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Palestinian Talk Thursday

The Hour of Sunlight: One Palestinian's Journey from Prisoner to Peacemaker

Atlanta, GA. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Amnesty International and ACappella Books present author and award-winning documentary filmmaker Jen Marlowe for a free reading and book signing on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00pm. Her book, ***The Hour of Sunlight: One Palestinian's Journey from Prisoner to Peacemaker***, tells the story of Sami al Jundi. As a teenager in Palestine, al Jundi had one ambition: overthrowing Israeli occupation. With two friends, he began to build a bomb to use against the police. But when it exploded prematurely, killing one of his friends, al Jundi was caught and sentenced to ten years in prison.

It was in an Israeli jail that his unlikely transformation began. al Jundi was welcomed into a highly organized, democratic community of political prisoners who required that members of their cell read, engage in political discourse on topics ranging from global revolutions to the precepts of nonviolent protest and revolution.

Al Jundi left prison still determined to fight for his people's rights—but with a very different notion of how to undertake that struggle. He cofounded the Middle East program of Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence, which brings together Palestinian and Israeli youth.

Marked by honesty and compassion for Palestinians and Israelis alike, ***The Hour of Sunlight*** illuminates the Palestinian experience through the story of one man's struggle for peace.

Publishers Weekly says "In this remarkable story of life under Israeli occupation, coauthors al Jundi, cofounder of the *Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence* in Jerusalem, and Marlowe intertwine the personal and the political as they trace al Jundi's evolution from Palestinian militant to peacemaker. As teenagers, al Jundi and two friends joined the PLO, but when a bomb exploded as they were building it, one boy was killed, and the other two badly injured—and on the receiving end of Israeli interrogations and torture. Sentenced to a decade in prison, al Jundi dedicates himself to an extensive education program maintained by the prisoners themselves, ultimately committing himself to nonviolence and to bridging the Israeli-Palestinian divide. The authors successfully convey al Jundi's joys and sorrows, the triumph of his endurance, the complexity of the conflict, and the necessity of dialogue."

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