

Ruth C. Cohn Thank You Letter 1992

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How important it was for Ruth Cohn not to be politically taken in by one side, but as a "Planetary Citizen" to identify as much with the life wishes of people as of peoples in general, can be seen in a "thank you letter" she wrote to the "coordination team of WILL International" in 1992. In it, she talks about the trees she had received as a Jewess as a gift. The gift prompted her to critically relate the generative Globe theme of the conflict between Israel and Palestine to her own conception:

'I would like to counter your thoughts that I am Jewish and therefore particularly interested in Israel: where the preservation of their life wishes is concerned, I am no more interested in Jews than I am in Arabs. And the life wishes of both peoples (insofar as one can call them vol[k]ers) are humane. The fact that the Jews were assigned land by the Allies because there were Zionists, a religious congregation that regards this land as their God-given property, has always been so problematic for me that I have never felt like travelling to Israel, and have not done so. The fact that every human being has to constantly let go of something that belongs to him or that he believes belongs to him is something that every one of us has to take on if he or she is realistic, and the same goes for a people. At least that's what I believe. [...] Only when I experience myself, as is the case, as a Planetary Citizen who wants to preserve this globe for all people, can I think with great gratitude and love of the five trees that have been given and returned to this earth by you to remember me (letter dated 6 June 1992).