

"all jews  
are zionists"  
the  
unquestioned  
assumption

The Jewish Alliance Against Zionism  
welcomes you to a forum and cultural evening  
on Jewish anti-zionism  
and the Middle East crisis

# PROGRAM

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Introduction

Background of Zionism

Perspective on Anti-semitism

Zionism in Practice

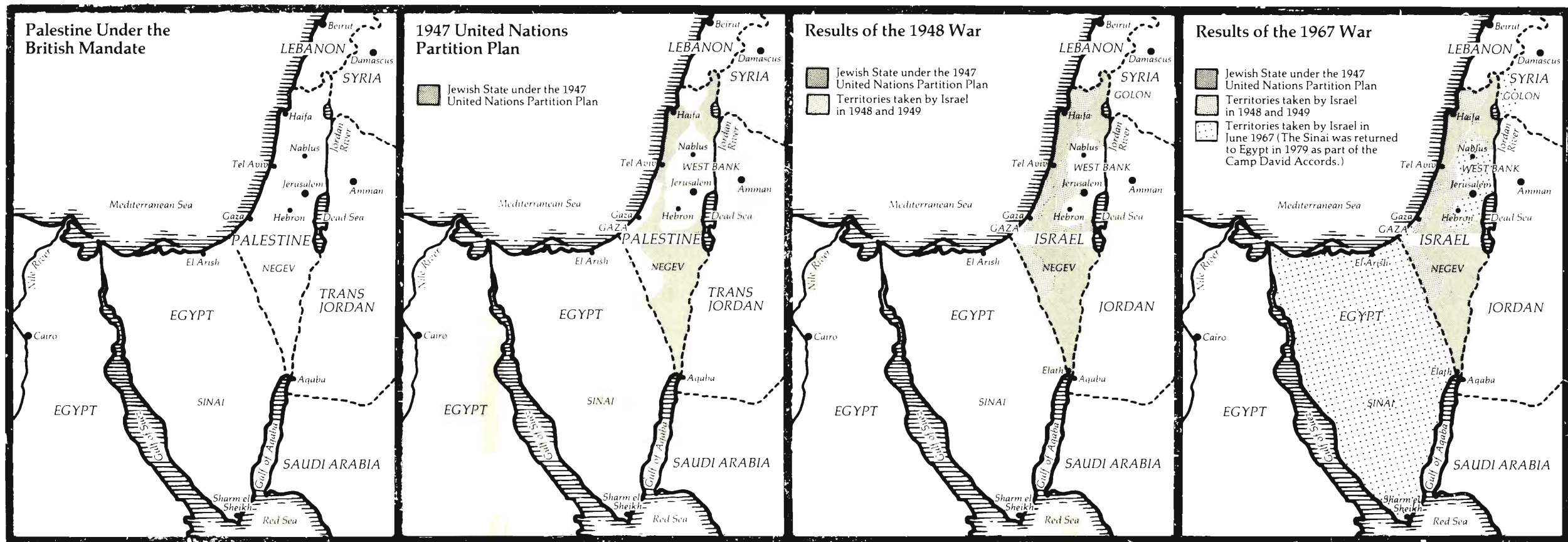
Intermission

Discussion Period

Interspersed throughout the program  
will be readings of personal statements  
and songs by Ruthie Gorton.

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**1517** Ottoman Turks conquer Palestine.

**1881** Pogroms begin in Russia. First wave of Jewish immigration to Palestine. Hundreds of thousands to U.S.

**1897** First Zionist Congress, Basle, Switzerland, proclaims goal of a "national home in Palestine for the Jewish people."

**1913** Arab Congress in Paris demands self-government. Anti-Zionist groups begin to form among Palestinians.

**1916** The Arab Revolt against the Turks begins. Britain promises the Arabs independence, but negotiates the secret Sykes-Picot treaty with France to colonize the Arab countries.

**November, 1917** Britain's Balfour Declaration promises a "national home" in Palestine to the Zionists.

**1920** World War I ends. Britain is granted a mandate over Palestine. Riots in Jerusalem.

**1921 - 1929** Series of Palestinian protests against British rule and increased Jewish immigration culminate in major incident at Wailing Wall in 1929.

**1933** Adolph Hitler comes to power in Germany. New influx of Jewish settlers to Palestine.

**1936 - 1939** Palestinian general strike and armed rebellion

against the British Mandate government, demanding independence for Palestine, fighting throughout the country.

**1939** British issue White Paper restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine. World War II begins.

**1942 - 1946** Zionists shift organizing focus to the U.S. and issue Biltmore Program in New York City calling for the formation of a Jewish State in Palestine. Open warfare flares between Britain and the Zionists.

**November, 1947** The UN votes to partition Palestine. War begins between Zionists and Palestinians.

**May 15, 1948** State of Israel proclaimed. Arab League troops intervene on behalf of Palestinians.

**January, 1949** Ceasefire. Israel occupies 80% of Palestine. Three-quarters of a million Palestinians made refugees.

**1956** President Nasser of Egypt nationalizes the Suez Canal. Israel, France and Britain invade Egypt. On the eve of the invasion, Israeli soldiers massacre 37 Palestinians at Kfar Kassem. Israel withdraws from Egypt after six months of occupation.

**1964** Palestine Liberation Organization founded in Cairo.

**June 5 - June 11, 1967** War between Israel and the Arab

states of Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Israel triples in size, occupying the rest of Palestine, as well as the Egyptian Sinai and the Syrian Golan.

**March, 1968** Palestinian guerrillas hold off major Israeli attack at Karameh, Jordan.

**February, 1969** Palestinian Resistance assumes control of the Palestine Liberation Organization. PLO adopts goal of a democratic secular state in all of Palestine.

**September, 1970** King Hussein launches all-out attack against Palestinians in Jordan ("Black September").

**May, 1973** Palestinians and Lebanese supporters defend refugee camps against attack by Lebanese Army.

**August, 1973** Palestine National Front formed in the Occupied Territories — the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**October 6, 1973** Egypt and Syria start limited war against Israel. After the ceasefire, U.S. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, begins "shuttle diplomacy" to try to reach a settlement favorable to U.S. interests.

**November, 1974** PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat addresses the United Nations. PLO granted observer status at UN. First General Uprising in the Occupied Territories.

**April, 1975** Lebanese rightists begin civil war in an attempt to crush the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

**September, 1975** Kissinger engineers Israeli-Egyptian agreement.

**November, 1975** UN condemns Zionism as a form of racism and recognizes the national rights of the Palestinians. Second General Uprising in the Occupied Territories.

**January, 1976** Beginning of Third General Uprising in Occupied Territories when U.S. vetoes resolution supporting the national rights of the Palestinians in the UN.

**May 31, 1976** Syria invades Lebanon to prevent a leftist victory in the war.

**August 12, 1976** The refugee camp of Tal al Zaatar falls to the rightists after seven weeks of siege.

**March, 1977** Palestine National Council affirms independence of the Palestinian movement and its goal of a democratic secular state.

**March, 1978** Israeli invasion of Lebanon up to the Litani River.

**September, 1978** Camp David Accords signed between Israel and Egypt.

**March, 1979** "Peace Treaty" between Israel and Egypt signed.

## FREE PALESTINE NOW

Four thousand years of persecution, that's our history,  
Oppression always breeds revolution, that's no mystery,  
But our suffering can help us to understand  
The struggle of those who have lost their land,  
And it's Israel this time with blood on her hands,  
So free Palestine now, free Palestine now.

You're betraying the dreams of the brave ones who died,  
Is it for this we've journeyed so far,  
How can you be so blinded by your arrogant pride,  
How can you forget who we are?  
The pogroms and the ghettos may have changed their names,  
But Nazis and Zionists sure act the same,  
Don't let them use us for pawns in their game,  
But free Palestine now, free Palestine now.

Brothers and sisters, I'm singing to you,  
I'll try to be simple and clear,  
To fight against injustice is to be a Jew,  
So let the cry for freedom reach your ear,  
Our history can teach us if we will learn,  
It's to others who are struggling that we must turn,  
Only our unity will let the lamp of freedom burn,  
And free Palestine now, free Palestine now, free Palestine now.

Ruthie Gorton