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**Thank You!**

## Consul General Rubinstein's Thanksgiving Greeting



"My family and I are pleased to send our warmest greetings and wishes to all those celebrating Thanksgiving. As my family and I celebrate this Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the opportunity to live and work with the peoples of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, and to have the honor to meet so many striving for a hopeful future of enduring peace. As we work towards that common goal, may we remember to express gratitude to each other for progress, large and small, that moves us closer to a lasting peace for all peoples of the region. Happy Thanksgiving."

### **تهنئة القنصل العام روبنستين في عيد الشكر**

يسعدني أنا وعائلتي أن نرسل أحر تحياتنا وأمنياتنا لجميع المحتفلين بعيد الشكر. ونحن نحتفل أنا وعائلتي بعيد الشكر لهذا العام، فإننا ممتنون للفرصة التي أتاحت لنا أن نعيش ونعمل مع أهل القدس والضفة الغربية وقطاع غزة وبأنه كان لنا شرف لقاء أولئك الكثر الذين يتوقون لمستقبل يملأه الأمل بسلام دائم. وبينما نعمل مع بعضنا نحو ذلك الهدف المشترك، ننتذكر أن نعبر عن امتناننا لبعضنا البعض على التقدم كبيرا كان أم صغيرا، والذي يدفعنا لتكون أقرب من السلام الدائم لجميع شعوب المنطقة.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to present

يسر القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس ان تقدم

# LEGACY

## ليجسي

Hebron: Thursday, Dec 1, 4:00 pm at the Youth Development Resource Center - Palestinian Child Home Club, Ras Joura

الخليل: الخميس 12\1 الساعة الرابعة بعد الظهر في مركز مصادر التنمية الشبابية-نادي بيت الطفل، المبنى الجديد، راس الجورة

Jerusalem: Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Center

القدس: السبت 12/3 الساعة السابعة والنصف مساء في مركز النوتردام



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Legacy, an American hip hop group, creates music about faith, love, struggle, and the pursuit of beauty in life and art.

فرقة ليجسي وهي فرقة هيب هوب امريكية تخلق موسيقى حول الايمان، الحب و الصراع، والسعي للجمال في الحياه والفن.

إحسان محمد  
بن مينرسا  
جيريمي كليمونس  
يزيد بن محمد



## The First-Ever Palestinian Social Media Conference



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is proud to sponsor the first-ever Palestinian social media conference. It will be held over a period of 3 days in the city of **Ramallah** on **December 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>** at the **Ramallah Cultural Palace**. The event is open to Palestinian social media activists, journalists, media professionals, academics, students, civil society representatives, ICT entrepreneurs, and business community members from across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The goal of the conference is to gather Palestinians from various sectors together for the first time in one location to start a dialogue about the Palestinian social media landscape and the potentially important role it can play in building and strengthening Palestinian civil society, economic, and educational competitiveness. The conference will assist Palestinian social media practitioners, universities, journalists, and private sector representatives to organize and expand their networks, increase their knowledge, understanding, and use of new and innovative tools and technologies to benefit their efforts, get products to markets, and learn how to “tell their stories” more effectively. The conference will include presentations; panel discussions; training sessions, and more!

A wide range of topics will be highlighted, with particular focus on 5 main areas: Civil Society/Advocacy, Education, Entrepreneurship/Business, Journalism, and Technology.



## America House in Jerusalem

Is pleased to invite you to the following upcoming programs in Jerusalem:

### **Legacy – Live in Concert!**

December 3, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

Notre Dame Auditorium

*(Doors open at 7:00 P.M.)*

Legacy is a brand new live soul/hip-hop quartet. Three of the members are siblings. Kahlil Kwame Bell, is a master drummer and composer who has taught and performed all over the world. Ihsan Muhammad, is a singer, poet and lyricist who has taught and performed for over ten years as a solo artist. Benu Muhammad is a rapper and actor whose commitment to his art is evident in his flow. The fourth member is a brother from a different mother and father, Ben Meigners, a master bassist. Legacy's music is about faith, love, struggle and the pursuit of beauty in life and art. Legacy is here as part of the Rythym Road. Since 2005, Jazz at Lincoln Center has produced the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' *The Rhythm Road: American Music Abroad*, a touring program.

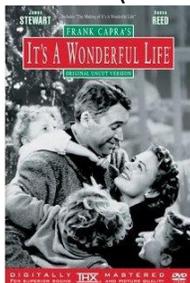
### **American Classic Films Series Opening**

#### ***"It's a Wonderful Life"***

Director: Frank Capra

December 8, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

America House, Al Zahara Street (across from Rockefeller Park)



*Due to limited seating, please RSVP to [AmericaHouseJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:AmericaHouseJerusalem@state.gov)*

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Women's Micro-Enterprise Bazaar and Fashion Show**

December 15, 2011

*More details to follow*

*America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center  
In East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*



**U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem**  
**Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation**  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) has announced a call for proposals for cultural preservation projects at Palestinian historical and cultural sites. The deadline for submission to the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is **December 1, 2011**.

More information about the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation may be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/heritage/afcp.html>

**1. PRIORITY AREAS:** The AFCP supports projects to preserve cultural heritage in the following three categories:

- Cultural Sites
- Cultural Objects and Collections
- Forms of Traditional Cultural Expression

**2. PRIORITY ACTIVITIES:** The AFCP gives top priority to project activities that are in keeping with international cultural heritage preservation standards. These activities may include:

- In the case of CULTURAL SITES, restoration of a historic building, preservation of an archaeological site, or documentation of cultural sites in a region for preservation purposes.
- In the case of CULTURAL OBJECTS AND COLLECTIONS, conservation treatment for an object or collection of objects; needs assessment of a collection with respect to its condition and strategies for improving its state of conservation; inventory of a collection for conservation and protection purposes; the creation of safe environments for storage or display of collections; or specialized training in the care and preservation of collections.
- In the case of FORMS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSION, documentation and audiovisual recording of traditional music and dance forms for preservation and eventual dissemination, or support for training in the preservation of traditional arts or crafts that are threatened by extinction. Stakeholders may include national, regional, or local cultural authorities; the local community; and others with vested interests in the site and the outcome of a project.

**3. COST SHARING:** AFCP encourages cost sharing, contributions in kind, and other forms of cost participation.

**4. HOW TO APPLY: (DEADLINE: December 1, 2011)**

Proposal requirements:

- A. Project purpose that briefly explains the project objectives and desired results;
- B. Project activities description that explains how the applicant intends to achieve the project objectives and results, presents proposed tasks in a logical order, and describes how those tasks directly contribute towards achieving the project objectives and results;
- C. Project timeframe or schedule that identifies the major project phases and milestones, with performance target dates for achieving them;
- D. Statement of importance highlighting the historic, architectural, artistic, or cultural (non religious) values of the cultural site, object, collection, or form of traditional expression;
- E. Statement of urgency indicating the severity of the situation and explaining why the project must take place now;
- F. Rationale for U.S. support that explains why the U.S. government ought to fund this project;
- G. Detailed project budget, demarcated in one-year budget periods (2011, 2012, 2013, etc.), that lists all costs in cost categories (Personnel, Travel (including Per Diem), Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other Direct Costs); indicates funds from other sources; and gives a justification for any anticipated international travel costs;
- H. Applicant information, including resumes or CVs of the proposed project director and key project participants, that demonstrates that the applying entity (ministry of culture, NGO, etc.) has the requisite experience and the capacity to manage projects to preserve cultural heritage;
- I. Proof of official permission to undertake the project and the endorsement and support of the appropriate national authority;
- J. Attachments, including at least three high quality digital images (JPEGs) or audiovisual files that convey the nature and condition of the site, object, or form of expression and, in the case of a site or object, show the urgency or need for the proposed project (collapsing wall, water damage, worn fabric, broken handle, etc).
- K. **Proposals should not exceed \$200,000.** Last year, AFCP awards worldwide ranged from \$10,000 to \$254,000 with an average award amount of \$57,600.

Please submit proposals via e-mail to Suzan Nammari, Senior Cultural Affairs Specialist, U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem, by email at [nammari@state.gov](mailto:nammari@state.gov) by December 1, 2011.



### [2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program: Post-Doctoral Research/Lecturing Opportunity in the U.S.:](#)

The Fulbright Visiting Senior Scholar Award provides an opportunity to post-doctoral scholars who are to begin a program of research or teaching in 2012/2013 at an accredited university, or a public or private, non-private, non-profit research institute in the United States. **Deadline: November 30, 2011**

### [2012 Study of the United States Institutes \(SUSI\) Summer Programs Scholars and Secondary School Educators:](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Scholars and Secondary School Educators. The SUSI institute programs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary school educators and scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. The ultimate goal of SUSI programs is to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2011**

### ["Doors to Diplomacy" 2012 International Web Project Competition for Middle and High School Students:](#)

The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the 2012 "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects from around the globe that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy.

To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. **Projects must be completed by March 15, 2012**, and winners will be announced in May 2012. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams – one American and one international – will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award. **Deadline: March 15, 2012.**

For a complete description of the competition and information about eligibility and judging criteria, please visit <http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/>. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Marie Andres of Global SchoolNet by phone at (760) 635-0001 or by e-mail at [diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org](mailto:diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org) or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at [RamseyWC@state.gov](mailto:RamseyWC@state.gov).

### [MEPI Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#)

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) announces the launch of the first-ever Information Technology (IT) Program that seeks 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)

## International and Regional News

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### [Clinton on Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry Report](#)

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[بيان الرئيس أوباما بشأن توقيع الاتفاقية اليمنية بواسطة مجلس التعاون الخليجي](#)

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