



Our children and families may be among the greatest source of happiness in our lives. They provide a sense of belonging, a feeling of home, a space of nurturing – at least ideally. Friends become our family, pets may provide company and patient ears, but the need for community has been deeply engrained in us since the early days of our evolution, and familial and social connections are necessary to secure our well-being and survival. Resources need to be available, therefore, when our families become a source of misery rather than nurturing. Whereas in the West, family relations seem to be decreasing in importance, this is much less the case in Palestine! How families interact, how they tackle the challenges they face, and how society and government aim to support Palestinian families and foster their well-being is the theme of this issue.

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We would like to draw your attention to Kalimat, the literature festival that is being held this month. And on Thursday, November 29, join the world in celebrating – or commemorating – the annual International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

From the entire team at TWiP we wish you a beautiful fall.

Tina Basem

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