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From the Warsaw Ghetto to the Gaza Ghetto

Speakers:

Hammam Farah, York University graduate from Gaza, where his family resides

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The Warsaw Ghetto was the largest of the Jewish ghettos established under Germany's Nazi regime, in the capital city of occupied Poland. Between 1941 and 1943, starvation, disease and extermination reduced the population from 450,000 to 71,000. During the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of January, 1943, Jewish fighters organized an armed rebellion that held control of the Ghetto for three months.

Today, Palestinian residents of Gaza, in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, are facing conditions similar to the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto.

In a letter written in December, 2007, to US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Hamas spokesperson Ahmed Yousef stated: "It is hard to get across the appalling level of hardship that the Palestinian people, and in particular the 1.3 million Palestinians who live in Gaza, currently suffer from. Our isolation is complete, confining us in a ghetto ... where our sewage, power and water systems have been destroyed, all normal supplies constrained and even humanitarian aid withheld. Many people have not been paid for nearly two years, over 75 per cent are unemployed and now the Israelis are threatening to cut off fuel and power and invade us once again." In January, 2008, over 200,000 Gazans broke the gates of the Israeli jail keepers and crossed the border into Egypt to buy food and fuel, recalling the resistance of Jewish rebels 65 years earlier. Hear **HAMMAM FARAH** and **SUZANNE WEISS** discuss the lessons of their common experiences of repression, resistance and solidarity.

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