

## Chicago Faith Coalition Update #29 March 5, 2010

### Social Justice and Security for Palestinians and Israelis

#### Action Opportunities

The [Mamilla Campaign asks you to sign their petition](#) to preserve the Mamilla Jerusalem Cemetery.

[Americans for Peace Now asks you to condemn the use of violence by Israeli settlers.](#)

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#### U.S. Foreign Policy

The [New York Times reports](#) that before further action is taken, the General Assembly of the U.N. gave Israelis and Palestinians an additional five months to conduct independent investigations. The [Wall Street Journal reports](#) on the Dubai Assassination and the [Sydney Morning Herald reports](#) how this event changed four countries' vote in the U.N. General Assembly. A [Financial Times op-ed](#) describes how Israel's perceived lawlessness hurts its cause.

[Rachel Corrie's test case in Haifa next week](#) is about the power of the rule of law in Israel, when the rule of law comes into conflict with the policies of military occupation.

[Netanyahu intervenes](#) in Palestinian home demolitions. [The Economist weighs in](#) that Jerusalem is a city that should be shared.

[Americans for Peace Now](#) and the [American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights](#) report about Middle East legislative actions on Capital Hill.

[Jim Wall](#), [Jim Wall again](#) and [Alison Weir](#) provide facts that show some forces that skew news in ways that favor Israeli PR in shaping opinions about Israel for the American public and their elected officials. [Haaretz published an article](#) that challenges the Israeli and American opinions

about Iran.

The following articles report how the Israeli government's actions are trampling bedrock American values: [Badil](#), [B'Tselem](#), [Palestinian Bedouin community pressure](#), [electronic intifada](#), [Palestinians excluded from most of the West Bank](#), [Boston Globe](#), [B'Tselem video cameras assaulted](#) and [Warren Clark's CODEL report](#).

[A skeptical Arab League backs indirect peace talks](#).

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Must Read, See or Hear

[Experience an Auschwitz Survivor](#) as he talks about Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

[Sam Bahour's op-ed](#) challenges the unqualified acclaim given to the West Bank's rise in GDP.

[John Pilger's article](#) is a wake up call for fellow Jews in Western countries.

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Realities rarely reported in U.S. news media

MuzzleWatch reports on [Omar Barghouti's request for a debate](#) and the [San Francisco Jewish Federation's decision to excommunicate a large swath of the Jewish population](#).

An [electronic intifada article](#) indicates that the Israeli court's decision to recognize property ownership before the founding of the State of Israel is a sword that cuts both ways. [The European Union high court ruled](#) that Israeli West Bank goods are not Israeli goods and are subject to EU import duties.

[Josh Ruebner argues on the Huffington Post](#) that the U.S. can't afford military aid to Israel. [Gideon Levy reports](#) that white phosphorous will not be dispersed through propaganda.

[AAPER provides depressing details](#) on the Israeli government's demolition of Palestinian homes.

The [electronic intifada writes](#) about four decades of occupation in Hebron and [Mondoweiss reports](#) that the global movement joins Hebron protest.

[David Hosey argues convincingly against Richard Cohen's op-ed](#) that Israel is not guilty of practicing apartheid.

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### Scheduled Events

Brookfield Faith Lutheran Church has scheduled a Lenten speaker series entitled "Faith in the Midst of Strife" that focuses on the situation in Israel/Palestine. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the speakers start at 6:30 PM every Wednesday from March 3 through March 24. For more information, [view this website announcement](#) or call 708-485-0096.

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