

# **PRESS RELEASE**

**Invitation to Attend Book Launch**  
***Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks***  
**August 29 at 5:00 pm**  
**Ramallah Friends Meetinghouse (Main St. Ramallah)**

## **From Ramallah to Global and Back to Ramallah**

The Friends International Center in Ramallah and Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center invite you to attend the book launch of: *Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks*.

The book we are launching is the product of Jean Zaru's life-long commitment and struggle for peace with justice. It contains some of the speeches and lectures she has given at universities, seminars, conferences, churches, and speaking tours in the US, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, India, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, and other countries around the world. She has truly taken the cause of the Palestinian people to the global community.

As Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether says, "Jean Zaru tells the Palestinian story through the lens of her own life and that of her family, her parents and grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren. Jean uses her own life to show western audiences what it means to be ghettoized and living under Israeli military occupation in increasingly shrinking Palestinian enclaves."

"But this book is far more than a personal catalogue of suffering" says Dr. Mary Grey, Professorial Research Fellow at St. Mary's College in London. She goes on to say, "Set within the context of events since the *Nakba*, Jean chronicles the infringements of human rights and injustices of the settlements, the numerous prisoners in Israeli jails, checkpoints, refugee camps, environmental degradation and the 'bantunization' of Palestine, which is a form of apartheid. Her response to this has been, all her life, to develop strategies and a spirituality of nonviolence, which is one of the strengths of Quakerism.

Jean Zaru is a native of Ramallah. She was born into a Palestinian Quaker family and has remained faithful to her Quaker roots and values. Her entire adult life is marked by her struggle for human rights and justice – for women, for her society and for her people.

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