book contends that the Occupation of Palestine is a laboratory for Israel to perfect police and military weaponry and tactics that work equally well for repressive regimes around the world.

Dr. Jeff Halper has been a peace and human rights activist for more than three decades. Born in Minnesota, he participated in the civil rights and Peace movements of the 1960s. Halper immigrated to Israel in 1973 after attending rabbinical school and resisting military service in the Vietnam War.

In Israel, Halper taught anthropology at Haifa and Ben-Gurion Universities. His academic research has focused on the modern history of Jerusalem, contemporary Israeli culture, and the Middle East conflict. During his mandatory Israeli military service, he refused to bear arms or serve in the occupied Palestinian territories. In 1997, Halper co-founded the Israeli Committee Against

Home Demolitions (ICAHD) to challenge and resist the Israeli policy of demolishing Palestinian homes.

As a Coordinating Director of ICAHD, Halper organized and led nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience against Israel's occupation policies and authorities, at times facing bulldozers in front of Palestinian homes. He also organizes Israelis, Palestinians, and internationals to help rebuild demolished Palestinian homes. In 2006 the American Friends Service Committee nominated him, along with Palestinian activist Ghassan Andoni, for the Nobel Peace Prize.