

CREATING A JUST PEACE IN THE AGE OF OBAMA

The American Conversation on Israel/Palestine

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb and Noura Khouri

**Creating Effective Nonviolent
Actions through Interfaith Alliances**

2:30pm, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street



Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb and Noura Khouri, catalysts within the pro-peace, pro-justice movement

in the U.S. and colleagues at the American Friends Service Committee, team together as an American Jew and a Palestinian-American to educate and advocate for peace and justice in the Middle East. Hear their up-to-the-minute analysis of the role of multifaith networks in peace advocacy, as well as the significance of the growing movement for boycott, sanctions, and divestment from institutions that empower and profit from the Israeli occupation.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

Max Blumenthal

**Caught on Film:
Exposing Occupied Minds**

2:30pm, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street



Meet Max Blumenthal and see excerpts of his soon-to-be-released film documentary, *Israel's Terror Inside*, which examines an important story largely ignored in the U.S. media: Israel's repression of internal dissent and its discriminatory attitudes and activities—both official and informal—directed against its own non-Jewish citizens. Blumenthal's previous video work on Israel/Palestine issues includes the YouTube-banned shorts *Feeling the Hate in Tel Aviv* and *Feeling the Hate in Jerusalem*. His incendiary new book, *Republican Gomorrah: Inside the Movement That Shattered the Party*, is a *New York Times* best-seller.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

Cliff Kelly, Lynette Jackson, Prexy Nesbitt, and Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons

**African American Perspectives
on the Struggle for Justice
in Israel/Palestine**

3:00pm, Austin Boulevard Christian Church,
634 N. Austin Boulevard, Oak Park

Cliff Kelly, host of WVON-1690AM's hit show *The Talk of Chicago*, will moderate a panel discussion among distinguished African American analysts with special expertise on the Palestinian struggle for justice. Participants include: Lynette



Jackson, associate professor in Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Prexy Nesbitt a veteran solidarity activist with the liberation and justice



struggles of southern Africa; and Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, assistant professor in Islamic Studies, Women and Religion, and African-American Religious Traditions at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

Adam Horowitz, Rabbi Brant Rosen, and Cecilie Surasky

**Jewish Bloggers:
Conscience over Complicity**

2:30pm, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street



The reactionary stranglehold of the old-guard mainstream Jewish organizations over public perception about American Jewish opinion is being smashed into well-deserved, long-overdue oblivion by the irrepensible voices of a new, dynamic generation of Jewish thinkers and writers. These champions of human rights, equality, and traditional Jewish ethical values are inspiring fast-growing circles of readers on blogs like *mondoweiss.net*, *rabbibrant.com*, and *muzzlewatch.com*. Don't miss this event: Horowitz, Rosen, and Surasky are brilliant, thought-provoking bloggers; in person, they're absolutely electric.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

This Palestinian Life

Film screening and live web conference with filmmaker Philip Rizk

2:30pm, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street



Philip Rizk's profound new short film *This Palestinian Life* takes a compelling, oral history approach, listening to women and men, young and old, as they relate their experiences under Israeli occupation. The film focuses on the Palestinians' *sumud* (the Arabic term for steadfastness and perseverance) in the face of Israeli settler violence, Israeli government duplicity, and abandonment

by the international community. Filmmaker Philip Rizk is an Egyptian-German freelance journalist and graduate of Wheaton College who currently lives in Cairo, Egypt. From 2005 to 2007 he lived in Gaza while working with NGO-based relief and development projects.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Chicago Hearing: Are Our Values Upheld by U.S. Policy toward Israel and Palestine?

1:30–5:00pm, Hyde Park location (TBA)



Hosted by the American Friends Service Committee (Chicago); co-sponsored by CJPIP and other area organizations.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

Ninth Annual Walk for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine

1:00pm, First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake Street



Join with Muslims, Jews, Christians, and secular persons in this inspiring and powerful call for peace, justice, and equality for Palestinians and Israelis. This popular annual event draws participants from the Chicago area and beyond, and features speakers, music, food, and a one-mile solidarity walk through downtown Oak Park.

About us. The Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine (CJPIP) is a community-based organization founded to develop and support activities that further the cause of peace and justice in Palestine and Israel. Community education and dialogue events featuring a broad range of perspectives are a vital part of our mission.

Series presenters will appear in Oak Park and elsewhere in the Chicago and suburban area; check our website for details. All events are subject to change without notice. Speakers do not necessarily represent the views of CJPIP.



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