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**EUROPE**

[**Art Base**](http://www.art-base.be)is hosting the virtuoso Palestinian oud player **Adel Salameh** for a concert on **25 October 2014** in Brussels.

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels) is holding its next [meeting](https://www.facebook.com/events/378976015585578/) on **6 November 2014** at Café Monk in Brussels.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie/) (IPSC) updated its [list](http://www.ipsc.ie/upcoming-events) of upcoming events.

[**Palestina Solidariteit**](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/)is hosting the workshop *Palestine for Dummies*in Brussels on **8-15 and 22 November 2014**. For more information contact: stienstijn@gmail.com or info@palestinasolidariteit.be.

[**Palestine Legal Action Network (PLAN)**](http://www.planpalestine.org/) and [**War on Want**](http://www.waronwant.org/) organize in London on **18 October 2014** the [meeting and discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/287627934781798/) *Where does international law stand on Israel?* with **John Dugard** (former UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the OPT), S**ahar Francis**, (Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association), N**imer Sultany** ( University of London) and **Rafeef Ziadah**, (War on Want/BDS Movement).

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/) UK is organizing on **29 October 2014** in Cardiff an [event](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/trade-union-event-cardiff-psc/) with Trade Union Activists in support of Palestinian Rights.

[**Université libre de Bruxelles**](http://www.ulb.ac.be) (ULB) is hosting in Brussels prominent French-Israeli journalist **Charles Enderlin** (France 2 TV) on **23 October 2014** for the [conference](http://fsp.ulb.ac.be/en/conference-de-charles-enderlin-israel-palestine-religion-et-nationalisme-23-octobre-18h00) *Israel Palestine - Religion and Nationalism*.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Adalah – The Legal Centre for Arab minority Rights in Israel**](http://adalah.org/eng/)held on **17-19 October 2014** its 9th annual [camp](http://adalah.org/eng/Articles/2335/Adalahs-9th-annual-Arab-law-students-camp) in Neve Shalom (Wahat al-Salam) for Arab law students who study in Israel.

[**Al-Haq**](http://www.alhaq.org) made a [submission](http://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/targets/european-union/863-al-haq-submission-to-the-eu-on-its-2014-enp-progress-report-on-israel) to the EU concerning Israel’s implementation of the EU-Israel Action Plan adopted under the European Neighbourhood Policy, .

[**Al-Mezan Centre for Human Rights**](http://www.mezan.org/en) and [**Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) submitted on **30 September 2014** a comprehensive [joint complaint](http://lphr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Complaint-Submission-to-UNSR-Gaza2.pdf) to the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing and the UN Special Rapporteur for the human rights situation in the OPT, concerning the large-scale destruction and damage to family houses in the Gaza Strip with associated profound loss of life and injury to Palestinian residents, during “Operation Protective Edge”.

The [**BDS Movement**](http://www.bdsmovement.net/bnc) delivered on **9 October 2014** a [petition](http://adalahny.cmail2.com/t/r-l-cllkijl-irdjjlkutj-k/) signed by over 60,000 people, including Nobel Laureates, artists and public intellectuals, to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon calling on the UN and Governments around the world to take immediate steps to implement a comprehensive and legally binding military embargo on Israel.

[**Defense for Children International-Palestine**](http://www.dci-palestine.org) (DCI-Palestine) issued a [news alert](http://www.dci-palestine.org/documents/new-military-order-includes-protections-children-during-interrogation-doesn%E2%80%99t-apply) on **16 October 2014** stating that the new Israeli military order introducing protections for children during interrogation does not apply in the majority of cases.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued its latest [weekly report](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10669:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-25-september-01-october-2014-&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) on Israeli human rights violations in the OPT on **2 October 2014** covering the period 25 September – 1 October 2014.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Americans for Peace Now**](http://peacenow.org/)released a [petition](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/us-support-for-israel) calling on the United States to end Israeli settlement activities and the de-facto annexation of the West Bank.

[**The Canada Palestine Association**](http://www.cpavancouver.org)is hosting a [presentation and discussion](http://www.cpavancouver.org/index.php/2014/10/17/prisoners-of-the-occupation/) in Vancouver on Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails on **22 October 2014** with **Charlotte Kates** (Al-Awda's New York chapter) and **Aiyanas Ormond** (a human rights activist).

[**Columbia University**](http://www.columbia.edu) is organizing its annual [Edward W. Said Memorial Lecture](http://heymancenter.org/events/said-falk/) on **20 October 2014** in New York. Former UN Special rapporteur **Richard Falk**, Professor of International Law Emeritus at Princeton University, will be speaking on *The Palestinian Future After Gaza*.

[**The Jewish Community Center in Manhattan**](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/)(JCC)is organizing in New York the [event](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/center-for-israel?page=cat-content&progID=30955&utm_source=9.23.14&utm_medium=web%20landing%20page&utm_campaign=EIFGAZ00FE&utm_source=10614&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EIFGAZ00FE) *Aftermath of Gaza and the Future of the Two-State Solution* with **Ghaith Al-Omari** (American Task Force on Palestine), **Tal Becker** (Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and **Ethan Bronner** (The New York Times). The JCCis also [hosting](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/20s-30s?page=cat-content&progID=31085) **Tal Becker**, Principal Deputy Legal Adviser in the Foreign Ministry on 20 October 2014.

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.org/) (IMEU) published on **8 October 2014** a [fact sheet](http://imeu.org/article/elad-the-jewish-national-fund-the-us-taxpayer-subsidized-judaization-of-sil) entitled *Elad, the Jewish National Fund & the US Taxpayer-Subsidized “Judaization” of Silwan.*

[**The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions – USA**](http://icahdusa.org/)(ICAHD- USA)is organizing a US speaking [tour](http://icahdusa.org/tour/) with ICAHD’s co-founder **Jeff Halper** from **17 October** to **8 November 2014**.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) will host in Berkeley (California) on **6 November 2014** the [release](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/berkeley-ca-book-release-celebration-journalist-nora-barrows-friedman?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=c890407ced-Sept-25-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-c890407ced-297983453) of award-winning reporter **Nora Barrows-Friedman**'s new book documenting the emergence and success of the Students for Justice in Palestine movement. **Malihe Razazan**, co-host of KPFA's “Voices of the Middle East” programme, will interview Ms. Barrows-Friedman about her book. MECA will organize another [event](https://www.facebook.com/events/905634839466717/?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=a9292d4da5-Oct-17-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-a9292d4da5-297983453) in Berkeley (CA) with Professor **Steven Salaita** on **11 November 2014** on *Silencing Palestinian voices on Campuses*.

[**OneVoice**](https://www.onevoicemovement.org) is organizing a [fundraiser](https://www.onevoicemovement.org/events/nyc-event) on **12 November 2014** in New York featuring **Aaron David Miller** (Woodrow Wilson Center); **Rula Jebreal** (foreign policy analyst and author); and **Marc Ginsberg** (OneVoice CEO).

[**Students for Justice in Palestine**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) (SJP) is organizing at Tufts University in Boston (Massachusetts) from **21 to 26 October 2014** its fourth [National Students for Justice in Palestine Conference](http://sjpnational.org/2014/09/14/send-student-sjp-national-conference-year-2/).

[**The Tree of Life Education Fund**](http://www.tolef.org/),in partnership with [**Friends of Sabeel–North America**](http://www.fosna.org) and [**Kairos USA**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C), is organizing a [series](http://www.tolef.org/2014/09/2014-tree-of-life-conferences/) of US conferences from **17 October to 1 November 2014** under the title *Voices of Hope for a World Free of Prejudice and Hatred*.

[**Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4513) released on **13 October 2014** an [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4535) with **Sumoud Sa’adat** (Addameer) about the upcoming [week of action](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CJulien.Vaissier%5CDesktop%5CNGO%20Actions%20News%20%282013_2014%29%5Cfreeahmadsaadat.org), **17-25 October 2014**, to free Ahmad Sa’adat, her father, and all Palestinian political prisoners. The week of activities also emphasizes on the denial of family visits and the struggle and the conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

**The Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group at the United Nations** is organizing a launching event for the book *Palestine: The Legitimacy of Hope* by **Richard Falk** (former UN Special Rapporteur). The event will take place on **21 October 2014** from 1.00pm to 2.30 pm at the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, New York.

**GLOBAL**

[**The International Crisis Group**](http://www.crisisgroup.org)released on **10 October 2014** the [report](http://www.crisisgroup.org/~/media/Files/Middle%20East%20North%20Africa/Israel%20Palestine/156-bringing-back-the-palestinian-refugee-question.pdf) *Bringing Back the Palestinian Refugee Question*. The executive summary is available [here](http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/israel-palestine/156-bringing-back-the-palestinian-refugee-question.aspx?utm_source=wu6oct14&utm_medium=israel-palestine-report&utm_campaign=wuemail).

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm) hosted **Professor Noam Chomsky** for a lecture on **14 October 2014** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York about the prospects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The ensuing Q&A was moderated by **Amy Goodman** (Democracy Now!). The recorded video of the [lecture](http://webtv.un.org/search/365th-meeting-of-the-committee-on-the-exercise-of-the-inalienable-rights-of-the-palestinian-people/3840311209001?term=chomsky) and [press conference](http://webtv.un.org/search/noam-chomsky-mit-on-international-year-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people-press-conference/3839283501001?term=chomsky) are available.

[**The International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm)has a[Twitter account](https://twitter.com/IYSPP)and official hashtag **#2014forPalestine**. Share the word and let us know about your International Year plans at 2014forPalestine@un.org!

[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org/) issued its most recent [Protection of Civilians Weekly Report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2014_10_17_english.pdf) on **14 October 2014** covering the period 30 September - 13 October.