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Consul General Opens New American Corner in Nablus



On May 22, Consul General Rubinstein, Nablus Governor Mr. Al Bakri, and An Najah University President Dr. Hamdallah celebrated the opening of the American Corner at An Najah National University's New Campus Library. During the ceremony, Consul General Rubinstein said: "With the opening of American Corner Nablus, we are poised to reach new heights in our relationship ... that is our essential goal – that with access to the same information and afforded similar opportunities, Palestinians and Americans would grow closer, not just in broad understanding, but also in specific areas of positive engagement, be they in culture, science, or business ... I am as delighted by the prospect of our shared future, as I am honored by the partnership of our friends here in Nablus."

[For full remarks click here](#)

القنصل العام يفتتح الزاوية الامريكية الجديدة في نابلس

بتاريخ 22 أيار احتفل القنصل الامريكي العام روبنستين ومحافظ نابلس جبريل البكري ورئيس جامعة النجاح د رامي حمدالله بالعلاقات الوثيقة بين القنصلية الامريكية العامة في القدس وجامعة النجاح وذلك خلال الافتتاح الرسمي للزاوية الامريكية الجديدة في جامعة النجاح في نابلس. وقد قال القنصل العام روبنستين خلال الاحتفال: " بافتتاح الزاوية الامريكية بنابلس نحن جاهزون لنصل لمراميل جديدة في علاقتنا. وهذا هو هدفنا الأساسي- انه بوصولنا لنفس المعلومات والفرص المتشابهة فإن الفلسطينيين والأمريكيين سيصبحون اقرب ليس فقط في الفهم الواسع وإنما ايضا بالقضايا المحددة للتدخل الإيجابي سواء في الثقافة أو العلوم أو الأعمال. أنا سعيد بهذا المنظور لمستقبلنا المشترك وفخور بهذه الشراكة مع أصدقائنا هنا في نابلس." [اضغط هنا للنص الكامل لكلمة القنصل](#)

American Council of Young Political Leaders Visits Jerusalem and the West Bank



A seven-member delegation of young political leaders from the United States visited Jerusalem and the West Bank May 16-19. Through a grant from the Office of Citizens Exchanges at the U.S. Department of State, members of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) participated in a three-day exchange program, during which they were hosted by the Palestinian Council for Young Political Leaders (PCYPL).

The Washington DC-based ACYPL is a nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization internationally recognized as the pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political and policy professionals to international affairs and to each other. Their mission is to promote mutual understanding, respect and friendship, and to cultivate long lasting relationships among next generation leaders. For 44 years, ACYPL has designed, organized and managed unique international educational exchanges for young political leaders (ages 25-40) worldwide. American participants are nominated by members of Congress, governors, political party leaders, and ACYPL alumni.

المجلس الأمريكي للقيادات السياسية الشبابية يزور القدس والضفة الغربية

قام سبعة من القيادات السياسية الشبابية من الولايات المتحدة بزيارة للقدس والضفة الغربية ما بين 16-19 أيار عبر منحة من مكتب التبادل في وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية حيث شارك أعضاء من المجلس الأمريكي للقيادات السياسية الشبابية في برنامج ثقافي لمدة ثلاثة أيام استضافهم فيه المجلس الفلسطيني للقيادات السياسية الشبابية.

يذكر أن المجلس الفلسطيني للقيادات السياسية الشبابية هو جهة غير حزبي غير حكومية معروفة دوليا بكونها أفضل وسيلة لتعريف المهنيين السياسيين الصاعدين على الشؤون الدولية وعلى بعضهم البعض. تركز رسالتهم على تشجيع التفاهم والإحترام المتبادل والصداقة المتبادلة ونسج علاقات متينة بين الجيل القادم من القيايين. نظم المجلس للقيادات السياسية الشبابية الأمريكي ولمدة 44 عام برامج تبادل ثقافية دولية فريدة للقيادة السياسيين الشباب الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين (25-40 عام) حول العالم. ويتم ترشيح المشاركين الأمريكيين من قبل أعضاء الكونغرس والمحافظين وقادة الحزب السياسي وخريجي برامج التبادل الثقافي.



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following programs
at our new location in the U.S. Consulate building on Nablus Road

Open Hours for the library during the week of May 27:

Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Browse our books and magazines.
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

“A View from the Anchor’s Chair”

Presentation and discussion with
Mr. Richard Lui, MSNBC Anchor

May 29, 2012, 5:00 PM



Join us at America House to hear from Mr. Richard Lui, MSNBC anchor, entrepreneur and community leader about his work on- and off-the-air at one of the most popular U.S. cable news channels. Richard Lui is an American journalist and daytime news anchor for MSNBC. Lui is also a rotating news anchor for NBC's weekend Today show and contributes reports for NBC News Investigations Unit and NBC Weekend Nightly News. Before joining MSNBC, Lui was a news anchor for five years at CNN Worldwide. When Lui joined CNN Headline News in 2007 he became the first Asian American male to anchor a daily, national cable news show in the U.S.

Venue: America House, U.S. Consulate Building, Nablus Road, Jerusalem

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please Note: Please bring an ID to show at the door. Translation will be provided.

America House Small Grants Program – Proposals currently being accepted

Proposals for Jerusalem-based programs are currently being accepted for the America House Small Grants Program. Please visit <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/americahouse2.html> for more information and the application. **Proposals are due by June 4, 2012**

To be added to America House’s mailing list, please e-mail JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov or call 02-563-4029.

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

Call for Proposals

America House opens its second call for small grant proposals and is looking for innovative projects/programs to be implemented in Jerusalem that focus on one or more of the following:

- Improve mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation between Jerusalemites and Americans;
- Address a cultural, educational, economic, or social issue/ need in the community; and
- Promote shared values and culture.

In addition, proposals should address one or more of these topics:

- Educational
- Civil Society and Democracy
- Social Media
- Cultural
- Youth Engagement
- Science and Technology
- Women Empowerment
- People Living with Disabilities

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of US\$10,000. Proposals that include multiple sources of funding and creative techniques to reduce costs will receive favorable consideration. Working with other partner organizations is encouraged.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The applying organization should be a nongovernmental and/or nonprofit organization.
2. Projects should be implemented in Jerusalem and involve primarily Jerusalem participants.
3. Requested budget should not exceed US\$10,000.

Instructions for Applying for a Grant:

- Application may be submitted in English or Arabic
- Send your application in a **Microsoft Word** format
- Limit your grant proposal to a maximum of five (7) pages (**not including CV's**)

All applications should include a complete grant proposal. The application deadline is June 4, 2012.

All proposals and questions should be directed to the following email:

JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov

Closing date for application is June 4, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by June 25, 2012.

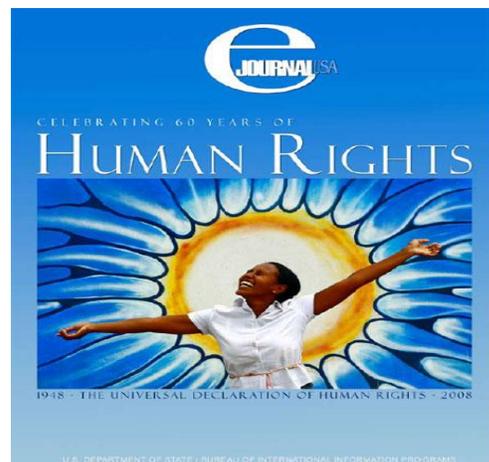
Good luck with your proposals!

GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION

The Country Reports on Human Rights

The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices are submitted annually by the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Congress. The law provides that the Secretary of State shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by February 25 "a full and complete report regarding the status of internationally recognized human rights, within the meaning of subsection (A) in countries that receive assistance under this part, and (B) in all other foreign countries which are members of the United Nations and which are not otherwise the subject of a human rights report under this Act." Reports on several countries are included that do not fall into the categories established by these statutes and that thus are not covered by the congressional requirement.

On May 24, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Michael Posner released the 2011 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices . Visit <http://www.humanrights.gov/>



[View a PDF version of an 2008 Human Rights issue of e-Journal](#)

See: [2011 Human Rights Report: Israel and the occupied territories](#)

TRACKING HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE: THE STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES



"The timeless principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are a North Star guiding us toward the world we want to inhabit – a just world where, as President Obama has put it, peace rests on the 'inherent rights and dignity of every individual.' With the facts in hand and the goals clear in our heads and our hearts, we recommit ourselves to continue the hard work of making human rights a human reality."

- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

The values the United States embraces – the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – are grounded in a universal truth. They are not an American inheritance, but are the birthright of every woman, man, and child.

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices

The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices are an essential element of the U.S. effort to promote respect for human rights worldwide. They inform U.S. Government policymaking and serve as a reference for other governments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations, human rights defenders, and journalists. The Country Reports aim to advance worldwide efforts to end abuses, to help strengthen the capacity of countries to protect the human rights of all, and to shine a spotlight on countries that fail to live up to international human rights commitments and obligations. The Country Reports assess each country's situation independently against universal human rights precepts, during each calendar year, and each Country Report is intended to stand on its own. Countries are not compared to each other or placed in any order other than alphabetically by region.

Human Rights in the United States

America's open, democratic system allows people here at home and around the world to comment on U.S. policies without fear. The American system of government is not

Notable trends in the 2010 Country Reports:

- Governments continued to restrict the ability of members of civil society to organize and operate.
- Governments threatened freedoms of expression and association, both online and off.
- Specific populations, including women, children, religious and ethnic minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons remained at particular risk of human rights abuses.

infallible; it is accountable. The U.S. democratic system provides a variety of self-correcting mechanisms, such as a robust civil society, a vibrant free media, independent branches of government – including the courts – and a well established rule of law.

The focus of the Country Reports is on the human rights performance of other governments. However, the United States does examine its own human rights record against its international obligations and commitments in many other fora pursuant to our treaty obligations. For example, we file reports on our implementation of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention

Against Torture.

The United Nations Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process evaluates the human rights records of each of the 192 UN member states once every four years. The U.S. UPR report was submitted in 2010, following a rigorous consultation process with civil society and Native American leaders around the country. Our UPR report discusses existing laws, policies, and other measures established to ensure respect for human rights in the United States. We participate in the UPR process because we believe human rights conditions in any country are a legitimate topic of discussion and concern in the international community.

Egyptian Presidential Election



“The Egyptian people concluded a historic two days of voting in the first round of their presidential election, marking another important milestone in their transition to democracy. We look forward to working with Egypt's democratically elected government. We will continue to stand with the Egyptian people as they work to seize the promise of last year's uprising and build a democracy that reflects their values and traditions, respects universal human rights, and meets their aspirations for dignity and a better life.”

U.S. Department of State Partners with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to Support Middle East and North Africa Transitions

The State Department, through its office of the **U.S. – Middle East Partnership Initiative** (MEPI), is pleased to announce \$1.5 million in funding to the **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development** (OECD) to support open governance and political participation in the Middle East and North Africa. The initiative, launched under the auspices of the G-8 Deauville Partnership, will support the governments of Jordan, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia as they design and implement, together with their citizens and civil society organizations, policies that increase government transparency and accountability. Other donors will fund the OECD project in Egypt. The MEPI-OECD initiative will support the Deauville Partnership's efforts to attract investment, foster local economic development and job creation, and combat corruption in these countries. This project will also help these countries make reforms to be eligible for membership in the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

See Also:

[G8 Launches Programs to Help Five Transitioning Arab Countries](#)

[مجموعة الدول الثماني تطلق برامج ترمي إلى مساعدة خمس دول عربية تمر بمرحلة تحول](#)

[Deauville Partnership With Arab Countries in Transition](#)

Fairhaven Project: Science-Maritime Education Program

The Fairhaven Project at the Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) brings three Palestinians and three Israelis (between 17-19 years old) to the U.S. to NMI's facilities in Fairhaven, Massachusetts from July 1th through August 4th, 2012. NMI covers the visa expenses, round-trip airfare and food and living expenses. The goal is to promote science-maritime education and cooperation between neighboring peoples.

For more information about the program: <http://www.northeastmaritime.com>.

NMI Contact information:

Laura Frazier

32 Washington Street

Fairhaven, Mass. 02719 USA

Email: laura@northeastmaritime.com

Deadline: June 1, 2012.

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 Also:

U.S. Government Expands Program for International Students

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Immigrants to U.S. Pursue Their Diploma Dreams

المهاجرون إلى أميركا يسعون إلى تحقيق أحلامهم في التحصيل العلمي



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