



December 22

Hello all,

We wish you warmth and light from your community in these days of darkness.

As the genocide in Gaza becomes ever more horrific, media attention has swiveled to other matters. In mainstream news, there are daily updates on the investigation into the assassination of a health insurance company executive, but there are few stories about the people being killed every day by US policy as usual, including via US weapons in Palestine or by the denial of insurance coverage, housing, and other human rights here in the US. Outside of the spotlight, however, there is increasing awareness of this hypocrisy, thanks in part to the organizing of JVP and other groups.

Since the ousting of the al-Assad regime in Syria earlier this month, the Israeli military has bombed many areas in Syria intensely and seized a demilitarized zone in the Golan Heights (see map and article from NYT [here](#)). This offensive makes clear the expansionism that defines Israeli policy and the reluctance of the US to condemn it.

Israel has closed its embassy in Ireland after Ireland's leaders condemned the genocide in the occupied Palestinian territories. In the US, Palestinians are suing the federal government for violating the Leahy Law by continuing aid to Israeli military units despite obvious human rights violations.

Our upcoming plans include a chapter-wide Zoom meeting to regroup and reconnect as we continue this struggle. Please be in touch with comments, questions, or to connect with a local crew.

Thank you!

Your Communications Team

Actions

[Tell the Senate: No more repression of the Palestine rights movement.](#)

Every weekday, JVP hosts [Power Half-Hours](#) for Gaza. Join us to channel your rage and despair into collective action to end the genocide of Palestinians.

The same link will work every day, Monday through Friday, at 3pm ET/12pm PT. (Be sure to scroll down next to the dates for more times)

No Surveillance in Healthcare: [Tell HCRS: Cancel Your Contract with Israeli AI Startup!](#) From SoVT4Palestine

[Weekly Vigils](#) in VT and NH

Events

Save the Date: January 4, 4-6 PM: JVP VT/NH chapter-wide zoom meeting for active members. Local crews can provide details.

Saturday, January 4, 4:00 PM. Dramatic reading of [One Family in Gaza](#), an original play by Crystal Zevon. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1265 Main St, St. Johnsbury, VT. RSVP to reserve your free seats: onefamilyingaza@gmail.com.

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. January 5, January 19, February 2, and February 16: JVP VT/NH presents Palestine-Israel Film Series. The Savoy Theater, Montpelier. Films followed by discussion. For details, visit www.savoytheater.com.

See entire listing [HERE](#)

[GAZA IN CONTEXT: The Colonial History that Shaped the Modern Middle East](#) from Massachusetts Peace Action with speaker Jeff Klein. A four part online series. [Register here](#). All sessions at 3 PM. January 5 January 12, January 26, and February 2.

Read/Watch/Listen

[HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS](#)

(full collection) JVP-VT/NH Legislative Work Group

[Intent: The Road to Genocide](#) from Visualizing Palestine

Dec 5, 2024 Oxford Union [Susan Abulhawa speaks in proposition of the motion that This House Believes Israel is an Apartheid State Responsible for Genocide](#)

Listen: A Year After Being Shot in Vermont, Palestinian Student Hisham Awartani Sets His Sights on Home [Hisham Awartani a year later](#). On Notes from America.

[‘Dangerous Development’--Israel’s Seizure of Syria’s Buffer Zone Condemned](#) Palestine Chronicle

[“Obey the Law”: Palestinians Sue State Dept., Saying Arms Sales to Israel Violate U.S. Human Rights Law](#) Democracy Now!

Though very real antisemitic incidents have occurred, the ADL is involved and anti-Zionism is being equated with antisemitism:

[US civil rights probe faults Philadelphia school district over handling of antisemitism reports](#) Associated Press

Links about US approach to international human rights laws/treaties:

[United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights Status of Ratification Interactive Dashboard](#)

[U.S. Aversion to International Human Rights Treaties](#) Global Justice Center
(2017 article)

[Preparing for Trump's Repression](#): Discussions focus on the possible shape of Trump's repressive regime. An important episode for the future. Jewish Currents podcast

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