

Chicago Faith Coalition Update #26 February 11, 2010

Social Justice and Security for Palestinians and Israelis

Action Opportunities

The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, a national coalition of more than 325 organizations, [created a new information and action oriented website](#) that asks "How Much Aid to Israel?"

[Don't let the Israel ballet tiptoe around apartheid.](#)

Make plans now for the [Sixth Annual Israeli Apartheid Week](#) and submit a video for their contest.

U.S. Foreign Policy

Fareed Zakaria on the CNN Sunday show of GPS on February 7, 2010 [commented about President Obama's failure to mention the Arab/Israeli peace process in his State of the Union Address](#). Zakaria also conducted a 30-minute interview ([transcript](#), [video](#)) with His Majesty King Abdullah II at Davos with portions aired on the GPS of February 7, 2010.

The [New York Times writes](#) that an Israeli Minister Adds Heat to Exchange With Syria. The [Washington Post writes](#) that Lebanon backs Hezbollah against Israel.

The *electronic intifada* publishes two important articles that challenge U.S. foreign policy. One deals with the [so-called economic peace and prosperity in the West Bank](#) and the other deals with the [false sacredness of the 1967 border](#).

Must Read, See or Hear

[Father Joseph Mulligan writes about the Jerusalem Holocaust Memorial](#)

[and the Palestinians' Plight.](#)

[Cecilie Surasky writes in MuzzleWatch](#) that being called a self-hating Jew is starting to become a point of pride.

Realities rarely reported in U.S. news media

In Sheikh Jarrah [Jews and Arabs march together](#) to protest take over of Palestinian homes by Israeli settlers. [Palestinian and Israeli dissenters](#) are getting together to fight the plan for construction of additional wall in the West Bank. The [Jerusalem mayor has agreed to evacuate a Jewish settlers' house but also plans to demolish dozens of Palestinian buildings.](#) [What the Mayor giveth the Prime Minister taketh away.](#) [The Israeli bureaucracy is driving Palestinians out of their homes](#) in the hills of the West Bank as well as in Jerusalem.

[Israel denies NGO permits.](#) [Israel slaps six-month travel ban on Palestinian map expert.](#)

[A report to be published later this month entitled "State Robbery"](#) describes how over four decades Israel defrauded Palestinian workers of more than two billion dollars.

[American Jewish Committee builds Israel Lobby in Europe.](#)

Scheduled Events

Prayer Service for Peace

Monday, February 15, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Atonement at 909 East Main Street in Barrington, IL.

Anna Baltzer will be speaking after the prayer service. Visit her [website](#) and watch a video of her appearance with Dr. Mustafa Barghouti on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Neve Gordon -- Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Israel: Barriers and Opportunities

Monday, February 22, 2010; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street in Oak Park, IL

2009-10 Community Education and Dialogue Series sponsored by the

Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine

Additional details about these events [here](#).

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