***– DIRECT FROM THE REGUGEE CAMPS –***

**[host organization name/s]**

**in cooperation with the Free Palestine Movement, International Solidarity Movement-Northern California and al-Awda Palestine Right to Return Coalition**

**invite you to**

**North America Nakba Tour**

**The Exiled Palestinians**

**Stateless Palestinians from the Camps in Lebanon**



On May 14, 1948, as Zionist leader David Ben Gurion was proclaiming a Jewish state in Palestine, his troops drove out the inhabitants of the ancient Palestinian town of al-Zeeb. 18-year-old **Mariam Fathalla** was one of them. She and her young husband fled to Lebanon. By year’s end the 4,000-year-old community had been leveled. More than half of all Palestinians were killed or expelled and more than half the cities, towns and villages disappeared, a crime that Palestinians call al-Nakba (the Catastrophe).

Now 86 years old, Mariam has spent the last 68 years in crowded, makeshift refugee camps in Lebanon. She has raised three generations, all waiting to return to Palestine. She has seen five Israeli invasions of Lebanon, as well as the 1976 Tel al-Zaatar camp massacre that killed more than 2000 refugees there.

Mariam wants meet you.  So does **Amena Ashkar**, the great granddaughter of other Nakba survivors.  They have a different message.  They do not live in Palestine.  They have no citizenship anywhere.  They do not live under Israeli occupation. Israel does not allow them to visit their homes, much less live there.  Amena has never met an Israeli, and Mariam not since 1948. They have a different perspective.

**VENUE: [name of venue]**

**TIME: [event starting time]**

**LOCATION: [event address]**

**DIRECTIONS: [directions and public transit stations]**

**OTHER: [free or entrance fee or donation requested or collection taken]
CONTACT: [local email, phone, website]**