

Activities

Activity 3

Video—"To Die in Jerusalem"

Preparation:

Estimated Time: 1 or 2 periods • **Materials:** The film from www.priddybrothers.com/store/details.cfm?item=10005 (cost:\$20.00), a DVD player.

Background: This is an insightful and wrenching documentary about 18-year-old Ayat, a beautiful Palestinian girl, who was a suicide bomber who killed 17-year-old Rachel. The girls looked alike. After Rachel's death, her mother sought to talk to Ayat's mother, to understand what happened and to reach out to her to share their grief. The film traces their efforts to meet and the understanding they did or did not reach. It provides many insights into the conflict and into Israeli and Palestinian societies.

Activity:

Watch the film. After the film is shown, discuss with students:

- What they learned from the movie.
- How they felt about the movie.
- What insights the movie gave them into Palestinian society and into Israeli society.
- Why they think Ayat committed the suicide-murder.
- How Ayat's society/family responded to her actions and how Israeli society responded.
- How their research in Activity #2 helped them interpret the movie.
- Whom they felt more sympathy for in the film.

Wrap-Up: This movie gives a human, personal perspective to suicide bombing and its effects.

