

Attachment A

General Meeting

How does this issue affect you?



America and Israel are the tightest of allies, so tight in fact that every year your tax dollars, your parent's tax dollars, your neighbor's tax dollars pay for the tear gas, the bombs, the bulldozers, the tanks, and the fighter jets which Israel uses to maim and murder innocent Palestinian life.

Dates

9/24

10/8

10/22*

11/5*

12/3

12/17

Meetings Take Place from 4-5 PM in University Hall Room 2026

*These two meeting will be in University Hall Room 2004.

What Is Montclair SJP Going To Do?

Our first task is to educate the MSU community on the nature of this brutal regime, the Palestinian struggle for human rights, and the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We aim to do this by screening noteworthy films on the subject, hosting guest speakers and panel discussions, hosting teach-ins, and engaging in forms of creative action meant to highlight specific aspects of the Israeli military occupation. Like all other SJP chapters across the U.S. and Canada, we will also strive to be an active participant in the global campaign to boycott, divest, and sanction (BDS) Israel. BDS activism on college

campuses has so far been focused on encouraging universities to divest from corporations which profit off the Israeli military occupation. Universities invest their money in corporations so that they can make a profit when the company performs well. Often these investments are made in companies which profit off of human rights violation across the world such as Caterpillar in the case of Israel/Palestine. The Israeli government uses Caterpillar bulldozers to demolish Palestinian homes. Our goal would be to encourage the university to stop investing in these corporations through activism.



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STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE

Do You Have A Passion For Social Justice?

Are you interested in student activism?

Then Get Involved In Our Mission To Bring the US Palestine Solidarity Struggle To MSU.

Our Values

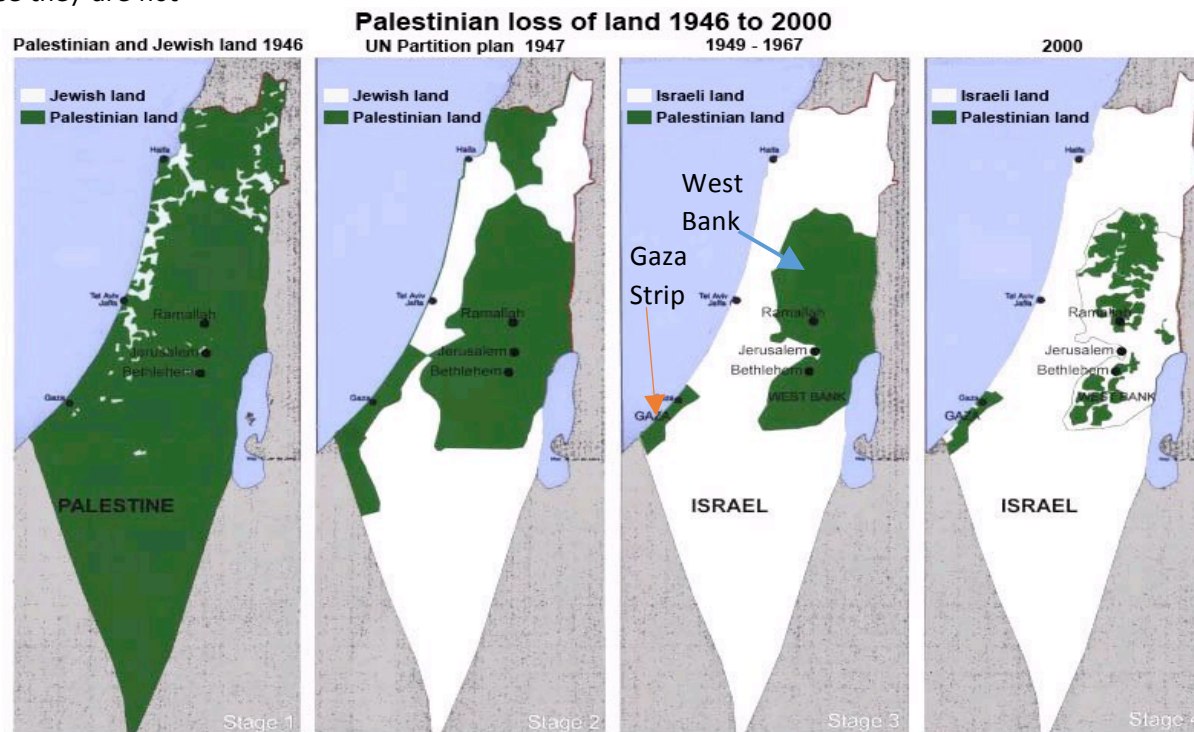
Montclair Students for Justice in Palestine is first and foremost an awareness-raising and activist organization on campus. What lies at the heart of our cause is the belief that all human beings regardless of their race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation etc., deserve to live under conditions of justice, freedom, and full equality under the law.

The Problem

Since its inception, the state of Israel has denied its Palestinian population the most fundamental human rights simply because they are not Jewish. For a country which regularly touts itself as the one and only democracy in the Middle East, simple truths such as this should drive us to challenge this oft-repeated conventional wisdom. The simple truth remains that Israel's Jewish citizens enjoy the fruits of democracy while Palestinians suffer under a brutal regime which treats them as second and third-class citizens in the land of their birth.

Certainly one of the biggest crimes which Israel continues to commit against the Palestinians is the ongoing theft of their land. As you can see from the map below, the share of Palestinian land has continued to decrease since the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. This process of ethnic cleansing began in 1947-48 when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were expelled from their homes by violent militias in order to make way for the new Israeli state. Palestinians refer to this point in their collective history as Al Nakba which translates to "The Catastrophe." In 1967, Israel invaded the Jordanian-controlled West Bank and East Jerusalem and Egyptian-controlled Gaza Strip, placing these territories under military occupation and expelling another 300,000 Palestinians from their homes. To this day, the West Bank remains under illegal military occupation while the Gaza Strip is subjected to a vicious Israeli military blockade by land, air, and sea.

Palestinian Family Outside Their Demolished Home in Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem



Since 1967 Israel has consolidated its control of the West Bank, seizing Palestinian land and opening it up for illegal Israeli settlement. The Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions estimates that since 1967 Israel has destroyed over 28,000 Palestinian homes and other structures. Correspondingly, it is estimated that there are almost 400,000 settlers now living on formerly Palestinian-controlled land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Al-Nakba continues on.