

“The Wrong Kind of Jew”

The Balfour Declaration, 100 years on

Talk by Robert Cohen - former senior broadcast journalist with BBC Radio 5 Live and writer in *Mondoweiss* and other publications.

A hundred years ago this November, Arthur Balfour committed the British government to 'the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people'. His 'declaration' was welcomed by the still-young Zionist movement.

But why were so many Jews at the time opposed to Balfour, and to Zionism?

And why has the Chief Rabbi lately called Zionism 'one of the axioms of Jewish belief'?

Robert Cohen is one of this country's leading dissident Jewish voices. He writes and speaks with great insight into both the history of Britain's Jewish community and the range of opinions within it today.

“The task today is not for Jews to feel they have a 'safe haven' in one strip of land, The task and way to honour the memory of all who died at the hands of Nazis is to make Jews and all minority groups feel safe, respected and treated equally wherever they live.” **Robert Cohen**

Thursday 19th October 7-9 pm

Friends Meeting House

(behind the Manchester Central Library)

6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Public Meetings in November-December 2017

ISRAEL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: SERIAL VIOLATIONS

A Talk by Ben White

Ever since its creation in 1948 the state of Israel has ignored International Law including United Nations Resolutions. U.N. Resolution 194 (1948) states that “refugees, wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours, should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date”. This is just one of over 60 U.N. resolutions that Israel has ignored. This talk will review these many violations of International Law.

Ben White is a writer, journalist, researcher, and activist, specialising in Palestine/Israel. He has published two books, 'Israeli Apartheid: A Beginner's Guide (2009,2014),and 'Palestinians in Israel: Segregation, Discrimination and Democracy'(2012). This talk is the final part of the discussion series Palestine: Past, Present Future and is open to all.

Details Thursday 16th November 7-9 pm Friends Meeting House , 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.

BOOK LAUNCH: THE PRIVATISATION OF ISRAELI SECURITY

Shir Hever presenting his new book

Between 1994-2014, Israel's security service was transformed, becoming one of the most extreme examples of privatised security in the world. This book is an investigation into this period and the conditions that created 'Occupation Inc.': the institution of a private military-security-industrial complex.

State sponsored violence is increasing as a result of this securitisation, but why is it necessary, and what are its implications? The book considers the impact of the ongoing Palestinian resistance to Israeli occupation, the influence of U.S. military aid and the rise of neoliberalism in Israel, to make sense of this dramatic change in security policy.

Shir Hever is an economic researcher based at the Alternative Information Centre in Jerusalem and is the author of *The Political Economy of Israel's Occupation* (Pluto, 2010).

Details Wednesday 6th December 7-9pm Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.

All three events are organised by Manchester Palestine Solidarity Campaign
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