

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Forum

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
1187 Franklin Street at Geary, Thomas Starr King Room

Sunday, May 5 – 9:00 am

- 9:00 In Person at UUSF: coffee, breakfast available for nominal fee, socializing
- 9:30 Program begins and Zoom online as listed below
- 10:15 Questions, Discussion
- 10:50 Adjourn for the 11:00 UU Worship Service (in the Sanctuary)



RICHARD BECKER

**PALESTINE, ISRAEL AND
THE U.S. EMPIRE**

The news from Palestine and now other countries in the Middle East has become worse each day since the outbreak of the crisis on October 7. The facts about this war's origins and intelligence failures are yet murky after 7 months. The known number of 30,000 Palestinian civilian deaths, and 70,000 injured keeps climbing, and appears to be unstoppable. Many of these known deaths are due to starvation. These catastrophic happenings between so-called "advanced" countries are the worst war statistics in history. This situation could lead to a broader international nuclear conflict. Protests in this country and around the world are demanding that the United States end its support for the Israeli government, so far to no avail. Here are questions that might help us to better deal with this crisis:

- What can an American citizen do to understand and try to stop this immoral and horrendous conflict at this juncture in history?
- What is needed when this conflict ends, to have justice and equality for all the people directly involved in this situation?

Richard Becker is the Western regional Coordinator of the ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) Coalition, and has researched and traveled to Palestine and the Middle East for the past 50 years. He is the author of *Palestine, Israel, and the U.S. Empire*, which new edition is out now and available for purchase. Mr. Becker has been an anti-war activist since the late 1960s, and is a frequent speaker at our UUSF Forum.

Please join us to hear the latest news and analysis on this important issue.

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