

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 Find No Safety in Israel](#) (2021) by Tamar Ben David and Lilach Ben David
- [Tel Aviv is the World's 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 Abualsaud
- [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
- [Pinkwashing and Pinkwashing: Interpenetration and its 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

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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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