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A PERSONAL REPORT FROM GAZA

ANN WRIGHT

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation at
Shelter Rock
48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset**



It was six years ago that Ann Wright resigned from the Bush administration and the U.S. diplomatic corps in opposition to the war on Iraq. Since then she has worked for peace in Iraq and has traveled for peace to other parts of the world, including Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran and Gaza. Her resignation freed Ms. Wright to speak freely about her concerns of the Bush administration's war on Iraq, the treatment of prisoners in Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib and the curtailment of civil liberties under the Patriot Act.

Recently Ann was part of a 58 person international delegation of women who traveled from Cairo to Gaza at the invitation of the U.N. Works and Relief Agency (UNWRA) on March 8th. It was to celebrate International Women's Day. The women of Gaza have little to celebrate. Of the 1400 Gazans killed during the recent Israeli attack 192 were women and 400 were children. Their homes and communities are destroyed. The struggle for food, fuel and the necessities of life goes on. They cannot understand why the world has remained silent about the Israeli military attacks and the 18 month blockade of their country. And yet they show a remarkable resilience. The women of Gaza celebrate their determination to survive. It is a remarkable story that you won't hear anywhere else.

"I deplore the use of rockets against Israeli towns by Hamas and others in Gaza, but the results of the 22 day military attack on Gaza are shocking. They must be seen to be believed."

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