

VIEWS FROM PALESTINE AND ISRAEL: EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30pm
Arci Arcobaleno - Via Pullino, 1 (metro Garbatella)

U.S. Citizens for Peace & Justice – Rome hosts a talk with **Ben Scribner** and **Barbara Antonelli**, who have both recently returned from trips to the West Bank and Israel. Ben spent a month last November leading a tour of Italian students of peace mediation throughout the West Bank. Last December, Barbara found herself in the West Bank during Israel's attack on Gaza and attended a demonstration held by Israeli peace activists in Tel Aviv.

Both regular visitors to Israel and Palestine, Ben and Barbara will share their personal experiences and present critical information difficult to obtain through the media. Through firsthand observations, photographic documentation and film footage, they will provide a unique glimpse of life in Israel and the Occupied Territories as well as the nonviolent resistance efforts to bring about change.

The evening will be introduced by **Jenny Brav**, a French-American working in international human rights. She has worked in countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Indonesia and Nepal, and spent two months in the West Bank with the International Solidarity Movement in 2003. Jenny will also facilitate the discussion following the presentations.

Join us for a special opportunity to learn more about this troubled part of the world and to engage in dialogue aimed at taking action on the issues.

Ben Scribner is originally from New Mexico, USA, and has been visiting the occupied Palestinian Territories on a yearly basis since 2001. He taught sociology at Emerson College in Boston for 5 years, and was a teaching assistant in psychology at Harvard University. In November 2008, Ben led a group of Italian students of peace mediation for a month-long educational tour of the West Bank. Ben currently volunteers with Sumud / Assopace Roma.



Barbara Antonelli is Italian. She works in the office of MEP Luisa Morgantini (Vice President of the European Parliament) on issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her first experience in the region was in 2003, when she joined a volunteer project organized by the NGO *Un Ponte Per* in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. In 2004 she spent 3 months in the West Bank city Nablus volunteering for the Union of Medical Relief Committees (a Palestinian NGO linked to the Italian Peace Association). Since then she has visited Israel and the Occupied Territories almost yearly. She regularly accompanies Luisa Morgantini on her tours of Israel and Palestine organized for journalists and delegations from Italian civil society.



» **Fundraiser:** We will also collect funds for the campaign '**Un futuro per Gaza**', which provides resources for humanitarian aid and development projects in Gaza, including a renewable energy project for the cardiology department of Al Shifa Hospital.

For more information:
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By metro: Take the B Line to the Garbatella stop, exit towards via Pullino, turn right and continue across Piazza Albini to Arcobaleno (200mt).

By bus: Buses 673 from the Colosseum area and 715 from Piazza Venezia.

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