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***The United States of America***

· On 25 February, Students for Justice in Palestine organized a discussion on “[The State of Childhood in Palestine](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/students-for-justice-in-palestine-at-st-josephs-college-the-state-of-childhood-in-palestine/)” at the St. Joseph’s College in New York.

· On 25 February in New York, the Jewish Voice for Peace - New York City Chapter organized a screening of “[The Great Book Robbery](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/the-great-book-robbery/)” in the margins of Israel-Palestine film festival.

· On 28 February, the Heartland Alliance and the Photography Department at Columbia College in Chicago will sponsor a screening of the documentary “[Five Broken Cameras](http://www.arabamerica.com/events/significant-surfaces-sunday-screening-series-5-broken-cameras/)”.

· On 23 March, the Palestinian Centre in Washington D.C. is organizing a presentation of the [book](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/events/event/being-palestinian-personal-reflections-on-palestinian-identity-in-the-diaspora-with-sharif-s-elmusa/) “Being Palestinian: Personal Reflections on Palestinian Identity in the Diaspora” by poet Sharif Elmusa.

· The 59E59 theatre in New York from 24 March through 17 April will host a performance of “[Wrestling Jerusalem](http://www.59e59.org/whatsnext.php)” about one man’s journey to understand the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

· On 28 and 29 March, Columbia University will host a performance of a new play by Jen Marlowe “[There is a Field](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/programs/)” about a Palestinian killed during the Second Intifada. The event is sponsored by the Centre for Palestine Studies.

***Europe***

· On 26 February, Gate 48 in Amsterdam hosted a [public discussion](http://www.gate48.org/) with Professor Oren Yiftachel on “Political Geography of Israel/Palestine: Apartheid or Confederation?” In parallel, on 28 February, Gate 48 is organizing a movie [screening](http://www.gate48.org/) “Even though my Land is Burning” along with a discussion with film director Dror Dayan.

· On 27 February, “Sumud Palestine” is organizing an [International Women’s Day](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/celebrating-international-womens-day-women-gaza/) with the women of Gaza.

· On 1 March the Ireland Palestinian Solidarity Campaign in Dublin is hosting a [seminar](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-what-is-happening-in-palestine-pbu) “Palestine Binds Us”.

· On 5 March, in London, The Palestinian Mission to the UK and the Association of Palestinian Communities in the UK are organizing the “Palestine spring [fair](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/12967/)” for the benefit of development projects in Palestine. The contributions will support the building the first child cancer centre in Gaza by the Palestine Children’s Relief Fund.

***Israel***

· B’Tselem and HaMoked published a [report](http://www.btselem.org/publications/summaries/201512_backed_by_the_system) saying that dozens of Palestinian detainees at the Shikma interrogation facility run by the Shin Bet security agency were subjected to mistreatment, which in some cases amounted to torture.

***Palestine***

· The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights published its weekly (18-24 February) [report](http://pchrgaza.org/en/) on “Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”.

***United Nations***

· Sweden’s Government increased [its annual contribution](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/sweden-increases-support-palestine-refugees-us-406-million) to UNRWA by 15% (to US$ 40.6 million).

· On 14 March, the Working Group of the Palestinian Rights Committee, on the margins of the 60th session of the Committee on the Status of Women is organizing a [side event](https://unispal.un.org/databases/dprtest/ngoweb.nsf/f12fded4d0597000852573fc005b9471/23a4b947f76ec89785257f63006369be?OpenDocument) “Women’s role in the search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace” at UN headquarters in New York.

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