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U.S. Consul General Visits Qalqiliya



On April 16, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein visited Qalqiliya and met with Qalqiliya Governor Rabih al-Khandaqji, Mayor Othman Daoud, and key community and business leaders. Consul General Rubinstein commended their efforts, as well as those of President Abbas and Prime Minister Fayyad, to improve prospects for economic development in the region, especially for farmers. During a visit to the Al-Hanna Textile Company, which received a grant from the United States to purchase new sewing machines and create 65 new jobs, Consul General Rubinstein congratulated its founder, Fatima al-Jada, for her successful partnership with USAID. Through this partnership, she and her colleagues have created opportunities for women and members of the disabled community, who have traditionally experienced difficulties in entering the job market.

زيارة القنصل الأمريكي العام لقلقيية تعكس الدعم الأمريكي لقطاعي الأعمال والزراعة

زار القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين قلقيية اليوم حيث التقى مع محافظ قلقيية السيد ربيع الخندقي ورئيس البلدية السيد داود عثمان بالإضافة لقادة محليين وقادة أعمال. وقد حياهم على جهودهم وجهود الرئيس عباس ورئيس الوزراء فياض لتحسين آفاق التطور الاقتصادي في المنطقة وخاصة للمزارعين. وقام خلال الجولة بزيارة لمصنع الهناء للألبسة الذي تلقى منحة من الوكالة الأمريكية للتنمية الدولية لشراء ماكينات خياطة جديدة وخلق 65 فرصة عمل جديدة، وقد هنا القنصل العام روبنستين مؤسسة المصنع السيدة فاطمة الجدد على شراكتها الناجحة مع الوكالة الأمريكية للتنمية الدولية والتي من خلالها تمكنت هي وزملائها من خلق فرص للنساء والأشخاص ذوي الإعاقة اللواتي عانين تقليديا من صعوبات في الدخول لسوق العمل.



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce

We are moving!

America House will be relocated to the U.S. Consulate facility on Nablus Road in East Jerusalem the first week in May.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends in Jerusalem at the new space soon.

The new America House will continue to have diverse speaker programs plus:

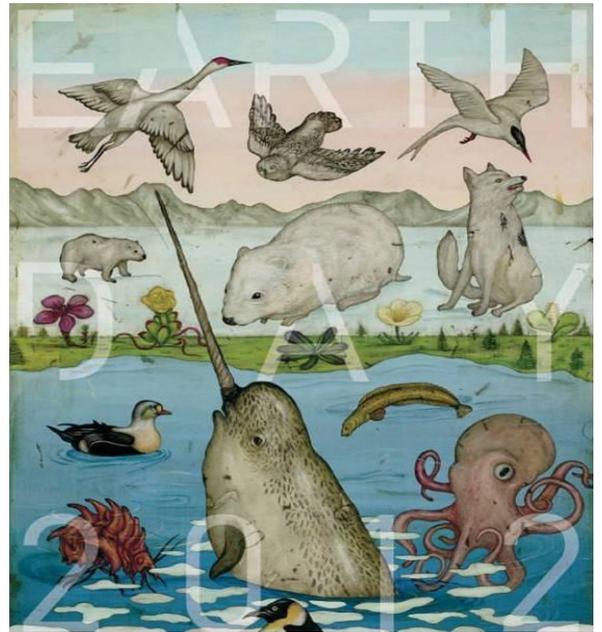
- A library with books in English and Arabic, which can be enjoyed in the library or outside in the garden
- A programming space for meetings, digital video conferences and movie screenings
- Summer music series in the garden
- A gallery space, for exhibiting works by American and Palestinian artists
- English exchange afternoons for youth to improve their English skills
- And more!

For more information and a schedule of upcoming events, please e-mail us at JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov

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

April 22 is Earth Day

This year, the world will celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is the annual celebration of the environment and a time to assess the work needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. In the United States, it is observed on April 22, and it affirms that environmental awareness is part of the country's consciousness and that the idea of protecting the environment has moved to the mainstream of American thought. The 2012 theme, *Mobilize the Earth*, aims to inspire people to take local-level action to protect the environment.



See Also:

[What is Earth Day?](#)

[U.S.-Canada Partnership to Promote Agroforestry](#)

[Climate Action Goes Local](#)

[Climate Change Partnerships](#)

[Earth Day's Message, Every Day](#)

[Muslim-American Women Lead Community Projects for Earth Day](#)

[Local Citizens Must Join Climate Debate](#)

[Aquarium Saves Whale Sharks ... and Otters and Turtles](#)

[Earth Day Network](#)

[Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs](#)

[Sustainable Agriculture: Good for Farmer; Good for Earth](#)

[Earth Day 2012: Climate Change and the Polar Regions](#)

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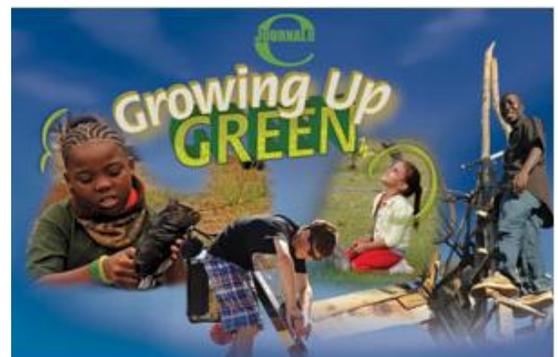
[Earth Day 2012: Protecting Pollinators](#)

[U.S. Releases New Views of Earth's Ocean Floor](#)

[University of Utah Leads Class in Use of Alternative Energy](#)



[Watch: Earth Day: One Act](#)



[Read eJournal USA: Growing Up Green \(PDF version\)](#)

The U.S. Consulate's Environmental Activities

U.S. Consulate and Salfet American Corner Visit Jericho for Eco-Adventure

On April 6, a delegation of municipal officials, youth council leaders, community activists and children, who regularly participate in American Corner (AC) Salfet's educational and cultural programs, spent a day as eco-tourists in Jericho. Jericho as the world's lowest city, sitting just above the Dead Sea in the Jordan River Valley, offers many eco-attractions that showcase its unique environment. The AC Salfet visitors began at Elisha's Spring near the ruins of the ancient city and finished with a hike through Wadi Qelt, a rocky, though sometimes verdant, valley that winds into the desert crag.

The purpose of the visit was to promote eco-tourism as part of the U.S. Consulate's month-long celebration of Earth Day.



U.S. Consulate launches Eco-Park Project in Hebron

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and Hebron's Center for Environment began a small grant project aimed at raising environmental awareness through "eco parks" in the West Bank. On April 6, a group of students ages 12 -16 years gathered in Hebron for the introductory session, learning about local environmental problems and acquiring the tools to solve them.

The project will host different sessions each focused on a particular environmental problem including, solid waste management, water scarcity, and pollution. As part of the project, participants will spend one day a week over the next month, implementing their newly acquired knowledge in a park clean-up and beautification project in Hebron. They will also construct decorative features, park equipment, and recycled and recyclable public art.



Secretary Clinton Remarks at the Conclusion of the G8 Ministerial



“This group of nations has extensive shared interests and responsibilities around the globe, so we discussed a range of issues that are of pressing concern. And while there was certainly frank debate about the details, we all affirmed our common commitment to confronting these challenges together and working in close consultation with one another.”

تصريحات وزيرة الخارجية كلينتون عقب اجتماع وزراء مجموعة الدول الثماني

"الدى هذه المجموعة من الدول مصالح ومسؤوليات مشتركة حول العالم، ولذلك ناقشنا طائفة من القضايا الملحة ذات الاهتمام المشترك. وفي حين جرت بطبيعة الحال مناقشات صريحة حول التفاصيل، أكدنا جميعاً التزامنا المشترك بمواجهة هذه التحديات معاً، والعمل بالتشاور الوثيق مع بعضنا البعض"

Secretary Clinton at “Open Government Partnership” Opening Session



“In the 21st century, the United States is convinced that one of the most significant divisions among nations will not be north/south, east/west, religious, or any other category so much as whether they are open or closed societies. We believe that countries with open governments, open economies, and open societies will increasingly flourish. They will become more prosperous, healthier, more secure, and more peaceful.

By contrast, those governments that hide from public view and dismiss the idea of openness and the aspirations of their people for greater freedom will find it increasingly difficult to maintain peace and security. Those countries that attempt to monopolize economic activity or make it so difficult for individuals to open their own businesses; they will find it increasingly hard to prosper. And those societies that believe they can be closed to change, to ideas, cultures, and beliefs that are different from theirs, will find quickly that in our internet world they will be left behind.”

See Also: [Clinton on Community of Democracies' First Secretary-General](#)

[State Dept. Fact Sheet on Open Government Partnership](#)

Upcoming WebChats: Make Your Voice Heard

12th Annual World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates

Summit Webcasts:

Dates: Monday, April 23 – Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Time: 4:30pm (local time)

Link: <http://conx.state.gov/digital-diplomacy>



Interested in seeing Nobel Peace Laureates and superstars, including President Jimmy Carter? Join us for live webcasts of the 12th Annual World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, on April 23-25. For more information and the complete list of panelists, visit the 12th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates website:

www.nobelsummitchicago.org

In the week prior to the Summit, join the human rights discussions between Chicago's Lincoln Park High School and Algeria and Lima (April 20). All hour-long webcasts begin at 4:30 pm (local time). For further information on Summit activities, watch Secretary Clinton's special video message about the State Department's youth initiatives surrounding the 12th World Summit:

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2012/04/187497.htm>

This will be a series of video webchats and webcasts in English. Please click on the URLs above to learn more and participate. Follow the conversation on Twitter by tweeting your thoughts and questions with the hashtag #Nobel

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The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2013 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2013.

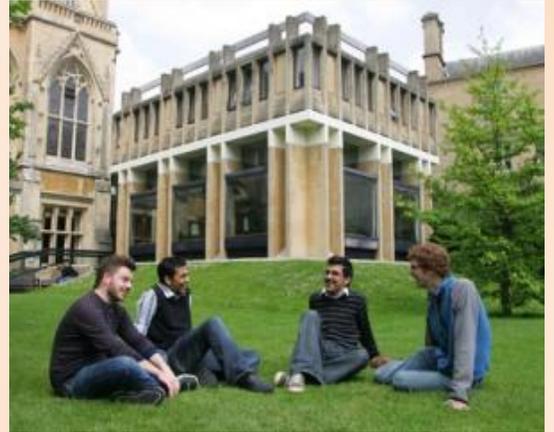
The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. FLTAs work as teaching assistants for their native language (Arabic) to U.S. students, thus strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

Deadline: July 30, 2012.

See:

Students Across Globe Can Take Online Courses at U.S. Universities

Some of America's most elite universities, including Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), are experimenting with free online courses that give thousands of motivated students around the world the opportunity to learn sophisticated skills and earn informal credentials.



التعلم عن طريق الإنترنت يفتح أبواب الجامعات الأميركية أمام الدارسين من ربوع العالم

يختبر بعض من الجامعات المرموقة التي تعد في مصافي معاهد النخبة في الولايات المتحدة، ومنها جامعة ستانفورد ومعهد ماساشوستس للتكنولوجيا، برامج تقدم من خلالها مناهج دراسية مجانية عن طريق الإنترنت تتيح لآلاف الطلاب المحفزين حول العالم فرصة التحصيل العملي في مهارات متطورة واكتساب وثائق معتمدة غير رسمية.

International and Regional News

[President Obama on Yom HaShoah](#)

[مقتطفات من بيان رئيس اجتماع وزراء خارجية مجموعة الدول
الثمانية](#)

[Secretary Clinton at Ministerial Meeting on Syria](#)

[تصريحات للسفيرة رايس حول سوريا وكوريا الشمالية والسودان](#)

[U.S. Wants Transition that Fulfills Syria's "Greatest Aspirations"](#)

[مقتطفات من تصريحات السفارة رايس أمام الصحفيين في مجلس
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[Secretaries Clinton, Panetta on Afghanistan, Syria,
North Korea](#)

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[Ambassador Rice at U.N. on Syria, North Korea,
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[بيان وزارة الخارجية عن الخلاف الإماراتي-الإيراني بشأن الجزر
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[Ambassador Rice at U.N. Security Council on
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