

1: About the Book | A Witness In Palestine

Like many Americans and many Jews, I grew up with a positive view of Israel as a peace-seeking www.enganchecubano.com symbolized to me the one protection that Jews had against the type of persecution that had plagued families like mine throughout history.

Lately, this sect started an aggressive publicity campaign in order to build for itself a positive image in the eyes of the public. They hope to succeed based on the fact that most people in Israel are unaware of the true nature of this sect and of its sordid history. As a part of this propaganda they sent an expensively produced book and a videocassette to every member of the Knesset. There they describe in great detail the suffering that members of the sect underwent during the Nazi regime. Our brochure is the first modest step in exposing the true face of this fanatical sect, which bases all of its propaganda on historical revisionism and outright lies. In the words of one researcher: At one time or another they were banned or their activities severely restricted in almost every nation of the world, and are still banned in twenty six countries according to their official world-wide activities report published in The law, passed under the War Measures Act, was vigorously enforced. Rutherford second president of the sect, many articles in Watchtower publications were deliberately designed to stir up trouble. He repeatedly called them scum, roosters, jackasses, harlots, s. Many of the articles would today, no doubt, engender legal action against the Watchtower with claims that they were inciting religious hatred. And the claimants would likely prevail, at least in American courts. They openly declare that they work for the establishing of Worldwide Theocratic Government. First, we must emphasize, as we have already mentioned, all members of the sect must accept all the views of their leadership under penalty of total excommunication. In other words all members of the sect have to espouse anti-Semitism! He declared that the Hebrew prophets in all their prophecies had in mind only him and his sect. After the Holocaust many Christian churches and groups admitted that it is anti-Semitic in essence, and disavowed it. For example thus writes Dr. David Allen Lewis, a well-known Christian author and lecturer: Replacement doctrines are theological anti-Semitism These doctrines make it easier for the blatant, active anti-Semites to persecute and kill the Jews. The doctrines of replacement and contempt led directly to the Holocaust. In yet another book he wrote that Jews lost favor with God when they murdered Jesus. A few examples will suffice. On pages of the book we can see what is their current opinion of the Jews. Among other things it says there of the Jews: Did God accept their form of religion? In correspondence with government officials, journalists, etc. Apparently it is regarded as some sort of magic argument, which will immediately erase all the evil the sect has committed and open all the doors for them. Beit-Hallahmi that the sect successfully used the claim of their suffering during the Nazi period to gain material benefits. He said, it was one of the reasons that a court ordered the Tel-Aviv Municipality to grant them a building permit for their missionary center. But the reality is much worse than that. In another publication they went further: Audacity more base than that is hard to imagine! But in the Yearbook of the sect they admitted that a total of 2, of their members were sent to concentration camps, and from these died or were executed. Worse than that, the Watchtower Society seems to view the Nazi horrors simply as ammunition in its wars against other religions. In one of their official publications from they profusely praise themselves on their behavior during the Nazi regime. Can you imagine moral blindness more extreme than that?! But the truth is even more sordid than that. For that purpose they distributed millions of copies of anti-Semitic materials in Germany. And only after rejection by Hitler, having no other choice, they came out against Nazis. This is the chronological order of events: On January 30, Hitler came to power in Germany. At the same time they were also outlawed in Australia. As a response to seizure of their Magdeburg branch, leaders of the sect organized an assembly in Berlin, on June 25, Two leaders of the sect, J. Knorr especially came from America to see how they can achieve this goal. The truth is that the contents of both of these documents are profoundly repulsive. They themselves clearly explain: A personal letter of J. And only then, having no other choice, did the leaders of the sect come out against the Nazis. And now propagandists of the sect are busy distorting historical facts and covering them up. All this so as to paint themselves as innocent victims instead of would-be partners of Hitler. Propagandists of the sect love to quote her at every opportunity

when she describes the suffering of the ordinary members of the sect in the camps. In a brief evaluation of that document she makes a rather damning remark: And the way they found was To an objective observer it matters not at all which official inside the sect was responsible for the text. They found materials that unsparingly denounced the anti-Semitic and inhuman objectives of the Nazi regime. This applies to Germany as well as to foreign countries in general. In , in yet another of their official publications in Germany, the true attitude of the sect to the Jews came loud and clear. Sowing the wind they are reaping the whirlwind! For example, by the orders of Heinrich Himmler, they were allowed to gather mushrooms and fruits outside the camps, because there was no danger of them trying to run away or to attack members of the SS. They served the cruel Nazi enemy very well with everything connected to murdering the Jews. In that book, according to Professor Y. In this view Israel In the words of Professor Y. It is their intention to erase past history, presenting themselves in the modern disguise of benefactors, their incriminating record being covered up. The facts speak for themselves. It is our fervent hope that our efforts will draw public co-operation and support, to speedily bring to the passing of effective anti-missionary legislation in Israel. How Americans View Religious Groups. Press Release, February, ; March, University of Toronto Press, The Edwin Mellen Press, Danger At Your Door. American Fundamentalism and Israel. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Court And The Constitution. Rutherford, The Way to Paradise p. The Watchtower May 1, p. Rutherford, Comfort to the Jews Brooklyn, N. It was distributed world-wide in 54 languages, in more than 11 million copies The Watchtower, October 1,, p. The Spirit and the Sword. Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. The Christian Quest Journal, Vol. August 22, p. The Free Press, As such, all individuals and organizations have to submit themselves to them. Let God Be True, 2nd ed.

2: A Witness In Palestine: Anna Baltzer, Jewish-American Activist

Witness in Palestine is a classic of the western struggle to understand the Israel/Palestine conflict; it has a place on my shelves alongside Norman Finkelstein, Ilan.

In spite of extensive reading, I could not begin to understand the complexity of life there. This was my first opportunity to learn from both sides about this troubled part of the world. This inquiry began a conversation that led my spouse and me to volunteer to spend the " school year there. We were to gather documents, scan old photographs, and build an archive. As a public historian, I was especially interested in collecting oral histories from alumni and others to tell the School story from a Palestinian perspective. Every day we heard stories about persons who confronted these challenges. It is a troubled region, and most individuals whom I interviewed expressed little optimism about a peaceful resolution. How can I witness to this situation? I know enough Jewish history to be sympathetic to the desire of Jews for their own country. As a historian, I have read enough to know that the conflict has a long history and that there are no simple answers. And as a Quaker internationalist, I am certain that peaceful resolution is absolutely critical to preventing more violence in this troubled region. I hoped that sharing their stories might offer other Quakers information about the history and the contributions that we are making today. Israel possesses one of the strongest military forces in the world. As an observer here, I know well that not all Jews support all the actions of the Israeli government. And there are an estimated NGOs and other foreign government programs operating in the region today. There is a lot of help, but not much progress. Meanwhile, Quaker programs, one begun as early as , have continued their presence and commitment to tolerance, nonviolence, and peace. Today, five Quaker programs operate in Palestine, described below. Educated in Jerusalem, Miriam offered to be the first teacher. The Quakers agreed, and soon after, four day schools began to operate in small villages with traveling teachers. Later, the two schools joined together. For over years, Quakers have contributed their teaching, their administrative skills, and partial funding support to the schools. Countless other Quakers have come to Ramallah Friends School to volunteer for shorter periods. After the Israeli War, the school changed from a boarding to a day school because parents were no longer willing to enroll their children in a place they feared was unsafe. In with the First Intifada, and again with the Second Intifada from to , Friends School dealt with governmentenforced school closures, lengthy curfews, and occupations by Israeli soldiers, tanks, and helicopters. Such events left anxious and traumatized children in the classroom. A missile once destroyed a classroom"although no one was injured. Other students who attended peaceful protest demonstrations were wounded or killed. A few have served time in Israeli prisons under administrative detention with no formal charges brought against them, no trials, and no communication with their families. Today, the school has almost 1, day students. Tuition covers 80 percent of the operating budget. Quaker contributions allow the school to offer financial assistance to families with limited means. The former Girls School is now for girls and boys, kindergarten through sixth grade. The former Boys School, now also coeducational, offers grades 7 through The school provides English language training beginning in kindergarten, and by high school, all courses are taught in English. Classes in Quaker history, faith, and practice are part of the curriculum. As part of a drive toward equality, a program was established in to incorporate over 40 children with learning disabilities and other challenges into the mainstream learning environment. This program remains the only one of its kind in Palestine. Students reside either in the school dormitory or with Quaker families from these schools. This year, student workcamps from Westtown and Guilford came to Palestine for several weeks to experience Palestinian life, get to know the students, and help in community service projects. Ramallah Friends Meeting has long been a partner with the Friends School. From its beginning in the late 19th century, Friends School principals and teachers have been active members and organizers of meeting activities. RFS boarding students attended Sunday meeting at the meetinghouse. Over the years, some U. Quakers came to the meeting in lieu of military service and performed pastoral and counseling services. He married a Palestinian teacher whose family was active in the meeting and still teaches at Friends School. Today, the small meeting membership is linked through history and by family to the academic institution. Friends International Center in Ramallah: Five years ago, Quakers in the United

States paid for renovation of the Ramallah meetinghouse. Activities include organizing educational and cultural events along with a lecture series on pertinent topics, offering counseling and information to newcomers and guests, and providing space for local NGOs to meet. There are lots of potluck dinners for information and networking. Ramallah Meeting, which is unprogrammed, is the only Quaker meeting in Palestine. On Sunday morning, international guests visiting Palestine from around the world worship together, learn about life under occupation, and unite in fellowship. In 1993, the meeting celebrated the centennial of its newly restored building. The history of occupation has greatly affected Friends School and meeting life. In World War I, the British used the meetinghouse for their canteen until they realized that it was a place of worship. In 1948, with the partition of Palestine and 1949, Palestinians driven from their homes and villages by Israeli soldiers, the Meeting was opened as a clearinghouse for refugees. Nine families, totaling 58 people, moved in and arranged apartments in the meetinghouse, which had no kitchen or bath facilities at the time. Dinners were sent daily to the meetinghouse. There were shortages of gasoline, kerosene, and water. Nearby East Jerusalem was under daily bombardment, and curfews were frequent. The meeting annex was added to provide enough space for the little girls who attended each school day. A few of these students later attended Friends School. Zarou continued to oversee the play center until her death in 1993. Originating at the meetinghouse, the play center later moved to a location in the Amari refugee camp. Its funding today still comes almost completely from Quakers. American Friends Service Committee has been working in the region since 1948, when it assisted with refugee relief. It teaches them skills they need to contribute fully to improvement and preservation of their communities as well as society as a whole. Each trainee group consists of 10-12 individuals, 14-17 years of age. Depending on the social and cultural environment, the groups are all male, all female, or mixed. To date, over 6,000 young people have completed the program. Two hundred seventy university students also became coaches for the program. When training is completed, graduates take their new skills back into their communities, where they work to implement new projects. Since the siege of Gaza, graduates there revised their projects in order to improve economic standards and employment opportunities. For example, they provided two families with sewing machines and cloth for school uniforms. The women make school uniforms, and the men started a business to sell them. In turn, each family is asked to pay back the service it receives by helping another two families. All AFSC Palestinian staff operate under daily constraints of occupation, and none can travel without special Israeli government permission. Gaza staff are unable to leave their region at all. Youth training staff must take government travel restrictions into consideration daily as they do their work. The first program comprises 13 kindergartens with approximately 1,000 young children. This program was begun initially by AFSC in the 1950s. In 1993, QSN assumed financial responsibility for teacher salaries, with support from the Norwegian Development Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and private donations. In addition to providing financial support, QSN plays a role in supporting and cooperating with the organization and the teachers, helping them meet the demands they face. These 13 kindergartens are located in refugee camps all across Gaza. The second program began in 1993 when QSN was asked to assist in teacher training on how best to support traumatized children. Training courses were held for all teachers, with some receiving additional training in 1994. Consultation units were established in five of the kindergartens, and seminars were held for parents. Children with special needs were given treatment as part of the project. After the siege of Gaza, the need became even greater, and there are now ten consultation units. The project has recently expanded to include four government schools. Friends worldwide help to support all of these Quaker programs in Palestine. Quakers are personally knowledgeable about these programs and are willing to speak about them. Meetings are encouraged to assist the Quaker effort by planning educational seminars about the role of Quaker witness in Palestine today. For more information on these programs, readers are invited to search the websites below:

3: Best 27 Churches Jehovahs Witnesses in New Palestine, IN with Reviews - www.enganchecubano.com

To ask other readers questions about Witness in Palestine, please sign up. Be the first to ask a question about Witness in Palestine I used to be an ideological Zionist, but since I gave up entirely on Islamophobia, I am able to see the other side of the conflict! I have always blvd in reading both.

Hebron, the largest city in the West Bank. My friend and I were welcomed to the city with free bananas by friendly merchants who sold us fresh fruit from orchards within walking distance. Jericho is more like a big farm than a city. The air smelled like citrus and flowers; and in the late afternoon, a family sitting in their garden invited my friend and me for tea. The evening air was warm, and from the garden I watched the local children riding their small bicycles home from school and the well-dressed adults riding their bigger bicycles home from work, past the palm trees and setting sun. Behind the orchards we could see the mountains, dusty and still, peaceful. The archeological site is beautiful, and the mosaics are extraordinary. I wondered why Jericho felt like such a different world from the rest of the West Bank, so relaxed, spontaneous, and open. Then it hit me: There were no Humvees zooming past in the middle of the night, no soldiers demanding who I was and where I was going. Jericho is almost Palestine without the Occupation. And it is beautiful. Who says all Palestinians would rally against Israel if left alone? Nobody I met talked much about Israel while I was there. They were too busy living their daily lives, like most people in the world. It takes just 2 hours to get from Heaven to Hell. Until recently, Hebron was the only city in the West Bank besides East Jerusalem suffering from settlements within its city limits. Usually settlers establish themselves on hills surrounding villages or cities, but many of the settlers in Hebron have moved into the second floors of Palestinian homes in the Old City, always by force and sometimes with the help of the army. The wealth left with the refugees; only the poorest residents remain, those with nowhere else to go. Today the old market, which used to be bustling and vibrant, is run-down and abandoned. The local economy is in shambles, as are the hopes of many Hebron residents. I took a tour of the city led by Christian Peacemaker Teams CPT, a faith-based organization that witnesses and intervenes nonviolently to prevent violence in Hebron and other hotspots around the world. The people of Hebron can no longer go freely to their city center, nor to their main place of worship. I wonder how Israel would react if Palestinians started moving into the Jewish section of old Jerusalem by force, and then cut everyone off from it but themselves. In a city of more than 200,000 Palestinians, there are about 100 settlers calling the shots, and about 2,000 soldiers and police stationed to protect them. In 1994, Baruch Goldstein, a local settler from New York affiliated with the Kach Israeli extremist political party, opened fire on a mosque full of praying Palestinians. He waited until they were bent over with their heads to the floor in worship before shooting 29 men to death, injuring about 100 more. Riots following the massacre left 9 Israelis and 26 more Palestinians dead. The massacre was not the first Hebron has seen. In 1929, some 30 Jews were brutally murdered by Palestinians who resented their growing presence in Hebron. A native from Hebron named Hisham sometimes gives tours of the city, sharing little-known details about the time of the massacre, which he himself witnessed as a young boy. According to Hisham, before the massacre there was a large population of Jews in Hebron who considered themselves Arabs. They were well-integrated and respected in the community. As the Zionist movement gained ground, some people began to resent the huge influx of Jews flooding to Hebron with hopes of establishing an exclusivist Jewish state. Hisham said the vast majority of Jews killed in the massacre were recent immigrants from Europe, because most of the native Hebron Jews were saved by their Muslim neighbors who hid them in their homes. Hisham added that the majority of perpetrators of the massacre were not from Hebron. People remember the non-Jews who risked their lives to help Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust, but those who sheltered Jewish Hebron residents in are mostly forgotten. It seems the media on both sides have an interest in perpetuating fear and racism rather than taking advantage of the solidarity that has always existed here, albeit limited. The earlier massacre is still used to justify excessive security measures at the expense of Palestinian freedom of movement and self-determination in Hebron. After he opened fire in the mosque, Palestinians in Hebron were put under curfew for a month presumably to prevent retaliation, while the settlers were allowed to roam freely shortly afterwards. The Palestinians, who had been the target of

the massacre, were shut in their homes for 30 days, unable to go to work or school, let alone visit one another and pay their respects to the dead. Both the curfew and the division were allegedly to prevent further confrontation, but in reality they served to further curtail the rights of the very population that had been attacked.

4: Program Listings | Witness Palestine Film Festival

A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories. By Anna Baltzer. Published by Paradigm Publishers. NEW! Updated & Revised Witness in Palestine now available, including new photos, appendices, afterword by the author, and more!

Told as a journal, it is heartbreaking and empowering. It makes one want to do whatever possible to change things in the middle east. About halfway through, I was reading yet another check-point entry and found myself skimming through the encounter because it was so similar to all of the previ This book tells a powerful story. About halfway through, I was reading yet another check-point entry and found myself skimming through the encounter because it was so similar to all of the previous check-points. I had to stop myself and was shocked at how quickly I had become numbed by the injustice. Yet this is what Palestinians feel. They go through these exact same things every day. We as Americans never hear the stories of the peaceful resistance, the marches; all we hear about are the suicide bombers. But there are those people who fight every day, the simple act of staying in Palestine and going to work every day, going through multiple checkpoints, this is their fighting. However, it hardly demonizes the Israelis. We are also introduced to Israeli activists, as well as soldiers who are just doing their time until they too can join these activists. They are simply doing as their told and never question their supervisors. Every American should read this book, and know the truth about what the majority of Palestinians are doing as resistance. Additionally, she shares her Passover seder in Palestine, where Palestinian neighbors, Israeli activists and internationals celebrate in solidarity. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in becoming more knowledgeable about the middle east. Nov 22, Chey rated it it was amazing Recommends it for: Truly it hits one when we realize we must go see things for ourselves to find the truth weather it be this cause or anyother ,Always go learn and see for oneself before casting judgment! Dec 08, Yusuf rated it it was amazing This is a really good book with lots of pictures. Its hard to read more than a few pages a day because its such a serious topic and very personally written but still recommend it highly. Plus the author is our age!

5: Jehovah's Witnesses and the Jews

Quaker Witness in Palestine By BetsyBrinson on September 1, In the summer of , I joined a small group of teachers, most of whom worked at Quaker schools near Philadelphia, on a "listening pilgrimage" to Palestine and Israel.

6: Jehovahs Witnesses in Palestine, TX - www.enganchecubano.com

Get this from a library! Witness in Palestine: a Jewish American woman in the occupied territories. [Anna Baltzer] -- In , Anna Baltzer, a young, Jewish American, visited the West Bank to discover for herself the realities of everyday life for Palestinians living under Israeli occupation.

7: Witness Palestine Film Series | The Little Theatre

Sumud, Steadfast Resistance. Sumud is Arabic for "steadfastness" or "steadfast perseverance" Through this theme our seventh Festival honors Palestinians who have persevered under oppression in daily life for - how long?

8: Quaker Witness in Palestine - BetsyBrinson

Anna Baltzer's amazing book Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories has been updated over the years, and I've just read it for the first time. Rather unfairly.

9: Anna Baltzer - Wikipedia

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Notes. There will be a panel discussion following all film screenings. All films shown at The Little Theatre will be preceded by the four minute short, I Was Living Here, written and performed by the band, The Mighty High and Dry.

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