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*Welcome to our 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.

5 Questions

We've had the honor of printing responses to these 5 questions from SL alums Sarah Ihmoud, Kathy Engel, Megan G, Miller Oberman, Randall Wallace, & Deborah Augustin, as well as from two current faculty members. We'd like to open our community-wide dialogue to anyone else who might be willing to answer them, whether by name or anonymously. As above, reach us at sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

Here are the questions:

1 Can you say a little about your connection to Sarah Lawrence?

2 Can you say a little about what your life has been like since October of 2023?

3 Something the Sarah Lawrence administration has said consistently since the fall of 2023: the rights of Zionists must be respected. Can you say a little about what that means to you?

4 What's the role of a college or university in a time of genocide?

5 What are the values of Sarah Lawrence that you respect?

Since our last newsletter:

• *Monday October 5* Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel [Smotrich](#): "We are at a good starting point. Now it could turn out badly, or it could turn out well, to the point where Gaza is ours in the end. By the way, I tell you the same thing about Lebanon. The thorough clean-up above and below ground that we are doing now in southern Lebanon, to a very great depth, has no equal, and it will affect the security of the northern residents for decades. They have nowhere to return, they have nowhere to return, look at how it looks. And by the way, the world is not stopping us."

"Your definition of Zionism does not matter. Nor does mine. Zionism is defined by its material manifestations. The purpose of a system is what it does. And the Zionist system does racism and genocide. Simple. Please spare me the arrogant insufferable graaating Oxbridge debates. Your opinions are irrelevant. People are dying." [Mohammed El-Kurd](#) "As a Palestinian, I am the direct subject of [Zionism](#). I'm an expert on it, in fact, because it is practised on my body."

US intelligence raises fears of civil unrest and state breakdown in Israel ahead of October 27 elections. [DropSite](#)

Mecca pact defence committee "agreed to activate collective deterrence measures" in response to Houthis attacks on Saudi Arabia, says Saudi defence minister. [TRT](#)

[Ali Abunimah](#): "Not one of these 'Muslim' powers dared lifted a finger to stop the Zionist genocide in Gaza. Their 'pact' is to defend the interests of America and 'Israel,' nothing else."

Istanbul Declaration: "Dockworkers will not become a link in the chain of their wars!" Dockworkers' unions from over 35 ports across Europe and the Mediterranean declare their refusal to handle weapons and military cargo. [ProgressiveInternational](#)

"The backlash was always going to be insane. Its intensity is reflective of fact that they know the Rubicon has been crossed. There is no going back now. The Zionist-designed Oslo ecosystem—including many putatively 'pro-Palestinian' groups and institutions—allows criticism of Israeli crimes but leaves Zionism (the racist ideology motivating them) as an untouchable redline." [Matt Kennard](#)

[Seema Jilani](#) on Biden negotiator Brett McGurk's new memoir: "I'm a doctor who has taken care of a terminally ill teenager & cancer in a 2 yr old in the past week. I've held a Gazan baby as she took her last breaths while I cleaned blood from her hair. Please, Mr. McGurk, tell me more about your 'sense of tortured indecision' on Gaza."

• ***Tuesday October 6*** "This photo was taken of our Palestinian grandparents in 1948, as they were forcibly displaced from their homes and land. This did not begin three years ago. It began decades ago." [Tamer Nahed](#)



• *Wednesday October 7* Three years of living through the genocide carried out by Israel. [Bisan Owda](#)

US and Israeli Leaders Recycled World War I Atrocity Fabrication Stories to Justify Genocidal Onslaught [CovertActionMagazine](#)

"Almost immediately, the truth that Israel massacred many of its own people on 7 October 2023 began to emerge from Israelis themselves. 'Western media' didn't want to hear them. But we listened, especially to the crucial testimony of Israeli survivor [Yasmin Porat](#)" ("Israeli forces shot their own civilians, kibbutz survivor says") [ElectronicIntifada](#)

Investigation by Israel's Channel 12 reveals that on October 7, Israel activated the Hannibal Directive and massacred its own citizens, then tried to convince the world that Hamas had murdered 1,200 young people at a peace festival. [AlJazeera](#)

Eman Basher, on her teacher Refaat Alareer: "Now, there will always be someone sending me your poem, 'Let It Be a Tale,' pushing the white kite into my sight, asking me to read it aloud—but I won't. I

can't. That one line—'you must live'—sticks in my throat: too heavy, too unfair. What if I don't want to tell your story? What if I want to let it rest, to let it fade quietly instead of becoming a tale told time and time again? You always found poetry in pain, but maybe that's why I resisted it—I knew one day it would demand more from me than I could give. It would ask me to carry you, to keep you alive through every line, even when all I want is to let you rest."

"In 2022, for his birthday, I gave him a children's book called *Hug Machine* by Scott Campbell. It's about a little boy who gives the best hugs. He hugs everyone and everything—the rocks, the hedgehogs, even a huge whale. No one is too hard or too prickly for his hugs. The boy just finds a way. I read this story to my children every night. Dr. Refaat was just like that boy. He found a way to connect with everyone, to make each of us feel seen in our own way. He'd notice the shy girl in the back of the classroom, the one no one paid attention to, and he'd predict she'd be a great writer one day. He'd eat the food no one else dared to try. He'd give us writing prompts, push us to tweet more, to express ourselves, and to find our voices in spaces we didn't think we belonged in. He'd find a place for the misfits, the ones who didn't fit neatly into the boxes society had built. He didn't just teach us how to write—he followed up with us after graduation, connected us with job opportunities, and made sure we had a path forward."

"His patience was active, unyielding, and relentless. In that persistence, there was a lesson: that sometimes the world will silence you, but you don't have to stay silent. He taught me that writing wasn't just about expression; it was about survival, about keeping your voice alive when everything around you tries to shut it down. His persistence wasn't just in his activism, but in how he saw potential in everyone he met, even when they couldn't see it in themselves. He saw it in me when I was still hesitant, unsure if I could tell my story. He saw it in students, in strangers, and even in the lost parts of himself." [Mizna](#)

"It's only the afternoon local time and in the West Bank, there are at least two dozen Palestinians injured and one Palestinian, 44-year-old Ali Bazari was killed. Today's attacks are specifically called for by Israelis in light of October 7th. Out of the Palestinians killed in the West Bank in the last ten months, nearly 35% were killed by armed Israelis while 65% were killed by the Israeli army. They're both working in coordinated efforts not just to kill and injure, but to also create hostile environments in the West Bank to further push Palestinians out." [Mariam Barghouti](#)

[Benjamin Moser](#): "I can walk into Tel Aviv airport and sign up to be an Israeli, and I can have housing, subsidies...that people who have actually lived there for thousands of years don't have. It's like walking into somebody's house and saying, 'I lived here 3,000 years ago.'"

"People don't realize that Israel nationalized *over 90%* of the land after independence and gave a huge chunk of it to the Jewish National Fund, which is constitutionally only allowed to lease to one race." [Matthew Petti](#)

"Today marks the anniversary of the most consequential act of anti-colonial resistance in our lifetime. Al-Aqsa Flood fundamentally changed the world." [Pawel Wargan](#)

[John Mearsheimer](#) is asked if he believes Hamas are pure evil irrational spawns from hell whose attack on October 7th was motivated by anti-Semitism. He responds: "That's absurd Israeli propaganda, they did it to resist the occupation and brutal treatment of Palestinians."

• *Thursday October 8* New report from the Middle East Studies Association: three years on, the campus protests were vindicated by public opinion, but the repression against campus workers continues. [Darryl Li](#)

"It has been three years since campuses across the US and Canada erupted in protest against Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip. And despite public demonization, mass arrests, harassment, and punishment, history is already vindicating those students, and public opinion now squarely endorses the positions they were demonized for. But retaliation against campus workers speaking out on Palestine, including faculty and staff, has persisted.

"This report is the first systematic study of retaliation against workers on campuses in the US and Canada related to Palestine since October 7, 2023, revealing the devastating effects this repression has had on individual lives, campus discussion of Palestine, and academic freedom generally. The MESA [Academic Freedom Initiative](#) has compiled a database of retaliation incidents in higher education pertaining to Palestine-related speech since October 7, 2023. Key findings from our data up to August 20, 2026 include: People of color are disproportionately affected. Most retaliation is not for classroom speech. (54% of cases stemmed from other campus speech such as protests.) Universities use the façade of anti-discrimination investigations to pursue politically motivated retaliation. [MESA](#)

How US diplomat David Milstein suppressed and altered reports critical of Israel: "When members of Congress pushed for accountability over the [killings of nine](#) Palestinian Americans by Israeli settlers and security forces, he suppressed a detailed report that the embassy staff had written, effectively stonewalling lawmakers' efforts to gain information, according to multiple officials briefed on the matter." [NYT](#)

Jewish students are boycotting Columbia/Barnard Hillel over its hosting of Jerusalem Municipality officials at an event encouraging students to move to Israeli settlements on land seized from Palestinians. Columbia's Jewish Voice for Peace chapter announced the boycott, condemning the municipality's demolition of Palestinian homes in occupied East Jerusalem. [PalTimesNews](#) "People don't realize this but if you are of Palestinian descent, you are barred from buying a home from these settlements. Columbia Hillel is heavily funded by Robert Kraft, who banned Macklemore from speaking at his stadium." [Layla](#)

Gaza is under bombardment right now. We don't understand what is happening here. The bombing is literally everywhere. The aircraft are flying extremely low, making terrifying sounds that are impossible to describe. Don't stop talking about Gaza. Don't let the world become numb to what is happening here. [Tamer Nahed](#)

• **Friday October 9** Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Navanethem "Navi" Pillay, "for her efforts to promote peace and international law." Pillay as head of the UN Independent International Commission said in 2025, "Israel is responsible for the commission of [genocide](#) in Gaza. It is clear that there is an intent to destroy the Palestinians in Gaza through acts that meet the criteria set forth in the Genocide Convention."

Wall Street Journal Editorial Board: "A Nobel Prize for Hating Israel"

[Nicola Perugini](#): "An entire editorial board attacking the Nobel Peace Prize for investigating a war of annihilation and calling it what it is."

• **Saturday October 10** Paris Airport Workers Say They Blocked Shipment to Israeli Defense Firm. Airport workers refused to load the cargo onto an Air France flight from Paris to Israel, where it would reach Elbit Systems. An El Al flight scheduled to depart on Saturday is also expected to face blocks. [Ha'aretz](#)

[ICC president Tomoko Akane](#): "Today, in a historically unprecedented move, the United States has imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court as an institution. This follows a series of designations against certain independent judges and prosecutors serving the cause of justice. The court firmly rejects these sanctions. It is an attack against sovereign states that have created the court. It is an attack against the international legal order more broadly. It is an attack on the victims of mass atrocities, who have waited years, sometimes decades, for those responsible to be held to account. Every measure taken against the court is ultimately felt by those victims. In the face of such attacks, we cannot remain indifferent. All of us, including state parties, have a legal and moral duty to act in defense of the international order, to stand up for law, not force. We'll be judged by history for the choices we make today. I pledge to you: the International Criminal Court will continue its work undeterred, with a firm resolve that justice must prevail."

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters take to the streets of Athens, marching with Palestinian flags and banners denouncing the genocide in Gaza and their government's complicity in Israeli atrocities. [AprajitaNafsNefes](#)

"A terrifying mass displacement is happening right now in Gaza 💔 People are fleeing with their children toward hospitals, not knowing where to go, where to hide, or whether they will survive tonight." [Ezzat Ashour](#)

"Ha'aretz reporter Nir Hasson says an abnormally intense bombing is taking place in Gaza over the last 24 hours and that more planes are being heard on their way in Jerusalem. The pre-election escalation is likely starting. Pray for the people of Gaza. They will pay the cost." [Shaiel Ben-Ephraim](#)

Goebbels Isn't Applauding Navi Pillay. He's Applauding What Israel Has Become. [Ha'aretz](#)

• **Sunday October 11** "The yellow line used to be approximately 200 meters away from us. This morning, it was only 10 meters away." "'Where are we supposed to go?': Israeli forces push the 'yellow line' further into Gaza." [DropSite](#)

"41 years ago today, Palestinian-American civil rights leader Alex Odeh was assassinated by a bomb at ADC's California office. His killers have never been brought to justice, despite decades of investigation and identified suspects linked to the extremist Jewish Defense League. Two of the suspected killers are now West Bank settlers. 41 years without justice. ADC will not let Alex's murder be forgotten." [ADC](#)

On this day in 1985, Baruch Ben Yosef murdered Palestinian activist Alex Odeh in LA, then returned to Israel to become a lawyer, defending Kahanist killers like himself, and training the next generation to take over the government; his top protégé is Police and Prisons Minister [@ItamarBenGvir](#) [David Sheen](#)

Israel shot and wounded Jihad al-Ghandour in the abdomen in Jabalia yesterday. Today he died. He was 7 years old. [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

'Hello, this is Avigail, Ori's eldest daughter. I'm sorry to tell you that my dad passed away tonight, after a long battle with colon cancer. He was 50 years old." [Mohamed ElBaradei](#): "We have lost a great man of conscience, integrity and courage. Deepest condolences to his family and friends." "One of the most brilliant, brave, loving, and humane men I have ever known, the great Ori Goldberg, passed away today. Please spare a thought and a prayer for his family, friends, and many admirers. Ori's uncompromising humanity in the face of barbarity will never be forgotten." [Moshik Temkin](#) "My friend, mentor and hero Ori Goldberg has passed away. He fought against Zionism, genocide and apartheid to his last day and did it where it mattered most and where he put the most at risk, from within Israel itself." [Shaiel Ben-Ephraim](#) "sad news in a day of terrible news, in a time of devastating news. Ori was kind and decent. May his memory be a blessing." [Susan Abulhawa](#)

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Rest in peace @ori_goldberg



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Anyone who sees this and says "self-defense" has no self. Israel is a society of zombies.



Mosab Abu Toha @MosabAbuToha · 8/4/25

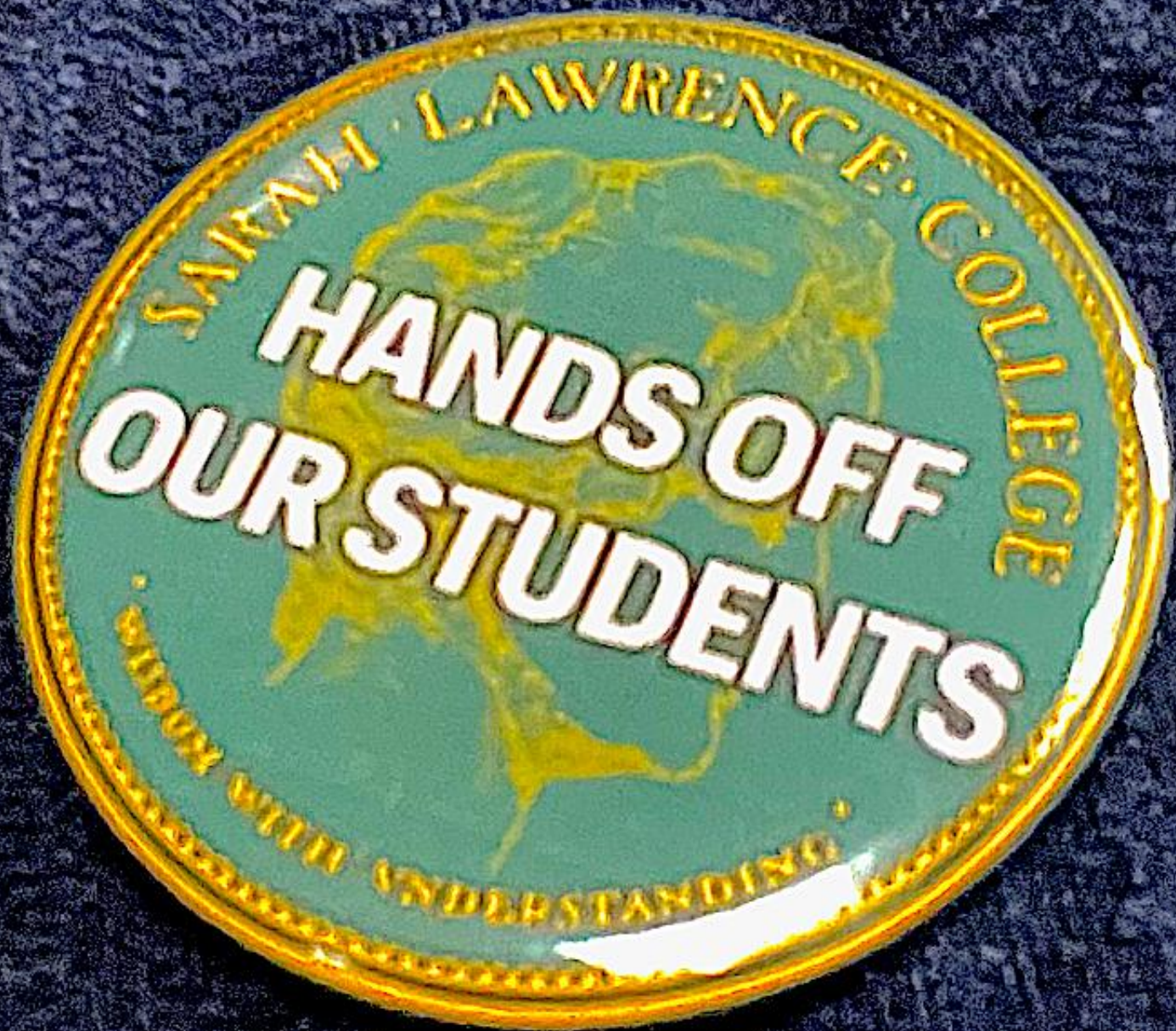
The most shocking aerial footage yet of Gaza, filmed two days ago from aboard an 'aid' airdrop plane.



- [March 27, 2025 letter from the House Committee on Education & Workforce to 5 colleges: Pomona, Bowdoin, Northwestern, Barnard, & Sarah Lawrence.](#)

- [June 11, 2025 letter from the House Committee to Sarah Lawrence](#)

- [August 5 lawsuit](#) filed by 10 Sarah Lawrence students & one faculty member against the College & the House Committee, to prevent shared attempts to equate anti-Zionism & anti-Semitism & to interfere with pro-Palestine anti-genocide protest. Ongoing.
 - [March 17, 2026](#) House Committee releases [report](#), with [Appendix](#) including the names of Sarah Lawrence staff and FSJP faculty in partially redacted emails turned over to the Committee by the College, without a subpoena.
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• FROM THE FACULTY & STAFF •

Beyond Columbusism

Last February US Secretary of State Marco Rubio gave a speech to the Munich Security Conference that included an admiring salute to Christopher Columbus: “The man who settled and built the nation of my birth arrived on our shores carrying the memories and the traditions and the Christian faith of their ancestors as a sacred inheritance, an unbreakable link between the old world and the new.” This October 12, now entering a fourth year of Israeli genocide in Palestine, we of Sarah Lawrence FSJP are thinking about other unbreakable links, other old worlds, and other new ones.

Rubio said about the United Nations, “it has no answers and has played virtually no role” in “the war in Gaza.” “Instead, it was American leadership that freed captives from barbarians and brought about a fragile truce,” he said, as Israel continued to rain bombs on Gaza, and admired the American rain of bombs on Iran and the kidnapping of the president of Venezuela. Rubio’s speech reminded us that the values of the conquista of 500 years ago are alive and well, in the highest seats of power, acclaiming missionaries, pilgrims, soldiers, and empires, turned resolutely away from the lives crushed under these forces. “Our story began with an Italian explorer,” Rubio said, “whose adventure into the great unknown to discover a new world brought Christianity to the Americas—and became the legend that defined the imagination of a our pioneer nation.”

The hallucinated legends of that imagination Rubio referred to belong not only to “our pioneer nation,” but also to the state of Israel. We’ve now watched three years of genocide, and three years of attempts to justify it and protect its perpetrators through legends of superior races and religions and “civilizations,” “improvement” of land, ancient entitlement, and pedagogical violence. These legends don’t depend on historical fact—Rubio stood in Germany to talk about uniting to rebuild “a shattered continent,” shattered by the nation hosting him, as “the free West linked arms” to defeat the Western ally fighting the shattering, “Soviet communism.” Many of the rehashed narratives of last week’s October 7 anniversary use similar inversions: the victims are not the genocided but the genociders. “Jeffersonian” means enlightened democratic government. “Columbusism,” according to Rubio, means unity among the right people: those included in “civilization.” “Zionism” means genocide made shelter, history undone—certainly not what Gabriel [Winant](#) 3 Octobers ago memorably called “a machine for the conversion of grief into power.”

There are unbreakable links between Columbusism and Zionism: Alan M Tigay, editor of *Hadassah*, said admiringly in 2004, “Theodor Herzl is the Columbus of Jewish history.” What John Cotton called “God’s Promise to His Plantations” goes on to provide a template for the Promised Land of the Zionists: the land “redeemed” by its rightful owners and violently cleared of its original inhabitants. [Molly Crabapple](#) last spring published a book called *Here Where We Live Is Our Country: The Story of the Jewish Bund*, about the Jewish Labour Bund, founded in 1897. When Zionist Vladimir Jabotinsky toured Poland in the 1936, Bund leaflets called him “the Spiritual Father of Jewish Fascism.”

Herzl wrote in his diary in 1895, "At the moment when our expedition which has set out to occupy the land first sights the new shores, the flag of the Society (which later on becomes the national flag) will be hoisted to the masthead...The first man ashore carries a cheap plain flag in his hand. It will later be preserved in the National Museum. For the future legend: provide a distinctive headgear à la Stanley. All these pioneers are to receive a little yellow ribbon." Herzl's Zionism made a synthesis between the interests of European Jews and the legends of the cultures that persecuted them; "For Zionism to succeed," future chief rabbi of Rome David Prato was told in 1935, while meeting with another head of state, Benito Mussolini, "you need to have a Jewish state, with a Jewish flag and a Jewish language. The person who really understands that is your fascist, Jabotinsky." Jabotinsky's aim was frank, as is that of his heirs: "We want a Jewish Empire."

For us these are values that are dying, in a world that is dying as a result of their dominance. Today we honor not Columbus but the first peoples he tried unsuccessfully to eradicate. We honor not Zionism but the Palestinian people who've resisted it since its inception, as well as heroic Jewish fighters like Ori Goldberg who refused to let its terms keep him from seeing what was happening in Gaza. We are not interested in the shell game of cultivating viewpoint diversity about genocide. As part of this College, whether faculty or staff, we see the work of teaching new generations as a sacred trust, one that requires a deep engagement with history's lessons, not with nationalist legends. When we see our students, we see a new world in the making, one that isn't hallucinating justifications for theft. Let's work together to help make a new world worthy of them, and worthy of the lives sacrificed to our confusion and collusion and cowardice and delay, beyond Columbusism and all its imitations.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know that 3 Sarah Lawrence students were suspended last May for their participation in a political protest last January?
- Did you know that because merit scholarships are permanently cancelled after a suspension, these suspensions amount to expulsions?
- Did you know that 1 of those 3 students received a campus award which was rescinded without explanation?
- **Did you know that *Inside Higher Ed* just published an article called "Colleges Adopted 'Systemic Suppression' of Protesters, New Investigation Shows: Drawing on records, media reports and surveys, the ACLU and Amnesty International USA break down how colleges have 'disproportionately' violated the rights of pro-Palestinian students" ?**
- Did you know that 8 Sarah Lawrence seniors received disciplinary sanctions last May for participating in political protest last January?
- Did you know that 4 of those seniors were barred from senior week celebrations?
- Did you know that one brown Muslim senior was barred from commencement and from campus on commencement day?
- Did you know that 9 of the 20 students who faced disciplinary hearings for political protest were students of color?
- Did you know that the investigation and hearings process was outsourced to a controversial consulting firm called Grand River Solutions?
- Would you like to be part of a campus conversation about this? Email SLCseriousquestions@proton.me

The Controversial Class That M.I.T. Is Paying a Professor Not to Teach

Michel DeGraff, a vocal pro-Palestinian activist, can't be easily fired because he has tenure. But he has been kicked out of his department.



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April 10, 1948

Mr. Shepard Rifkin
Exec. Director
American Friends of the Fighters
for the Freedom of Israel
149 Second Ave.
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

When a real and final catastrophe should befall us in Palestine the first responsible for it would be the British and the second responsible for it the Terrorist organizations build up from our own ranks.

I am not willing to see anybody associated with those misled and criminal people.

Sincerely yours,

A. Einstein.

Albert Einstein.

• FROM THE ALUMNI •

Notes from Union Square as we enter
a fourth year of genocide in Palestine

Propped up on one hip, slurring its words like a drunken honeymooner, the city wants to say: "But Mamdani is a Muslim, and he promised accountability for the killers and genocidares!"

Wednesday night, hundreds of us marched from City Hall and de-occupied the site of a public 'vigil' held for settlers killed during the Al Aqsa Flood three years ago. We said, "Ever since the man was elected this city has needed an injection! To bring it out of its honeymoon phase, its love affair with its newfound guilt-free conscience."

[Aljazeera reports](#) that since the so-called ceasefire of October 10th, 2025 (a month before Mamdani was elected) over one thousand Palestinians have been murdered by the zionists in Gaza. On June 5, 2026, [Red Pepper Media reported](#) that militant Jewish settler groups coordinating with the IDF from small 'shepherding outposts' have propelled the occupation to cover over a fifth of the West Bank by 2026.

Before 2022 the occupation covered 7% of the West Bank. Jewish settlers have only grown hungrier for the [destruction of Palestinian life and livelihood](#) since Mamdani took office last January.

As we flooded Union Square, George Washington tried to sit up taller on his horse and pleaded again: "But Mamdani is a Muslim, and he promised accountability for the killers and genocidares! If this all happened under his watch, there must be nothing we can do about all this death, the mass rapes in Israeli prisons, the settler pogroms."

We ignored him and the Muslims among us prayed Maghreb. We burst open the vigil, cracked the setup wide open with drums, praise for the resistance, and a list of demands repeated from megaphones and echoed by the crowd. At times it felt like a celebration. We were mourning three years of devastation and genocide. Still, there was a strain of energy running through the crowd as we realized we had just accomplished a badly needed, mostly unexpected victory. My legs heavy, I sat in one of the chairs set out for the failed 'vigil' and clapped along with the raucous crowd. Moments later the 'vigil' had regrouped under George Washington's equestrian statue. We pressed against the NYPD barricades, shouting down a mayor whose ten-month tap dance with power sees him teetering ever closer to the edge of complete betrayal of our movement. Many of us never had much hope for him at all. Because the truth is, he could plunge over the edge of that abyss and we would still have all this work to do. More to the point, we've got it all to do now.

This week we're thinking about Assata Shakur's sketch of the so-called 'liberals.' In her 1987 autobiography, *Assata*, she writes, "History has shown me that as long as some white middle-class people can live high on the hog, take vacations to Europe, send their children to private schools, and reap the benefits of their white skin privileges, then they are 'liberals.' But when

times get hard and money gets tight, they pull off that liberal mask and you think you're talking to Adolf Hitler. They feel sorry for the so-called underprivileged just so long as they can maintain their own privileges."

Any American who thought solving the plight of the Palestinians would leave their life unchanged and their conscience unharmed has another think coming. Any middle-class, New York household that still thinks their stock portfolio and their political and cultural self-identifiers can emerge from a successful disruption of the Zionist project unscathed... Well, it kind of makes you wonder why they came out to show their support in the first place.

'Posers'

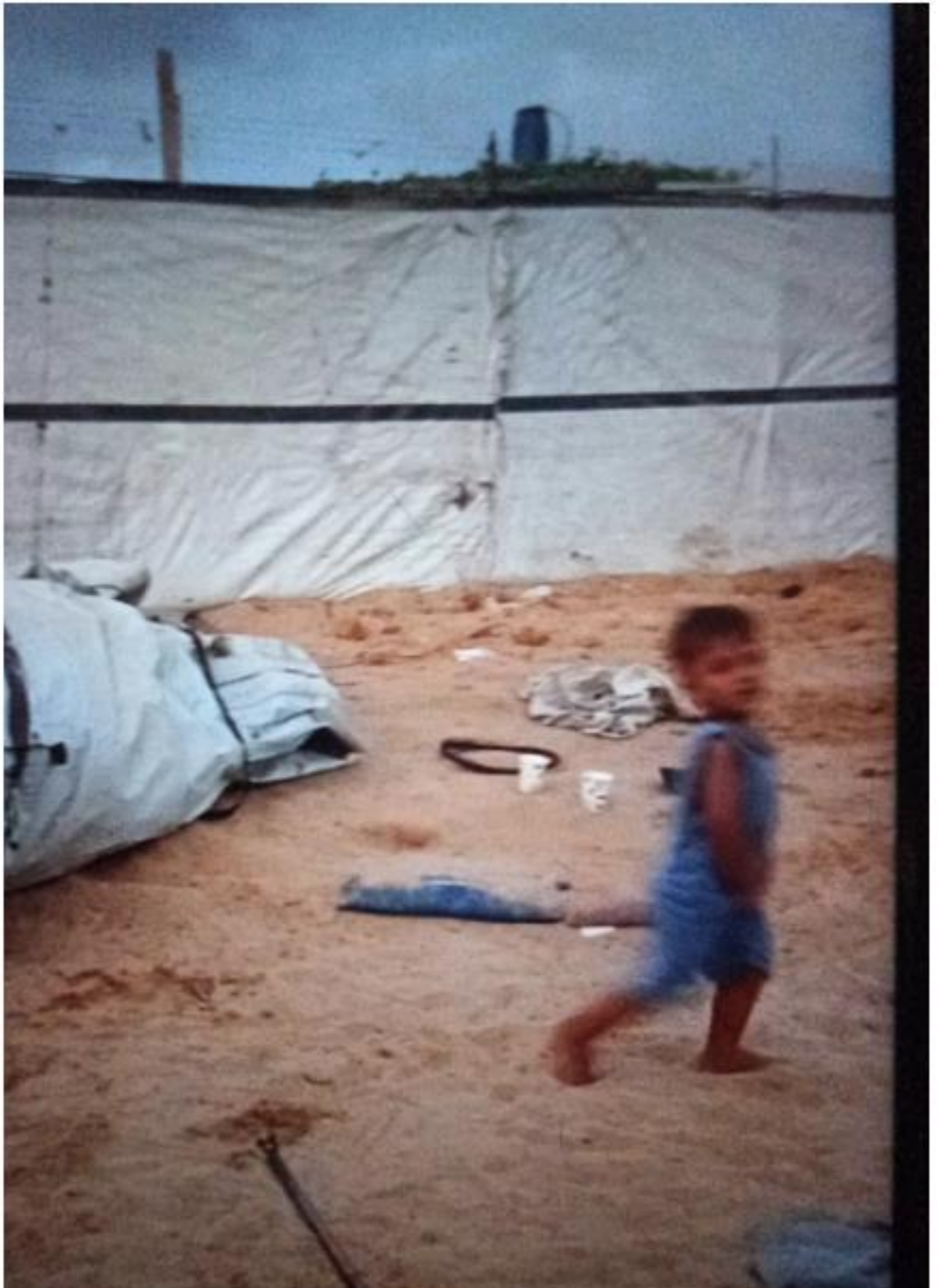
Funny these posers don't know
about the mountain streams and rivers
that created the waters they love to bathe in

They like bouncing vibes off of 'em
but these posers don't know
the streets that created these movements

They hate the sounds: of glaciers melting and thunder
They cry foul as the mountain ice
thaws and rushes, freezing, down the canyon

Fundraiser of the week

Meet Tariq, Iman and Youssef :



It's been two months since they've last received a donation! Young father Tariq has had quite the year: his son, Youssef, turned 2; his wife, Iman, shared her desire of going back to school to continue her studies and, on a much heavier note, Tariq recently lost his father, the family patriarch, which has heavily increased the pressure of providing health, security and a good tent to sleep in during the upcoming winter months.

They are patiently waiting for support via [GoFundMe](#): and can be reached via Instagram [here](#). Thank you so much for your kindness!

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HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Last month, in response to Gaza being included in a Hastings Middle School supplemental Social Studies course about genocides and historical atrocities, Zionists took to the School Board's public meeting to spread racist lies and demand censorship and removal of Gaza from the curriculum.

Although the School initially said it would alter the course to exclude Gaza, **public outcry from Hastings and Westchester residents, including students, educators, and members of the Westchester Palestine Coalition, has led Hastings Superintendent Bill McKersie to confirm that Gaza will remain in the course.**





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OUR DEMAND FOR TANGIBLE ACTION
FROM MAYOR MAMDANI

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Meta has deleted the Instagram account of martyred Palestinian journalist Anas Al-Sharif, a living archive documenting Israel's genocide in Gaza that he devoted his life to exposing.

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"All the Consent
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"The cost of compromise and
surrender is far greater than
the cost of resistance."

— Mohammad Sadegh Shahbazi

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LEFT: Palestinians pick flowers at Gaza's al Bureij Camp, March 5, 2025. Photo by Moiz Saihi. **TOP:** Residents of Mansouri in southern Lebanon watch an Israeli detonation destroy their village, September 11, 2026. Photo by Hussein Malla. **BOTTOM:** Mourners on the day of the funeral following U.S. attack on Shajareh Tayyebah Elementary School in Minab, Iran, March 3, 2026.

ONE STRUGGLE ON ALL FRONTS

THIS OCTOBER 7TH



The student-led rally began at City Hall before proceeding to Union Square, where **demonstrators successfully disrupted Mamdani's attendance at an israeli vigil** hosted by "Israelis for Peace," a front for "Standing Together," which the BDS Movement has denounced as "an israeli normalization outfit that seeks to distract from and whitewash israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza."

The event, held in Union Square, parroted rhetoric used by Western media to **slander the Palestinian resistance and manufacture consent for the ongoing genocide in Gaza.**

Our response to those who have condemned applying direct pressure to New York City's Mayor is that, as it stands now, and despite his Palestine solidarity organizer past:

MAYOR MAMDANI HAS BECOME AN ALLY TO ZIONISM.



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Number one:



Briahna Joy Gray  @briebriejoy · Jan 31



They didn't protest Ezra Klein hard enough, actually.



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I think I should say, before I start this episode, where I am on the Epstein story. If you forced me to give you my best guess, I think this guy had a lot of powerful friends, and that he was a predator and a pedophile, and those sides of his life were mostly separate.

I don't think there is a list of boldfaced names. The reason I don't think there is a list is that there have been a lot of big law firms hunting for cases here. There is a lot of money to be made in suing anyone connected to Epstein. Very, very powerful firms — to say nothing of media organizations — that are capable of hiring excellent investigators are just not finding much.



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