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**[Announcing “Together We Rise” Political Education Series!](https://uscpr.org/announcing_togetherwerise/)**

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Today marks 69 years since Israel was created as a Jewish state through the catastrophe, known as the *Nakba*, of the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

The [current mass hunger strike](http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2017/05/timeline-palestinian-mass-hunger-strikes-israel-170510130007023.html) by more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners jailed by Israel illustrates the *sumud*, or steadfastness, of the Palestinian people in **100 years of resistance to colonization**, and [urgency of taking action](http://www.addameer.org/news/take-action-palestinian-political-prisoners-launch-mass-hunger-strike) to support Palestinian liberation.

On this important day, the **US Campaign announces our 2017 campaign of political education** to provide critical voices, context, and resources to strengthen liberation struggles from the U.S to Palestine. We hope you’ll gain important information from our curriculum, and that you’ll **help us maximize its impact** by spreading word far and wide about it (please start by posting [this announcement](https://uscpr.org/announcing_togetherwerise/) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/endthe0ccupation/posts/10154947895974442?pnref=story) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/US_Campaign/status/864150540166602754) today).

[Click here to sign up for the curriculum and see a sneak preview](https://uscpr.org/politicaleducation/) of its three tracks:

**“TOGETHER WE RISE: PALESTINE AS A MODEL OF RESISTANCE”**

Track 1: **“Not That Complicated”** — *101 information and resources to understand Israel’s oppression of the Palestinian people and how it relates to U.S. colonialism and racism.*

Track 2: **“Freedom Bound: Resisting Zionism & White Supremacy”** — *What can we learn from Palestinian, Black, Latinx, indigenous, and other freedom struggles that continue today, and how can we apply those lessons in this political moment?*

Track 3: **“Together We Rise”** — *Skills-building, trainings, new resources and more to fight for justice from the U.S. to Palestine.*

Why now? There has been much talk about this year’s 50th anniversary since Israel occupied the Palestinian Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem, but **this anniversary can only be understood within a broader context** of other anniversaries. 2017 marks:

* **100 years** since the Nov. 2, 1917 Balfour Declaration supporting a Jewish state in historic Palestine in support of the budding Zionist movement.
* **70 years** since the UN’s Nov. 29, 1947 partition allotting 54% of historic Palestine for a Jewish state, which began the Nakba across 78% of Palestine.
* **50 years** since Israel occupied all remaining Palestinian lands June 5-10, 1967 — a brutal military occupation that continues to this day.
* **10 years** since Israel made permanent a crippling blockade of the Gaza Strip on June 15, 2007, creating an open-air prison subject to monstrous bombing to further Israel’s containment and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people.

Through these 100-70-50-10 anniversaries, we can truly **understand Israel’s settler colonial project** — and, notably, that its 1967 occupation was no aberration and was never meant to be temporary — and **100 years of Palestinian resistance**. The campaign will unfold June 5 to November 29, spanning all four anniversaries.

We hope you’ll be a part of this effort:

**–**[**Sign up for the 2017 political education series**](https://uscpr.org/politicaleducation/) of webinars, toolkits, infographics, action alerts, new resources, and more.

**-Help us reach thousands of people with the series** by posting [this announcement](https://uscpr.org/announcing_togetherwerise/) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/endthe0ccupation/posts/10154947895974442?pnref=story) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/US_Campaign/status/864150540166602754).

**–**[**Sign up to take part in the June 5-10 week of action**](https://uscpr.org/campaigns/50actions/)to protest 50 years of occupation and launch the 100-70-50-10 series.

**Let 2017 be a turning point** long overdue. Let 2017 help us push our understanding of Israel’s settler colonial project and **how it relates to liberation struggles worldwide** — including here in the United States — against colonization, displacement, racism, and genocide.