



**PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
VIRTUAL DINNER CLUB**



**US CAMPAIGN FOR
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS**

WHAT IS THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS VIRTUAL DINNER CLUB?

The Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club is a series of virtual gatherings where you come together over Zoom, Google Hangouts, Skype, etc. with your community to share a meal, learn about an issue relating to Palestinian rights, and raise funds to support the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) programs that are driving change on the same issue.

Change begins at home. Whether you're gathering with family, friends, or fellow activists, the Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club is a unique opportunity to learn together, build solidarity, and plug directly into the movement for freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people.

What are the best things about a virtual dinner club?

Not only are you keeping your loved ones safe by social distancing during this pandemic, but you also don't have to worry about cooking (or catering) a dinner for ten people and cleaning up afterwards! All the socializing, all the advocacy for Palestinian rights, and none of the mess.



ABOUT USCPR

The US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) is a national coalition of hundreds of groups working to advocate for Palestinian rights and a shift in U.S. policy. As part of a global movement in solidarity with the Palestinian people, we work to stop U.S. support for Israel until it ends its denial of Palestinian rights. Our vision is for freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people in a world without racism and oppression.

WHY SHOULD I HOST A VIRTUAL DINNER CLUB?

The coronavirus pandemic is turning lives and entire countries upside down, and the movement for freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people is not unaffected. In-person organizing is on hold so we can protect and care for our communities, but the need to fight for Palestinian rights is more urgent than ever.

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Across historic Palestine, the Israeli government's separate-and-unequal system of apartheid has been threatening Palestinian lives and health for decades, restricting access to healthcare, employment opportunities, and freedom of movement. Similar to oppressed communities in the U.S., systematic neglect and abuse have left Palestinians vulnerable to the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The Israeli government is also using the cover provided by the pandemic to amp up daily violence against Palestinians in the form of mass arrests, killings, and the demolition of homes, health clinics, and coronavirus testing sites.¹



As a grassroots organization, you
are our best ambassador!.

¹Al-Haq. "Israeli Apartheid Undermines Palestinian Right to Health Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic," April 7, 2020. bit.ly/3cjNG7j

The funds you raise from your community through the Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club power the campaigns we're pushing forward on in light of the current crisis. We're:

- Creating resources specifically for organizers working on Palestinian rights
- Pushing Congress to immediately defund the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip
- Joining calls to free prisoners from the U.S. to Palestine, with an emphasis on the 183 Palestinian children currently locked up and separated from their families
- Training new youth activists across the U.S. to be leaders in our grassroots advocacy network
- Supporting community organizers in a dozen cities as they demand change from their local governments on Palestinian rights.



HOSTING A PALESTINIAN RIGHTS VIRTUAL DINNER CLUB IS A POWERFUL WAY TO JOIN US. LEARN WITH YOUR LOVED ONES, TAKE ACTION FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY, AND HELP POWER OUR PROGRAMS AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD COLLECTIVE POWER FOR JUSTICE!

STEP 1

SIGN UP ONLINE TO HOST

[Sign up here to host a virtual dinner club](#) and automatically create your fundraising page. After you sign up, we'll email you a link to your personal fundraising page and instructions for how to choose a fundraising goal, customize your page, and reach out to your community about contributing!

Make sure you share your personal fundraising link with your community, family, and friends via social media, email, and virtual dinner club invitations (more on those below). If you personalize it with photos and a story of why you're hosting the Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club, your community will see how close to your heart the cause of freedom, justice, and equality is.

Questions? As soon as you sign up,
a member of the USCPR team will reach
out!



STEP 2

YOUR THEME

The Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club is all about learning about issues impacting our communities and taking action together! The following theme will help you and your guests dive into the intersections of Palestinian rights and social justice issues here in the U.S.—a crucial part of solidarity organizing. Your personalized hosting guide (see Step 3) will include a tailored presentation on the topic with targeted actions that you and your guests can take on the spot!

DEFUNDING THE MILITARY DETENTION OF PALESTINIAN CHILDREN

Learn about the detention of Palestinian children by the Israeli military, exciting legislation in Congress that addresses it, and connections with mass incarceration and immigrant detention in the U.S.

Our tax dollars should be funding safety, not harm. Instead of providing healthcare and services to our communities, the U.S. government continues to subsidize Israeli apartheid with \$3.8 billion in military funding to Israel each year, and spend billions on locking Black and brown people up in the U.S.

From the U.S. to Palestine, prisoners must be freed to protect their lives, dignity, health, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In particular, 183 Palestinian children are separated from their families and being subject to abuse and dangerous, unsanitary conditions in Israeli military detention—abuses being funded by our tax dollars. Take action with your community and learn about how USCPR is advocating on the issue!



STEP 3

DOWNLOAD YOUR HOSTING KIT

Once you have [your fundraising page](#) set up, kick it off by making a donation of \$25 or more on the same page. "Seeding" your fundraiser will show your community that you are committed to the cause! Once you make the \$25+ gift, we'll send you a personalized hosting guide with everything you need to put on your first Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club.

The hosting guide includes fundraising and facilitation tips, as well as:

- A **Paperless Post invitation template** so you can invite your dinner club guests in style with a custom evite!
- A **Powerpoint/Google Slides** package tailored to your theme. It includes:
 - Introduction and quick facts
 - Suggestions of films to watch together
 - Discussion questions
 - Facilitation tips
 - Actions to take
- A **Zoom background** to add a pop of color to your virtual dinner
- A **printable sign** for you and your guests to fill out for a fun photo-op at the end



STEP 4

SET A DATE & INVITE YOUR COMMUNITY

The next step is to pick a date and time for your virtual dinner club. You can tie your Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club to an informal lunch break, birthday hangout, Ramadan iftar, or a catch-up with friends to bring some quick online education and action for freedom, justice, and equality into the mix.

Once you have your date and time decided, it's time to send out invitations. We suggest using [Paperless Post](#) to invite your friends for a nice touch, and so you can upload our customized Palestinian Rights Virtual Dinner Club invitation template.

Make sure to include your fundraising link with the invitation and send your invitation far and wide. Even if folks can't attend your virtual dinner club, they can still donate and most importantly—they can take action!

If hosting a virtual dinner club feels like a heavy lift, you can just do an online fundraiser! Contact mike@uscpr.org or lena@uscpr.org for more information.





SIGN UP TODAY TO BE PART OF OUR **GROWING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS** **VIRTUAL DINNER CLUB COMMUNITY!**

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