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### Official Websites:

<http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>

<http://arabic.jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>

<http://gaza.usvpp.gov>

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Genesis at the Crossroads'

## Saffron Caravan in Concert

Come Join Us for a Multi-Cultural Musical Tour  
September 14-21, 2011



"Genesis" by Leonard Lehrner

Guest Artist - Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul & Mary)

**FOUR CONCERTS**

Beer Sheva – AHD Math-Science Academy  
September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 - 9 PM

Al Quds University's Centre for Jerusalem Studies  
September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 - 10 PM

Jerusalem International YMCA  
September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 - 9 PM

Arab-Jewish Community Center, Tel Aviv-Yafo  
September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 - 9 PM

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**The Junior Saffron Caravan Ensemble World Premiere (Diverse Youth)**



Public Affairs Office  
U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv



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## Remarks at the Release of the 13th Annual Report on International Religious Freedom



Now, as you know, the protection of religious freedom is a fundamental concern of the United States going back to the earliest days of our republic, and it remains so today.

As we look around the world, in fact, we see many countries where governments deny their people the most fundamental human rights: the right to believe according to their own conscience – including the freedom to not believe or not follow the religion favored by their government; the right to practice their religion freely, without risking discrimination, arrest, or violence; and the right to educate their children in their own religious traditions; and the freedom to express their beliefs.

### State Dept. Briefing on International Religious Freedom Report

## كلمة وزيرة الخارجية كلينتون حول تقرير وزارة الخارجية حول الحرية الدينية في العالم

والآن، كما تعرفون، فإن حماية الحرية الدينية ظلت تُشكّل مصدر قلق أساسياً للولايات المتحدة منذ الأيام الأولى لقيام جمهوريتنا، ولا يزال قائماً حتى اليوم.

عندما ننظر إلى العالم من حولنا، نرى في الواقع العديد من البلدان، حيث تحرم الحكومات شعوبها من أبسط الحقوق الإنسانية الأساسية: حق المعتقد وفقاً لما يمليه عليهم ضميرهم – بما في ذلك حرية عدم الإيمان بمعتقد أو عدم إتباع الدين الذي تفضله حكومتهم، حق ممارسة شعائرهم الدينية بحرية، دون خوف من التعرض للتمييز، أو الاعتقال، أو العنف، وكذلك حق تعليم أطفالهم وفق تقاليدهم الدينية الخاصة بهم، وحرية التعبير عن معتقداتهم.

مقدمة لتقرير وزارة الخارجية الأميركية للعام 2010 عن الحرية الدينية في العالم

## President Obama's Remarks at "A Concert for Hope"



These past 10 years underscores the bonds between all Americans. We have not succumbed to suspicion, nor have we succumbed to mistrust. After 9/11, to his great credit, President Bush made clear what we reaffirm today: The United States will never wage war against Islam or any other religion. Immigrants come here from all parts of the globe. And in the biggest cities and the smallest towns, in schools and workplaces, you still see people of every conceivable race and religion and ethnicity — all of them pledging allegiance to the flag, all of them reaching for the same American dream — e pluribus unum, out of many, we are one.

### كلمة الرئيس أوباما خلال "حفل الأمل"

تؤكد هذه السنوات العشر الماضية على الروابط القائمة بين جميع الأميركيين. لم نستسلم للشكوك، كما لم نستسلم للارتياح. لقد أوضح الرئيس بوش في أعقاب 9/11، وهذا شيء عظيم يجب أن يحتسب له، ما نعيد تأكيده هذا اليوم: إن الولايات المتحدة لن تشن أبداً حرباً ضد الإسلام أو ضد أي دين آخر. فالمهاجرون يأتون إلى هنا من جميع أنحاء العالم. ويمكنكم أن تشاهدوا في أكبر المدن وأصغر البلدات، في المدارس وأماكن العمل، أناسا ينتمون إلى كل عرق، ودين، وجنس يمكن تصوره - وجميعهم يتعهدون بالولاء للعلم، وجميعهم يسعون إلى تحقيق نفس الحلم الأميركي - فنحن من الكثرة واحد.

## The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Commemorates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem commemorated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with a tree-planting ceremony in the Consulate garden. Consul General Daniel Rubinstein addressed an audience of American, Palestinian, Israeli, and international members of the Consulate community, then led a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., followed by a dedication of a tree and plaque to honor the victims of the attack. Consul General Rubinstein noted that the Consulate will engage in a community service activity in East Jerusalem on 9/11 and quoted President Barak Obama's remarks when he noted that such efforts will begin "to transform the pain of September 11th into both a day to honor those who perished and a day to serve, to plant hope and work for a better future, and is yet another victory for those who choose to celebrate life's blessings over those who seek change through violence and death."

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## The U.S. Consulate's Summer Journalism Student Internship Program Yields Job Opportunities for Journalism Graduates



In partnership with four independent Palestinian media outlets (Al Quds newspaper, Al Ayyam newspaper, Wattan TV, and Maan news agency) and Al Quds University's Institute of Modern Media (IMM), the Consulate sponsored a first of its kind journalism internship program. The 11 interns selected to participate in this year's internships are completing the final month of the three-month long program. The involved media outlets have indicated that of the 11 interns, at least 5-6 will be extended job offers at the conclusion of the program. As part of the program, the interns are each compiling a portfolio of their published/broadcasted work to help them secure future employment.



- **NEW!** Calling all organizations interested in funding from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), including MEPI. Read this [PDF instruction booklet](#) then take the questionnaire to see if your organization is a good fit for future NEA funding in the areas of political and economic development, democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, and much more! NEA will notify you if your organization might be considered for future funding through this opportunity.

Don't wait to tell us about your work... This opportunity closes on **SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

- [MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#) to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at [mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov](mailto:mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov)

- **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the 2012 - 2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the 2012-2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians residing in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities at selected U.S. universities. To learn more, please visit [www.humphreyfellowship.org](http://www.humphreyfellowship.org).

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) for an intensive English course of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2012 in preparation for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be Palestinian residents of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, or Gaza Strip;
- Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or Green Card holders;
- Applicants must have a university degree of full-time study with a minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience prior to August 2011;
- Applicants must take the official TOEFL exam as soon as they can. The score takes a minimum of six to eight weeks to be issued. For the non-LTE program, the score should be at least 525 for the Paper-Based Test or 195 for the Computer-Based Test. (please contact Amideast for information on taking the TOEFL).

**Deadline: September 25, 2011.** Late applications will NOT be accepted.

**Applications should be submitted online at:** <http://apply.embark.com/student/humphrey/fellowship/>

- **The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** is pleased to announce the opening of its 2012-2013 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. The Center accepts non-advocacy, policy-relevant, fellowship proposals that address key challenges of past, present, and future issues confronting the United States and the world. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. The Center also supports projects that intersect with contemporary policy issues and provide the historical and/or cultural context for some of today's significant public policy issues. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, Windows based personal computers, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, and part-time research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: [fellowships@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:fellowships@wilsoncenter.org).

You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowshipapplication/>

**Deadline: October 1, 2011**

- **CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:** Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. Here is more information: <http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions>

## Message to U.S. Citizens

### TRAVEL ALERT: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs

As we mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Department of State informs U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad of the continued threat posed by al-Qa'ida and its affiliates. While we have not identified any specific threats from al-Qa'ida affiliates and allies to attack the United States or our interests on the 9/11 anniversary, U.S. citizens should be aware that al-Qa'ida affiliates and allies have demonstrated the intent and capability to carry out attacks against the United States and our interests around the world. In the past, terrorist organizations have on occasion planned their attacks to coincide with significant dates on the calendar. This Worldwide Travel Alert supplements the July 26, 2011, Worldwide Caution, and expires on January 2, 2012.

## Regional and International News

### Libyans Addressing Differences Through Debate

تقرير الحرية الدينية: نشاطات الولايات المتحدة في بلدان مختارة

### State Department on Emergency Law in Egypt

ملخص التحديات التي تواجه الحرية الدينية في العالم

### State's Luna at APEC Event on Combating Corruption and Bribery

كلمتا الوزيرة بانيتا والأدميرال مولن بمناسبة إحياء ذكرى الحادي عشر من أيلول/سبتمبر

### Religious Freedom Report: U.S. Actions in Select Countries

بيان حقائق: المنتدى العالمي لمكافحة الإرهاب

### Summary of Challenges to International Religious Freedom