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Week 29: The Israeli Apartheid Wall

WEEK 29 JULY 16 TO JULY 22 **THE ISRAELI APARTHEID WALL**

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Sources: Stop the Wall, OCHA OPT

<http://kuminow.com/ApartheidWall>

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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

On Tuesday **Charlotte Marshall** of **Sabeel-Kairos UK** gave us an update on the [Investing in Peace](#) campaign and helped us learn how our own organizations can participate in morally responsible investing. The replay of the session is now available on [YouTube](#) and on [our website](#). The website includes her bio, the advocacy instructions, and 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 about the growing Investing in Peace campaign and how we as individuals and organizations can participate in morally responsible investing for Palestine. Our guest was Charlotte Marshall of Sabeel-Kairos UK. Learn more in the latest Kumi Now online gathering. <https://youtu.be/Ec5yYWnjLo>

And now, let's move on to Tuesday's online gathering:

Next Online Gathering

WEEK 29
THE ISRAELI APARTHEID WALL

KUMI NOW ONLINE

TUESDAY JULY 20 6PM (UTC+3)

featuring **Chris Rose**, director of Amos Trust

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[Full information on the gathering is here.](#)

Resolution ES-10/15 doesn't, in name, sound like much. But it was a resolution passed on July 20, 2004 that acknowledged the illegality of Israel's separation barrier under international law. Years later, Palestinian communities in the occupied territory are still being torn apart due to the construction of the separation barrier, otherwise known as the Apartheid Wall. As the wall gets built, Israel is effectively annexing more and more Palestinian land to itself.

Our guest will be **Chris Rose** of **Amos Trust**.

Time: Tuesday, July , at 6:00pm 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
- Sydney: 1am (+1 Day)
- Auckland: 3am (+1 Day)

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (There might be a quick registration form for this one, and please set an alarm for yourself for Tuesday.)

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](#).

This Week's Kumi Now Entry

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 #29: Israeli Apartheid Wall

Week 29 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). In May 2002, hundreds of Israeli bulldozers entered Palestinian agricultural land and started large scale destruction for what later would turn out to be the start of the construction of Israel's over-700 kilometers wall. The wall in urban areas is up to eight meters tall, while in rural areas it takes the shape of a maze of fencing, razor wires, patrol roads, watchtowers, and sensors. Together with the military-closed zones and the settlements, Israel uses the wall to prohibit Palestinians access and use of some 60% of West Bank land, including the water sources located there. The wall cuts off villages from each other and bars access to schools, hospitals, and other services for communities that are isolated by the wall and checkpoints. Here's what we can do so that together we can *rise up* for Palestine.

Please read the essay on this issue and the stories of Khalid Yousef Zeet, George, and the village of Wad Rahal. And here are a few more facts for you:

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Just the facts...

85% of the Wall is located in the West Bank.

Some 12% of Palestinians in the West Bank are "outside" the Wall, stuck in the de facto annexed areas between the wall and Israel.

Checkpoints may have very limited hours, and can be closed without notice.

The Wall's total length is over 700km, more than twice the length of the Green Line.

Approximately 150 Palestinian communities have land located behind the Barrier, making accessing their own land difficult or impossible.

Sources: Stop the Wall, OCHA OPT

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Understanding the Israeli Apartheid Wall: Just the Facts...

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- The Wall is not built on the Green Line, but rather cuts deep into the West Bank.
- Some 12% of Palestinians in the West Bank will be "outside" the Wall, stuck in the de facto annexed areas between the wall and Israel.
- The Wall's total length will be over 700 km, more than twice the length of the 1949 Armistice ("Green") Line.
- 1,661 km of settler-only roads connect settlements and settlement blocs and complement the Wall system.
- 634 checkpoints or other military obstructions including trenches, roadblocks, metal gates under Occupation control.
- Checkpoints may have very limited hours, and can be closed without notice.
- Around 11,000 Palestinians living in 32 communities located between the Barrier and the Green Line depend on the granting of permits or special arrangements to live in their own homes.
- Approximately 150 Palestinian communities have land located behind the Barrier, forcing residents to seek special permits or 'prior coordination' to access it.
- As a result of the wall and checkpoints, farmers often have to travel hours to reach their own land, located just meters from their homes.

This week's facts come from:

- **Stop the Wall's [fact sheet](#).**
- **OCHA oPt's ["The Humanitarian Impact of the Barrier"](#)**

Learning More

To learn more you can start by reading **Stop the Wall's** [full page on the wall](#) and watch **AJ+'s** ["Israel's wall: Security or apartheid?"](#)

To go deeper, we are developing an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week's entry as well as 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



Send an empty small cardboard box to the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with a note reading: "Opening checkpoints is as easy as opening this box. Take down the Apartheid Wall!" Send it to the following address:

The Knesset
Attn: Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee
Jerusalem 9195016
Israel

Or send an email that reads "Opening checkpoints is as easy as opening this email. End checkpoints within Palestinian territory and take down the Apartheid Wall!" to the committee's email address: v_bitachon@knesset.gov.il.

Share a picture of your box and one of the short videos or other items listed under Additional Resources (on the website) on social media. Include a link to [this page](#) of the Kumi Now website, a link to [the Stop the Wall campaign](#), and the hashtags #WorldwithoutWalls, #KumiNow, and #Kumi29

You Should Know

One or two people, companies, or organizations generally related to the issue of the week you should know, and how you can follow them online.



Stop the Wall

The Palestinian grassroots organization **Stop the Wall** was formed almost immediately after Israel started construction of the wall. Based on the spontaneous formation of local committees that formed to protest and stop the bulldozers from destroying Palestinian land and property, this national coordination body was formed.

You can find Stop the Wall on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).



Amos Trust

Amos Trust is "a small creative human rights organisation committed to challenging injustice, building hope and creating positive change." They work with local partners on grass-roots projects in Palestine, South Africa, Nicaragua, Burundi, India, Tanzania and beyond, working to develop local solutions to global issues.

You can find Amos Trust on their [website](#), specifically their page on [Palestine Justice](#), and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).



The Palestine Chronology

The Palestine Chronology is a new online database from the **Institute for Palestine Studies**. Or, rather, it is a new way to access the daily data that the institute has been gathering since the beginning of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982. These day-by-day summaries are based on Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international sources. Prior to August 2018, the chronology was published quarterly in the *Journal of Palestine Studies*. It is now updated monthly on this online platform.

The platform features a full-text search engine and tags that correspond to the most cited locations, organizations, and persons. This new platform promises to be a very important tool for studying the history of Palestine and the conflict.

You can find the Palestine Chronology on its [website](#). In regards to this week's Kumi Now issue, there are [982 items regarding the wall around the West Bank](#).

Upcoming Weeks

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

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Family Unification

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Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom link are 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](#).



July 27: Week 30 - Family Unification

[Read the full entry online.](#)

On July 31, 2003 Israel passed the Nationality and Entry into Israel Law, making the lives of thousands of Palestinian individuals and families even more precarious and complex.

For our Kumi Action we will send the Prime Minister and his cabinet paper dolls to move around and play with.

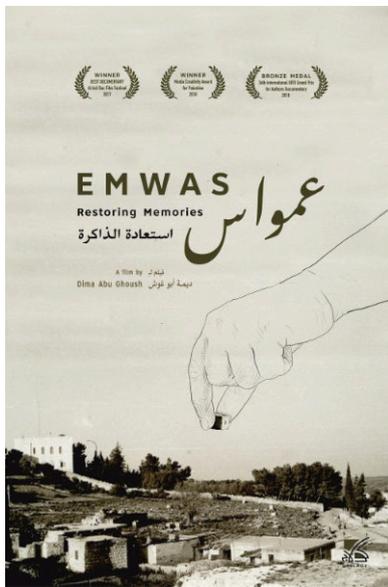
You Should Watch or Read...

One (or maybe two) recent or not-so-recent film, book, video, article, or other piece of art that you should consider reading or watching this week. Have a recommendation? Let us know.

Emwas: Restoring Memories

This week, the **Palestine Film Institute** has selected *Emwas: Restoring Memories* (2016, documentary, 52 minutes) for the film of the week. You have until Wednesday to watch it for free [on their website](#). More about the film:

“Filmmaker Dima Abu Ghoush was born in the village of Emwas, 16 miles from Jerusalem in the Latrun area of the West Bank. On the second day of the 1967 War, Dima, aged 2, and her family were expelled by the Israeli army, like all the other villagers, along with all



inhabitants of the nearby villages of Yalo and Bayt Nuba. All her life, Dima has heard stories about Emwas, but she knows this place only as Canada Park, which was established by Israel in 1973 in the villages' place. In 2009, with the help of family and friends, Dima decides to make a model of Emwas as it used to be. The film revives the lost village through the collective memory of those who used to live there and still dream of returning.”

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 topic, [Family Unification](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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