

Vivienne Porzsolt

Vivienne Porzsolt was born in New Zealand in 1941 into a secular Jewish family from Czechoslovakia. They had got out of Prague the day Hitler marched in. From this secular Jewish culture she absorbed the values of social justice and the possibility of building a better world.



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Over the years, she has been engaged in a range of social justice work: the trade union movement, feminism, anti-racism including anti-apartheid and more recently over the last 20 years, in working for a just peace in Israel-Palestine where Jews and Palestinians can live side by side in mutual respect and equality.

Vivienne says: "I cannot abide what Israel is doing in my name and in that of all Jews. As a Jew I feel a special obligation to oppose it in the traditions of Jewish ethics abandoned by Israel and its Zionist supporters."

"I am sailing on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza to help pose a real challenge to the cruel illegal imprisonment of the people of Gaza and to make it visible to the world. We hope to shame all those governments who are complicit with this injustice and lawlessness. Ordinary people must act when their governments won't."

An interview with Vivienne is [available here](#).