

This Palestinian Life: Stories of Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance

A film screening and live web conference with filmmaker

Philip Rizk



Philip Rizk's profound new short film *This Palestinian Life* documents the *sumoud* (Arabic for perseverance or steadfastness) of Palestinian villagers near Hebron, in the Jordan Valley, and in Gaza as they attempt to remain steadfast in the face of settler violence, the injustice and duplicity of the Israeli government, and the inaction of the international community. The

film highlights the dignity and perseverance of individuals who, through acts of nonviolent resistance, testify that they would rather die than leave their land. *This Palestinian Life* does not provide an overview of the entire conflict or "expert" opinions; rather, it takes an oral history approach and listens to particular individuals—women and men, young and old—and their experiences under Israeli occupation. A web-based real-time video connection to Rizk will allow viewers to hear from the filmmaker directly after the film screening.

Filmmaker Philip Rizk is an Egyptian-German freelance journalist and graduate of Wheaton College who currently lives in Cairo, Egypt, where he is currently completing graduate work in Middle East Studies and Anthropology. From 2005 to 2007 he lived in Gaza while working with NGO-based relief and development projects.

Sunday,
February 7, 2010

2:30pm

Oak Park Public
Library

Veterans Room

834 Lake St.

Oak Park

The Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine community education and dialogue series runs September 2009 through May 2010. Each year, this popular series brings distinguished speakers to Chicago-area audiences, including authors, activists, scholars, and religious and political figures with experiences and perspectives not frequently covered in the mainstream media. This year's series theme is "Creating a Just Peace in the Age of Obama."

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