

# **Anna Baltzer presents: LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE: EYEWITNESS STORIES & PHOTOS**

**7:00pm, Thurs., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Albuquerque Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE,  
Albuquerque, NM 87106**

**Benefit for the IbdAA Women's Mental Health Project of the Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Palestine\*\*\*  
(\$10 suggested donation)**

Anna Baltzer, a Jewish American Columbia graduate, Fulbright scholar, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, and volunteer with the International Women's Peace Service, is touring the United States with her acclaimed presentation and book describing her experiences documenting human rights abuses in the West Bank and supporting Palestinian-led nonviolent resistance to the Occupation.

Providing photographic documentation and critical information often misrepresented or ignored in the Western media, Anna's presentation covers checkpoints, settlements, demonstrations, Israeli activism, the 1948 war & refugees, censorship, the Separation Wall, and more. For further information about Anna's work and tour, please visit [www.AnnaInTheMiddleEast.com](http://www.AnnaInTheMiddleEast.com)

Anna will also be selling and signing copies of her second book: [Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories.](#)

Visit: <http://www.AnnaInTheMiddleEast.com/presentations/schedule> for details on Anna's talks in Santa Fe and Las Vegas, NM. For more information about the Albuquerque portion of Anna's tour please e-mail [nellrb@yahoo.com](mailto:nellrb@yahoo.com) or call Nell at 833-3140.

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\*\*\*IbdAA, which means "to create something out of nothing" in Arabic, is a grassroots initiative established in 1994 by residents of Dheisheh Refugee Camp. Housing 12,000 refugees in less than 1 square kilometer, Dheisheh has only 2 two schools and 1 doctor to serve the entire camp. The average class size at the schools is approximately 50 students. IbdAA's mission is to empower refugees in Dheisheh - particularly children, youth, and women - with viable skills and self-confidence while also educating the international community about Palestinian displacement.

Today, IbdAA serves over 1,500 children, youth, and women every year. IbdAA offers dance, music, art, and creative writing programs, sports teams, international cultural exchange opportunities, media training in film and radio production, leadership training for girls and women, an oral history project with elderly Palestinians, mental health counseling services,

language courses, community organizing workshops for teens, a human rights lecture series, a children's library, nursery, and the camp's first mixed-gender kindergarten. Every activity at IbdAA incorporates values of democratic process and respect for human rights, providing a secular, humanist, and co-educational experience for Dheisheh's youth.

The women's mental health project is now in its second year. It provides counseling services for women who reside in Dheisheh Refugee Camp. Many of these women are mothers and/or wives of political prisoners and/or martyrs. This is the only mental health project for women in the camp.