

Amira Hass

The child of Holocaust survivors, Amira Hass was born in Jerusalem in 1956 and studied history in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. After working as a teacher, she started her journalistic career in 1989 as a staff editor at Ha'aretz and began writing about the Palestinian Territories in 1991, apparently undaunted by danger and criticism from both Israelis and Palestinians.

Amira Hass is the first and only Israeli journalist living in the Palestinian Territories. She moved to Gaza in December 1993 after the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian agreements and settled in Ramallah in the West Bank in 1997. Despite restrictions from both Israeli military authorities and from the Palestinian authorities, Amira Hass has been doggedly filing compassionate reports about the daily lives and hardships of the Palestinians. Her independent and critical reporting on the policies of both Israelis and Palestinians has exposed her to pressure from both sides.

Amira Hass' lecture will be the first one in the series

“Talking for Peace - the Middle East Now and Tomorrow. A Lecture Series Presented by the Karl Kahane Foundation.”

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Karl Kahane (1920-1993) was an Austrian entrepreneur and a close friend of Bruno Kreisky. He supported politicians and peace activists at the time of the first peace talks between Israel and Egypt. Discreetly working behind the scenes, he acted as a go-between between Sadat and the Israelis and became a personal friend of the Egyptian President. He also entertained personal contacts with Yassir Arafat and felt close to the Palestinian people. Kahane said of himself: “I categorise neither my friends nor employees, neither my sympathies nor antipathies according to religion or race.”

Moderator:

Rubina Möhring, journalist, Chair of the Austrian Chapter of Reporters without Borders

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AMIRA HASS

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The discussion will be held in English on

Wednesday, 10 September, 2003, 18.30 hours

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