DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The questions below have been developed to help facilitate a discussion about the film 5 Broken Cameras. We hope that these questions will help open conversations and increase understanding about the situation in Israel and Palestine.

1. Have you ever lived in or visited Israel or Palestine? Has someone you know? What impressions do you have of both societies? Were your impressions challenged by the film?

2. How did watching this film make you feel? What scenes in particular resonated with you, or struck you as memorable?

3. Did you learn something new about Israel and Palestine from watching this film? Do the events in 5 Broken Cameras change the way you understand what is happening in Israel and Palestine?

4. Were you familiar with the events in the film previously? Do you feel that media coverage adequately covers the events shown in this film?

5. The focus of the film is the protests organized in Bil’in against the building of the wall and the resulting destruction and confiscation of village land. Did the film impact your understanding of why Israel is building the wall? Why do you think Israel is building the wall where it is?

6. In addition to its focus on the wall, the film highlights the ongoing expansion of nearby illegal Israeli settlements and the resulting confiscation and destruction of village land. How did what you saw in the film conform to or challenge your understanding of settlements?

7. What did you know about Palestinian nonviolent resistance before watching 5 Broken Cameras? What has this film taught you about Palestinian nonviolent resistance?

8. The film shows Palestinian and Israeli activists working together to challenge and resist the building of the wall and the occupation. How does this form of “co-resistance” differ from more traditional ideas about promoting “co-existence”?

9. During one scene in the film, Israeli soldiers uproot olive trees using Caterpillar construction equipment. Despite their well documented use in systematic human rights violations, Caterpillar machines are sold to the Israeli military through the Foreign Military Sales Program, which is in place to facilitate the sales of weapons to US allies. The cost of their purchase is subsidized by US monetary assistance to Israel. Given this situation, do you think that we as Americans bear any responsibility for the injustices documented in this film or other injustices in Israel and Palestine?

10. What can we do about what we saw in this film? What are actions we can take or campaigns we can support in order to challenge the Israeli occupation of Palestine?
MORE INFORMATION AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like more information about any of the topics covered in *5 Broken Cameras* or ways that you can get involved in Israel and Palestine activism, check out the websites below:

**SOURCES FOR INFORMATION AND NEWS ABOUT ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

- [http://www.mondoweiss.net](http://www.mondoweiss.net)
- [http://www.electronicintifada.net](http://www.electronicintifada.net)
- [http://maannews.net/](http://maannews.net/)
- [http://www.alternativenews.org](http://www.alternativenews.org)

**INFORMATION AND ACTIVIST RESOURCES ON ENDING US MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL**

The US gives Israel $3 billion each year in military aid. Lobby your congressional representative, create a campaign around ending US military aid to Israel, and/or learn about how funds might be used differently in your community.

- [http://www.twopeoplesonefuture.org/](http://www.twopeoplesonefuture.org/)
- [http://www.aidtols.org](http://www.aidtols.org)

**INFORMATION ON BOYCOTT AND DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGNS AND WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

The following corporations are connected to the injustices documented in *5 Broken Cameras*

- Elibit: Israeli company contracted to construct the wall.
- Caterpillar: weaponized bulldozers destroy olive trees, homes
- G4S: contracted to run Israeli detention centers for Palestinian prisoners (including children)
- Veolia Environnement: provides segregated waste, and transportation services for the benefit of settlers.
- SodaStream: manufactured in a settlement industrial zone; made with Palestinian labor.
- The We Divest campaign targets TIAA-CREF, a retirement fund held by many educators and health care providers, which has holdings in the above five companies, and thus profits from the Israeli occupation.

The AFSC, a Quaker peace and social justice organization established in 1917, has worked to build a just and lasting peace in Israel and Palestine since 1948. Since 1970 AFSC has carried out education, advocacy, and policy work in the US to push for a just end to the conflict and changes in US policy. This work is based on the Quaker belief that there is that of God in each person and a commitment to nonviolent action for social change. Based on these beliefs and within the framework of human rights and international law, the AFSC strives for a just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians and for freedom from occupation and self-determination for all people living in the region.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE CORPORATIONS AND DIVESTMENT, VISIT:**

- [http://www.wedivest.org](http://www.wedivest.org)
- [http://sodastreamboycott.org/](http://sodastreamboycott.org/)
- [http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/campaigns](http://globalexchange.org/economicactivism/campaigns)
- [http://www.endtheoccupation.org/](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/)
- [http://www.whoprofits.org](http://www.whoprofits.org)
- [http://www.bdsmovement.net/](http://www.bdsmovement.net/)

**RESOURCE GUIDE: 5 BROKEN CAMERAS • AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE**