



Israel-Palestine Behind the Headlines

Keynote Address by

Alison Weir
Founder of “If Americans Knew”

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what every American needs to know about Israel/Palestine

Cool Beans Coffeehouse (north end of Hubbell Dining Hall)
Drake University
Saturday, November 8, 2008; 6:30—9:00 pm

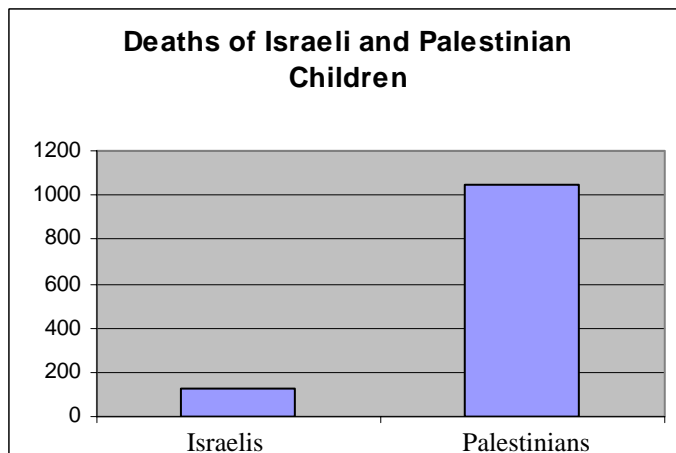
Breakout session: letters to the editor, legislative advocacy, sharing the stories

If Americans Knew is an independent research and information-dissemination institute, with particular focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. foreign policy regarding the Middle East, and media coverage of this issue. Specifically, the organization’s objective is to provide information that is to a large degree missing from American press coverage of this critical region.

Ms. Weir is a much sought after speaker on the topic and in March of 2004 was inducted into honorary membership of Phi Alpha Literary Society. The award cited her as a “courageous journalist-lecturer on behalf of human rights.” She is the first woman to receive an honorary membership in Phi Alpha history.

As a freelance journalist, Weir went on an independent investigation to the flashpoints in the West Bank and Gaza rarely visited by American journalists. Since returning she has spoken on Capitol Hill, to business leaders, at prestigious Washington D.C. thinktanks, and at a multitude of universities.

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123 Israeli children have been killed by Palestinians and **1,050 Palestinian children** have been killed by Israelis since September 29, 2000.

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