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**Black Laundry - Transgenders, Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals
and Others Against The Occupation and for Social Justice**

NAILS AND FEATHERS.

September 2001. Wigstock, the pride march's rebellious brother, Independence Garden. Lipstick and feathers. A celebration of freedom and sexuality in downtown Tel Aviv. Men in dresses and women in tuxedos. To be how you really are, to be who you want to be, to be free.

September 2000. The Al-Aqsa Intifada erupts. For three million Palestinians living in the occupied territories, oppression, humiliation and discrimination are a daily reality, which has been going on for tens of years. Since last September the situation has become unbearable: bombings, killing, curfew, siege on cities, abuse in checkpoints, liquidations, house demolition, land seizure, collective punishment. Civilians killed on both sides, and we, in Tel Aviv, fifteen minutes away, choose to ignore it all, to sink and not hear. Especially us, as lesbians and gay men, delude ourselves that our freedom can exist within a violent society of occupation. We cover the asses of human rights in Israel.

We are the “other” which they choose to accept today, and will trample tomorrow.

The oppression of different minorities in the state of Israel feeds on the same racism, the same chauvinism, and the same militarism that uphold the oppression and occupation of the Palestinian people. There cannot be true freedom in an oppressive, occupying society. In a military society there is no place for the different and weak; lesbians, Gay men, drag queens, transsexuals, foreign workers, women, Mizrahi Israelis, Arabs, Palestinians, the poor, the disabled and others. At the celebration of freedom and diversity in Wigstock, it is important to remember that there won't be real freedom from oppression as long as Israeli society carries out daily oppression in the territories.

In this important day, of fundraising for the struggle against AIDS we want to be a reminder that mechanism of silence, silencing and fear are the way the powerful rules the “other” AIDS was hidden and silenced, and that way has killed many. The occupation feeds on the same mechanisms of silencing and suppressing, on the exhaustion of Israeli citizens, and turning a blind eye. We refuse to be soldiers in the army of silence. If we want to be truly free – we cannot be silent. We must act.

Black laundry – a gay and lesbian direct action group. Bringing the dirty laundry out in the open.