

The background of the entire page is a dense, repeating pattern of thin, wavy blue lines that create a textured, undulating effect. The lines are arranged in a way that they appear to flow and ripple across the surface.

**Refusing military service in Israel**  
*Refusniks tell their story*

**OPEN-VIEWING & DISKUSSION**  
**Do. 04.04. | 19.00 Uhr | Röggerg. 24-26 | 1090**

# LIVE UND ONLINE Link Zoom-Event <https://tinyurl.com/3zcaeyb3>

In the online discussion, activists from three organizations of conscientious objectors in Israel, Yesh Gvul („there is a limit“), Mesarvot (“Refusing”) and Ani Seravti (“I refused”) give an insight into how they organize resistance against military service in the Israeli army and against the occupation of Palestine. They will talk about the beginnings of the movement and its current situation in light of Israel’s massive mobilization and war crimes in the war in Gaza and the increasing attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank. Three activists will describe their experiences as conscientious objectors and discuss how, in view of the massacre and the famine in Gaza for which Israel holds responsible, a movement can be initiated among the soldiers and the Israeli population to reject the Zionist military complex.

## Speakers:

:: **Ishai Menuchin**, spokesperson for Yesh Gvul

:: **Tom Mehager**, founder of Ani Seravti movement and social activist, writes op-eds in Haaretz, HaOketz, +972, Middle East Eye.

:: **Yahli Agai**, The anti-Zionist queer activist from Tel Aviv is 18 years old and a member of the Mesarvot network, co-founder of the youth anti-occupation bloc

## Moderation:

:: **Irina Vana**, Initiative Palästina Solidarität

The Israeli military is the backbone of the Zionist state, the occupation of Palestine and apartheid. This is reflected in the extensive militarization of Israeli society and is expressed in Israel’s security narrative, which is also used to justify the war and war crimes in Gaza as well as the ongoing military presence, threats and repression against Palestinians in the West Bank.

The organizations Yesh Gvul („there is a border“), Mesarvot („Refusing“) and Ani Seravti („I Refused“) represent a part of the Israeli population that refuses to serve in the military in the occupied territories, that refuses to participate in the occupation and expulsion and that is not willing to participate in the war and killing in Gaza and the West Bank.

**Their refusal to serve in the military is of crucial importance: because they show that there are small resistance cells against militant Zionism and the occupation of Palestine in Israel. Their activities thus also point to a potential for overcoming the Zionist state and its ideology in a common, democratic state of all people living in the region.** In addition, the stories of the conscientious objectors prove how the Israeli regime deals with citizens who oppose the official state doctrine and refuse the military service all citizens of Israel have to engage in. **Their experiences in prison underline the fact that there can never be democracy and justice in a highly militarized apartheid state. Not for the Palestinians and not for Jews who do not support the Zionist, ultra-nationalist agenda.**

**We would like to point out that the event will be recorded.**

