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The Moment to Move

Palestinian and Israeli activists
on organizing for collective liberation



Reality is changing quickly. In the West Bank, occupation, settler violence, and ethnic cleansing are escalating. In Israel and the U.S., corrupt and extremist governments are driving societies deeper into crisis. While more people around the world are waking up to the realities of injustice, awareness alone is not changing the trajectory.

People of conscience committed to action face growing challenges in working together. Fractures within the progressive movement too often diminish our collective power and, at times, reproduce the harms we seek to dismantle. This pivotal moment demands deeper engagement, shared resources, organized action, and collective struggle.

This fall, Combatants for Peace activists from Palestine and Israel will travel to the U.S. to share how they are organizing amid daily violence, occupation, and profound power asymmetry to forge a path toward collective liberation. This tour invites participants to transcend borders and lines of division—not only to co-imagine a future worthy of all people, but to discern how we can act together to build it, now.

These extraordinary activists are available mid-September through early October 2026. Suggested honorarium: \$2,500 (reduced rates or alternative arrangements available). To schedule a program, please contact Nicole at nicole@afcfp.org.



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Jamil Qassas

Jamil is a Palestinian refugee whose family was displaced from their village in 1948, Jamil grew up in Dheisheh refugee camp and endured the harsh realities of the occupation during the First Intifada. Having lost his brother, mother, and many friends in the conflict, Jamil's early experiences as a combatant evolved into a deeper understanding of the cycle of violence. He is now the Palestinian General Coordinator of CfP and believes that nonviolent resistance is the only path forward.



Avner Wishnitzer

Avner is a co-founder of Combatants for Peace, and professor of history at Tel Aviv University. He was born and raised in Kibbutz Kvutsat Shiller. Between 1994-1998 he served as a combatant in the elite commando unit Sayeret Matkal. In late 2003, he was part of a group of reserve soldiers and officers that publicly refused to serve in the occupied territories. About a year later, he participated in the meetings that led to the formation of CFP. Since then, Avner served in a number of key roles in the movement, including the General Coordinator of the Israeli side. In 2010 he was awarded the Goldberg IEE Prize for Peace in the Middle East, together with CFP co-founder Bassam Aramin. He resides with his family in Jerusalem.



Mai Shaheen

Mai is a therapist, peace activist, and co-founder of the Satyam community with over 12 years of expertise in conflict resolution, specializing in nonviolent communication, nonviolent resistance, and war trauma-focused therapy. Based in Ezariya, navigating the challenging C area near the separation wall in East Jerusalem with grace and resilience. Mai is committed to fostering dialogue and healing, her work goes beyond personal dedication—making a substantial contribution to the broader mission of peace in Palestine/Israel.

