

PIN Bulletin For Local Organizers

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Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?



The PIN Bulletin continues to highlight the growing network of activists in dioceses around the country working to promote human rights for the Palestinian people.

INTRODUCING:

Task Force for Palestinian Human Rights Diocese of Oregon

by The Rev. Deacon Stephen Denny

The Bishop's Task Force on Israel Palestine in the Diocese of Oregon began in 2012 when R. Mark Eichinger-Weise and The Rev Canon Richard Toll DM, approached The Right Rev. Michael Hanley about forming a task force. The group was later renamed by Bishop Hanley as the Task Force for Palestinian Human Rights (TFFPHR).

Darlene Dunham and The Rev. Deacon Stephen Denny currently co-chair the group, which actively promotes educational opportunities for Episcopalians and the community at large, informing them of the injustices taking place in the Holy Land.

In 2021, TFFPHR hosted a series of five Zoominars, encouraged letter writing campaigns to state and federal politicians and became active in the Middle East Children's Alliance's (MECA) "Maia Project" to provide purified water to Gaza school children. The TFFPHR learned of the project when the Bishop of Olympia's Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land

began fund raising to support the Maia Project.

Following Israel's 2014 Gaza War (known as Operation Protective Edge), TFFPHR members The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond and the Rev. Canon Richard Toll DM visited Gaza, traveling under the auspices of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and hosted by Al-Ahli Hospital. Suheil Dawani, the Palestinian Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, obtained permission for their entry into Gaza. While there, they personally witnessed the destroyed infrastructure caused by Israeli bombing. On the basis of their experience, Rev. Hammond and Rev. Toll encouraged the Task Force to engage in fundraising for the MECA Maia Project.

The committee worked with MECA's Executive Director, Zeiad Abbas Shamrouch, to offer a Zoominar on how water is used as a means of destabilizing the Palestinian population. Before pursuing the fundraiser, TFFPHR obtained the endorsement of The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.



At the conclusion of our November 18, 2021 Zoominar on water rights, TFFPHR launched a \$16,000 fundraiser to supply clean drinking water to one Gazan school. Though we missed our goal of raising the funds by Epiphany on January 6, 2022, we anticipate being able to raise the entire \$16,000 in early February, 2022. If you wish to contribute to the provision of clean drinking water to a school in Gaza, follow this link:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/L7ndmuRSC0-4o7iBxdt6bQ2>

For more information about fundraising for the Maia Project, contact the Task Force for Palestinian Human Rights at tffphr@gmail.com



In Gaza, the water supply is 97% undrinkable. The main reasons for this: Israel's 15-year land, sea and air blockade and economic siege, its continual military attacks on Gaza and the repeated bombing of water and sewage infrastructure.

**An Invitation to a Zoominar from the
TASK FORCE FOR PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS**

**The Battle for Beita
and the Struggle Against Israeli Settler-Colonialism**

Zoominar, February 15, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

REGISTER HERE

In the past year, Palestinian land defenders from Beita have mobilized against the establishment of a new Israeli settler outpost on Mount Sabih (Jabal Sabih) that aims to steal valuable agricultural land that belongs to Beita and nearby Palestinian villages in the northern West Bank.

The event features two speakers who will illuminate the struggle on the ground in Beita and provide a broader overview of Israel's settlement land theft throughout Palestine.

Imad Ahmad is a Palestinian-American whose family hails from Beita and has spent extensive time in Beita. Imad will explain Beita's long history of anti-settlement resistance and outline the innovative, popular resistance strategy employed to contest Israeli settlement outposts and land theft.

Steve Niva is a professor of Middle East politics at The Evergreen State College and former editor of Middle East Report magazine. He studies Israeli settlement expansion and has lived and worked in the West Bank. Steve will explain the broader strategy of Israeli colonization in the West Bank, why Beita's lands are being targeted and how Israel's new government is composed of far-right settlers who support the annexation of Palestinian land.

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**Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Strongly Opposes the
Demolition of the Salhiya Family Home in Sheikh Jarrah**

The Episcopal Church is a member institution of Churches for Middle East Peace. Follow this [link](#) to read CMEP's January 20, 2022 Press Release.

*Voices from the
Holy Land*

ONLINE FILM SALON presents ***Soldier on the Roof***

Voices from the Holy Land, in conjunction with *Consequence*

Forum, invites you to our twenty-second monthly Online Film Salon to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 3 pm ET/ 12 noon PT. Participants will discuss the award-winning documentary film ***Soldier on the Roof***. Please watch this film for free at your convenience and then join us for the online Q&A discussion.

Esther Hertog — anthropological documentary filmmaker
Liat Berdugo — artist and writer specializing in visual studies,
Associate Professor of Art, Architecture + Art History at the University of San Francisco

Lubna Alzaroo — instructor at University of Washington specializing in settler colonialism

Adin Dobkin (moderator) — reporter, essayist, book author, co-host
“War Stories” podcast

You must register to participate.

1 - Register here for the Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon:

<http://tinyurl.com/February2022VFHL>

2 – Once you register, you will get a confirmation email from Zoom with a link to the meeting and a link with to watch the film. (Save this confirmation letter as the meeting link is unique to your email and you must have this to participate.)

3 - Watch the film at your convenience before the event. Then join us with your thoughts and questions for our speakers at the Q&A Discussion on February 6, 2022 at 3 pm ET/ 12 noon PT

About ***Soldier on the Roof*** :

Hebron is only a dot on the world map, but a place recognized worldwide as the center of many recent conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians. This West Bank city is also a major holy place to both Jews and Muslims, being the presumed location of the tomb of Abraham. At the time of filming (2012), some 800 extremist Jewish settlers lived in the midst of a Palestinian population of over 120,000. For three years, Esther Hertog filmed from within the settler community, capturing unique scenes of their real, and occasionally surreal daily life, revealing the absurdity of choices where logic and reality are overtaken by dogma and entrenched hatred. An entire Israeli army battalion watches over the Jewish community from the city rooftops.

Watch the Trailer: tinyurl.com/SoldierRoofTrailer



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