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The Alternative Information Center (AIC) is a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization that prioritizes political advocacy, critical analysis, and information-sharing on the Palestinian and Israeli societies as well as on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In doing so, the AIC promotes responsible cooperation between Palestinians and Israelis based on the values of social and political justice, equality, solidarity, community involvement, and respect for the full inalienable national rights of all Palestinian people. <http://www.alternativenews.org>

Americans for Middle East Understanding (AMEU) was founded 39 years ago by Americans whose professions in medicine, church ministry, archaeology, and diplomacy had taken them to the Middle East. AMEU strives to create in the United States a deeper appreciation of the culture, history, and current events in that area. To achieve this goal, AMEU publishes *The Link* on a bimonthly basis and sponsors educational programs. <http://www.ameu.org/ameu.asp>

Applied Research Institute in Jerusalem (ARIJ), founded in 1990, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable development in the occupied Palestinian territories and the self-reliance of the Palestinian people through greater control over their natural resources. <http://www.arj.org>

ATFP (American Task Force on Palestine) Mideast News: World Press Roundup is a free educational and informational service read each day by decision makers, academics, journalists, and activists worldwide. <http://www.atfpnews.org>

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights takes a rights-based approach to the Palestinian refugee issue through research, advocacy, and support of community participation in the search for durable solutions. BADIL (*ba-deel*) is an Arabic word that means “alternative.” BADIL’s alternative approach to the question of Palestinian refugees and displaced persons is based on international law, relevant UN resolutions, and the participation of refugees themselves. <http://www.badil.org/index.html>

*CHALLENGE* is a leftist magazine focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict within a global context. Published in Tel Aviv-Jaffa by Arabs and Jews, it features political analysis, investigative reporting, interviews, eyewitness reports, gender studies, arts, and more. <http://www.challenge-mag.com>

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of 21 public policy offices of national churches and agencies—Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant. CMEP began its work in 1984 out of the conviction that the policy perspectives and extensive Middle East experience of our member bodies should be more widely known in the public policy arena. We therefore seek to maintain an ongoing dialogue with Congress, the administration, and the diplomatic community, to advance such concerns, assessments, and advocacy positions. <http://www.cmep.org/sites.htm>

Education for Just Peace in the Middle East does business as the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. <http://www.endtheoccupation.org>

Gush Shalom (translated from Hebrew, the name means “The Peace Bloc”) is the hard core of the Israeli peace movement. Often described as “resolute,” “militant,” “radical,” or “consistent,” it is known for its unwavering stand in times of crisis, such as the al-Aksa intifada. For years now, Gush Shalom has played a leading role in determining the moral and political agenda of the peace forces in Israel, as well as in breaking the so-called “national consensus” based on misinformation. Gush Shalom is an extra-parliamentary organization, independent of any party or other political grouping. Some of its activists do belong to political parties, but the Gush is not aligned to any particular party. [http://zope.gush-shalom.org/index\\_en.html](http://zope.gush-shalom.org/index_en.html)

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Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. More than 150 dedicated professionals work for Human Rights Watch around the world, including lawyers, journalists, academics, and country experts of many nationalities and diverse backgrounds. Human Rights Watch

often joins forces with human rights groups from other countries to further mutual common goals. It is the largest human rights organization based in the United States. Researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world, and Human Rights Watch then publishes those findings in dozens of books and reports every year, generating extensive coverage in local and international media. <http://hrw.org>

The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) is a nonviolent, direct-action group originally established to oppose and resist Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories. Since its founding, ICAHD's activities have extended to three interrelated spheres: resistance and protest actions in the Occupied Territories; efforts to bring the reality of the Occupation to Israeli society; and mobilizing the international community for a just peace. <http://www.icahd.org/eng>. See also: Jeff Halper, "The Matrix of Control," from Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD). <http://www.icahd.org/eng/articles.asp?menu=6&submenu=3>

Middle East Policy (ISSN 1061-1924) provides a forum for viewpoints on recent developments that affect US - Middle East Policy. For subscription information, visit [Blackwell Publishing](#) at [subscrip@blackwellpub.com](mailto:subscrip@blackwellpub.com) or 1-800-835-6770. The Middle East Policy Council was founded in 1981 to expand public discussion and understanding of issues affecting US policy in the Middle East. The Council is a nonprofit educational organization whose activities extend throughout the United States. <http://www.mepec.org/main/main.asp>

Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states—Palestine and Israel—as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions. Sabeel promotes theological, moral, and legal principles for peace as outlined in the Jerusalem Sabeel Document. Friends of Sabeel - North America (FOSNA) works in the US and Canada to support the vision of Sabeel, cultivating the support of American churches through cosponsored regional educational conferences, alternative pilgrimage, witness trips, and international gatherings in the Holy Land. <http://fosna.org>

Wi'am "Cordial Relationships" have been supported by Global Ministries with Mission Intern assignments in recent years. The Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center began operation in March of 1995. Known as "Wi'am" (which in Arabic means "cordial relationships"), the Center helps to resolve disputes within the Palestinian community by complementing the traditional Arab form of mediation, *Sulha*, with Western models of conflict resolution. When Wi'am opened its doors, a vacuum of authority existed in West Bank society. The authority of the Israeli military occupation had never been accepted, and there was no clear Palestinian authority outside Gaza and Jericho. Since many of the traditional village leaders (*mukhtars*) were appointed by the Israelis during the occupation, their legitimacy was no longer fully accepted by the community. <http://www.planet.edu/~alastlah>

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*Searching for Peace in the Middle East: A Film by Landrum Bolling.* Jimmy Carter describes the film: "A superb presentation of the intricate relations between Israelis and Palestinians, presented dramatically by people from both sides. Their combined proposals, clearly presented, comprise the only pathway to peace, with justice, in the Holy Land." (2006, 30 minutes, DVD)

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