



# AFRICAN HERITAGE DELEGATION TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

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## OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 3, 2012

### TRAVEL TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE AND WORK FOR CHANGE AT HOME!

Join Interfaith Peace-Builders for a unique opportunity to learn about the current situation in Israel/Palestine and the effects of the Israeli occupation. Your on-the-ground experience will enrich your understanding of the conflict as you meet courageous Israelis and Palestinians working for peace and justice, and witness the current realities of life in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Participants on Interfaith Peace-Builders delegations return to North America energized and transformed.

Learn directly from Israelis and Palestinians, be an eyewitness to the reality of the occupation, support those working for peace, and enrich your education and advocacy efforts in your home community.

#### WHY AN AFRICAN HERITAGE DELEGATION?

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Heritage Delegation organized by IFPB. Like the 1<sup>st</sup>, it will raise awareness, heighten activism, and further link struggles between African Heritage communities in the US and those working for justice in Israel/Palestine. Given the racism directed towards Palestinians and other communities of color in the Middle East, the growth of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, and the mounting relevance of an Apartheid analogy to Israeli policies, voices of African Heritage communities are increasingly important to strengthen and support struggles for justice in the Middle East. This delegation will:

- Exchange lessons learned from Black Power, Civil Rights, anti-apartheid and anti-racist, pro-justice, struggles in the US with doing such work in Palestine/Israel;
- Strengthen a cadre of African Heritage leaders who have on-the-ground experience in Israel/Palestine; and
- Further link activism in African Heritage communities with peace and justice work in other communities.



This program is built upon existing efforts within African Heritage communities and will strengthen work focusing on Apartheid in Israel, justice in Palestine, and the growth of boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns nationally. **Nothing can do more to amplify such voices than an on-the-ground experience which will allow you the chance to develop strong and lasting relationships with Palestinian and Israeli activists.**

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Any member of an African Heritage community is encouraged to apply for this delegation. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and on a sliding pay-scale. Preference will be granted to community leaders, activists, artists and others who display a strong commitment to activism in their communities. **Download an application at [www.ifpb.org/africanheritage](http://www.ifpb.org/africanheritage).**

Interfaith Peace-Builders has three additional delegations in 2012 which have open applications. Please see [www.ifpb.org](http://www.ifpb.org) for more information and to apply.

**COST:** The cost of this delegation is \$2100 + round-trip international airfare. IFPB, with our partners and allies, is raising funds in the hope that we can offer some participants financial help to make the delegation possible. Apply now or call IFPB for more info. *Space is limited, apply today at [www.ifpb.org/africanheritage](http://www.ifpb.org/africanheritage)!*



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## FEATURES OF THE DELEGATION

Interfaith Peace-Builders has led 39 delegations and taken over 700 people to Israel/Palestine. Each of our delegations includes quality programming, but many have a specific focus. As a participant on the African Heritage Delegation you will:

- Attend a one day pre-departure orientation in Washington DC
- Travel in the West Bank and Israel with experienced delegation leaders and professional local guides
- See how the continuing Israeli occupation and current cycle of violence affect Palestinian and Israeli communities
- Learn from Palestinians about their nonviolent resistance
- Meet Israeli peace activists working for an end to the occupation
- Share experiences with representatives of African-Palestinian communities and Israeli communities of color
- Examine the US role in the conflict
- Stay in Palestinian and/or Israeli homes for 1 - 3 nights
- Visit selected religious and cultural sites
- Receive expert support for your work in your local community



## EXPERT LEADERS AND LOCAL GUIDES

IFPB combines experienced leaders from the US with professional multilingual guides from Israel/Palestine who bring a range of knowledge, perspectives, and expertise. The delegation leaders are:

**Darryl Jordan** has been an organizer for more than 30 years, working on issues of hunger and food security, neighborhood security, voter education, peace, justice, apartheid, immigration, union/labor, health and political empowerment. He is immediate past director of the American Friends Service Committee's Third World Coalition. During his organizing life, Darryl has had the benefit of learning from many activists, community leaders and organizers, and tries to incorporate all that he has learned in his work. He currently sits on the Interfaith Peace-Builders Board of Directors. Prior to joining the Board, Darryl co-led the people of color delegation IFPB co-sponsored with the Third World Coalition in 2008 and served on the ad-hoc organizing committee for the African Heritage Delegation in 2011.

**Huwaida Arraf** is a Palestinian with American and Israeli citizenship. She holds a Bachelor Degree from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctor from the American University Washington College of Law, where she focused her studies on international human rights and humanitarian law. In 2001 Huwaida co-founded the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), which has twice been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She previously taught at the Human Rights Law Clinic at Al-Quds University in Jerusalem (the first legal clinic in the Arab World) and was one of the organizers of a delegation of American lawyers to Gaza in February 2009. Huwaida has led 5 successful sea voyages to the Gaza Strip and was one of the primary organizers of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla which was lethally attacked by Israeli forces in May 2010. She was also a member of the Palestinian Freedom Riders, challenging segregated bus lines in the West Bank during a November 2011 action.



**DONATE:** If you cannot join this delegation, please donate what you can. All funds will support the participation of those who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Please give what you can. *Donate today by calling IFPB or visiting [www.ifpb.org/donation](http://www.ifpb.org/donation)*

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT ISRAEL/PALESTINE WITH INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS:

**October 21 – November 3, 2012**

(concurrent with African Heritage Delegation)

**November 4 – November 12, 2012** (Delegation to Gaza Strip)

**May, August, and October 2013**

*Check website for exact dates and themes*

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