

Resource List

from the Israel and Palestine Working Group
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Introduction:

The Israel and Palestine Working Group offers this resource list for the use of bishops and deputies to help us prepare for General Convention in Austin in 2018.

We know it's not an exhaustive list. To be very clear, we do not support every view expressed on these websites, in these blogs, in these books, or in these films. In fact, we, on this task force, hold our own diverse views. What we are trying to do here is to offer a range of materials, in different formats, that express the diverse opinions and narratives of the conflict in Israel and Palestine, in order to support a thoughtful and transparent discussion of these issues and our responsibilities to them as The Episcopal Church.

Bishops and deputies, we don't expect you to read everything listed here. As a top priority, and at a minimum, please read the archives report, posted at the very top of the list, of past Episcopal Church statements and actions on Israel and Palestine. This is important context for what we are considering at this General Convention. We also strongly urge you to watch the webinar that was hosted by our Office of Government Relations in January, 2018, reporting on current Episcopal Church work in this region.

We encourage you, especially those who will be serving on committees looking closely at these issues, to pick a few ways to read or listen to a variety of narratives and viewpoints, especially those that may be different from the views you already hold. Please read at least some materials from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim writers and groups; from Israel, from Palestine, and from the USA; and from those who hold diverse opinions on the conflict from within those communities.

Finally, we offer this prayer from the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem:

Almighty God and Father,
we pray today and all days for the peace of Jerusalem
and for the prosperity in body, mind and spirit
of those who love you in The Land of The Holy One
and across the world.

We seek your guiding hand for those who, as Living Stones, today
tend the Holy Places and sustain caring agencies of healthcare and education
in all Christian traditions.

We rejoice that, through this ministry of service and response, the commandment
to love your neighbour as yourself is lived out day by day.

We pray for a just resolution of the current problems
experienced by all your children in the city of Jerusalem.
This prayer we offer in the name of Jesus Christ the Healer
and the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

Amen.

Episcopal Church / Anglican / Christian:

Archives of The Episcopal Church: summary of TEC resolutions on Israel / Palestine
https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sites/default/files/gc_resolutions_2018/Israel-Palestine_AECResearchReport_09-05-2017.pdf

Webinar offered in January, 2018 by The Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church on our current work in the region: <https://vimeo.com/252782492>

The Office of Government Relations / Episcopal Public Policy Network of
The Episcopal Church:
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/office-government-relations>

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem:
<http://j-diocese.org>

American Friends of Diocese of Jerusalem:
<http://www.afedj.org/>

Churches for Middle East Peace:
<http://cmep.org/>

Episcopal Peace Fellowship: Palestine Israel Network:
<http://epfnational.org/pin/>

Friends of Sabeel North America:
<https://www.fosna.org>

Kairos Palestine:
<http://www.kairospalestine.ps/>

The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb:
<http://www.mitriraheb.org>

Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center
<http://sabeel.org/>

Telos Group:
<http://www.telosgroup.org/>

Other Organizations:

American Friends Service Committee / Palestine
<https://www.afsc.org/office/palestine>

American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
<https://www.aipac.org/>

BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Movement):
<https://bdsmovement.net/>
<https://bdsmovement.net/call>

Breaking the Silence: Israeli Soldiers Talk About the Occupied Territories:
<http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/>

B'Tselem: The Israeli Institute for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories:
<https://www.btselem.org/>

Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations:
<https://www.conferenceofpresidents.org/>

Foundation for Middle East Peace (especially "What We're Reading"):
<https://fmep.org>

Human Rights Watch: Israel/Palestine
<https://www.hrw.org/middle-east/n-africa/israel/palestine>

If Not Now:
<https://ifnotnowmovement.org/>

J Street:
<http://jstreet.org>

The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development / Palestine Center
<http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/category/pc>

Jerusalem Peacebuilders
<https://www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org/>

Jewish Voice for Peace:
<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/>

Kids 4 Peace:
<http://www.k4p.org>

Letter in Hope
<http://letterinhope.org/>

OneFamily Together:
<http://www.onefamilytogether.org/>

Palestinian American Council:
<http://www.pac-usa.org/index.htm>

Parents Circle – Family Forum:
<http://www.theparentscircle.com/>

Rabbis for Human Rights
<http://rhr.org.il/eng/>

Terrestrial Jerusalem:
<http://t-j.org.il/>

US Campaign for Palestinian Rights:
<https://uscpr.org/>

Books:

The Rev. Naim Atteek: *A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, and the Palestine-Israel Conflict* (and other books)
(https://www.amazon.com/Palestinian-Theology-Liberation-Palestine-Israel-Conflict-ebook/dp/B074TS7MP5/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1516235699&sr=1-1&keywords=naim+ateek)

Omar Barghouti, *Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions: The Global Struggle for Palestinian Rights*
(https://www.amazon.com/Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions-Struggle-Palestinian/dp/1608461149/ref=sr_1_sc_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1516236714&sr=1-1-spell&keywords=bargouti+boycott+divestment+sanctions)

Peter Beinart, *The Crisis of Zionism*
https://www.amazon.com/Crisis-Zionism-Peter-Beinart-ebook/dp/B006JJYT0S/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1516237152&sr=1-1&keywords=Peter+Beinart

Challenging Christian Zionism: Theology, Politics and the Israel-Palestine Conflict, edited by Naim Atteek, Cedar Duyabis, and Maurine Tobin
<https://www.amazon.com/Challenging-Christian-Zionism-Theology-Israel-Palestine/dp/1901764427>

Marc Ellis, *Towards a Jewish Theology of Liberation*
https://www.amazon.com/Towards-Jewish-Theology-Liberation-Classics-ebook/dp/B006530WKU/ref=mt_kindle?_encoding=UTF8&me=

Dan Ephron, *Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel*
https://www.amazon.com/Killing-King-Assassination-Yitzhak-Remaking-ebook/dp/B00TMA91KY/ref=mt_kindle? encoding=UTF8&me=

Gary Fields, *Enclosure: Palestinian Landscapes in a Historical Mirror*
https://www.amazon.com/Enclosure-Palestinian-Landscapes-Historical-Mirror-ebook/dp/B073SSC49J/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0? encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

Yossi Klein Halevi, *At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden: A Jew's Search for Hope with Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land* https://www.amazon.com/At-Entrance-Garden-Eden-Christians/dp/0060505826/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8

Yossi Klein Halevi, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* https://www.amazon.com/Letters-Palestinian-Neighbor-Yossi-Halevi/dp/0062844911/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1521989897&sr=8-1&keywords=yossi+Klein+Halevi

David Harris-Gershon, *What Do You Buy the Children of the Terrorist Who Tried to Kill Your Wife?: A Memoir*
https://www.amazon.com/What-Children-Terrorist-Tried-Kill-ebook/dp/B00E3DXA16/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0? encoding=UTF8&qid=1516308086&sr=8-1-fkmr1

Sara Yael Hirschorn, *City on a Hilltop: American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement*
https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Ddigital-text&field-keywords=city+on+a+hilltop

Alex Joyner, *A Space for Peace in the Holy Land: Listening to Modern Israel and Palestine*
<https://www.amazon.com/Space-Peace-Holy-Land-Listening-ebook/dp/B00PUSZAPC>

Kingdom of Olives and Ash, edited by Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman
https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kingdom+of+Olives+and+Ash

Conor Cruise O'Brien, *The Siege*
https://www.amazon.com/Siege-Saga-Israel-Zionism/dp/0671633104/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0? encoding=UTF8&qid=1517620952&sr=8-1

Ilan Pappé: *Ten Myths About Israel (2017)* (and other books)
https://www.amazon.com/Myths-About-Israel-Ilan-Pappe-ebook/dp/B011850ZG8/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1516236839&sr=1-1&keywords=ilan+pappe#customerReviews

Miko Peled, *General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine*
https://www.amazon.com/Generals-Son-Journey-Israeli-Palestine-ebook/dp/B01CN2HRH6/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1516235966&sr=1-1&keywords=miko+peled

Dennis Ross, *The Missing Peace: The Inside Story of the Fight for Middle-East Peace*
(https://www.amazon.com/Missing-Peace-Inside-Story-Middle/dp/0374529809/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1515517572&sr=1-1&keywords=Dennis+ross%2C+the+missing+peace)

Gershon Shafir, *A Half Century of Occupation; Israel, Palestine, and the World's Most Intractable Conflict*
https://www.amazon.com/Half-Century-Occupation-Palestine-Intractable-ebook/dp/B06XQFBVTY/ref=sr_1_1_twi_kin_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1520983319&sr=8-1&keywords=a+half+century+of+occupation

Sandy Tolan, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*
(https://www.amazon.com/Lemon-Tree-Arab-Heart-Middle/dp/1596913436/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1515515147&sr=8-1&keywords=the+lemon+tree+by+sandy+tolan)

Ari Shavit, *My Promised Land* (https://www.amazon.com/My-Promised-Land-Triumph-Tragedy/dp/0385521715/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1515515291&sr=1-1&keywords=my+promised+land)

Zionism and the Quest for Justice in the Holy Land by [Donald E. Wagner](#) (Editor), [Walter T. Davis](#) (Series Editor), [Walter Brueggemann](#) (Foreword)
https://www.amazon.com/Zionism-Quest-Justice-Holy-Land-ebook/dp/B00LWHIPIE/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1418413114&sr=8-1

Blogs, Media:

+972
<https://972mag.com/>

Electronic Intifada
<https://electronicintifada.net/>

Ha'aretz
<https://www.haaretz.com/>
(behind a paywall; many articles are accessible directly from their Twitter feed, and they have an inexpensive introductory subscription offer as well)

Jerusalem Post
<http://www.jpost.com/>

Times of Israel
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/>

Films / Videos:

5 Broken Cameras

Film Details:

Documentary, 1 hour, 34 minutes

Film Description:

This Academy Award–nominated film is a deeply personal account of non-violent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village threatened by encroaching Israeli settlements. Shot almost entirely by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat, who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son, the footage was later given to Israeli co-director Guy Davidi to edit. The film is an extraordinary work of both cinematic and political activism.

https://www.amazon.com/Broken-Cameras-Emad-Burnat-Davidi/dp/B00B03Z858/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1520983786&sr=8-1&keywords=5+broken+cameras

The Gatekeepers

Film Details:

Documentary, 1 hour 42 minutes

Film Description:

For the first time ever, six former heads of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal secret service agency, agreed to share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions. Intimately interviewed, they shed light on the controversy surrounding the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza in the aftermath of the 1967 Six Day War. The film, by director Dror Moreh, combines these in-depth interviews with archival footage and computer animation. It was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 85th Academy Awards.

<https://www.amazon.com/Gatekeepers-Yuval-Diskin/dp/B00DHN8E0>

Walid Isa, “Entrusting our future to our youth: Walid Issa at TEDxUMN” (October, 13, 2013)

https://youtu.be/1Kb0QCQ_QMw

Yossi Klein Halevi “Israeli and Palestinian Narratives” (April 14, 2015)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bLOfHov7IY

Yossi Klein Halevi, “Balancing Self Preservation” (February 10, 2016). An Israeli perspective on the “knife Intifada.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOhIaXbY3hs>

Yossi Klein Halevi, “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – the dilemma of the Jewish soul | Yossi Klein Halevi” (Nov. 12, 2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbQK5JjmpK0>