



## Message from the Editor

When we announced our intention to publish an additional issue of *This Week in Palestine* (TWiP) to complement the August 2021 issue in order to focus on West Jerusalem, we were warned not to dwell on the past and were encouraged to “move on.” With the current May 2022 issue, we’re certainly not dwelling on the past. On the contrary, we at TWiP believe that it is our duty to highlight and keep alive such important issues as the historical reality of the destruction of a whole community in 1948, not only as a reminder of this history but also to support the claims for ownership rights, compensation, and restitution.

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Due to this month’s wealth of material, the only regular features included in this issue are our Book of the Month, *The Storyteller of Jerusalem*, and Where to Go, Cremisan Wine Estate.

The entire team at TWiP wishes all our readers the best things that life can offer.

Sincerely, the TWiP Collective