



Hamilton Voices of Palestine Film Series is pleased to be partnering with

Independent Jewish Voice's (IJV) Online Chavurah;  
Jewish Liberation Theology Institute;  
International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network;  
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Join us for our first online screening on Sunday, January 24th at 1 pm EST. We will be screening "The Village Under the Forest" (Grey Matter Media, 2013), a feature-length documentary by Heidi Grunebaum and Mark Kaplan.

The film screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker Heidi Grunebaum.

Please [register in advance](#) for the film screening.

### **About The Village Under the Forest**

Unfolding as a personal meditation from the Jewish diaspora, **The Village Under the Forest** explores the hidden remains of the destroyed Palestinian **village** of Lubyia, which lies **under** a purposefully cultivated **forest** plantation called South Africa **Forest**.

Using the forest and the village ruins as metaphors, the documentary explores themes related to the erasure of the Palestinian *Nakba* (catastrophe) and the persistence of memory. Through a multi-layered visual, aural and narrative assemblage, the film asks that we imagine a shared future as an ethical obligation in which dignity, acknowledgement, return and co-habitation may be possible in Israel/Palestine.

*The Village Under the Forest* won the 2013 Encounters South African International Documentary Festival audience award for best South African documentary of 2013. Its world premier at the festival (6-16 June) was covered widely in national electronic

media and film industry publications, as well as in reviews and interviews with the filmmakers. The film also attracted international reviews and coverage.

In 2013 *The Village under the Forest* screened to sold-out audiences at the Tri Continental Human Rights Film Festival in South Africa (13-29 September), at independent cinemas, the Labia (Cape Town), The Nielsie (Stellenbosch), The Bioscope (Johannesburg), and Spiga D'Oro (Durban), as well as at the District 6 Museum (Cape Town). Screenings were followed by lively discussions in audience Q & As with the filmmakers. In January 2014, the film was screened at UCT's Summer School as part of an offering on contemporary issues in the Middle East.

*The Village Under the Forest* was also selected for the Boston Palestine Festival held at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, USA, and was an official selection for the competition section of the 'Al Ard' Film Festival, Sardinia, Italy. In November, Arabic and Hebrew subtitled versions of the film were screened at the first ever film festival on the Palestinian *Nakba* in Israel, organized by Zochrot, and screened at the Tel Aviv Cinemateque. In 2014 the film was screened at festivals and events in Europe, North America, Africa and the Middle East.

Directed and Produced by: Mark Kaplan

Written and Narrated by Heidi Grunebaum

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