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Activists Discuss Justice in Israel/Palestine

Tuesday, January 25, 2011 Thousand Oaks Library 1401 E. Janss Road 7:00-8:45pm

Yigal Arens is Deputy Director of the Information Sciences Institute of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He was born in the U.S. but grew up in Israel, where he lived for 17 years. While there, he was an assistant to the Chair of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights and active in Matzpen, a Jewish-Arab group that called for withdrawal from the occupied territories and for a non-discriminatory, non-Zionist state of Israel. Yigal has been active in the U.S. supporting fair and just resolution to the conflict in the Middle East. He speaks regularly concerning the situation in Israel/Palestine and has appeared on KPFK's *Middle East in Focus*, KCRW's *Which Way LA*, and has spoken at numerous colleges and other organizations.

Karin Pally is an urban planner who works in the fields of affordable housing and healthy homes. A longtime activist in the Palestine solidarity movement, she is a co-founder of Women in Black-Los Angeles and a member of the advisory boards of KinderUSA and Rebuilding Alliance. She is also a member of the Middle East Peace Education Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation-Los Angeles Chapter and has made two trips to Palestine.

Mary Hughes-Thompson is a retired TV documentarian and a co-founder of the Free Gaza Movement. She has visited the West Bank six times during the current intifada. A citizen of both the U.S. and U.K., Mary helped break the Siege of Gaza on board the *FREE GAZA* and also participated in the recent Gaza Freedom March in Cairo.

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