

# **ISRAEL and PALESTINE:**

## **Into the Heart of the Conflict**

A Film & Speaker Series by SJSU Students for Justice

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**San Jose Peace Center, Jewish Voice for Peace,  
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As the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and search for a just peace goes on, this film series makes an attempt to raise issues related to the history of the conflict, put it a human face, expose the realities of the occupation, and explore the activities and approaches that offer some promise of the reconciliation and peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

**Friday, Oct. 10th at 7:00 pm**  
**SJSU, Science Building, Room 142**

**"If you only see one movie about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, see**

*Award winning Documentary*

## ***"People and the Land"***

*"A film every taxpayer MUST see"*

**What can be done when civilized societies differ and their differences are profound? Despite incremental progress, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip continues to cut the fabric of this small part of world like a knife, dividing everyone and everything.**

**Award-winning filmmaker Tom Hayes crosses borders and checkpoints to uncover the conflicting opinions and policies of the people who seem unwilling to share this land-and yet are unable to let go. Created at great personal risk by Tom Hayes and his crew.**

## **"Palestine Is Still the Issue"**

**Friday, Oct.17th at 7:00 pm**  
**SJSU, Science Building, Room 142**

Award winning Australian Journalist - JOHN PILGER, 2001. It is about a nation of people - the Palestinians - forced off their land and later subjected to a military occupation by Israel. An occupation condemned by the United Nations and almost every country in the world, including Britain. But Israel is backed by a very powerful friend, the United States. So in last 50 years, if we're to speak of the great injustice here, nothing has changed. What has changed is that the Palestinians have fought back. This film is about the Palestinians and a group of courageous Israelis united in the oldest human struggle - to be free.

# "Gaza Strip"

**Friday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 pm**  
**SJSU, Science Building, Room 142**

Directed by James Longley, 2002, 74 mins

Filmed during the first 4 months of 2001, "Gaza Strip" pushes the viewer headlong into the tumult of the Israeli-occupied Gaza, examining the lives and views of ordinary Palestinians. Gaza Strip is essentially an open-air prison for Palestinian refugees, guarded on all sides by the Israeli military. Barely 28 miles long and 4 miles wide, it contains more than 1,200,000 Palestinians -- over one third of them living in squalid refugee camps built in 1948 to hold the people forced out of their homes by the creation of modern-day Israel. The documentary often sees the world through the eyes of young people.

The central character is Mohammed Hejazi, a 13-year-old paperboy in Gaza City, one of the young "stone-throwers" who risk their lives throwing rocks at Israeli tanks across the barbed wire fences.

# "Jenin, Jenin"

**Friday, Nov. 7th at 7:00 pm**  
**SJSU, Science Building, Room 142**

**Winner "Best Film" Carthage International Film Festival 2002**

"Jenin, Jenin" shows the extent to which the prolonged oppression and terror has affected the state of mind of the Palestinian inhabitants of the Jenin refugee camp.

**Banned in Israel**, "Jenin, Jenin" is dedicated to **Iyad Samudi**, the producer



of the film, **who was shot dead by Israeli soldiers on June 23rd, 2002**, as he returned home after completing the film.

Listen to the old men, the children, the doctors and the grieving mothers of Jenin, after the Israeli Army's April 2002 attack flattened homes and buried an unknown number of civilians. Bitterness and grief are the prevailing feelings among the majority of the population.

A little girl, who does not seem to be much older than twelve, tells her story but knows no fear. The ongoing violence in her day-to-day life only nourishes her feelings of hatred and the urge to take revenge. She shouts that the Palestinians will never give up the struggle, that they will keep on producing children who can continue the fight against injustice.

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