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*Welcome to our weekly newsletter KITE, from
the Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine.*

*KITE is open to contributions from within and beyond our
Sarah Lawrence community. If you or someone you know would like to contribute—an event
announcement, an event report, an opinion piece,
a response to something we've published, a quote, a poem—
please send to sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.*

Copy deadline is Sundays at noon. Thank you.

Since our last newsletter:

- **Monday June 15** Khalil Jamil Al-Masri dies from injuries he sustained after being shot by an Israeli quadcopter drone while sitting at a cafe in Gaza. [GazaNotifications](#)

Hours after the announcement of an interim US-Iran peace deal, Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz says Israel won't withdraw from land seized in Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza. [AP](#)

British courts reinstate the banning of Palestine Action as a terrorist organization. [Jonathan Cook](#)

Israeli forces damage water networks supplying Atouf and Ras Al-Ahmar in the occupied West Bank. [QudsNews](#)

"The liberal position regarding the genocide in Gaza was something like, 'Yes it's sad, but Hamas uses human shields,' says Adam Johnson, or 'They need to let in aid,' so they make sure Israelis are bombing children on 600 calories a day versus zero calories a day. This was the farce of human concern that liberals upheld for two years as Biden, Kirby, and Blinken all refused to ever condition military aid to Israel." [Jadaliyya](#)

New Documents Detail Nine-Figure, Silicon Valley–Funded Abundance Movement: "In Rosen and Chellam's view, the crucial problem in left-of-center politics is that business elites are not active enough, resulting in 'elite abdication.' The pair's analysis 'came out of a joint 5+ year, 100-book quest for a 'root disease' diagnosis for what is crippling left politics and rotting our American democracy.' They spent half a decade, alongside 'a community of intellectuals like Ezra Klein, Jerusalem Desmas, Jen Pahlka, Steve Teles, Derek Thompson' working on 'piecing that analysis together via an emerging political ideology called **Abundance**' (emphasis in original). The goal now is 'operationalizing it into a powerful political faction that drives public outcomes at scale.'" [AmericanProspect](#)

- **Tuesday June 16** Israeli Supreme Court rejects appeal against Dr Hussam Abu Safiya's continued detention without charge and returns him to solitary confinement. [Ramy Abdul](#)

Israeli Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich: "Yesterday we annulled the Hebron Accords." [TimesOfIsrael](#)

Euro-Med closes Gaza office amid Israeli targeting campaign. [GazaHerald](#)

"With Trump's Iran deal, the October 7 wars are over. Israel really has no idea what to do next." [TimesOfIsrael](#)

They broke into the German site of the Israeli arms manufacturer Elbit Systems and destroyed the equipment on site. Elbit Systems' armaments were used in the genocide in Gaza. For this, five activists, known as Ulm 5, are now on trial. The courtroom cheers as they enter the courtroom, handcuffed and

behind a partition. [Peter Cronau](#): "A standing ovation for anti-genocide activists charged with hurting the feelings of weapons parts."

Toronto police say they believe young people are being hired to carry out shootings at targets around Toronto, including Jewish schools, synagogues, and the US consulate: "Through encrypted messaging apps, young people are hired to carry out attacks against various targets and in order to get paid, they are required to film their attacks. Who is paying for this? This is what we are trying to determine." [CP24](#)

"Connecting with a Global Jewish Community Through Birthright Israel": "From Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, Birthright Israel took these college students and their Hillels on an incredible journey as they hiked Masada and watched the sunrise, visited the Western Wall and ancient sites, ate delicious Israeli food, and experienced true desert hospitality. Now more than ever, there's something so special about experiencing Israel firsthand." [Hillel](#)



• **Wednesday June 17** Israeli National Security Minister Ben-Gvir: "We cannot stop destroying houses in southern Lebanon. We cannot stop, period." [Elijah J Magnier](#)

"It should be a much bigger deal that legacy media journalists like Ezra Klein, Bret Stephens & *New Yorker* writer Atul Gawande are members of or attended Peter Thiel's secret society, Dialog." [Erin](#)

[Overbey](#) "Ezra Klein's article on being a member of Dialogue is going to be so goddamn nuanced. He collaborated with tech fascism the right way." [The Serfs](#)

• **Thursday June 18** Trump signs Memorandum of Understanding in Versailles to end war with Iran. [Politico](#)

Iran suspends negotiations over Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon less than 24 hours after the Memorandum of Understanding was signed. Iran's delegation had been preparing to depart for Switzerland for the first round of talks before the decision to suspend the trip. Iran will also not unilaterally fulfill its commitments, and until Iran is fully assured that Israeli attacks on Lebanon have stopped and the US has adhered to the first-clause obligations, talks remain cancelled. [HormuzLetter](#)

Israel destroys the souks in Nabatieh, which date back to the Ottoman era. [Courtney Bonneau](#)

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert: "The fight against Jewish terrorism in the West Bank must advance to the next stage and be waged with greater determination. The daily terrorism that is managed, directed, encouraged and supported by the Israeli government can no longer be tolerated." [Ha'aretz](#)

"Today, the UAW passed a resolution to divest from Israeli bonds, 321-287, becoming the largest US union to officially divest. This victory is shared with the Arab workers who raised this demand during a wildcat strike in 1973, the UAW locals that have organized for this for years in the face of strong opposition, & to leaders like [@MichaelLetwin@Labor4Palestine](#) who never stopped fighting for it. [Suzanne Adely](#)

New York's 92NY Loses Ginsberg Centennial After Authors Withdraw. "The 92NY's policies page was updated in September 2024 with a section titled '[Regarding Israel](#),' which states that they will not program anyone who questions Israel's legitimacy." Anne Waldman: "The destruction and wiping-out of a civilization and its culture is criminal. We should be having memorials to our own lack of conscience. I fear that poets and artists are caught in a karmic storm all over the arts and literary worlds. [There will be] no resolution until there is investigated accountability for reckoning of innocents lost. Allen would agree." [TheKey](#)

How Hillel International uses antisemitism training and 'campus climate' concerns to attack Palestine solidarity: "The [Academic Engagement Network \(AEN\)](#), sponsored by the [Israel on Campus Coalition](#) (ICC) and funded, in part, by Hillel International, recruits faculty to lobby their college and university administrators to challenge the academic boycott of Israel and to implement pro-Israel policies on U.S. campuses. This means targeting BDS campaigns, protests, and programming. In May 2024, [the AEN](#), partnered with Hillel on a statement of [Best Practices and Principles](#) that asserted:

University leaders must ensure that policies and procedures regulating the time, place, and manner of protests, demonstrations, postings, and other speech activity are both clearly conveyed to the campus community and rigorously and neutrally enforced.

Such a statement uses the language and policies of 'civility' to create the conditions in which students can be suspended for [using bullhorns at protests](#) or [expelled](#) or [de-enrolled](#) for any unauthorized protests." [Mondoweiss](#)

DJ Larry S contributes "AIPAC Adrian" to Oracle lobbyist Adrian Boaf's congressional primary run in Maryland: "AIPAC Adrian is in the building./He represents for bombing Gaza's children." [DropSite](#)

- **Friday June 19** Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health says the toll from Israeli strikes since midnight has risen to 47 killed and 97 wounded. [DropSite](#)

Israeli War Minister Israel Katz: "We have flattened the entire first line of villages in southern Lebanon, all the houses have been destroyed. The residents will never see them standing ever again." [Cradle](#)

Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir: "For every tear shed by an Israeli mother, a thousand Lebanese mothers should cry. All of Lebanon should burn." [DropSite](#)

"The Plot Against Palestine Action": "The job of the presiding judge, Jeremy Johnson, was to make sure the jury arrived at the right verdict. He was certainly the man for the task. Johnson made it to the bench after years serving as the most favored barrister of the 'secret state,' representing the intelligence services, the Defense Ministry, and the police. His working environment of choice as a lawyer had been [behind-closed-doors prosecutions](#) held out of view of the public or proper legal scrutiny. During the trial, Johnson [oversaw](#) an extraordinary number of [legal manipulations](#) that helped the government. The defendants were denied the right to refer to their motives in attacking the Elbit factory (the terms 'genocide' and 'ethnic cleansing' [were barred](#) from the proceedings). The type and use of the weapons damaged in the attack was concealed from the jury. The defense was given no opportunity to cross-examine Elbit staff. Video evidence was introduced by the police that had been in the sole custody of Elbit for a year after the attack. But most egregiously of all, Johnson [ruled](#) that the jury must not be informed of its right to acquit on the basis of conscience." [+972](#)

Israeli attacks have killed 1,011 Palestinians and wounded 3,173 since the ceasefire was announced last October. [DropSite](#)

"Israel has bombed Lebanon over 100 times in 24 hours." [Lowkey](#)

"Anyone who wants to see the true scale of the suffering must see Gaza after sunset, when everything disappears except pain." [Tamer Nahed](#)

- **Saturday June 20** "Report from Qanareet, where at least 10 civilians including a family were killed today in an Israeli bombing. The Israeli army has relentlessly attacked Lebanon for a second day in a row despite a ceasefire being in place. Yesterday more than 50 civilians were killed and today so far at least 20 people have been killed." [Courtney Bonneau](#)

Massive airstrikes across southern Lebanon this morning, with 16 people already killed, violating the first clause of the US-Iran Memorandum of Understanding. Iran says it will continue to reject negotiations unless attacks permanently stop, Israel permanently withdraws from southern Lebanon, and the US implements other commitments, including frozen funds release and sanction relief. [HormuzLetter](#)

The Strait of Hormuz fully closed. Iran's IRGC Navy warns all vessels and ships approaching the Strait "will be unequivocally attacked," emphasizing it's closed to all commercial vessels under any circumstances. [HormuzLetter](#)

- **Sunday June 21** Israeli drones carry out first reported strikes in southern Lebanon since the ceasefire declared: two drone strikes target the outskirts of Farah in Nabatieh al-Fawqa and the roundabout in Kfar Tibnit as Lebanese Army Commander-in-Chief Rodolphe Haykal was visiting Nabatieh. [DropSite](#)

Hezbollah statement: "We consider that continuing to attend direct negotiation sessions is the implementation of the order of the day issued by the US administration to the Lebanese authority, which complies unilaterally and in isolation, in violation of the charter, the constitution, and the laws, and responds to what America and 'israel' are working towards in increasing the dangers to Lebanon, its stability, its independence, and its sovereignty." [Calla Walsh](#)

Zionist activist [Amiad Cohen](#) to Jewish News Syndicate Summit: "Fifteen years from now, Israel will have a war with Egypt."

Colombia's president Gustavo Petro says he does not recognize results of presidential election awarding fascist millionaire Abelardo de la Espriella the presidency and suggests the possibility of interference from Israel. [SpectatorIndex](#)

Trump to Iranian negotiating team re the Straits of Hormuz: "You close it and you won't have a country. You won't even make it BACK to your f**king country." [Sulaiman Ahmed](#) Iranian delegation walks out.

Isaac Chotiner was one of the most consequential disseminators of the mass rape lie used to justify genocide. A few weeks before Chotiner helped Physicians for Human Rights Israel spread the "Palestinians are mass rapists" propaganda, the Israeli government ran a focus group for genocide propaganda. "Raped civilians" polled the best. Then Chotiner published their propaganda. [Zo Brown](#)

• **Monday June 22** Israeli National Security Minister Ben Gvir: "The cost of giving in to international pressure is a heavy one. My position is that instead of a ceasefire, we should attack Beirut." [Sulaiman Ahmed](#)

French historian [Sophie Bessis](#): "You can understand many things about American politics today when you remember that they built their nation on a genocide. In a way, the extermination of other peoples doesn't bother them too much."

Lebanon says Israeli attacks since March 2 have killed 4,175 people. [BRICSNews](#)

• **Tuesday June 23** [UN](#) commission of inquiry says Israel committing genocide in Gaza by deliberately targeting children. [BBC](#)

Dual US.-Israeli Citizen Arraigned on Federal Hate Crime Charges in Florida: Michael Ron David Kadar, the suspect behind the 2017 wave of global Jewish institution bomb hoaxes who spent seven years in an Israeli prison, now faces trial following extradition from Norway. [Ha'aretz](#)

9 anti-ICE protesters in Texas sentenced to 30 to 100 years in jail after federal prosecutors accuse them of being an "antifa terror cell." The activists attended a protest and noise demonstration outside the Prairieland ICE jail in Alvarado, Texas. The maximum sentences prosecutors sought in the case stand in stark contrast to the treatment of January 6 US Capitol insurrectionists, says Sufia Khalid, who represented one of the defendants, Maricela Rueda. Rueda has been sentenced to 70 years in prison for attending the demonstration, while "the average sentence in the Capitol riots, which had far more serious conduct than the Prairieland Nine defendants, was 26 months." [DemocracyNow](#)

[Hannah Riley Fernandez](#): "like someone who showed up to the protest and didn't plan anything and left when told just got a FIFTY YEAR SENTENCE, Y'ALL. this is so scary."

[DFWSupportCommittee](#): "Judge O'Connor stated from the bench that he is giving maximum sentences to the Prairieland defendants because 'the state wants to send a message to anyone who shares a similar ideology.'"

• **Wednesday June 24** "Safety Is When There's No One Dying: Israel's assault on Palestine and Lebanon has reconfigured how children understand the world," Mary Turfah: "Israel has created something unprecedented: the largest population of traumatic pediatric amputees in modern history....To the question 'What makes you happy?' several of the younger children responded, 'resistance against Israel.'" [NYRB](#)

Leaked emails from the inbox of former Israeli PM Ehud Barak reveal details of his work with Jeffrey Epstein to pursue economic and political interests across Africa—including the involvement of private

military contractors linked to Israeli intelligence involved in the resource wars currently tearing apart the Democratic Republic of Congo. [Murtaza Hussain](#)

San José State University professor Sang Hea Kil reinstated after arbitrator rules her dismissal excessive. Kil was fired over alleged violations of university policy linked to her participation in pro-Palestinian protests on campus. The university claimed she encouraged students to join demonstrations. After a year-long suspension and appeal, the arbitrator found that although she engaged in unprofessional conduct, there was no evidence she neglected her teaching duties, and her termination was deemed "excessive and disproportionate." [QudsNews](#)

New York's State Senate District 12 elects Palestinian-American socialist [Aber Kawas](#), who will become the New York State Legislature's first Palestinian-American representative. [NYC-DSA](#)

"Mazaltov to [@DarializaforNY](#), an organiser of the Columbia University Palestine encampments, which the university violently broke up. She has just won the primary to become the next Congress member to represent the district which includes Columbia University." [JewishAntizionistActions](#)

"The same volunteers who were knocking on the doors for Darializa and Claire were the same ones who were brutalized by the police, who their communities were targeted by ICE, who were expelled from their own universities and gaslit by their own politicians. The Palestine liberation movement in this country helped a lot in accelerating this change." [Mahmoud Khalil](#)



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