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State of the Union Address 2012



President Obama: "We will stand against violence and intimidation. We will stand for the rights and dignity of all human beings – men and women; Christians, Muslims and Jews. We will support policies that lead to strong and stable democracies and open markets, because tyranny is no match for liberty."

Watch the [video](#) here!

Also check out [2012 State of the Union: Behind the Scenes](#)

مقتطفات من خطاب الرئيس أوباما عن حالة الأمة

الرئيس أوباما: "إننا سوف نقف ضد العنف والتخويف. وسوف نقف للدفاع عن حقوق وكرامة جميع البشر - رجالا ونساءً، مسيحيين ومسلمين ويهودًا. وسوف نقوم بدعم السياسات التي تؤدي إلى إقامة ديمقراطيات قوية ومستقرة وأسواق مفتوحة، لأن الطغيان والاستبداد لا يتوافقان مع الحرية"



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to invite you to the following upcoming programs in Jerusalem

“Humans in Space and History of Space Exploration”

with

Dr. Martin Collins

Curator at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



In the last 50 years, space travel has moved from fiction to reality. On February 1, Dr. Collins will be giving a presentation and answer questions about space exploration and the history of space.

Space exploration has changed the way we look at our universe, our planet, and even the people around us. The presentation will explore the first 50 years of achievements in space including photographs of the artifacts in the collection of the National Air and Space Museum. In addition, Dr. Collins will take us on a tour of the museum's popular culture collection and art collection include objects such as a 1930s Buck Rogers stopwatch, and famous paintings.

Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2012

Venue: America House, Al-Zahra Street, opposite Rockefeller Park, East Jerusalem

Please Note: This program will be delivered in English with Arabic translation.

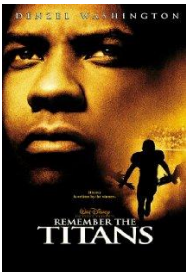
Also Coming Up in February!

Focus on the U.S. Presidential Election System:

Digital Video Conference on Arab-American Participation in the Presidential Election Process

Black History Month Film Screening and Lecture:

Remember the Titans



In the southern U.S., two racially segregated high schools are closed and all of the students sent to T.C. Williams High School under federal mandate to integrate. The year is seen through the eyes of the football team. Based on the actual events of 1971, the team becomes the unifying symbol for the community as the boys and the adults learn to depend on and trust each other.

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

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

American Consul General Inaugurates School in Sinjil



On January 11, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein inaugurated rehabilitated roads and the Abu Baker Al-Sadeeq Primary boy's school in the Sinjil Municipality. The rehabilitation projects were funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by CHF International.

Consul General Rubinstein said: "The American people are proud to have supported you in your ambition to build a better life for you and your families. This is one step forward, and we recognize that there is a lot more to be done."

القنصل العام الأمريكي يفتتح مدرسة في سنجل

بتاريخ 11 كانون ثاني افتتح القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين شوارع أعيد تأهيلها بالإضافة لمدرسة أبو بكر الصديق الأساسية للبنين التابعة لبلدية سنجل. وقد مولت مؤسسة برامج اعادة التأهيل هذه الوكالة الامريكية للتنمية الدولية ونفذتها مؤسسة CHF

قال القنصل العام روبنستين: "الشعب الأمريكي فخور جدا بدعم طموحاتكم لبناء حياة أفضل لكم ولعائلاتكم. هذه خطوة واحدة للأمام، ونحن نوقن بأن هناك المزيد مما يتوجب عمله".

Consul General Rubinstein Visits Nablus



American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein visited Nablus on January 18 and 19 where he met with Nablus Governor Jibreen Al-Bakri, attended a reception hosted by the Governor, met with An-Najah University President Rami Hamdallah, visited the Palestine Exchange, toured the American software company Infinite Tiers, and hosted a reception for alumni of U.S. exchange programs from the northern West Bank.

Listen to an [interview](#) Consul General Rubinstein gave to the An Najah University radio station during the visit.

القنصل العام روبنستين يزور نابلس

خلال زيارته لمحافظة نابلس في 18-19 كانون الثاني التقى القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين مع محافظ نابلس جبرين البكري وحضر حفل استقبال استضافه المحافظ كما التقى مع الدكتور رامي الحمد الله رئيس جامعة النجاح وزار السوق المالي وتجول في فرع الشركة الأمريكية Infinite Tiers لتطوير البرامج كما استضاف حفل استقبال لخريجي برامج الحكومة الأمريكية للتبادل الثقافي من شمال الضفة الغربية.

أستمع [لمقابلة](#) أجراها القنصل العام روبنستين مع راديو جامعة النجاح خلال الزيارة.

U.S. Consulate General and America House Engage Students on U.S. Presidential Elections



On January 20, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and America House organized a presentation in Arabic on U.S. politics to 30 female students from the Jerusalem Youth Parliament as part of the “Focus on the U.S. Presidential Election System” series at America House. During the 90-minute lecture, Consulate General staff presented information to the audience on presidential political campaigns, primary elections, and caucuses.

U.S. Elections: 2012 Primary Schedule

The 2012 Republican primary/caucus schedule is based on the most current information available from state election boards.

For those states holding primaries, voters go to polling places and cast their ballots. In caucus states, voters gather in meeting places throughout the state to discuss candidates and reach a consensus on which candidate they will support.

جدول الانتخابات التمهيدية في الولايات المتحدة للعام 2012

يستند جدول الحزب الجمهوري الوارد أدناه للانتخابات التمهيدية/المؤتمرات الحزبية على أحدث المعلومات المتوفرة من مجالس الانتخابات

وقد جرت العادة في الولايات المتحدة أن تختار بعض الولايات إجراء انتخابات تمهيدية في حين تفضل ولايات أخرى عقد مؤتمرات حزبية. في الانتخابات التمهيدية، يتوجه الناخبون إلى مراكز الاقتراع ويدلون بأصواتهم. أما في المؤتمرات الحزبية فإن مندوبين عن الناخبين يجتمعون في قاعات اجتماع في شتى أنحاء كل ولاية ليناقشوا ميزات المرشحين ويتوصلوا إلى إجماع عام حول المرشح الذي سيدعمونه.

Muslim-American Success Stories!!

Naomi Shihab Nye's Poetry Highlights Cultural Crossroads

Raised by a Palestinian father and an American mother, Naomi Shihab Nye shows the influence of her home's dual cultures in her writing.

A winner of four Pushcart Prizes and the Paterson Poetry Prize, plus the Jane Addams Children's Book Award for her novel *Habibi* and picture book *Sitti's Secrets*, Nye draws upon the experience of being raised in different cultures.

"I grew up with a great love for the Middle East and a fascination with it and a desire to travel there and know my family there," Nye said. [المقال متوفر باللغة العربية](#)



New U.S. Cultural Ambassador Kareem Abdul-Jabbar



On January 18, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's All-Time Leading Scorer and a New York Times' best-selling author, to discuss his new role as a global Cultural Ambassador. During the meeting, Secretary Clinton reiterated the United States' strong commitment to engaging young people worldwide and to using people-to-people diplomacy as a means to create opportunities for greater understanding.

As a Cultural Ambassador, Abdul-Jabbar will lead conversations with young people on the importance of education, social and racial tolerance, cultural understanding, and using sports as a means of empowerment. *Stay tuned for updates on Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's upcoming trips via Twitter at [@ConnectStateGov](#).*

Check out this [video interview](#) to hear what being a Cultural Ambassador and what people-to-people diplomacy means to Mr. Abdul-Jabbar.

[U.S. Department of State Announces DanceMotion USA Tour Dates to Include Stops in the West Bank and East Jerusalem](#)



On January 12, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Brooklyn Academy of Music announced the tour dates for the second season of *DanceMotion USASM*.

DanceMotion USASM sends American dance companies overseas to engage with audiences and communities through dance and a variety of other means.

DanceMotion USASM builds on Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s vision of “smart power” diplomacy. It embraces the full use of diplomatic tools, in this case dance, to engage people and create opportunities for greater understanding. In 2012, the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-based hip hop dance company [Rennie Harris Puremovement](#), will tour Egypt, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories from March 9 – April 6.

Check out this [video](#) showcasing the four dance companies that will tour around the globe in 2012! Performance and workshop dates for the West Bank and East Jerusalem will be announced soon!

[Between the Lines Program](#)

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) and Iowa Young Writers Studio (IYWS), ECA's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce that the fifth session of Between the Lines (BTL) will take place July 14-28, 2012. This two-week cultural exchange program will host 12 writers ages 16-19 from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa for a two-week residency at the University of Iowa from July 14-28, 2012.

Deadline: February 13, 2012

[2012 TechWomen Program](#)

The US Consulate General in Jerusalem and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the TechWomen program for 2012, a professional exchange program to support women from the Middle East and North Africa engaged in technology. TechWomen is a high profile program for ECA, and Secretary Clinton herself not only launched the program, but also met with the first group of participants at the Department of State last summer.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

[2012 TechGirls Program](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the inaugural TechGirls program, an educational exchange initiative for approximately 25 teenage girls from select countries and territories in the Middle East and North Africa that complements the TechWomen program. The eligible countries are Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian territories, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Deadline: March 6, 2012

["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 or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at RamseyWC@state.gov.

[USG Department of State Citizen Exchanges Program](#)

The applicants must be citizens of Jordan, Egypt, Israel or the Palestinian Territories, and cannot hold dual US citizenship. Emerging professionals (roughly an age range of 25-40) and would prefer some professional experience and evidence for advancement in their field. A successful applicant will have excellent English skills. The program is fully paid (travel, meals, and lodging) for and includes generous book and cultural entertainment allowances.

Deadline: October 31, 2012.

International and Regional News

[President Obama on Iran-Related Sanctions](#)

[الحكومة الأميركية، وعلى رأسها أوباما، ترحب بالعقوبات الأوروبية الجديدة على إيران](#)

[The White House on Egypt's Transition to Democracy](#)

[بيان البيت الأبيض عن التحول إلى الديمقراطية في مصر](#)

[U.S. Welcomes Arab League Call for Assad to Step Down](#)

[الولايات المتحدة ترحب بدعوة جامعة الدول العربية للأسد كي ينتحي](#)

[Secretary Clinton at the International Council on Women's Business Leadership](#)

[أوباما يعلن عن إدخال تحسينات على عملية إصدار التأشيرات الأميركية للزوار الأجانب](#)

[Ambassador Kelly on International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

[منظمة فريدوم هاوس تقول إن الانتفاضات العربية هامة وغير مسبوقة](#)

[Obama Administration Details U.S. Agenda for U.N. Reforms](#)

[Ambassador Rice's Remarks at American Jewish Committee Meeting](#)

[Arab Uprisings Significant and Unprecedented, Says Freedom House](#)

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