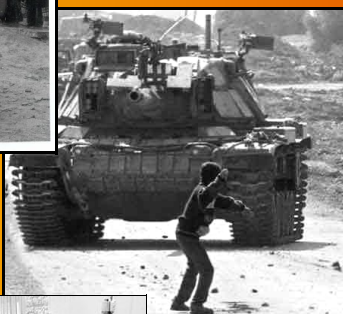
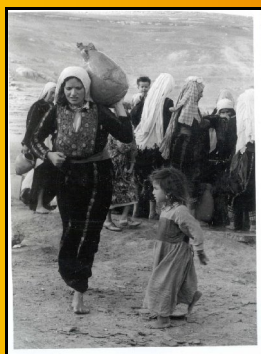


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Anna Baltzer: A young Jewish-American activist, she stumbled on Palestine almost by accident and was so troubled by what she saw there that she has made it her mission to inform Americans about the reality of the occupation.

Susan Nathan: Author of *The Other Side of Israel*, Nathan has British and S. African roots. After moving to Israel she settled in a Palestinian village and witnessed firsthand Israel's *de jure* and *de facto* discrimination against its Palestinian citizens.

Ilan Pappé: One of the foremost Israeli revisionist historians, he has exploded the myth of the "voluntary exodus" of Palestinians from their homes and villages. Now professor at Exeter University, Professor Pappé is author of two books on Palestine. It is a distinct honor to include this courageous pioneer as our Thursday evening keynote speaker.

FRIDAY, SEPT 26 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Phyllis Bennis: A fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington D.C. specializing in Middle East and Palestine, her most recent book is, *Challenging Empire: How People, Governments and the UN Defy US Power*.

Chris Hedges: Pulitzer Prize winning former NYT foreign correspondent, Mr. Hedges is currently a senior fellow at The Nation Institute in NYC. He is the author of *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*, which was a finalist for The National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction. His most recent book is *American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America*.

Joel Kovel: Psychiatrist, peace activist, author, and Green Party presidential candidate, Dr. Kovel's most recent book *Overcoming Zionism* takes a hard look at Israel's history and current policies. Israel, he says, must "step off the wheel of vengeance" and abandon its exclusionary policies in favor of a secular state that embraces all of its citizens equally.

Imam Mohammed Mardini: Leader of the American Muslim Center in Dearborn, Michigan. He is an important leader in the local community and an active participant in interfaith dialogue over many years.

Don Wagner: A top scholar of Christian Zionism, Professor Wagner is director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at North Park University, Chicago. His most recent book is *Dying in the Land of Promise*.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET SPEAKER

Naim Ateek: Sabeel's founder, Canon of St George's Episcopal Church in Jerusalem he is the author of *Justice and Only Justice*. His talk will challenge religious communities to address the issue of justice for all of the peoples of Palestine.

SATURDAY, SEPT 27 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Mazin Qumsiyeh: Born in Palestine, he served on the faculty of both Duke and Yale Universities. His third and latest book is titled *Sharing the Land of Canaan: Human Rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle*. Mazin's main interest is media activism and public education. He has published over 200 letters to the editor and 100 op-ed pieces.

John B Quigley: Before joining the Ohio State law faculty in 1969, Professor Quigley was a research scholar at Moscow State University, and a research associate in comparative law at Harvard Law School. He is the author of numerous books and articles including *The Case for Palestine: An International Law Perspective*.

ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

(1) Teaching Palestine: A Power-point Approach (2) Constructive Economic Engagement (3) 5 For Palestine—Translating Grass-Roots Support into Legislative Advocacy (3) Fostering Change Through the Media (4) What Works? - Sharing Techniques (5) Hip Hop Activism: Motivating Youth (6) Silence is Complicity: Challenging the Apathy of Religious Communities

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