



I Shall Not Hate

A Gaza doctor's journey on the road
to peace and human dignity

In Urbana-Champaign

February 11-13, 2011

Izzeldin Abuelaish, known simply as the “Gaza doctor”, is a Palestinian physician with a degree from Harvard who was born and raised in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, “who has devoted his life to medicine and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians” (*New York Times*). Dr. Abuelaish has been crossing lines in the sand that divide Israelis and Palestinians for most of his life—as a physician who treats patients on both sides of the line, as a humanitarian who sees the need for improved health and education for women as the way forward in the Middle East, and, most recently as a father whose daughters were killed by Israeli bombs in Gaza. His response to this tragedy made news and won him humanitarian awards around the world. Instead of seeking revenge or sinking into hatred, Abuelaish calls for the people in the region to start talking to each other. His deepest hope is that his daughters will be the last sacrifice on the road to peace between Palestinians and Israelis. His new book, *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey*, has received high reviews. He currently lives in Toronto, serving as associate professor of public Health at the University of Toronto.

“This story is a necessary lesson against hatred and revenge.”

—*Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize laureate*

Friday, Feb. 11 - 12:00-1:00

Brown-bag: “Daughters for Life: Education and Female Empowerment in Gaza.”

Lucy Ellis Lounge, UI Foreign Language Building, 749 S. Mathews, U.

Hosted by the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Friday, Feb. 11 - 3:00-5:00

Book talk, signing

Illini Union Bookstore

809 S. Wright, C.

I Shall Not Hate available for purchase

Saturday, Feb. 12 - 11:00-12:30

Book talk, signing

Urbana Free Library, 210 W. Green, U.

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Saturday, Feb. 12 - 3:30-5:00

Presentation: “Healing Two Cultures: From Gaza to Tel Aviv”

Provena Covenant Medical Center auditorium, 1400 W. Park, U.

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Sunday, Feb. 13 - 1:30-3:00

Book talk, signing

Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center

106 S. Lincoln, U.

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The visit of Izzeldin Abuelaish to U-C is sponsored by the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN PEACE INITIATIVE. For further information please contact John Setterlund (217) 828-1038 or Gary and Jamie Storm (217) 367-0879.

Live radio interviews with Dr. Abuelaish on WILL-AM 580 radio:

◆ **Wednesday, Feb. 9 - 11:00 a.m.** on *Focus* with David Inge

◆ **Sunday, Feb. 13 - 5:00 p.m.** on *Keepin' the Faith* with Steve Shoemaker

Listeners are invited to join the conversation live by telephone at (217) 333-9455 or 800-222-9455.