

2009/10/29 Chicago Faith Coalition Update #13



Informing and Advocating on Israeli/Palestinian Issues

The [home page](#) of the Chicago Faith Coalition website features and retains these email updates. Check out the monthly [calendar](#) for speakers and events scheduled in the Chicago area.

Please email [Ed Thompson](#) with suggested items for inclusion in these weekly updates or with comments about the update.

Action Opportunities

The House is expected to vote within the next few days on House Resolution 867 that tells President Obama to unequivocally oppose the Goldstone Report. The cosponsors whose names are [here](#) include Representatives Kirk, Manzullo and Shimkus from Illinois. You can email your U.S. Representative to vote no using B'Tselem's email [here](#) and the U.S. Campaign's email [here](#). You can also sign the [U.S. Palestine Community Network's petition](#) addressed to the UN Secretary-General with copies to a variety of world leaders including President Obama. Read or watch the [Bill Moyers interview with Judge Richard Goldstone](#) about the Goldstone Report.

Anna Baltzer and Dr. Mustafa Barghouti were on THE DAILYSHOW with Jon Stewart. You can view [Part I](#) and [Part II](#) of the complete interview since only a portion was aired. Evidently their appearance was nearly cancelled and Anna has requested that you use the [Comedy Central form](#) or call 212-468-1700 to thank them for scheduling their appearance.

U.S. Foreign Policy

Emails, blogs, tweets and C-Span covered the J Street First Annual Convention. Before becoming captivated by the [video of the conference](#), the [conference website](#) or the [Arab Jewish Partnership blogs](#), read Jeffrey Goldberg's interview with Jeremy Ben-Ami for *The Atlantic*.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported on [protester and police crashes in East Jerusalem](#) and the [firing of rockets from Lebanon](#).

Must read or must view or must hear

The [music](#) and [comments](#) of Rich Siegel and Dave Lippman on these YouTube videos inspire hope.

Amnesty International delivered a [112-page report](#) about Palestinians being denied fair access to water. Kate Allen, director of Amnesty International UK has a [compelling summary of the report](#).

Realities rarely reported in U.S. news media

Allison Weir [reports on a Presidential memo](#) that evidently takes from the American dairy industry and gives to the Israeli dairy industry.

Gush Shalom is "going after" [not-for-profits in the U.S. that support Israeli settlements](#). Hagit Ofra of Peace Now gives a depressing account of [what is happening in Israeli settlements](#).

The American press has been silent about the ["accidental shooting" of a young Gazan](#), [Israel's targeting of grassroots activists](#) and the recent Israeli military raid on the Tent of Nations property (recent email from Daoud Nassar).

[Ali Abunimah explains](#) why his disruption of Olmert's speech was not an attempt to stifle debate.

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