

BORN UNEQUAL ABROAD

HANNAH



JEWISH AMERICAN
BORN IN THE U.S.



LEILA

PALESTINIAN REFUGEE
BORN IN LEBANON

CAN I VISIT ISRAEL & THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY?

YES

You can visit Israel and most of the West Bank, and you'll find programs that may help fund your trip

NO

You are barred from entry to Israel, the West Bank or Gaza

CAN I MOVE THERE?

YES

Because you're Jewish, the 1950 Law of Return guarantees your right to live in Israel. Plus, you'll get a free flight and a bunch of perks if you do so

NO

As a Palestinian refugee, you're barred from returning and denied residency rights, even if you have family living there

CAN I BECOME AN ISRAELI CITIZEN?

YES

The 1952 Citizenship Law entitles you to automatic citizenship, even if you've never set foot in Israel before

NO

You are ineligible if your family became refugees between 1947 and 1949, even if they had lived there for generations before

CAN I PASS ON MY LEGAL STATUS TO MY SPOUSE IN ISRAEL OR THE OPT?

YES

Upon becoming a citizen, you can pass along legal status and even citizenship to your spouse (except if they're Palestinian from the OPT or from several Arab countries)

NO

You have no legal status and cannot gain one, even by marrying a citizen or resident of Israel

BORN UNEQUAL EAST JERUSALEM

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JEWISH CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN EAST JERUSALEM
(SETTLEMENT)

IS MY LEGAL STATUS IN JERUSALEM SECURE?

YES

You're an Israeli citizen and it's government policy to maintain a Jewish majority in the city



ZEID

PALESTINIAN RESIDENT
BORN IN EAST JERUSALEM

IS MY LEGAL STATUS IN JERUSALEM SECURE?

NO

Just like foreigners who move to Israel, you're a resident, a conditional and revocable status. You can apply for citizenship, but you're unlikely to get it

CAN I MOVE ABROAD FOR A FEW YEARS AND COME BACK?

YES

Whenever you decide to move back to Jerusalem, you'll be welcome

MAYBE NOT

You can leave, but if you stay away too long, your residency could be revoked, leaving you without legal status

WILL I KEEP MY LEGAL STATUS IF I MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WEST BANK?

YES

You can move to an Israeli settlement in the West Bank. Your legal status is secure, regardless of where you live

MAYBE NOT

If Israeli authorities determine that you no longer "maintain a connection" to Jerusalem, you might lose your residency

CAN I EASILY MOVE TO A NEW HOME IN EAST JERUSALEM?

YES

You should have no problem moving into a settlement

MAYBE NOT

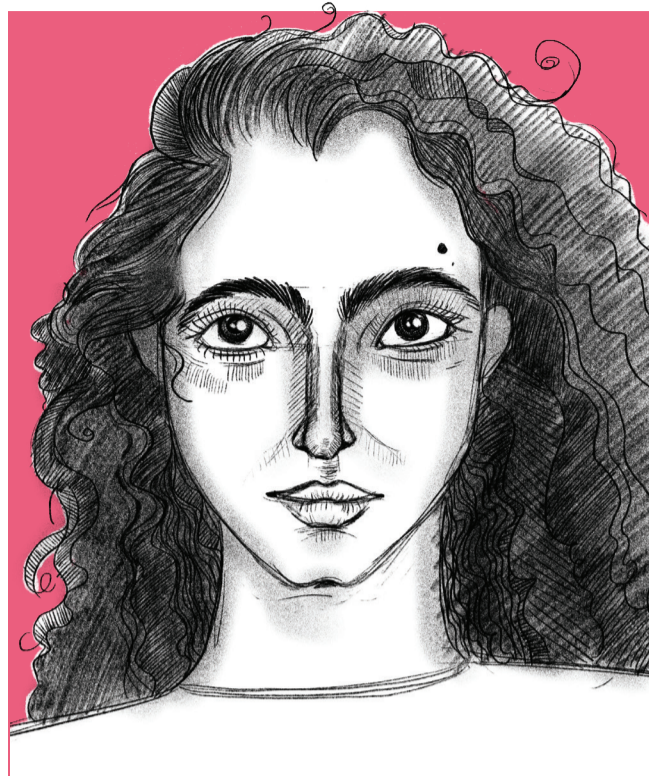
It's virtually impossible to obtain a building permit, and built-up Palestinian areas are already overcrowded

BORN UNEQUAL WEST BANK

ILAN



JEWISH CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN AN ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT



MARIAM

PALESTINIAN ID HOLDER
BORN IN A PALESTINIAN
VILLAGE (AREA C)

CAN I HOP IN MY CAR AND DRIVE TO JERUSALEM?

YES

You can do so on roads designed to bypass Palestinian communities and facilitate your commute

NO

You need a rarely issued Israeli permit that's generally time limited. Even with a permit, you'll face checkpoints where you're likely to experience delays and humiliation

IF I'M ARRESTED, WILL I GET A FAIR TRIAL?

YES

You'll be tried in Israeli civil courts with full due process rights

NO

You'll be tried in an Israeli military court with a near 100% conviction rate, or possibly even held in administrative detention without trial or charge, based on secret evidence

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH AND RIGHT TO PROTEST?

YES

Only speech with "near certainty" to "seriously jeopardize" vital security can be restricted. You can protest without fear of state repression

NO

Military orders restrict your right to free speech and right to protest. If you violate these vaguely worded orders, you could face up to 10 years in prison

CAN I BUILD A HOME?

YES

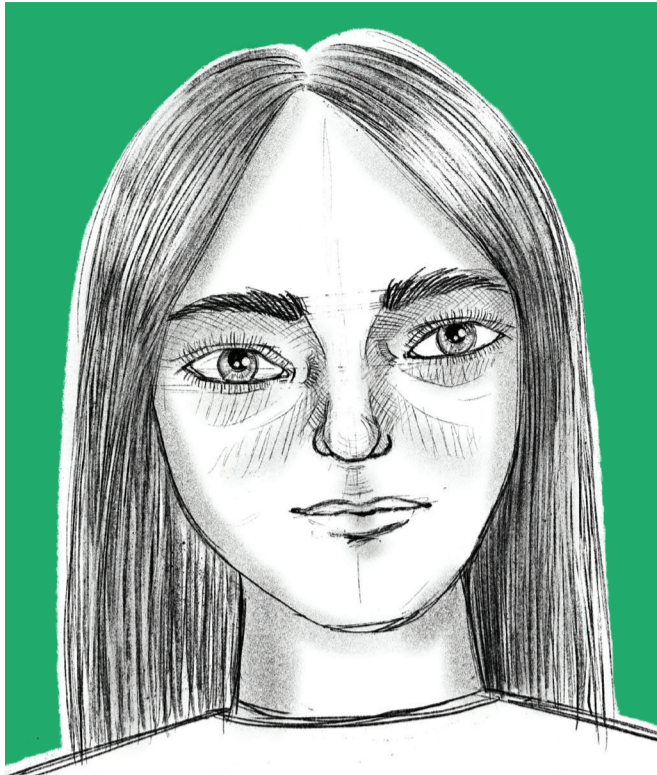
Israel has allocated large swaths of the West Bank to settlements, where plans have been approved to build thousands of homes

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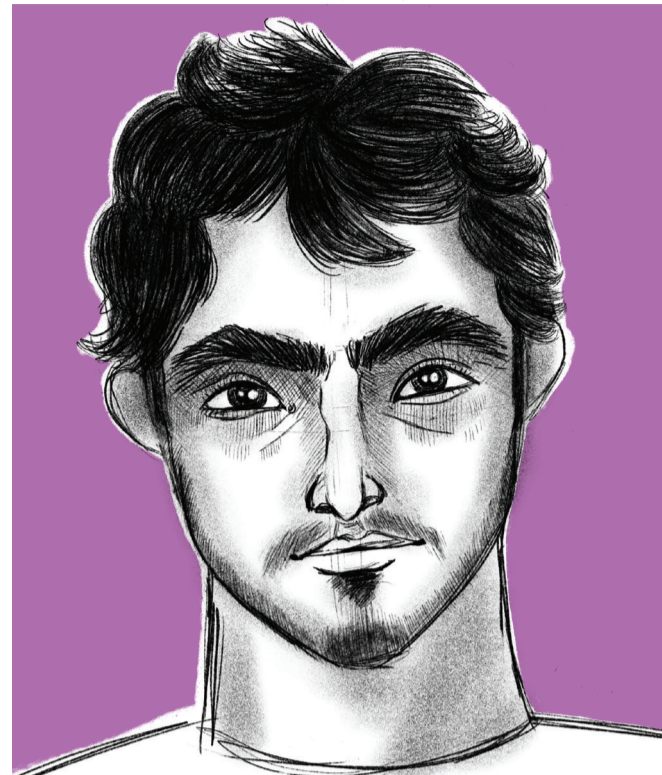
Because you live in the 60% of the West Bank that is under exclusive Israeli control (Area C), it's virtually impossible. You may be more likely to have your home demolished than get a permit to build

BORN UNEQUAL NEGEV

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**JEWISH
CITIZEN OF ISRAEL**
BORN IN AN ISRAELI TOWN



WISSAM

**PALESTINIAN
CITIZEN OF ISRAEL**
BORN IN UNRECOGNIZED
BEDOUIN VILLAGE

IS MY COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

YES

As part of a policy to “Judaize the Negev”, Israel actively nurtures the development of Jewish communities in the Negev

NO

Israel does not recognize 35 Palestinian Bedouin communities, making it impossible for 90,000 or so residents to live lawfully in their homes

CAN I ACCESS BASIC SERVICES?

YES

Likely without any obstacles, thanks to billions of shekels Israel has invested in major infrastructure projects to attract Jewish residents to the area

NO

Israel refuses to connect your unrecognized village to national electricity or water grids or provide basic services like paved roads, sewage systems and schools

CAN I STAY HERE FOR YEARS TO COME?

YES

Israel continues to make more and more land available to Jewish communities to encourage you to stay and raise your family here

MAYBE NOT

Israel seeks to concentrate Bedouins in government-planned townships. As a resident of an unrecognized village, you live under constant threat of home demolition

IF I WANT TO MOVE, DO I HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS?

YES

You can move to a big city or one of hundreds of other small Jewish towns across Israel

MAYBE NOT

Among other challenges, hundreds of small Jewish towns have admissions committees that have power by law to exclude Palestinian citizens from living there