

The Western Asia Study and Action
Group
of the Cape Cod Branch,
Women's International League
For Peace and Freedom

We are a group of women and men who meet to educate ourselves about the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and determine how we can take this knowledge, and the awareness of new developments, to our community in order to influence the policies of the United States government and add our voices to all who are seeking justice, peace, and human rights for all the people in the area. We take our name, "Western Asia", from the assertion of the Palestinian activist, Mazin Qumsiyeh, that "middle east" is a colonial construct given to the region by European occupiers rather than the inhabitants. We began as part of WILPF's campaign, "Women Challenge U.S. Policy Building Peace on Justice in the Middle East", and were soon inspired to become politically active as we learned of the significant role the U.S. plays in supporting Israel.

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We are selling the videos to cover our costs of production, shipping and handling. Each video is available separately at \$10. The entire video series (7 DVDs) costs \$50.

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The Plight of the Palestinians

video series



Seven Programs:

- *Jeff Klein: Israel & Gaza, Behind the Headlines*
- *Anna Baltzer: Life in Occupied Palestine*
- *Seven Jewish Children, The Easiest Targets, Al-Rowwad*
- *The Words of Rachel Corrie*
- *Alison Weir: If Americans Knew*
- *Sara Roy: Beyond Occupation*
- *A Discussion with Howard Zinn*

Jeff Klein: Israel & Gaza, Behind the Headlines

Jeff Klein, a dedicated first-hand observer of the Israeli/Palestinian scene, goes behind the headlines to reveal the roots of the cultural/ political clash in this western Asia enclave. Drawing parallels with the roots of King Philip's War, a clash between the indigenous Native Americans and the Puritan settlers, he makes a clear case for the current Middle Eastern conflict's causes.



Three Short Programs

Seven Jewish Children, a play for Gaza by Caryl Churchill: This 15-minute play shows 7 time periods from 1939 to 2009 when Jewish adults are discussing what to tell their child concerning the Israeli-Palestinian situation.

The Easiest Targets: This 13-minute program by Alison Weir and *If Americans Knew* highlights the humiliation Israeli security officials force on Palestinian girls and women and even a Jewish /American Holocaust survivor, Heddy Epstein at security checkpoints.

Al-Rowwad—A Story of Beautiful Resistance: A short program shows a Palestinian Theatre Troupe, composed of youth from the Al-Rowwad Refugee Camp, dramatizing the daily hardships under occupation.

The Words of Rachel Corrie

A dramatization of e-mails and letters written by Rachel Corrie while volunteering with The International Solidarity Movement in Palestine in 2003. Rachel Corrie was killed by an Israeli bulldozer when she sought to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian family's home.

If Americans Knew

- Part One: the devastating realities of the many facets of a population under siege.
- Part Two: a talk by Alison Weir, journalist and founder of *If Americans Knew*, sharing her discoveries of omissions and distortions of facts by the major American newspapers and television networks concerning the Palestinians.

Life in Occupied Palestine

Anna Baltzer, a young Jewish/American woman, spent months living among the people of the West Bank. Her experiences inspired this compassionate yet disturbing insight into what living under "occupation" means in day-to-day living for the Palestinian people.



Sara Roy: Beyond Occupation

Sara Roy, Harvard professor and a world authority on the economy of Gaza, shows how the Israeli blockade has drastically affected the living conditions, economy, and family structure of Gaza. A state of hopelessness permeates this society.



A Discussion with Howard Zinn (October 9, 2009)

Historian, author, playwright and social activist, Howard Zinn answers questions in this interview filmed shortly before his death. On the day the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded, he talks about what can be done to establish peace and justice in Western Asia.