

CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel



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Organizations and Websites

American Muslims for Palestine – educates the public about the just cause of Palestine and the rights of self-determination, liberty and justice. www.ampalestine.org/national/

B'Tselem - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. News and up-to-date statistics on Palestinian and Israeli casualties, settlements, etc. www.btselem.org

Churches for Middle East Peace - a coalition of 22 national churches and agencies – Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant that maintain on-going dialogue with federal officials. www.cmep.org

The Electronic Intifada – publishes news, commentary, analysis, and reference materials about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict from a Palestinian perspective. www.electronicIntifada.net

Gush Shalom – the Israeli Peace Bloc. Excellent source of Israeli peace information and links. www.gush-shalom.org

If Americans Knew – Facts and statistics seldom reported in the U.S. press. www.ifamericansknew

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) – Israelis and Palestinians working to try to block destructions and to rebuild. Maps, analyses, West Bank tours and work camps. www.icahd.org

Jewish Voice for Peace – A strong national Jewish peace organization focusing on Palestine-Israel issues. www.Jewishvoiceforpeace.org

Palestine Monitor – Offers a Palestinian perspective to the ongoing struggle. www.palestinemonitor.org

Sabeel – Ecumenical (Christian) Liberation Theology Center – www.sabeel.org

US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation – A diverse coalition working to end the occupation of Palestine. Again, you can sign up to receive their emails. www.endtheoccupation.org

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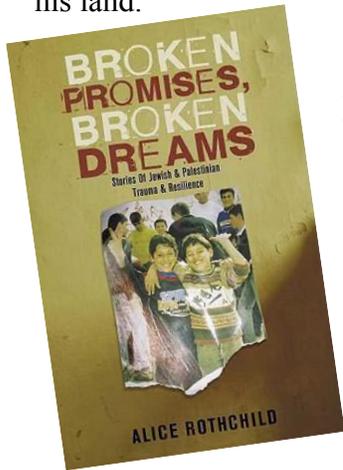
Founded in the wake of the December '08 Israeli attack on Gaza, CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel is a community educational and organizing project. Coordinated by the Syracuse Peace Council, CNY/WJPPI includes people active in the local Methodist Task Force for Middle East Peace, the Islamic Society of Central New York, Al Huda Muslim American Society Mosque and Syracuse Jews for Peace.

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Books

Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land by David K. Shipler – revised version delves into the origins of the prejudices that have been intensified by war, terrorism, nationalism, and the failure of the peace process.

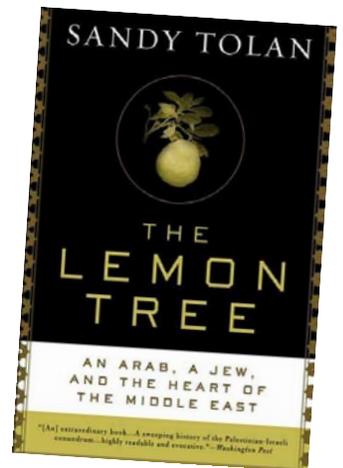
Blood Brothers by Chacour, Elias – a classic biography of a Christian peacemaker and his response to losing his land.



Broken Promises, Broken Dreams: Stories of Jewish and Palestinian Trauma and Resilience by Alice Rothchild – an intimate journey grappling with the complicated historical legacy of Israel and Palestine and the author's relationship to these issues as a Jewish American physician, grounded by the traumas of the Holocaust and her family's passionate love of Israel.

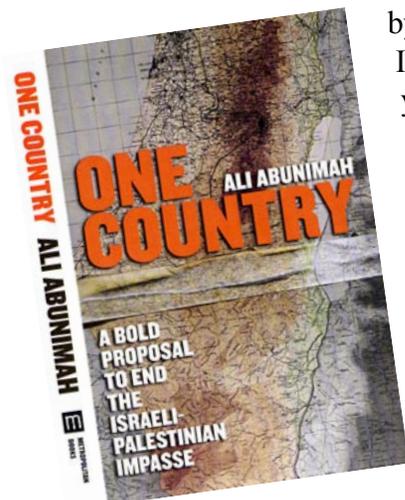
The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine by Ilan Pappé – in painful detail it investigates the origins of the State of Israel, naming the Nakbah (Catastrophe) as the conflict's very origin.

The Gun and the Olive Branch: The Roots of Violence in the Middle East by David Hirst – a classic, myth-breaking general history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which traces the origins of the terrible conflict back to the 1880s.



The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East

by Sandy Tolan – tells the life stories of a Palestinian and Israeli family and the house (with a lemon tree in the yard) they each lived in, to recount the history of Jewish-Palestinian conflict. One of the few books which successfully bridges the two, usually distinct, narratives which fuel the conflict.



ONE COUNTRY: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse by Ali Abunimah – makes the radical argument that what is needed is one state shared by Palestinians and Israelis.

Witness in Palestine - A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories by Anna Baltzer – text and photos document the experiences of a young Jewish American woman whose life changed as a result of her visits to Palestine.

