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Thank You!

Secretary Clinton Remarks in Egypt



“The United States welcomes the agreement today for a ceasefire in Gaza. For it to hold, the rocket attacks must end, a broader calm return. The people of this region deserve the chance to live free from fear and violence, and today’s agreement is a step in the right direction that we should build on. Now we have to focus on reaching a durable outcome that promotes regional stability and advances the security, dignity, and legitimate aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis alike.

President Morsi and I discussed how the United States and Egypt can work together to support the next steps in that process. In the days ahead, the United States will work with partners across the region to consolidate this progress, improve conditions for the people of Gaza, and provide security for the people of Israel. Ultimately, every step must move us toward a comprehensive peace for all the people of the region.

As I discussed today with President Morsi, as well as Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Abbas, there is no substitute for a just and lasting peace. Now that there is a ceasefire, I am looking forward to working with the Foreign Minister and others to move this process. Thank you very much, Foreign Minister.”

See [video](#) of the Secretary’s Speech

America House,

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem's
Cultural Center,

is pleased to invite you to a

Women's Micro-Enterprise Arts and Crafts Bazaar

November 28, 2012

11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

Local entrepreneurs' products are
available for purchase

**Ambassador Hotel,
Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem**

For more information, please e-mail:
jerusalemamericahouse@state.gov



*This event is sponsored by the
American Consulate General in Jerusalem*



Quick Highlights

American Consul General Michael Ratney visited Bethlehem on November 13 and met with Palestinian Authority and local officials and business leaders. He noted the efforts that officials have made to strengthen the local business environment, specifically in the tourism sector.

Consul General Ratney toured the Church of the Nativity as well as the Bethlehem Folklore Museum, where he viewed traditional Palestinian embroidery and crafts. The U.S. Government is currently working with local officials to promote tourism in Bethlehem by aiding in the design and installation of more than 100 tourism related signs throughout the area for this Christmas season. These signs will provide information on important historical, cultural, religious sites within the Bethlehem governorate and help visitors locate them. Additionally, the U.S. Government has also worked with local officials on the identification of tourist sites for renovation, a hotel classification model, training for tourism sector workers and digital tourism.



From November 12-16, representatives from the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, AMIDEAST, and USAID hosted outreach activities across the West Bank and Gaza in commemoration of the 13th annual International Education Week (IEW). International Education Week, a shared initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State, celebrates the importance and benefits of education in the United States and around the world.

This year's IEW activities highlighted the benefits of international education and discussed country-specific scholarship and exchange opportunities for Palestinians. They included panel discussions, individual and group advising sessions, and the world's largest virtual college fair. The activities underscored the importance of increasing international awareness and knowledge, which can help Palestinian youth develop leadership capabilities and build the skills necessary to communicate and cooperate with individuals from other nations and other cultures.



[eJournal USA: Entrepreneurs: The Next Generation](#)



This volume is part of the Learner English series designed

for beginner to intermediate students of English.

Many young people around the world share the belief that

[See USA journal in PDF](#)

becoming an entrepreneur is the most effective and exciting way to make their dreams and ideas a reality. As the founder of an organization of young entrepreneurs writes in this issue, it gives them freedom to transform their own lives and their communities and change the world for the better.

To be sure, entrepreneurs, whether young or adult, face discouraging obstacles, particularly in countries with underdeveloped financial systems, overdeveloped bureaucracies and inadequate infrastructure. Yet, with support from the Internet, entrepreneurship “missionaries” and, increasingly, governments, today is a better time than ever to start a business.

This publication highlights a world of opportunities (and challenges) that waits to be explored by the next generation of entrepreneurs. You can be among them. It also discusses — and debunks — persistent myths about entrepreneurship and offers a set of questions you need to ask before you strike out on your own.

You can also meet some of your peers who have started their ventures and, in so doing, have set off on a new path in life.

BIG THINK

[Young Entrepreneurs Remake the World](#)

Ankur Jain, founder and chairman of the Kairos Society

This is the perfect time for young people to experiment with entrepreneurial ventures.

QUICK READ [7 Questions to Ask Before Starting a Business](#)

Blind optimism is not a sensible strategy.

HOT ENTREPRENEURS [Taking on Google in Egypt](#)

A new-generation Internet search engine aims to outshine the Library of Alexandria.

[A \\$25 Sun-Powered Lamp for Millions](#)

They “give back to society” while trying to make money.

[Teenager Takes Charge of Events](#)

She didn't know what entrepreneurship was when she started a business.

Announcements!

Security Message to U.S. Citizens

U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem

November 21, 2012



Effective immediately, the U.S. Consulate General has declared the Jerusalem light rail network to be off-limits to U.S. government employees until further notice. Official personnel and their family members continue to be prohibited from using public buses and bus terminals or stations.

We take this opportunity to remind U.S. citizens that, due to demonstrations in several areas of the West Bank, the U.S. Consulate General has cancelled, until further notice, all non-official travel by U.S. Government employees to Jericho and Bethlehem, as well as travel through the West Bank on Routes 1 and 90. Non-official travel by U.S. government employees to other areas of the West Bank remains off-limits, as outlined in our current Travel Warning.

U.S. citizens in Jerusalem and the West Bank are advised to avoid demonstrations and large crowds and to remember that even peaceful protests can turn violent with little or no warning. U.S. citizens should exercise extra caution and defer travel to the West Bank to the extent possible.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the [Department of State's Internet website](#) where the [Worldwide Caution](#), [Country Specific Information for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza](#), [Travel Warnings](#), and [Travel Alerts](#) can be found, including the current [Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza](#). You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#). Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers outside of the United States and Canada, on a regular toll-line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens are advised to maintain valid travel documents and enroll with the Department of State or the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem through the State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/>.

For further information, U.S. citizens may telephone the Consulate General in Jerusalem at (972) (2) 630-4000 or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7575 during working hours. After hours (for emergencies), U.S. citizens may telephone either the Consulate General at (972) (2) 622-7250 or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7551. Up-to-date information on security conditions can also be accessed at <http://israel.usembassy.gov/> or <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/>.

[The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2013 DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the Kennedy Center](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the Summer Fellowship for International Arts Managers for DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the Kennedy Center. The DeVos Institute's Summer Fellowship for International Arts Managers offers an immersive program of study in arts management strategy. For four weeks each summer, for three consecutive years, international Fellows participate in seminars, group projects, individual mentorships, and practical assignments supervised by Institute faculty and Kennedy Center senior staff. In their home countries, Fellows are encouraged to teach and distribute Fellowship resources. In this way, the Institute invests in critical arts ecologies worldwide, building strength and sustainability one manager at a time.

Application Deadline and inquiries: Please submit your Application by December-1-2012

For more information and application instructions please visit

www.DeVosInstitute.org/SummerInternationalFellowship

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application please send to Exchanges@state.gov ; call 02-6227107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 for more information.

[The 2013 Professional Fellows Program: Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce The Professional Fellows Program FY2013 on "**Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**". The main goal of this program is to expose entrepreneurs, small business owners, private sector Development specialists and business educators from the MENA region to best practices in innovation and small business growth in the United States.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit your CV and fill Application by December 13th.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

[Professional Fellows Program Application Form \(PDF 64 KB\)](#)