

I think it is time to express and highlight our deep gratitude to the authors who have contributed to TWIP – the current issue as well as past issues – and especially to the individuals and institutions who have repeatedly or even regularly added value through their stories, opinions, insights, and knowledge. All of you are Humans of Palestine

(some by birth, others by association), all are precious in many and various ways, and all bring to TWIP either expertise in your area of knowledge or the graciousness and generosity that lets you share the fruits of a keen sense of observation and love for writing. We want you to know: You are our heroes! We could not present this magazine, month after month, without you. Thank you!

We encourage you to continue with such endeavors and welcome your submissions. Contributing an article to TWIP requires and proves your enthusiasm for promoting Palestine and Palestinian issues by informing a wide readership about cultural, environmental, and social issues specific to Palestine. You add value, and this takes effort, time, and dedication.

We generally ask you to submit a short synopsis about six weeks before the publication date to help us plan the issue. (You may have noticed that we announce the upcoming themes three months in advance.) Articles are due between the 8th and the 10th of the month preceding the publication date; they undergo content and language editing where your input and approval is required; and you are encouraged to submit images, graphs, and tables for illustration purposes. We may require you to explain or rephrase a passage and appreciate your patience and perseverance in cases where we might ask for clarification or expansion on a certain idea. But it is our collective pleasure to see the articles develop into gems that shine due to the dedication and efforts of our authors – and the help of our language editor, who, though she prefers to remain anonymous, is simply brilliant and adds final sparkle to every article we publish. She also is our hero!

And while we are at it, I would like to thank Shehadeh Louis, Taisir Hazboun, and Hassan Nasser who make each issue such a visual feast (you are allowed to accuse me of boasting). Thank you!

Finally, we appreciate the faithful and loyal support of our readers. Now, with all these heroes, should we not be able to accomplish major deeds? Today a magazine, tomorrow a state!

We are looking forward to an ongoing fruitful collaboration and association with all of you. From all of us at TWIP, we wish a blessed month of Ramadan to those of you who are celebrating, and to everyone a safe and peaceful summer!

Tina Basem Editor



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