COPING WITH OCCUPATION
A film series presented by the Mideast Focus Ministry of Saint Mark’s Cathedral

A selection of films to entertain, educate, move, and inspire! Each screening includes presentations by guest speakers with personal experience of the subjects. Opening reception: Friday, February 28, 2020, 6:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28
TEL AVIV ON FIRE
This comedy highlights the awful absurdity of the Occupation—and proves it’s possible to find humor in the midst of cultural conflict. Ordinary life is impossible to disentangle from political trauma for a dialogue coach working on a Palestinian soap opera. In this film, comedy sprouts from an absurd and tangled reality. Winner of the Best Film and Best Screenplay awards at the Haifa International Film Festival 2019.
WITH GUEST SPEAKER: Playwright Ed Mast

MARCH 27
GAZA FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM
Filmed during the height of a six-week campaign of protests near the Gaza-Israeli border in 2018, this film features exclusive footage of the demonstrations. This documentary tells of Gaza’s complex history through rare archival footage, info-graphics, and first-hand accounts. Backed by thorough legal documentation and exclusive evidence, this film details Israeli military war crimes that are supported by our own country.
WITH GUEST SPEAKER: Former Congressman Brian Baird

APRIL 24
IMPRISONING A GENERATION
This documentary film following the stories of four young Palestinians who have been detained and survive imprisonment under the Israeli military and political systems. Their perspectives, along with the voices of their families, form a lens into the tangled structures of oppression that pervade all aspects of life. Also included will be a short film by Farah Nabulsi titled Today, They Took My Son.
WITH GUEST SPEAKER: Author and physician Alice Rothchild

MAY 15
THE LOBBY—U.S.A.
This film is distilled from four documentary films by Al Jazeera. It is essential viewing if you want to understand why the United States gives uncritical support to Israel’s occupation of Palestine. The Lobby—U.S.A. will be paired with a short film by Farah Nabulsi, titled Oceans of Injustice.
WITH GUEST SPEAKER: Attorney John McKay

Saint Mark’s Mideast Focus Ministry presents:

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For over 70 years the U.S. has supported the illegal and invasive occupation of Palestine by the Government of Israel. How are we to cope with the fact that our country, almost alone in the world, is responsible for this violation of Human Rights?

Our series begins with humor because it is the most bearable coping device. Through satire we get perspective on our common humanity. Then we look at how Gazans try to make their desperate situation known to the world, how families endure when their children are forcibly removed from their homes and placed in military prisons, and how they cope when their homes are demolished before their eyes. Finally, we explore some of the factors explaining why the U.S. leads the way in supporting this occupation. Learn more at saintmarks.org/mideast.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS
SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS, 10:10 A.M., Bloedel Hall
FEBRUARY 16, 2020: Where I Grew Up
a live performance about growing up Palestinian in Edmonds, WA.
MARCH 15, 2020: This is Gaza, part I
The first in a two-part series featuring films created in Gaza by Seattle filmmaker Jen Marlowe
MAY 10, 2020: This is Gaza, part II

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