

A Few Resources and Ideas on Palestine

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Books:

The Lemon Tree, an Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East, by Sandy Tolan

The One State Solution, by Virginia Tilley

One Country, by Ali Abinumah

The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine, by Ilan Pappé

The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Power, by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt

The Battle for Justice in Palestine, by Ali Abinumah

Understanding the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict, by Phyllis Bennis

Web Sites:

Electronic Intifada: <http://electronicintifada.net/>

If Americans Knew: <http://www.ifamericansknew.org/>

BDS Movement: <http://www.bdsmovement.net/>

International Solidarity Movement: <http://palsolidarity.org/>

Articles:

Various articles by Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy Studies: <http://www.ips-dc.org/issues/war-peace/>

Various articles by Pam Bailey, Montgomery County activist:

<http://mondoweiss.net/author/pam>

Excerpts from Ilan Pappé's newest book: <http://ceasefiremagazine.co.uk/ilan-pappe-boycott-work-israeli-perspective/>

Recent *Democracy Now* Interviews:

8/21: Interview with Pernille Ironside, chief of UNICEF's Gaza field office, discussing effects on children in Gaza: http://www.democracynow.org/2014/8/21/a_war_on_gazas_future_israeli

8/11: Part II of interview with Noam Chomsky on the Israeli Occupation, realities on the ground in Gaza, the BDS movement, and the shameful media coverage of this ongoing tragedy: <http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2014/8/11>

8/7: Part I of interview with Noam Chomsky:

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/8/7/a_hideous_atrocity_noam_chomsky_on

7/31 Part II of interview with Rabbi Henry Siegman:

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/7/31/us_jewish_leader_henry_siegman_to

7/30 Part I of interview with Rabbi Henry Siegman, a leading voice of US Jewry, on Gaza “A Slaughter of Innocents”: http://www.democracynow.org/2014/7/30/henry_siegman_leading_voice_of_us

Key U.S. Organizations:

U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation: <http://endtheoccupation.org/>

Jewish Voice for Peace: <http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/>

Visiting Palestine:

Interfaith Peacebuilders: <http://www.ifpb.org/>

Friends of Sabeel—North America: <http://fosna.org/trips>

Global Exchange: <http://www.globalexchange.org/reality-tours>

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions: <http://www.icahd.org/tours>

What You Can Do—a Menu of Activities:

- **Talk to people**—don’t be afraid to speak about Palestine!
- **Regularly contact your representatives in Congress:** even if you don’t think they will listen to you, the more they hear from people, the more likely at least *some* of them are to take a principled stand. Phone calls are best, and they are also the easiest and quickest. During election season, ask about Palestine of those running for office.
- **Write letters to the editor:** even if your letter never gets published, newspapers pay attention to the numbers of people writing on a topic and so may select someone else’s letter for publication on the same subject (which they might not do without *your* letter). Consider forming a letter-writing group, with each person taking responsibility to write one letter every eight weeks (for example), thereby ensuring a regular flow of letters to the newspaper.
- **Organize a house party to view *Occupation 101* or another, similar film.** You can borrow our DVD. Even just a couple of people is enough to do this.
- **Participate in street demonstrations.** Get on the email list of local organizations that provide information about upcoming demonstrations, such as the Washington Peace Center (<http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org/>) or Code Pink (<http://www.codepink4peace.org/section.php?id=51>)
- **Join an organization that works for peace in Palestine,** such as Jewish Voice for Peace (<http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/>) or the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation (<http://endtheoccupation.org/>). Donate to these organizations.
- **Join the movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS).** In the U.S., Code Pink, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation are all actively working on

BDS, through a variety of means. Review their Web sites to find out how you can best support this work.

- **Contribute to an organization that is either working politically to end the occupation or providing aid to Palestine.** Get on organizational email lists so that you can keep up with the latest information and also the latest call to action.
- **Continue to inform yourself:** attend events at the Palestine Center in DC. Get on their email list: <http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/ht/d/sp/i/223/pid/223>
- **Volunteer in Palestine.** You can do this through the following organizations:
 - *International Solidarity Movement* (<http://palsolidarity.org/>) : Both Jean Athey and Pam Bailey have volunteered with ISM. Contact either for additional information.
 - *Christian Peacemaker Teams* (<http://www.cpt.org/work/palestine>)
 - Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, 2-week summer camp to rebuild demolished Palestinian homes: <http://icahd.org/rebuilding-camps>