

# Arab Voices Radio Talk Show

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## Fall 2012 Membership Drive "Thank-You" Gifts

Pledge	Item Description
<b>\$100</b>	<b>"The Seventeen Solutions: Bold Ideas for Our American Future"</b> BOOK by Ralph Nader ( <b>NEW</b> October 2012)
<b>\$200</b>	<b>"Palestine in Israeli School Books: Ideology and Propaganda in Education"</b> BOOK by Nurit Peled-Elhanan ( <b>NEW</b> September 2012)
<b>\$180</b>	<b>"The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine"</b> BOOK by Miko Peled ( <b>NEW</b> June 2012)
<b>\$250 for One \$400 for Two</b>	<b>"VIP Meet &amp; Greet with Amy Goodman in Houston on November 2, 2012" NEW</b> Amy Goodman is coming to Houston on November 2, 2012 to debut her new book "The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprising, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope". Meet & Greet with Amy Goodman from 6-7 pm and a main event talk and booksigning from 7-9pm.
<b>\$180</b>	<b>"Faith Misplaced: the Broken Promise of U.S.-Arab Relations" BOOK by Ussama Makdisi</b> In this new book, Dr. Makdisi presents a provocative and dramatic portrait of America's interaction with the Arab world—and the defining choice that squandered years of carefully built good relations. Professor Makdisi explores why Arabs once had a favorable view of America and why they no longer do. He firmly rejects the spurious notion of a civilizational clash between Islam and the West. He instead demonstrates how an initial zealous American missionary crusade was transformed across the nineteenth-century into a leading American educational presence in the Arab world, and how the advent of the idea of Wilsonian self-determination, amidst wide-scale Arab emigration to the United States, further bolstered a positive, foundational Arab idea of America. However, a series of subsequent political turning points—beginning with the British and French colonial partition of the Arab world in 1920 and culminating in the U.S.-backed creation of Israel in 1948 at the expense of the Palestinians—systematically alienated Arabs from America.
<b>\$160</b>	<b>"Arab Voices: What They Are Saying to Us, and Why it Matters" BOOK by James Zogby</b> Queen Noor of Jordan said "Jim Zogby has written an essential and enlightening book on Arab opinion. Arab Voices is a must read for anyone who wants to hear true voices from the Arab world". Ralph Nader said: "Arab Voices is a breakthrough book. Finally, after decades of relentlessly ignorant or bigoted stereotyping of the so-called 'Arab Mind'—often a form of anti-Semitism against Arabs—by partisans having other agendas, James Zogby responds. He presents the results of intensive polling, within historical, political and cultural contexts, in an engrossing search for accuracy, fairness and truth. Let's see if the slanted press and the wrathful cable-talk radio hosts can tolerate giving this book and its calm author a chance to correct the record.". President Jimmy Carter said: "The need for United States engagement in the Middle East has never been greater, and I believe it is essential that Americans better understand the people and cultures in the region. This book improves our understanding of these diverse communities and provides valuable insight into the lives of Arab Americans."
<b>\$150</b>	<b>"The Obama Syndrome: Surrender at Home, War Abroad" by Tariq Ali</b> What has really changed since Bush left the White House? Very little, argues Tariq Ali, apart from the mood music. The hopes aroused during Obama's election campaign have rapidly receded—the honeymoon has been short. Following the financial crisis, the "reform" president bailed out Wall Street without getting anything in return. With Democratic Party leaders and representatives mired in the corrupt lobbying system, the plans for reforming the healthcare system lie wrecked on the Senate floor. Abroad, the "war on terror" continues: torture on a daily basis in the horror chamber that is Bagram, Iraq occupied indefinitely, Israel permanently appeased, and more troops to Afghanistan and more drone attacks in Pakistan than under Bush. The fact that Obama has proved incapable of shifting the political terrain even a few inches in a reformist direction will pave the way for a Republican surge and triumph in the not too distant future.
<b>\$100</b>	<b>"The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine" BOOK by Ilan Pappé</b> Renowned Israeli author and academic Ilan Pappé explains how Israel worked on ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity beginning in 1948, and continuing through the present. Pappé demonstrates how ethnic cleansing was not a circumstance of war, but rather a deliberate goal of combat for early Israeli military units led by David Ben-Gurion, whom Pappé labels the "architect of ethnic cleansing." The forced expulsion of 800,000 Palestinians between 1948-49, Pappé argues, was part of a long-standing Zionist plan to manufacture an ethnically pure Jewish state. Pappé argues that the ethnic cleansing of Palestine continues today, and calls for the unconditional return of all Palestinian refugees and an end to the Israeli occupation.
<b>\$90</b>	<b>"What I Believe" by Tariq Ramadan</b> Tariq Ramadan was named one of Time magazine's most important innovators of the twenty-first century. He is among the leading Islamic thinkers in the West, with a large following around the world. But he has also been a lightning rod for controversy. In 2004, Ramadan was prevented from entering the U.S. by the Bush administration. In "What I Believe", Ramadan attempts to set the record straight, laying out the basic ideas he stands for in clear and accessible prose. He describes the book as a work of clarification, directed at ordinary citizens, politicians, journalists, and others who are curious (or skeptical) about his positions. Aware that that he is dealing with emotional issues, Ramadan tries to get past the barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding to speak directly, from the heart, to his Muslim and non-Muslim readers alike. In particular, he calls on Western Muslims to escape the mental, social, cultural, and religious ghettos they have created for themselves and become full partners in the democratic societies in which they live. At the same time, he calls for the rest of us to recognize our Muslim neighbors as citizens with rights and responsibilities the same as ours. His vision is of a future in which a shared and confident pluralism becomes a reality at last.