

# CONSEQUENTLY WOMEN: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

## Perspectives & Constructive Dialogue on Recent Events

**WHAT & WHY:** We will bring together members of the community in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia to improve understanding of the recent and unprecedented escalation of violence between Hamas and Israelis. The objectives are to learn how Israelis and Palestinians perceive these current events; to participate in a constructive dialogue; and to consider follow-up engagement. Panelists will discuss their perspectives on the context, underlying issues, causes, and possible effects (medium to long term) of the current Israeli-Hamas war, relate how the respective parties on the ground understand the situation, and consider constructive ways participants can engage on this issue.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 16, 2023; 7-8:30 pm

(followed by some tasty Middle Eastern finger foods & sharing)

**WHERE:** Shepherd University's Student Center, Storor Ballroom,

2nd floor, 210 N. King Street, Shepherdstown

**WHO:** 4 Panelists (see bios below) and community members

(with participant support by numerous community organizations)

**Seating Limited to 150, please RSVP by November 14**

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Adina Friedman (Israeli) is a scholar-practitioner of peacebuilding and conflict resolution, with decades of experience working on peacebuilding endeavors in the United States and internationally. She leads immersion travel to the region, particularly to Israel, the Palestinian territories, and Morocco. Friedman teaches at the Carler School of Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, Virginia, and is also the founding director of ILLI initiatives. She holds a PhD in conflict analysis and resolution, an MA in history of the Middle East and Africa, and an MS in peace and development.

Joyce Ibrahim (Palestinian) has worked with Students for Middle East Peace at Georgetown University and later with Seeds of Peace as a conflict resolution counselor. She cofounded the former NGO, Love Thy Neighbor, where she conducted nonviolence trainings with Palestinian youth, and has raised awareness about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict across various churches in the DC metro area. She was also a member of the board of trustees of Friends of Sabeeh North America. Ibrahim holds a BS in foreign service and an MA in international relations and international economics.



Moien Odeh (Palestinian) is an international human rights lawyer and a PhD candidate at the Carler School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. In Jerusalem, Odeh represented Palestinians in leading public interest cases in Israeli courts. He founded and managed the legal clinic in East Jerusalem neighborhoods behind the Wall. He was a fellow at the State Department's Leaders for Democracy program and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Odeh holds a BA in accounting and bachelor and doctor of laws degrees. He writes for and speaks on Middle Eastern and US media.

Amos Gil (Israeli) has over 30 years' experience in building, managing, and expanding highly visible and influential human rights and peace building organizations. He served as a regional director for J Street; as CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA, as founding executive director of H-Armi ("City of Peoples," "City of Nations"), and as executive director of ACRI—"The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (comparable to the American ACLU). Gil has also taught at Tel Aviv University, DePaul University, and the University of Chicago. He lives in Israel and the United States.

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