

Rachel's Children

Thursday, October 18 – 6:00 p.m.

UConn School of Law

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Rachel is revered by all three Abrahamic faiths as the mother who “weeps for her children” - a powerful metaphor for all those who grieve over the suffering of children. Today, Rachel’s grief is shared by Palestinian and Israeli mothers and fathers who yearn for a better future for their children, and by so many more who work to end their suffering.

According to Defense for Children International – Palestine, “Israel has the dubious distinction of being the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes an estimated 500 to 700 children each year in military (not civilian) courts lacking fundamental fair trial rights. Children as young as 12 are taken from their beds at night, bound, blindfolded and taken to detention centers where they are denied access to their parents or to legal aid.”

The time has come for all of us to respond to Rachel “weeping for her children.” Tree of Life will amplify the courageous work being done by human rights organizations as they respond to this crisis.

Speaker Program

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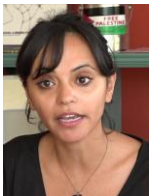
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Speakers

Ruba Awadallah is a researcher at Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP), representing Defense for Children International - an independent children’s rights organization dedicated to ensuring ongoing action directed towards protecting the rights of children worldwide. Based in Ramallah, DCIP aims to protect children living under Israeli occupation.



Lara Kiswani is executive director of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC). Based in San Francisco, AROC is a grassroots organization working to address economic, social, and political impacts of anti-Arab racism by organizing Arab and Muslim communities around principles of justice and self-determination for all.



Bob Gelbach is a member of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) in Saugerties, NY and formerly co-led the JVP chapter in New Haven, Conn. After a long career as a political science professor at SCSU, he spent 10 years as executive director of EMDR Humanitarian Assistance Programs which trains clinicians to treat PTSD, including more than 250 clinicians in the West Bank who treat children and young adults released from Israeli military prisons.

