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THE ABCS OF OCCUPATION &
RESISTANCE

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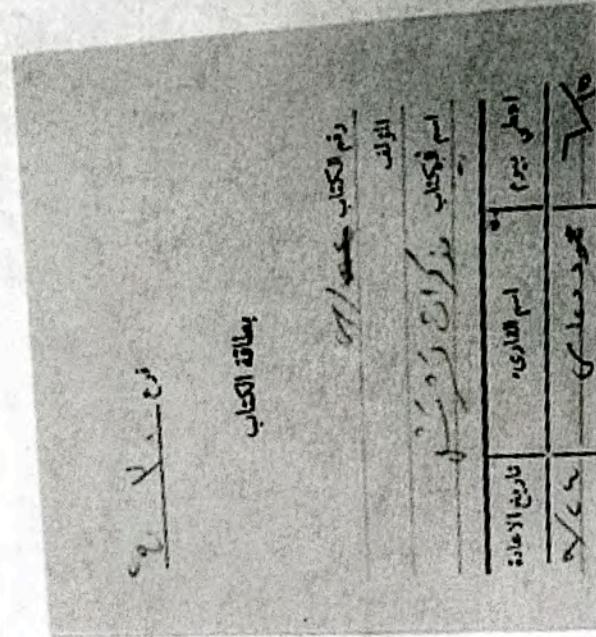
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APARTHEID

AN AFRIKAANS WORD MEANING “THE STATE OF BEING APART,”
 USED TO NAME SOUTH AFRICA’S SYSTEM OF RACIAL SEGREGATION
 (1948 - 1994). NOW USED TO DESCRIBE THE SYSTEM OF LEGALIZED
 SEPARATIONS THAT MAKES PALESTINIANS SECOND-CLASS
 CITIZENS OF ISRAEL, BARRED FROM ATTENDING THE SAME
 SCHOOLS AS, AND SUBJECT TO HARSHER LAWS THAN, THEIR JEWISH
 COUNTERPARTS.



THIS ZINE IS AN ALPHABETIC
INTERVENTION. LETTER BY LETTER

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IT OFFERS A PRIMER IN THE
LEGAL, MILITARY, & BUREAUCRATIC
DETAILS OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION
OF PALESTINE—AND THE RESISTANCE THAT

I DRAFTED IT AFTER TRAVELING ON THE LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS' DELEGATION TO PALESTINE IN THE SUMMER OF 2013. I REWORKED IT IN MARCH OF 2014 FOR INCLUSION IN OUR BROOKLYN PORTFOLIO. FOR MORE ABOUT THE DELEGATION AND THE NETWORK THAT IS EMERGING OUT OF IT FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @[librarians2pal](http://librarians2pal.org) OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE, LIBRARIANSANDARCHIVISTSWITHPALESTINE.WORDPRESS.COM.

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THE BOYCOTT, DIVEST & SANCTIONS MOVEMENT (BDS)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

A PROCEDURE THAT ALLOWS THE MILITARY TO HOLD PRISONERS INDEFINITELY. AS OF 2012, THERE WERE 284 PALESTINIAN ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINES, 18 OF WHOM WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Y

YAFFA YOUTH MOVEMENT

A YOUTH-RUN ORGANIZATION IN THE HISTORIC PALESTINIAN CITY OF YAFFA. THE GROUP ORGANIZES AGAINST ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AND FOR PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION. IN RECENT YEARS, ISRAEL HAS TARGETED THIS GROUP, ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT THEM FROM PUBLICALLY COMMEMORATING THE NAKBA.



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EWASH, THE EMERGENCY WATER SANITATION/HYGIENE GROUP

AN ISRAELI ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES ISRAELI JEWISH SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE ONGOING INJUSTICES OF THE NAKBA, AND SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF RETURN.



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How much water do Israelis and Palestinians consume?

Average Palestinian daily consumption of water is about 70 litres per person, well below the 100 litres recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover domestic and public service needs. In contrast, the average Israeli daily per capita consumption is about four times the daily water consumption in the UK (149 litres per person while in France it is 287 litres per person).³

HEBRON Restrictions Palestinian Movement

Closed Shops Checkpoint
 Travel Forbidden
 Shops Closed and Travel Prohibited
 Palestinian Entry Completely Prohibited
 Area Affected by Closure
 Settlement



Rachel Mattson

June 28, 2013

THERE ARE 176 VILLAGES INSIDE ISRAEL THAT DO NOT OFFICIALLY EXIST. APPROXIMATELY 90,000 PALESTINIANS—MOSTLY INTERNAL REFUGEES—LIVE IN THESE “UNRECOGNIZED VILLAGES,” WHICH DO NOT RECEIVE PUBLIC SERVICES INCLUDING WATER, SANITATION, & ELECTRICITY.

UNRECOGNIZED VILLAGES

U

Today, Hebron. Couldn't possibly describe it. If I didn't already understand how deeply this place is an Apartheid state, Hebron would explain it fucking perfectly to me. We had a great and totally devastating walking tour. I barely held my shit together. There was a lot of crying and a lot of anger. Its really really really really devastating what is happening there-- the settlers are fucking out of control, they behave like animals. Its horrific and disgusting and heartbreaking. I am emotionally exhausted so really don't have the wherewithall to go into details. But I will, oh how I will.

[REDACTED] and 36 others like this.

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because I'm
not know how

[REDACTED] k Sending love, looking forward to hearing your thoughts on your whole trip!

June 28, 2013 at 3:36pm · Like · 1

[REDACTED] s Hebron changed me forever. I am witnessing you. Sending love to Palestine.

June 28, 2013 at 3:54pm · Unlike · 3

[REDACTED] ck Yes

June 28, 2013 at 5:26pm · Like

[REDACTED] forward to seeing you when you get back
 June 29, 2013 at 12:41am · Like

[REDACTED] s I felt the same when I was there. The walk through the souk, under the grates, was horrific.

June 29, 2013 at 9:31am · Like

[REDACTED] s Hebron...right, everything we need to know is there.
 June 29, 2013 at 5:36pm · Unlike · 1

[REDACTED] s Rachel, I felt that way on my first visit in 1989. And things are worse now in so many ways. I remind myself that this struggle and contestation lives on because of the refusal of the Palestinians to go away, the refusal to give in to the exhaustion and attempts at humiliation and the rage. Feeling those feelings is so important, and our solidarity is enabled by the constancy of those refusals. We all need one another. "May rebellion live ever in the circle of our hands."

H.



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VEOLIA

A FRENCH MULTINATIONAL WHOSE ISRAELI SUBSIDIARY OPERATES SEGREGATED BUSES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BECAUSE IT PROFITS FROM THE OCCUPATION, VEOLIA IS BEING TARGETED BY THE WE DIVEST BDS SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN.



FRIDAY PROTESTS IN THE TOWN OF NABI DALLI

EACH FRIDAY, RESIDENTS OF
NABI SALEH HOLD NON-VIOLENT
PROTESTS AGAINST ILLEGAL
JEWISH SETTLEMENTS.
ALTHOUGH
PEACEFUL,

THESE PROTESTS ARE MEANT WITH VIOLENCE! MILLION
REPRESSION+FEATURING TEAR GAS & STEEL-COATED RUBBER
BULLETS

Mediterranean Sea

A NARROW STRIP OF LAND HOME TO OVER 1 MILLION PALESTINIANS, MOST OF WHOM ARE REFUGEES. SINCE THE EARLY 2000S, ISRAEL HAS RESTRICTED MOVEMENT TO AND FROM IT. GAZA RESIDENTS ARE BARRED FROM ENTERING ISRAEL; MEANWHILE, ARAB CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL ARE RARELY PERMITTED TO ENTER GAZA.



THE WALL

A PHYSICAL BARRIER SUPPOSEDLY MEANT TO DIVIDE ISRAEL FROM THE WEST BANK BUT WHICH DOES MORE TO RESTRICT PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT AND ACCESS TO THEIR LAND



SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS
THE "APARTHEID WALL."

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EXILE

A PERSISTENT STATE OF BEING FOR PALESTINIANS.
IN 1948, 85% OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION WAS

FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES. THEY FLED TO THE WEST BANK, GAZA, LEBANON, JORDAN, THE US, & ELSEWHERE. TODAY, THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE AND DISPLACED POPULATION IS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

K

KEYS

PALESTINIANS DISPLACED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL IN 1948 OFTEN STILL POSSESS THEIR OLD HOUSE KEYS. THESE KEYS HAVE COME TO SYMBOLIZE THE UNJUST DISPLACEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.



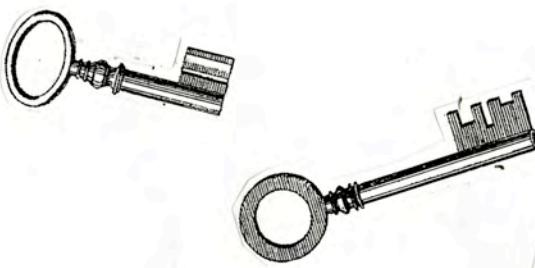
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RIGHT OF RETURN.



A CULTURAL CENTER LOCATED IN THE AIDA REFUGEE CAMP IN BETHLEHEM. THE CENTER TRAINS YOUNG REFUGEES TO TELL THEIR STORIES THROUGH VIDEO, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND OTHER MEDIA.

L: LAJEE CENTER



THE PROMISE THAT PALESTINIAN REFUGEES (WHO NUMBER OVER 7.2 MILLION) HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND LANDS OF ORIGIN, AND TO THE FULL RESTITUTION OF ALL THEIR CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED PROPERTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

S : SETTLEMENTS

SINCE 1967, ISRAEL HAS ESTABLISHED OVER 100 ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK.

THESE SETTLEMENTS VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL LAW & FACILITATE THE ISRAELI APPROPRIATION OF PALESTINIAN NATURAL RESOURCES (SUCH AS WATER & LAND).

T : TAMER INSTITUTE



We look at reading as a tool that the community can use in order to express their opinions about what is happening around them.

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I : INTIFADA

AN ARABIC WORD MEANING "SHAKING OFF." OFTEN USED TO DESCRIBE TWO IMPORTANT MOMENTS OF PALESTINIAN REBELLION.

THE SO-CALLED

"FIRST INTIFADA" (1987-1993)

& THE

"SECOND INTIFADA" (2000 TO 2005).

J : JUDAIZATION

AN ISRAELI LAND POLICY MEANT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND REPLACE THEM WITH JEWISH MAJORITIES.

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MAHMUD DARWISH (1941-2008)

CONSIDERED THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL POET. "HERE ON THE SLOPES OF HILLS, FACING THE DUSK AND THE CANNON OF TIME/CLOSE TO THE GARDENS OF BROKEN SHADOWS," HE WROTE IN ONE POEM, "WE DO WHAT PRISONERS DO.../WE CULTIVATE HOPE."²⁰

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NAKBA

AN ARABIC WORD MEANING "CATASTROPHE," WHICH PALESTINIANS USE TO NAME THE TERROR, VIOLENCE, AND DISPLACEMENT THAT ACCOMPANIED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1948. IN 2011, ISRAEL PASSED A LAW FORBIDDING PUBLIC COMMEMORATIONS OF THIS CATASTROPHE.



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THE OSLO ACCORDS

A SET OF AGREEMENTS SIGNED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO IN 1993. POLITICIAN GEORGE HABASH NOTED THAT ACCORDS "TILTED DECISIVELY IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL," AND HISTORIAN EDWARD SAID CALLED THEM "MORE FLAWED AND LESS FAVORABLE FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THAN MANY HAD FIRST SUPPOSED." FOR MORE INFO, SEE: ELECTRONICINTIFADA.NET/CONTENT/BREAKING-OSLOS-UNMAGICAL-SPELL/583

HE ALSO WROTE:
"RESISTING MEANS ASSURING ONESELF OF THE HEART'S HEALTH"

P: PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO)

AN ORGANIZATION CREATED IN 1964

WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AN
INDEPENDENT STATE OF PALESTINE.

IT HAS ENJOYED OBSERVER STATUS AT
THE UN SINCE 1974, BUT WAS ONLY
RECOGNIZED BY ISRAEL IN 1993, AFTER

IT OVERTLY REJECTED "VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM"
AND RECOGNIZED
ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.



Q: AL QAWS

A PALESTINIAN LGBTQ ORGANIZATION

WORKING TOWARD THE LIBERATION
OF PALESTINE BY
OPPOSING

BOTH GENDER & SEXUAL NORMS AND THE
ISRAELI OCCUPATION.