



## Week 16: Administrative Detention

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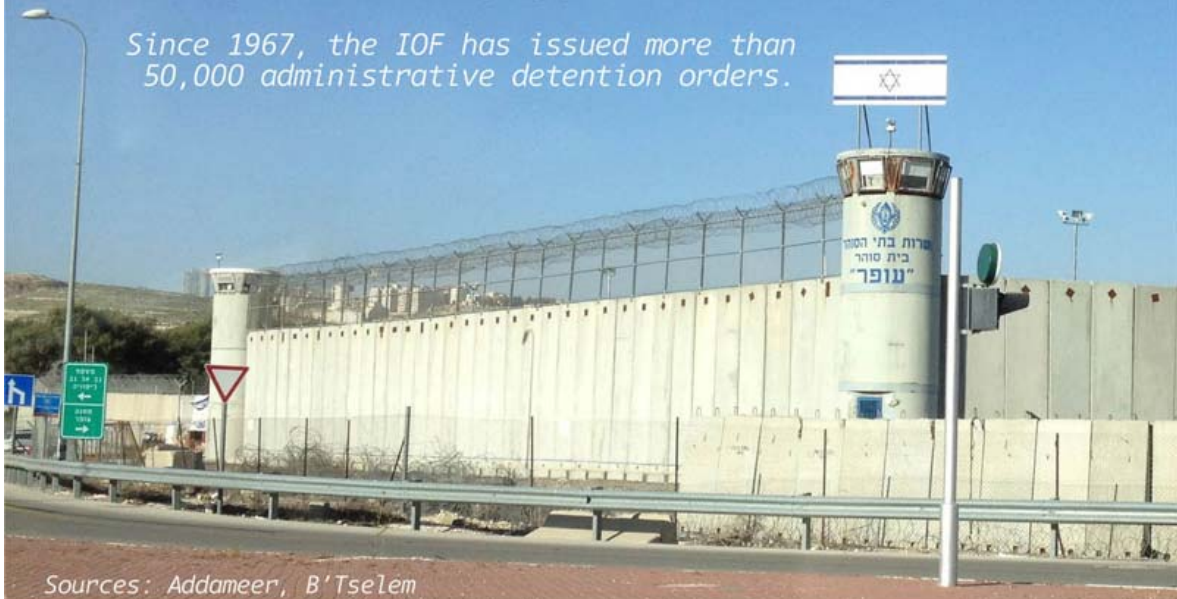
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Sources: Addameer, B'Tselem

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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

You can [download this week's newsletter in PDF right here](#).

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of hearing **Daniel Seidemann** and **Faten Khoury** share their different experiences regarding home demolitions. The replay of the session is now available [on YouTube](#) and [on our website](#). The website includes their bios and all of the links shared during the gathering.

We would love it if you could share the session with your community. You could use language such as:

*Last week we learned how Israel's current home demolitions are used as psychological warfare, attempting to physically force Palestinians from their homeland and disincentivizing them from staying in their villages. Our guests were lawyer Daniel Seidemann and actor/filmmaker Faten Khoury. Learn more in the latest Kumi Now online gathering. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9soF0k\\_3-qg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9soF0k_3-qg)*

Finally, If you would like to speak for up to 5 minutes in a future meeting about how you are using Kumi Now or otherwise advocating for Palestine, or to promote your own events for Palestine, please [email us](#) at [kumi@kuminow.com](mailto:kumi@kuminow.com).

Before we move on to the rest of our newsletter, let's discuss Palestinian Prisoners' Day:



Today is **Palestinian Prisoners' Day**. In 1974, the Palestinian National Council adopted a resolution to mark April 17 of each year as a day to honor Palestinian prisoners. [According to Birzeit University](#), "Since then, that day is seen as a national tribute to prisoners and their sacrifices, a call to unify the efforts to support them and their right to freedom, and a call for solidarity with their families."

Please mark this day and week with us with your thoughts, prayers, and activism, including this week's Kumi Action. Additionally, we are working with **Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network** for this week's Kumi Online (see below). Samidoun has additional activities and meetings through the week, and links to the activism and meetings of other groups. You can get involved by going to their page for the [Palestinian Prisoners' Global Week of Action](#).

Here are details on this week's Kumi Now online gathering:

**April 20: Week 16 - Administrative Detention**


[Read the full entry online.](#)

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TUESDAY  
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**KUMI  
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featuring  
Charlotte Kates  
of Samidoun:  
Palestinian  
Prisoner  
Solidarity  
Network



This Palestinian Prisoners Day, April 17, let us remember the thousands of Palestinian political prisoners. At the end of 2019, 464 of these prisoners were being held through administrative detention. Through administrative detention, Palestinian detainees can be held indefinitely, with few legal rights.

Our guest is **Charlotte Kates**, the international coordinator for **Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network**.

**Time:** Tuesday, April 20, at 6:00 PM East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+3) That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am
- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm
- Greenwich (London): 4pm
- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 5pm
- Manila: 11pm

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (The meetings require a simple registration now, but it only takes a second.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the [registration form at the bottom of the page](#).

And here's what we have coming up in April so you can plan ahead and decide how you want to be a part of Kumi Now:

## KUMI NOW ONLINE: APRIL, 2021

Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17
			
<b>April 6</b> <i>Child Fatalities</i>	<b>April 13</b> <i>Home Demolitions</i>	<b>April 20</b> <i>Administrative Detention</i>	<b>April 27</b> <i>Nation-State Law</i>

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### Coming up in Kumi Now

Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom registration link will be the same each week.

The weekly newsletter will always contain reminders of the upcoming online gatherings and the Zoom link. But if you're like me and need a reminder right before the sessions begin, you can [register to receive a reminder email one hour prior to each online gathering](#). And no more digging through your inbox looking for the Zoom link! Just [use the registration form at the bottom of the page](#).





## April 27: Week 17 - Nation-State Law

[Read the full entry online.](#)

On May 1, 2018, the Knesset passed the Nation-State law (officially Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People) in its first reading. As we approach the anniversary of this passage, we as a Kumi Community want to analyze this law and what it means for Palestinians and other minorities in Israel.

For our Kumi Action we will make it clear that it is not too late for Israeli politicians to change their direction and pass legislation that would provide equality for all of its citizens.

## Kumi Now

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

**Just the facts...** *440 Palestinians are held in administrative detention as of April, 2021.*

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*This process denies detainees their right to a fair trial guaranteed by international law.*

*Palestinians are commonly held under administrative detention orders for periods ranging from 6 months to 6 years.*

*Since 1967, the IOF has issued more than 50,000 administrative detention orders.*

*Two Israeli prisons lie outside Palestinian territory, in violation of the Geneva Convention prohibition against transferring prisoners from the occupied territory.*

*The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has repeatedly condemned Israel's widespread use of administrative detention.*

*Since March 2002, not a month has gone by without Israel holding at least 100 Palestinians in administrative detention.*

*Israeli Prison Service often does not provide sufficient meals, withholds medical care, denies family visits, limits educational opportunities, and arbitrarily uses isolation and solitary confinement.*

*Sources: Addameer, B'Tselem*

**<http://kuminow.com/AdministrativeDetention>**

**Please note:** To match the dates in the book, we will now be posting a new entry each

Friday, and this newsletter should go out each Friday or Saturday.

**Sharing and publicizing:** The graphics in this newsletter are designed to be the perfect size and shape to share to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. So each week you can help the cause simply by sharing these images online. It's one more option you have to help.

### **Kumi Week #16: Administrative Detention**

Week 16 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). Administrative detention is a procedure that allows the Israeli military to hold prisoners indefinitely on secret information without charging them with a crime or allowing them to stand trial. Although administrative detention is used almost exclusively to detain Palestinians from the occupied Palestinian territory, which includes the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, Israeli citizens and foreign nationals can also be held as administrative detainees by Israel. However, only 9 Israeli settlers have ever been held in administrative detention. This week, the Kumi Now community is uniting to shed light on these administrative detentions. Here's what you need to know and what you can do so that together we can *rise up*.

Please read the essay on this issue and the story of Thabet Nassar. And here are a few more facts for you:



### **Understanding Administrative Detention: Just the Facts...**

- 440 Palestinians are held in administrative detention as of April, 2021.
- The occupation forces use administrative detention against Palestinians without a charge or trial based on a "secret file" that neither the detainee nor his lawyer can review.
- This process thereby denies the detainee from his or her right to fair trial that is guaranteed by international law.
- Palestinians are commonly held under administrative detention orders for periods ranging from six months to six years or more.
- Since 1967, the IOF has issued more than 50,000 administrative detention orders.
- The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has repeatedly condemned Israel's widespread use of administrative detention.
- The IOF's use of administrative detention in a systemic and widespread manner against Palestinians is a form of collective punishment which is prohibited under Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
- Two of the prisons used for the majority of administrative detainees lie outside of Palestinian territory, in violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention which states that detainees may not be transferred outside the occupied territory.
- The Israeli Prison Service often does not provide administrative detainees with sufficient meals, withholds appropriate medical care, denies family visits, denies educational opportunities, and arbitrarily uses isolation and solitary confinement on administrative detainees.
- Since March 2002, not a single month has gone by without Israel holding at least 100 Palestinians in administrative detention.
- The longest administrative detention was for eight years, where a Palestinian detainee was put in detention for that period of time without charge or fair trial.
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These facts are drawn from:

- Addameer's [statistics](#)
- Addameer's ["Ten Facts on Administrative Detention"](#)
- B'Tselem's [page on administrative detention](#)

## Learning More

To learn more, you should:

- Read Addameer's ["Administrative Detention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: A Legal Analysis Report, Fourth Edition 2016"](#).
- Watch Addameer's 11-minute ["Life on Hold - The Policy of Administrative Detention"](#).
- Head to the websites of [Addameer](#) or [Samidoun](#).

To go deeper, we have an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week's entry and we're developing a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you'll want to get involved. Here's the Kumi Action for this week:

## Kumi Action



Look at Addameer's website and pick a name from the [list of individuals who have been detained recently](#). "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3). Blindfold yourself for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or an hour. Do not talk, do not eat, do not drink. Think about how you can end this exercise at any time, but this prisoner held by authorities who don't respect the rule of law does not have this luxury. How would that feel? What impact would it have on your family?

Then, write about your feelings and understanding of administrative detention and the inhumane treatment of detainees in a solidarity letter. Share your writing on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Be sure to begin your post with a clear message, noting your own privilege, such as, "I could stop this exercise at any time, but prisoners in administrative detention could not." You could also share a photo of yourself blindfolded. Include a link to this page of the Kumi Now website along with the hashtags #StopAD, #KumiNow, and #Kumi16.

This activity can be done individually or in a group, privately or in public. If done with a school or church group, consider discussing your feelings before or after you write. The goal is to help people understand that administrative detention is not just ordinary prison with a more sinister name, but an actual system of abuse and torture that has no place in any society.

# News

*Important news going on in Palestine, Israel, and the diaspora, from trusted sources of news.*

## News

- Focusing on administrative detention, the dancer and choreographer Ata Khattab is in his third month of administrative detention. No charges have been filed. ([Electronic Intifada](#))
- Following a report of a projectile launched from Gaza, Israeli forces attacked sites in Gaza, injuring at least 2. ([Palestine Chronicle](#)) ([Palestine Chronicle 2](#))
- Palestinians mark Palestinian Prisoners' Day. ([WAFA](#))
- B'Tselem released the [results of a survey](#) that finds that "45% of those living between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea believe "apartheid" is an appropriate description of the regime."

## Opinion and Analysis

- In two weeks six Palestinian families from the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah will be thrown out of their homes and into the street, and replaced with Israeli settlers. **Yumna Patel** reports for **Mondoweiss** on [the history of Sheikh Jarrah and how residents are doubling down on the campaign to #SaveSheikhJarrah](#). You can also listen to **IMEU's** recent ***This Is Palestine*** podcast episode on ["The Ethnic Cleansing of Sheikh Jarrah"](#).
- **Greg Shupak** writes that ["Israeli repression aims to silence Palestinian journalists"](#) for **Electronic Intifada**.
- **Arianna Skibell** of **+972 Magazine** analyzes how **J Street** is [facing the reality of occupation and turning away from a two-state solution towards a concept of confederation](#).

## Publications

- **This Week in Palestine** has released their [April 2021 issue](#), focused on "Our Environment".
- **Washington Report on Middle East Affairs** has released their [March/April 2021 issue](#).
- **The Institute for Palestine Studies** has released the [newest issue](#) of the ***Journal of Palestine Studies***.
- **The Institute for Palestine Studies** has released the [Winter 2020 edition](#) of ***Jerusalem Quarterly***. You can [download the PDF edition](#) for free. It is part 2 of a "Home and House" theme. You can find the [first issue here](#).

# Get Involved

*Updates on how Kumi Now partner organizations and other organizations are engaging in the struggle for Palestinian human rights and equality, and ways that you can help.*

## This Week

- **Saturday, April 17:** Addameer Association will host ["#FreeThemAll: In Sumoud and Solidarity from the U.S. to Palestine"](#) at 1pm Eastern, 8pm Palestine time.
- **Saturday, April 17 to April 23:** Join **Samidoun** for *Palestinian Prisoners' Week*. Find more information [on their website](#).
- **Saturday, April 17 and 24:** **American Educational Trust**, publisher of the



Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, and the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy host the virtual [End US Support for Israeli Apartheid? conference](#).

- **Sunday, April 18:** New Israel Fund will hold [“Building a Truly Shared Society in Israel: A Conversation with Israeli activists Fida Nara and Alon-Lee Green”](#).
- **Sunday and Sunday, April 18 and 19:** J Street will host its annual virtual conference. [Registration is now open](#).
- **Tuesday, April 20:** Join us for the latest **Kumi Now** online gathering. Information is near the beginning of the newsletter.
- **Tuesday, April 20:** DCIP will host a webinar in which they will share the findings of the *No Way To Treat a Child* report. It is at 8pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- **Wednesday, April 21:** ICAHD UK will host the webinar [“The Undemocratic Elections in Israel & Palestine”](#) with **Jeff Halper** and **Salem Barahmeh**.
- **Thursday, April 22 (or maybe May 6 - they provide two dates in different places):** New Israel Fund will host [“Activism, Art, and Hope: The Power of Art in Social Change”](#).

### Ongoing Campaigns

- **Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)** would like you to [sign the petition](#) "No Dispossession in Silwan". And you can watch the replay of FOSNA's [session on Silwan](#).
- **PSC** ask for residents of the UK to help stop the Defence and Security Equipment International, the world's largest arms fair, which returns to London in September 2021. At DSEI, weapons and military technology will be marketed to representatives of repressive states fuelling racism and injustice. Israel is a seasoned attendee of the fair, buying weapons to maintain its domination of the Palestinian people. Along with Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), PSC is asking you to take action. Do so [here](#).
- The **Palestinian Feminist Collective (PFC)** has released a statement affirming Palestine as a feminist issue. You can [sign the petition here](#).
- Join **Stop the Wall** and **Al-Haq** and over 550 organizations calling on the UN Human Rights Council to stop Israel's impunity in repeatedly destroying the village of Humsa. [Sign the petition](#).

## Organizations in Action

### Kumi Partners

*Updates on how Kumi Now partner organizations are engaging in the struggle for Palestinian human rights and equality.*

- **Al-Haq** released [“The Legal Architecture of Apartheid – by Dr. Susan Power, Al-Haq”](#).
- **DCIP** released the report [“Palestinian Children Displaced Again and Again”](#).
- **Palestinian Centre for Human Rights** released their [“Weekly Report on Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory \(08 – 14 April 2021\)”](#).
- **Sabeel** published the [Wave of Prayer for the week of April 15](#).

### Other Organizations

*Updates, reports, and actions from the United Nations, governments, and other international organizations that relate to Palestine.*

- **7amleh** held the webinar [“Data Protection in the Arab Region”](#).
- **Africa4Palestine** held [“Conversation with Suhair Nafal: The Palestinian activist who won in court against an Israeli soldier”](#).
- **American Muslims for Palestine** hosted the webinar [“The Movement Will Not Be Censored”](#).
- **ARIJ Institute** معهد أريج posted the documentary “Occupation 101” in four parts: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), and [Part 4](#).



- **ARIJ Institute** معهد أريج released “Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for just peace”, also in four parts: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), and [Part 4](#).
- **Combatants for Peace** held their [annual Memorial Day ceremony](#).
- They then held a series of post-ceremony discussions, including:
  - [“Meeting with the Speakers from the ceremony”](#)
  - [“Overcoming Oppression from the USA to Palestine”](#)
  - [“Overcoming Fear Through Nonviolent Action”](#)
  - [“Disturbing the Peace”](#)
  - Find everything on [their YouTube channel](#).
- **Foundation for Middle East Peace** have compiled their recent series of meetings into a resource page called [“Israel, Palestine & the Role of Congress: An Accelerated Learning Series”](#).
- **Foundation for Middle East Peace** released their [“Settlement & Annexation Report: April 15, 2021”](#).
- **Foundation for Middle East Peace** hosted [“Peter Beinart with Sulaiman Khatib & Penina Eilberg-Schwartz, In This Place Together”](#).
- **Jewish Voice for Peace** and over a dozen other progressive Jewish groups released a [statement on five principles for dismantling antisemitism](#).
- **Peace Now** published the report [“From De Jure to De Facto Annexation – Construction in Settlements 2020”](#).
- **Samidoun Network** held the webinar [“Defending Palestine, Fighting Repression”](#).
- **Palestine Broadcast International** released the short video [“Palestinian Stolen Water Resources”](#).
- **United Nations** published [NGO Action News – 15 April 2021](#).

## Arts and Culture

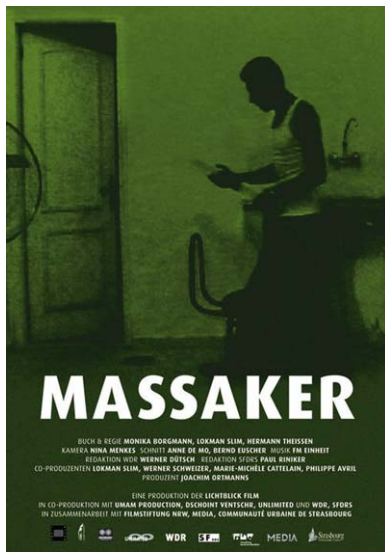
*Recent and not-so-recent films, books, music, and other arts related to Palestine, as well as news about festivals and other events*

- **Al Jazeera** released [“Unconventional journalists: Wolfe, Kanafani and García Márquez”](#).
- **Middle East Eye** released the video [“Kahlil Gibran: Remembering legendary Lebanese-born poet 90 years on”](#).
- **Middle East Eye** also released [“The story of Palestinian Maftoul”](#).
- **Middle East Monitor** will premiere [“You've been served: Sambousek Jibneh”](#) about the popular dish today.
- **Museum of the Palestinian People** released [“Calligraphy Artists Nawaf Soliman”](#).
- **Stories from Palestine Podcast** published their latest episode, [“Jaffa history 20th century”](#).

### **Massaker**

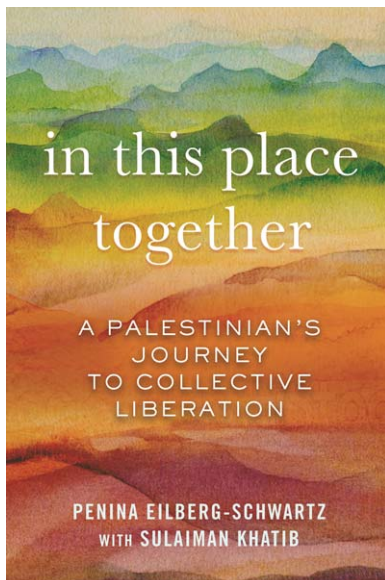
The **Palestine Film Institute's** film of the week is **Massaker** (Documentary, 2005, 98 minutes). You have until Wednesday to watch it for free [on their website](#). About the film:

“Between September 16 and 18, 1982, for two nights and three days, the killers of Sabra and Shatila went about their heinous crimes. In the end, they had murdered between 1,000 and 3,000 Palestinian civilians, predominantly women, children and old people. The precise number of victims - both those killed and those missing - is not known to this very day. The perpetrators primarily originated from the ranks of



the Forces Libanaises, a Christian militia affiliated to Israel. The logistics for this massacre were provided by the Israeli Army, under the auspices of the former Minister of Defence and current Minister President, Ariel Sharon. In 1982, the massacre in the Lebanese Palestinian camps deeply shook the public throughout the world, but today it has been (almost) entirely forgotten. This is despite the fact that it is a role model for all the massacres that followed: for example that in Rwanda or those committed during the Yugoslavian wars. Again and again, the unanswered questions surface: what drives people to such excesses of brutality, and how are the perpetrators able to live on?

Massaker is - both in contents and aesthetically - a psycho-political study of six perpetrators, who participated in the massacre of Sabra and Shatila both on orders and on their own personal initiative. The film intertwines the mental dispositions of the killers with their political environment and broaches the phenomenon of collective violence through their accounts.”



### ***In This Place Together: A Palestinian's Journey to Collective Liberation* by Penina Eilberg-Schwartz with Sulaiman Khatib**

Out now is ***In this Place Together: A Palestinian's Journey to Collective Liberation*** by Penina Eilberg-Schwartz with Sulaiman Khatib. Penina Eilberg-Schwartz is a member of **IfNotNow** and Sulaiman Khatib is a cofounder of **Combatants for Peace**.

More information on the book (from [Amazon](#)):

“A narrative meditation on joint nonviolence, opening a window to the questions of power, multiple narratives, and imagination that touch on struggles for justice everywhere.

As a Palestinian youth, Sulaiman Khatib encountered the occupation in his village and attempted to fight back, stabbing an Israeli. Imprisoned at the age of 14, he began a process of political and spiritual transformation still unfolding today. In a book he asked Penina Eilberg-Schwartz, an American Jew, to write, and based on

years of conversation between them, Khatib shares how his activism became deeply rooted in the belief that we must ground all work—from dialogue to direct action to healing—in recognition of the history and humanity of the other. He reveals how he became convinced that Palestinian freedom can flourish alongside Jewish connection to the land where he was born.

In language that is poetic and unflinchingly honest, Eilberg-Schwartz and Khatib chronicle what led him to dedicate his life to joint nonviolence. In his journey, he encountered the deep injustice of torture, witnessed the power of hunger strikes, and studied Jewish history. Ultimately, he came to realize mutual recognition, alongside a transformation of the systems that governed their lives, was necessary for both Palestinians and Israelis to move forward. Still, as he built friendships with Israelis and resisted the occupation alongside them, he could not lose sight of the great power imbalance in the relationship, of all the violence and erasure still present as they dreamt forward together.”

You can hear the authors in discussion with **Peter Beinart** in the recent **Foundation for Middle East Peace** [interview](#).

Or join the authors for an upcoming discussion [on April 19 at 7pm Palestine time](#) or one [the following day](#).

## You Should Know

*One or two people, companies, or organizations you should know, and how you can follow them online.*



### Combatants for Peace

Now is a great time to highlight **Combatants for Peace** given their hosting of a [Memorial Day ceremony](#) this week. Additionally, the book listed above, ***In This Place Together***, is in part about the founding of Combatants for Peace.

From their website:

"**Combatants for Peace**, founded in 2006, is a non-profit, volunteer organization of ex-combatant Israelis and Palestinians, men and women, who have laid down their weapons and rejected all means of violence. We are working together to end the occupation of Palestine, bring just peace to the land, and demonstrate that Israelis and Palestinians can work and live together.

It is a movement based upon nonviolent activism designed to advance the termination of the occupation and to provide a foundation for relations between the two peoples subsequent to a peace agreement."



Combatants for Peace primarily works to bring together people from both sides of the conflict through meetings, bi-national groups, and tours to the West Bank, among other activities.

The history and foundation of Combatants for Peace is told in the excellent and highly-regarded documentary [Disturbing the Peace](#), which you might be able to find on your film platform of choice.

You can find Combatants for Peace on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#).

## What's Next

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter next Friday/Saturday, focused on our next issue, [the Nation-State Law](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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