Queer Solidarity with Palestine: Resource Guide

Understanding the Occupation (history, vocabulary, and news)

History:

Timeline of Palestine's History by Al Jazeera
What is Hamas? by Council on Foreign Relations

Vocabulary:

Israel/Palestine Vocab Guide by Solutions not Sides
Vocabulary and History of the Occupation by Jessie Shiner

Articles:

It's Time for a Choosing (2023) by Andrew Mitrovica
The compass of mourning (2023) by Judith Butler
Explanations are Not Excuses (2023) by Sarah Schulman

Videos:

How Israel was Created (2023) by AJ plus
The Israel Palestine Conflict: A Brief History (2015) Vox
Palestinian Lives Matter Too (2023) by Judith Butler

Palestine as a Queer Issue (pinkwashing, queer palestinian resistance, and international queer solidarity)

Articles:

- Palestine is a Queer Issue by Ghadir Shafie, co-founder of Aswat
- Palestine as a Queer Struggle coauthored by Nada Elia
- Eight Question Palestinian Queers are Tired of Hearing (2013) by Ghaith Hilal
- Pinkwashing and Israels Use of Gays as a Messaging Tool by Sarah Schulman
- The Queer Feminist Roots of Palestine's May Uprising by Walaa Alqaisiya

- Leading LGBT activists, artists and cultural workers: oppose pinkwashing and support BDS (2012) by Nora Barrows-Friedman
- LGBTQ Palestinians Fund No Safety in Israel (2021) by Tamar Ben David and Lilach Ben David
- Tel Aviv is the Worlds Gayest Apartheid Travel Destination(2012) by Benjamin Doherty
- The Queer Israeli Youth Taking a Stand Against Pinkwashing (2023) Oren Ziv

Essays:

- Dreams of a Palestine Where I Can Hold Myself Whole (2022) by Tareq Baconi
- Tracing my queer consciousness from Palestine to the US, and back again (2020) by Sa'ed Atshan
- However and Whomever We Choose: Love in Occupied Palestine (2022) by Fahad Ali
- Photo Essay: Fighting Pinkwashing in Israel (2016) by Lihi Ben Shitrit
- I'm a Queer Palestinian. Here's How I'm Fighting for Liberation (2021) Adam Haj
- The Im/possibility of Being a Queer Palestinian in America (2021) by George Abraham
- Open Letter to the Born Again (1979) by James Baldwin

Academic Papers:

- Palestinian Visibility and Activism: The Plight of Queer Palestinians under Occupation and Homophobia (2023) by Mohammed Abualsaid
- Reciprocal Solidarity: Where the Black and Palestinian Queer Struggles Meet by Sa'ed Atshan and Darnell Moore
- Gay Rights with a Side of Apartheid (2012) by Nada Elia
- Pinkwatching and Pinkwashing: Interpenetration and it's Discontents (2012) by Jasbir Puar and Maya Mikdashi
- Anti-Pinkwashing as Emerging Hope: Queering the Palestinian Liberation Movement in the Context of Institutionalised Neoliberalism (2020) Sukrita Lahiri

Videos:

Workshops/Talks:

- "Queer Anti-Colonial Struggle from the US to Palestine" (2014) workshop by: alQaws, Audre Lorde Project, Barnard Center for Research of Women
- Pinkwashing: The Queer Critique of Israel's Pro-Lesbian and Gay Politics in Historical Perspective by Elise Chenier
- Pinkwashing, Trans*nationalism, and Queer Politics in Israel/Palestine by Atalia Israeli-Nevo
- Pinkwash, Greenwash, Hogwash: Israel's Use of Sex and Marketing to Distract from Apartheid (2013) by Ali Abunimah

Documentaries:

- Pride Denied (2016) by Kami Chisholm
- Pinkwashing Exposed: Seattle Fights Back (2012) Amy Mahardy and Dean Spade

Books:

- Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique (2020) by Sa'ed Atshan
- Israel/Palestine And the Queer International (2012) by Sarah Schulman
- This Arab is Queer; Anthology (2022)
- You Exist Too Much; Novel (2020) by Zaina Arafat
- Guapa (2016) by Salem Haddad

Queer Palestinian Activism:

al-Qaws (2007)

- website
- instagram: @alqaws_org
- articles and workshops:
    - Beyond Propaganda: Pinkwashing as Colonial Violence
    - "Queer Anti-Colonial Struggle from the US to Palestine" (2014)

Aswat (2003)

- website
- instagram: @aswatfreedoms
- speeches and publications:
    - Palestine is a Queer Issue by Ghadir Shafie, co-founder of Aswat - Palestinian Feminist Center for Sexual and Gender Freedom
- Queer Cinema for Palestine Film Festival

Palestinian Queers for BDS (2005)

- website

Queer Solidarity Activism:

International Queer Solidarity with Palestine Letter (2023)

Queer Muslims for Palestinian Liberation (2023)

Queers Undermining Israeli Terrorism

Leslie Feinberg speaks at Aswat: 'I am at your side' (2007)

Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (2008)

Social Media Toolkit:

No Pride in Apartheid Toolkit

Instagram:

Palestine and Queer Liberation by @makanrights
Lets Talk Pinkwashing by @letstalkpalestine
Palestine is a Queer Justice Issue by @uspcr
@queersforaliberatedpalestine
@queers.for.palestine
@queersforpalestine

Other Reading Lists:

Our History of Popular Resistance: Palestine Reading List by Palestinian Youth Movement
Solidarity with Palestine - A Radical Black Feminist Mandate: A Reading List by Black Women Radicals

Support Groups and Mental Health Resources:

- Support group for Queer Palestinians and SWANA people by @finlay.sw
- Grieving with Gaza @qtpocmentalhealth
- Holding and Sharing Collective Greif for Gaza by @ourtranshealth

Calls to Action:

- A liberatory Demand from Queers in Palestine
- International Queer Solidarity with Palestine Open Letter
- Join the Queer Bloc

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