



# Statement of 41 Nobel Laureates on Academic BDS Actions

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## **Statement of 41 Nobel Laureates on Academic BDS Actions Against Israeli Academics, Israeli Academic Institutions and Academic Centers and Institutes of Research and Training With Affiliations in Israel**

**Believing that academic and cultural boycotts, divestments and sanctions in the academy are:**

- antithetical to principles of academic and scientific freedom,
- antithetical to principles of freedom of expression and inquiry, and
- may well constitute discrimination by virtue of national origin,

We, the undersigned Nobel Laureates, appeal to students, faculty colleagues and university officials to defeat and denounce calls and campaigns for boycotting, divestment and sanctions against Israeli academics, academic institutions and university-based centers and institutes for training and research, affiliated with Israel.

Furthermore, we encourage students, faculty colleagues and university officials to promote and provide opportunities for civil academic discourse where parties can engage in the search for resolution to conflicts and problems rather than serve as incubators for polemics, propaganda, incitement and further misunderstanding and mistrust.

We, and many like us, have dedicated ourselves to improving the human condition by doing the often difficult and elusive work to understand complex and seemingly unsolvable phenomena. We believe that the university should serve as an open, tolerant and respectful, cooperative and collaborative community engaged in practices of resolving complex problems.



Sidney Altman  
Yale University  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1989



Walter Kohn  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1998



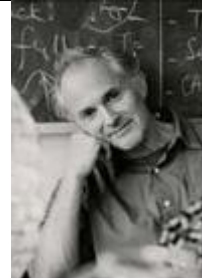
Kenneth Arrow  
Stanford University  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 1972



Roger D. Kornberg  
Stanford University  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2006



Robert J. Aumann  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 2005



Harold Kroto  
Florida State University  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1996



Mario Capecchi  
University of Utah  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2007



Finn Kydland  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 2004



Aaron Ciechanover  
Technion  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2004



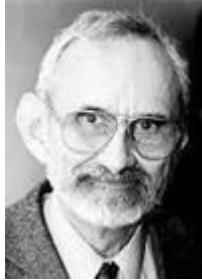
Leon Lederman  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1988



Claude Cohen-Tannoudji  
 École Normale Supérieure  
 Nobel Prize in Physics, 1997



Tony Leggett  
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
 Nobel Prize in Physics, 2003



Robert Curl  
 Rice University  
 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1996



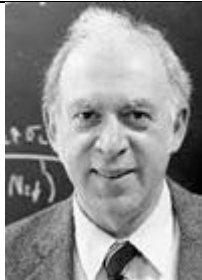
Robert Lucas, Jr.  
 University of Chicago  
 Nobel Prize in Economics, 1995



Edmond H. Fischer  
 University of Washington  
 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1992



Rudolph A. Marcus  
 California Institute of Technology  
 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1992



Jerome Friedman  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Nobel Prize in Physics, 1990



Eric Maskin  
 Institute for Advanced Study  
 Nobel Prize in Economics, 2007



Andre Geim  
 Manchester University  
 Nobel Prize in Physics, 2010



Roger Myerson  
 University of Chicago  
 Nobel Prize in Economics, 2007



Sheldon Glashow  
Boston University  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1979



George A. Olah  
University of Southern California  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1994



David Gross  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 2004



Douglas Osheroff  
Stanford University  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1996



James Heckman  
University of Chicago  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 2000



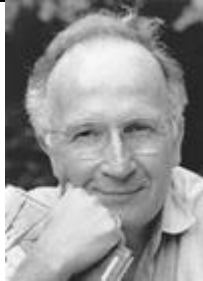
Martin L. Perl  
Stanford University  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1995



Avram Hershko  
Technion  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2004



Stanley B. Prusiner  
University of California, San Francisco  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1997



Roald Hoffman  
Cornell University  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1981



Andrew V. Schally  
University of Miami  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1977



Russell Hulse  
University of Texas, Dallas  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1993



Richard R. Schrock  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2005



Tim Hunt  
London Research Institute  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2001



Phillip A. Sharp  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1993



Daniel Kahneman  
Princeton University  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 2002



Steven Weinberg  
University of Texas, Austin  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 1979



Eric Kandel  
Columbia University  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2000



Elie Wiesel  
Nobel Peace Prize, 1986



Lawrence Klein  
University of Pennsylvania  
Nobel Prize in Economics, 1980



Torsten Wiesel  
Rockefeller University  
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1981



George F. Smoot  
Universite Paris Diderot,  
Ewha Womans University  
University of California at Berkeley  
Nobel Prize in Physics, 2006