

MN BBC 2nd Annual Day on the Hill
April 11, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Grassroots Training 9 AM -12 PM @ Christ Lutheran Church (105 University Ave, St. Paul)

9:00 Registration & Light Refreshments

9:20 Welcome & Logistics

9:30 Workshop I: "Wake up to Palestine, BDS, and MN BBC History!"

9:50 Workshop II: "Zionism vs. Judaism"

10:15 Break & Screening of "A Word from the MN BBC Lawsuit Co-Plaintiffs"

10:30 Panel Discussion***: "MN BBC in Context: BDS Movements Past, Present, and Future"
featuring Sri Ananth, Jordan Ash, and Flo Razowsky

11:20 Break

11:25 Workshop III: "How to Engage Your Legislators 201"

11:50 Head over to the Capitol for the Rally

Rally to say "Divestment Now!" 12 – 1 PM @ The State Capitol Rotunda (75, Saint Paul, MN)

Can't attend the rest of the day but lucky enough to get a lunch break? Join us, it's free entertainment!
(Playing hooky for the whole day is also encouraged, but you didn't hear that from us.)

Featured speakers:

- Hedy Epstein: Hedy is a Holocaust survivor who has traveled extensively to share about her Nazi Holocaust experiences, her work at the Nuremberg Medical Trial, and the five trips she has taken to Palestine since 2003 to witness the facts on the ground. She is also known for her social justice work in areas such as fair housing and antiwar activities. In addition, she has appeared on several radio and television shows as a guest. She resides in St. Louis, MO and is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center.
- Marisa Carr: Marisa is a poet, visual artist, youth worker and organizer who resides in Minneapolis. She has been featured as a performer in various venues around the Twin Cities, including the award-winning Equilibrium spoken word series, as well as in Johannesburg, South Africa. Marisa is Turtle Mountain Ojibwe.
- Amina Maameri, Students for Justice in Palestine, University of Minnesota
- Sanna Towns: Sanna Towns has been an activist in the cause for Palestinian equality and justice for more than 30 years. She has been involved in several national Palestinian justice organizations and conferences, and two fact-finding tours to Palestine-Israel. She has also written several articles and given numerous presentations on the realities of Palestinian life. She has been a member of MN BBC since its inception.

Appointments with Legislators 1 – 4 PM (Your exact times TBD)

These will happen at the offices of your senator and representative, either in the State Capitol or in the State Office Building directly across the street (100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). If you REGISTER IN ADVANCE, we will schedule your appointments and you will be informed of the times and locations when you get your registration materials.

If you cannot attend the rest of the day's events, but could attend appointments with your legislators, please still REGISTER by e-mailing rsvp@breakthebonds.org or calling [612.547.6118](tel:612.547.6118) with your name, district/address, and the best way to contact you, and include a description of your situation/availability. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Be prepared to be flexible! Depending on your legislators' committee duties and whether or not they are in session, we may need to pull them out of meetings or make other small adjustments to our plans. The good news is, we have done the Day on the Hill once before now, and volunteers will be there to help you.

(Lunch will be available starting at 1 pm and is free if you register in advance)

***Description: Panelists will take a historic look at the role of the divestment movement against South Africa in bringing down apartheid, and lessons that can be learned from that effort. They will also provide insight into what is happening nationally and globally with the Palestinian-led BDS Movement today, and where we are headed tomorrow.

Featured Speakers Bios:

Jordan Ash has been working in community and union organizing for over twenty years, which he feels is firmly rooted in Jewish values and in his Jewish heritage. After traveling to Israel and the West Bank in 2007 he came back committed to working for peace, justice, and equality in the region. He is on the national board of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and a member of Mount Zion synagogue.

Flo Razowsky is a co-founder of MN BBC and a national organizer with the International Jewish anti-Zionist Network (IJAN). She combines art and community organizing through documentary photography, writing and political activism. Razowsky has spent almost 2 years living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 2002 and 2008 both documenting life on the ground and participating in Palestinian organized non-violent resistance.

Sriram Ananth is completing his PhD in Political and Economic Geography and his research focuses on the current Palestinian-led BDS Movement against Israel. He has organized in India, the US, and Canada on issues surrounding labor, gender, and disenfranchisement. was a Core organizer with MN BBC for two years before moving to Toronto, Canada.