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Samar Assad, Executive Director

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The Palestine Center, which focuses on analysis of U.S. policy toward the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, was established in 1991. The Center is the educational program of the Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development, an independent non-profit organization that has done humanitarian work in and around the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 1977. The Center's publications and events focus on educating the American public about the Palestinian experience and providing informed analysis of regional events to the media, policy and political communities based in Washington, DC.



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