

Title: *Occupation 101*

Date & Time: July 29, 12 pm EST

Speaker: Frank Lowenstein

*Slides from the presentation can be made available after the session.

Suggested Readings

Short Preparatory Materials

1. B'Tselem, Conquer and Divide [interactive map](#)
2. Sfar, M. (2018, October 4). [The Israeli Occupation will Suddenly End. Ha'aretz.](#)
3. Sfar, M. (2018, October 2). [It's Every Israeli's Moral Duty to Resist The Occupation. Ha'aretz.](#)
4. Kershner, I. (2019, November 18). [Are West Bank Settlement Illegal? Who Decides? The New York Times](#)
5. [Israeli Settlers in The West Bank](#), video from *The Atlantic*
6. [Israeli Settlements Explained, Part I](#) video from *Vox*

Books

- 1) Sfar, M. (2017). *The wall and the gate: Israel, Palestine, and the legal battle for human rights.* New York: Metropolitan Books.
- 2) Waldman, A., Chabon, M., Rotman-Zekher, M., Adams, L., & Brooks, G. (2017). *Kingdom of olives and ash: Writers confront the occupation.* New York: Harper Perennial.

Relevant J Street Resources

1. [Borders and Preserving the Green Line](#)
2. [Settlements and Creeping Annexation](#)

Discussion Questions

- What was your first time learning about or witnessing the occupation? How did it impact your prior conceptions of the Israel-Palestinian conflict?
- How was your understanding of the occupation affected by this presentation? What was new or surprising to you?
- Can you reflect on and share an effective method or technique that you use when discussing the occupation with those who are newer to our issue?

