

MOVIE RESOURCES

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DOCUMENTARIES

The Law and the Prophets (2023) Through the lens of 8 different people, this documentary explains ‘the mechanisms of control that Israel deploys to subjugate Palestinians. These mechanisms, some violent and some nonviolent, have been perfected through decades of civil and military rule of Palestinians both within Israel, and in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.’ The movie amplifies the voices of these smart and courageous women and men, many of whom toil in tragic obscurity. “In doing so,’ director Josh Vis hopes, ‘that more people will come to see the grave injustice of the Israeli occupation and demand an end to the oppression of Palestinians.’ (1 hr 54 mins) FREE online www.thelawandtheprophetsfilm.com

Gaza Fights for Freedom (2019) A documentary on the 2018-2019 Gaza border protests, *The Great March of Return* which were peaceful demonstrations for human rights and dignity. This film challenges the simplistic Western media narratives of Palestinian violence and Israeli victimhood and "self-defence". (1 hr 28 mins) FREE ON YOUTUBE

The Stones Cry Out: The story of Palestinian Christians (2013) This documentary lifts up the voices of Palestinian Christians who are often left out in the coverage of Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Tho’ they are a very small minority group, Palestinian Christians have played a critical role in the territory’s history and, as Palestine is the birthplace of Christianity, it has a global significance for Christians. The film covers Palestinian Christians experience from 1948 to the modern era, including the effect of Israeli defence strategies on Bethlehem. (55 mins) FREE ON YOUTUBE

Where the Olive Trees Weep (2024) Just released on June 6, this film follows a Palestinian therapist/journalist, a Palestinian grassroots activist, and an Israeli journalist, as they explore the themes of loss, trauma, resilience, and the quest for justice over decades of life under Israeli occupation. Also included is coverage of Dr. Gabor Maté offering trauma-healing work to a group of women who were tortured in Israeli prisons. ONLINE VIEWING at <https://whereolivetreesweep.com/> with a donation to a recommended charity.

My Tree (1921) Jason Sherman, a Canadian Jew searches for the tree that was planted in his name in Israel many years earlier. When he discovers that it stands on the remains of a Palestinian village that was destroyed in 1967, he embarks on another journey—to determine his responsibility in helping to cover up the destruction. (1 hr 45 mins) FREE on Hoopla

Israelism (2024) When two young American Jews raised to unconditionally love Israel witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take sharp left turns. Their stories reveal a deepening generational divide over modern Jewish identity. (1 hr 24 mins) RENT on Apple TV

We Need an Exodus from Zionism: Naomi Klein’s passionate speech delivered at the Emergency Seder in the Streets in New York City (2024) Links to the video (13 mins) and speech at <https://naomiklein.org/we-need-an-exodus-from-zionism/>

Interview with Richard Sanders, the documentary filmmaker of ‘October 7’ - “the film the Israeli government does not want you to see.” ‘October 7’ is about exactly what took place that day and the few days after. Middle East Eye, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4vqO-Y70Mk> (41 mins) or a shorter version on Al Jazeera https://youtu.be/-mxfnya3ZRc?si=Na_BtRz4_8Um6QGZ (16 min)

FICTION

The Present (2020) This awarding winning film by Farah Nabulsi is about a father and daughter in the Palestinian enclaves of the Israeli-occupied West Bank trying to buy a wedding anniversary gift. It vividly shows the humiliating and inhumane experience of the checkpoint system which Palestinians endure on a daily basis. (23 mins)

STREAM FREE: Prime Video (with or without Ads) Has been on NetFlix

NB: This list was updated on August 27, 2024, but I can't guarantee the films will still be available when you want because streaming services often change their movie selection.

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