

Toronto Palestine Film Festival

October 25-November 1, 2008
102A-1075 Bay St., Ste 148
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Discussion Panels

Palestinian Cinema and Cultural Resistance

November 1st, 2008, 10:00-1:00, (location TBC)

Palestinian history is a rich tapestry of resistance and struggle. For decades, an integral part of this history has been the production of film. Palestinian cinema is universally known for its unique employment of irony, humour and innovative use of symbols of defiance. In the contemporary period, resistance has also adopted new cultural forms of expression such as hip-hop and spoken word. The panel, featuring Jackie Reem Salloum, director of *Slingshot Hip Hop* and other renowned Palestinian artists and theorists, will discuss these developments and their part in local struggles.

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Jackie Reem Salloum can be reached at info@slingshothiphop.com or 917-627-0988

Memory of the Cactus: A Story of Three Palestinian Villages

October 29, 2008, 7:00-9:00, Revue Cinema, 400 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto

The Toronto Palestine Film Festival, in collaboration with the Arab Canadian Lawyers Association, is pleased to co-present a film and discussion with members of Al Haq's Legal Research and Advocacy Unit.

Memory of the Cactus, a documentary produced by Al Haq, reveals the story behind Israel's "Canada Park". In 1967, the Palestinian villages of Imwas, Yalo and Beit Nouba in the West Bank were destroyed after Israel occupied the territory. Today, village residents remain displaced and barred from returning to their homes, while their land has been converted into "Canada Park" by the Jewish National Fund, a Canadian registered charity.



Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian human rights NGO based in Ramallah, West Bank, that was established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Al-Haq has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and is the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists-Geneva.

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