

You are invited to the annual Rachel Corrie commemoration:

Intimate Portraits of Gaza's Lost

**Featuring Photographer Anne Paq, Journalist Ala Qandil
and the *Obliterated Families* Project**



**Sunday
April 2, 2017**

2 p.m.

**St. James Church
1128 St. James Ct.
Madison, WI**

Free and open to the public; beverages and desserts including baklava will be served. Donations will support the Samira Project for traumatized children in Rafah, Palestine.

March 16, 2017 marks 14 years since an Israeli soldier bulldozed 23-year-old American peace activist Rachel Corrie to death as she protested the demolition of a family home in Rafah, Gaza Strip, Palestine. Each year, the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project (MRSCP) honors Rachel's memory with an event that benefits Palestinian children.

This year, award-winning French photographer Anne Paq of Activestills and Palestinian-Polish journalist Ala Qandil will present from *Obliterated Families*, a multi-media project that profiles Gaza families partially or entirely annihilated during the Israeli bombardment in 2014. Statistics and figures, political facts and flashpoint dates that usually accompany the story of Gaza's destruction show the magnitude of the tragedy, but can obscure the staggering consequence of each extinguished life. *Obliterated Families* never departs from the perspective of the witness – the survivors left in grief, the neighbors who last saw the families alive, the friend who tried to find them safe shelter, and sometimes the photographer herself.

The event will also offer the latest batch of kufiyahs direct from Hirbawi Textiles, Holy Land Olive Oil, and other Palestinian crafts for sale. **Note: If possible, please RSVP to Michele Bahl at mibahl02@yahoo.com by Friday, March 31 so that we will be sure to have enough food.** Info at: <https://www.facebook.com/madisonrafah>

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