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The United Jewish People's Order and Independent Jewish Voices (UJPO & IJV) were deeply disappointed to learn the Israeli parliament passed the so-called "Reasonableness Standard Bill". The law further consolidates political power in the hands of Israel's increasingly fascistic elected officials and strips the Supreme Court of its role as a legal check of the Parliament's decisions. Historically, the Court ruled against torture of prisoners, against overt forms of discrimination and against Israel's mass refugee prisons. The Supreme Court was instrumental in appealing the government's drive to segregation and annexation of Palestinian land.

UJPO & IJV commends the tens of thousands who protested for more than 30 weeks in a row, pouring into the streets throughout the country on Monday. Opposition to this law is seeing the largest civil disobedience in the country's history, including sit-ins, mass strikes, and army service refusal. Such resistance proves there is a strong political will that could and should be mobilized towards ending the country's undemocratic Occupation and settler colonial regime. In the words of thousands of Israeli and Palestinian protesters in recent months - אין דמוקרטיה עם אפרטהייד ["There is no democracy with Apartheid."]

The passing of this law is the nail in the coffin of judicial oversight in Israel. It makes the case before international law that the country has no internal checks and balances and that even though it did not sign onto the Rome Statute, it's leaders can now be prosecuted by the International Criminal Court. This is a positive outcome that opens the possibility of Israeli war criminals being finally brought to justice.

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