



It Didn't Start on October 7: An Informal History of Zionism and its Victims

Online January 15 - March 12, 2026

Thursdays at 4pm (Pacific)/7pm (Eastern)

A series of 9 illustrated talks that traces Zionist / Israeli efforts to occupy historic Palestine, dispossess the Palestinian inhabitants, and deny them fundamental human rights and self determination. Each session is 60 minutes followed by 30 minutes of Q/A and discussion. The talks are introductory and non-academic, and no prior knowledge of the history of Palestine / Israel is necessary. The series will be recorded.

The Sessions

The Birth of Zionism (until 1919)

The British Mandate (1919 – 1947)

The Nakba (1948 – 49)

The Aftermath, Exile, Identity, Resistance (1949 – 1966) The Naksa, Occupation, Recognition, Resistance (1967 – 1977)

The Lebanon War, Exile, Occupation, (1980 – 1987)

Intifada, Declaration of Independence, Hamas, Gulf War and Madrid, Oslo Accords, (1988 – 1993)

Oslo, Camp David 2, Second Intifada, Wall, A Farewell (1993 – 2003)

Election, Power Struggle, Gaza Wars, March of Return, Unified Uprising, Apartheid, Conclusion, Next Steps (2004 – 2023)



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YOUR PRESENTER

Philip is a BC freelance writer / editor / educator. He has visited Palestine four times, most recently for a month in April 2025. Since 2014, he has made over 100 in-depth presentations on Palestine in post-secondary classrooms and at community events. Philip helps organize a local solidarity group and is a member of the national coordinating team of UNJPPI.

“It Didn’t Start on October 7” is an engaging, informative and fact-based presentation that should be required background for citizens seeking to understand how we arrived at the current moment and what a just peace entails. I highly recommend it.”

“Philip’s talks are meticulously prepared, thought provoking, and engaging. His talks are both educational to the novice and intellectually stimulating to those with a bit more background.”

"The series is well researched and laid out, and it is presented in an objective manner. It tells the story so that it will never be forgotten."

“I have attended five sessions where Philip was a lead speaker on Palestine. I found his lectures informative, deeply researched, and straight-forward.”

“Philip is a Palestine walking encyclopedia. His thorough knowledge of the history of Palestine and his burning passion towards the Palestinian cause are a result of long years of studying, analyzing, and being on the ground in Palestine.”

“I am better informed and can answer questions.”

“I much appreciated the massive effort in researching and writing these talks.”

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