

Press Release

The Parents Circle – Families Forum: Bereaved Israelis and Palestinian Families for Peace has been nominated for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize

“In a time marked by war, distrust, and despair, the Parents Circle – Families Forum offers a rare spark of hope for the future,” the nomination states.

The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF) has been nominated for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of the organization’s work over decades for the promotion of reconciliation, dialogue, and nonviolence between Israelis and Palestinians. The organization has carried out this work over years of difficult periods marked by war, violence, and hatred and despite repeated attempts to delegitimize the PCFF’s work.

The nomination was submitted by peace activist **Sharon Dolev and backed by the International Peace Bureau (IPB).**

Founded in 1995, PCFF brings together more than 850 bereaved Palestinian and Israeli members who have lost loved ones in the ongoing conflict. They work to transform their shared grief and pain into a force for peace, security, and freedom for both peoples. Their message is carried out through educational and public outreach in schools, communities, media, and the international arena.

PCFF amplifies the voices of bereaved families—demonstrating that peace is possible even after profound loss.

Since October 7, 2023 and the war in Gaza and across the region, PCFF members have continued to choose dialogue and a commitment to shared humanity — despite intense pressure, delegitimization, and threats on both sides. Notably, during this challenging period, approximately 150 new bereaved members have joined the organization, many of whom recently lost loved ones in and chose to engage in reconciliation work at the most difficult of times.

The nomination further states that PCFF “demonstrates that the true moral choice is between those committed to shared humanity and those perpetuating violence. A Nobel Prize for PCFF would be a catalyst for change. It would amplify the voices of grassroots communities currently lacking visibility and redirect global attention toward reconciliation rather than partisan support.”

“PCFF shows that our shared pain can be a bridge, not a barrier,” said Dolev following the nomination. “It is precisely through bereavement that a genuine human connection can be created—one that leads to understanding, solidarity, and meaningful dialogue, even between those on opposing sides of the conflict.”

Ayelet Harel and Nadine Quomsieh, Co-CEOs of PCFF, stated: “We thank Sharon Dolev for choosing to nominate PCFF for the Nobel Peace Prize. The decision of Palestinian and Israelis bereaved families to work together for reconciliation is a courageous and extraordinary choice—especially in these times, when our reality is shaped by fear, death, oppression, and revenge. Our choice to meet, to listen, and to build bridges of humanity and mutual understanding sends an important message to the international community. It proves that from pain and loss, hope can emerge—and that we must lead the way toward a future of hope and life for us and for our children.”

Sharon Dolev is the founder and CEO of the Middle East Treaty Organization (METO) and the founder of the Israeli Disarmament Movement (IDM). She was part of an international campaign calling for nuclear disarmament that was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017.

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