

LIFE WITHOUT WATER

PREMISE

In some areas of the Holy Land such as Gaza, the West Bank, and even in Eastern Jerusalem water is dangerously scarce due to damming of natural rivers, failing water treatment systems, and lack of infrastructure. We often take clean water for granted because it's always there when we turn on the tap, but that's not the case for many residents of the Holy Land.

MATERIALS

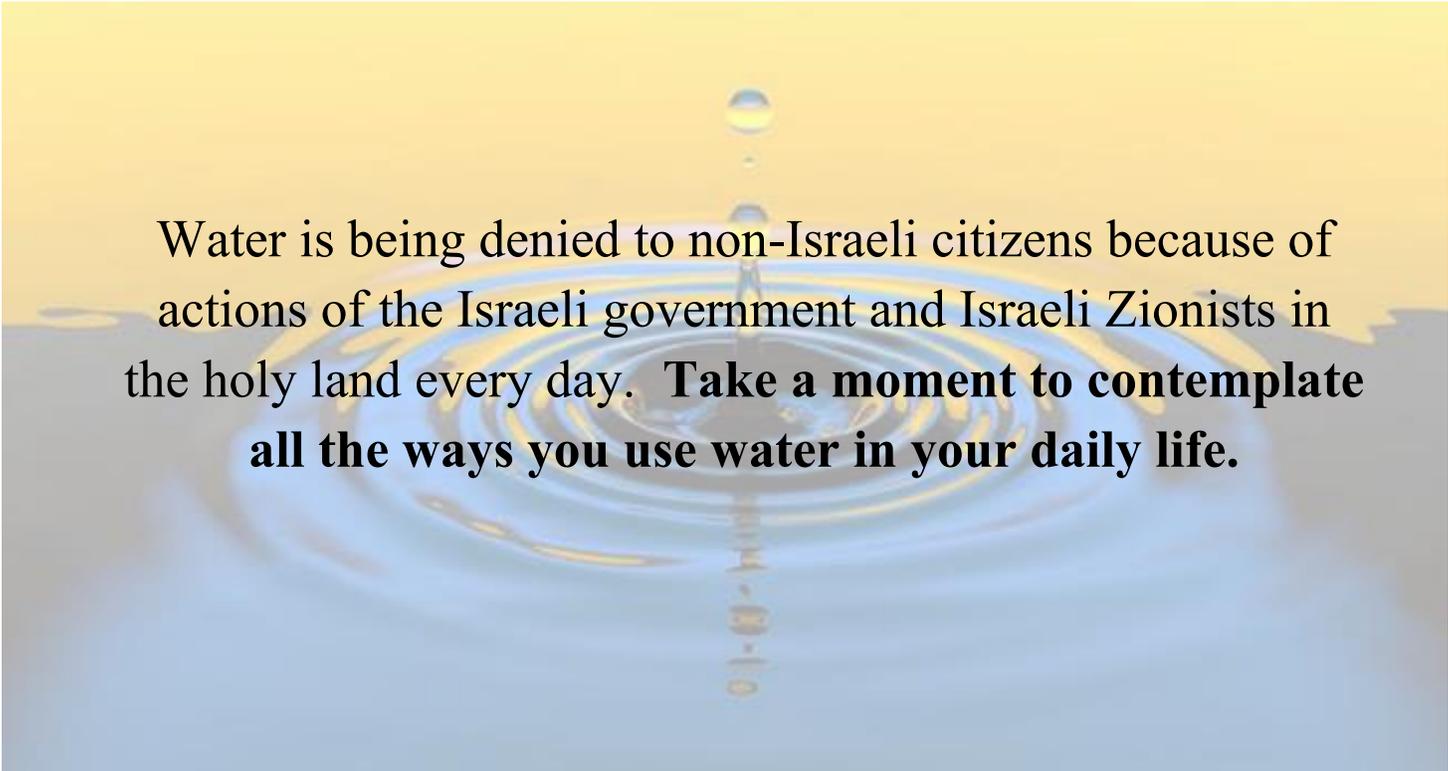
- Labyrinth (either walkable, or you can print out the attached finger labyrinth)
- Prompts for contemplation at each stop along the labyrinth (prompts ATTACHED)

SET-UP

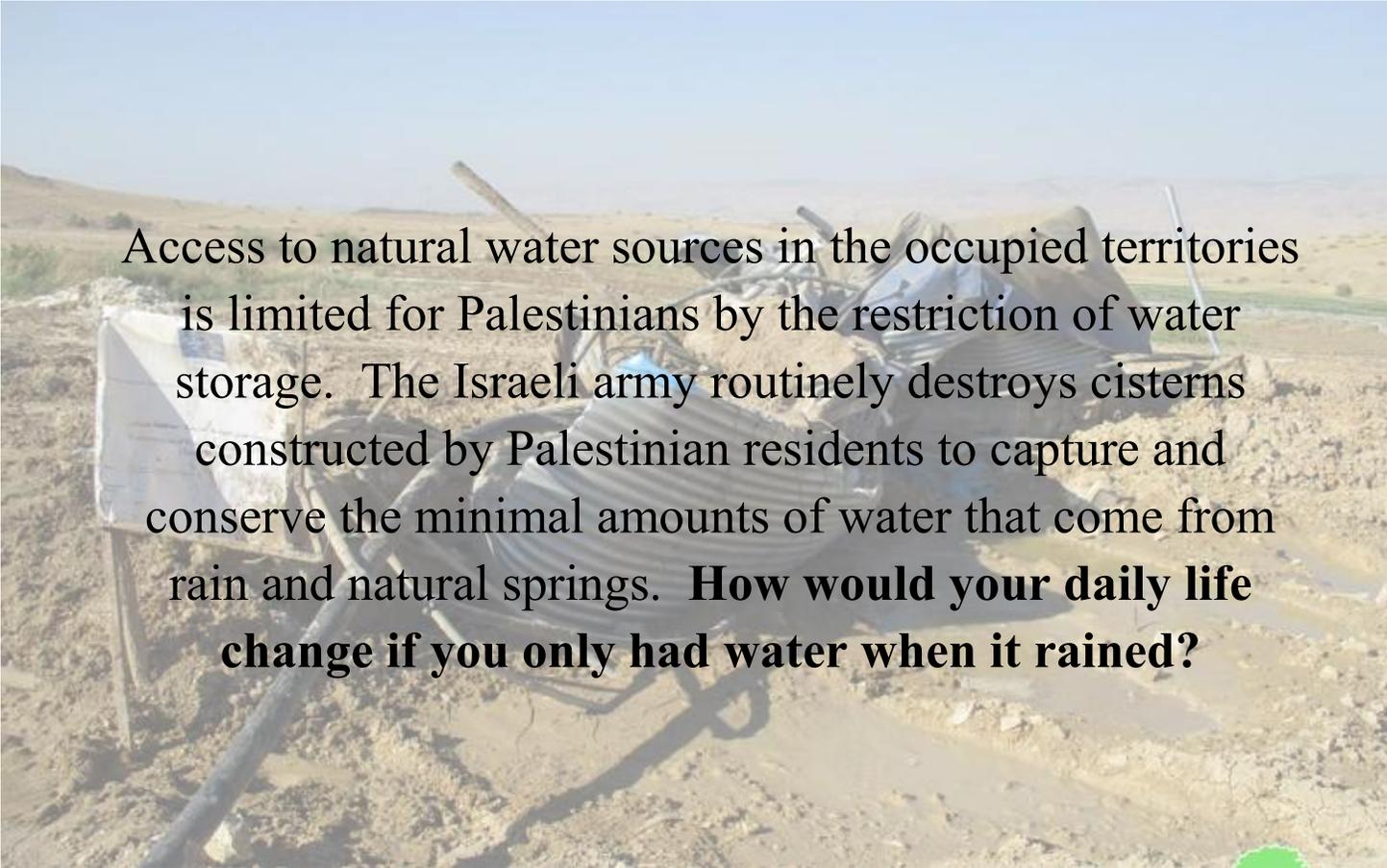
- Create a space to lay-out your labyrinth on the floor (if you don't have a labyrinth, you can lay one out on the floor with masking tape)
- At evenly spaced stops along the labyrinth place the prompts for contemplation (a printed copy of the prompt on a cardboard backer can be taped to a mic stand or on a music stand to easily display the prompts)
- ALTERNATIVE: Create a seating area with a table that has printed copies of the finger labyrinth

FACILITATION

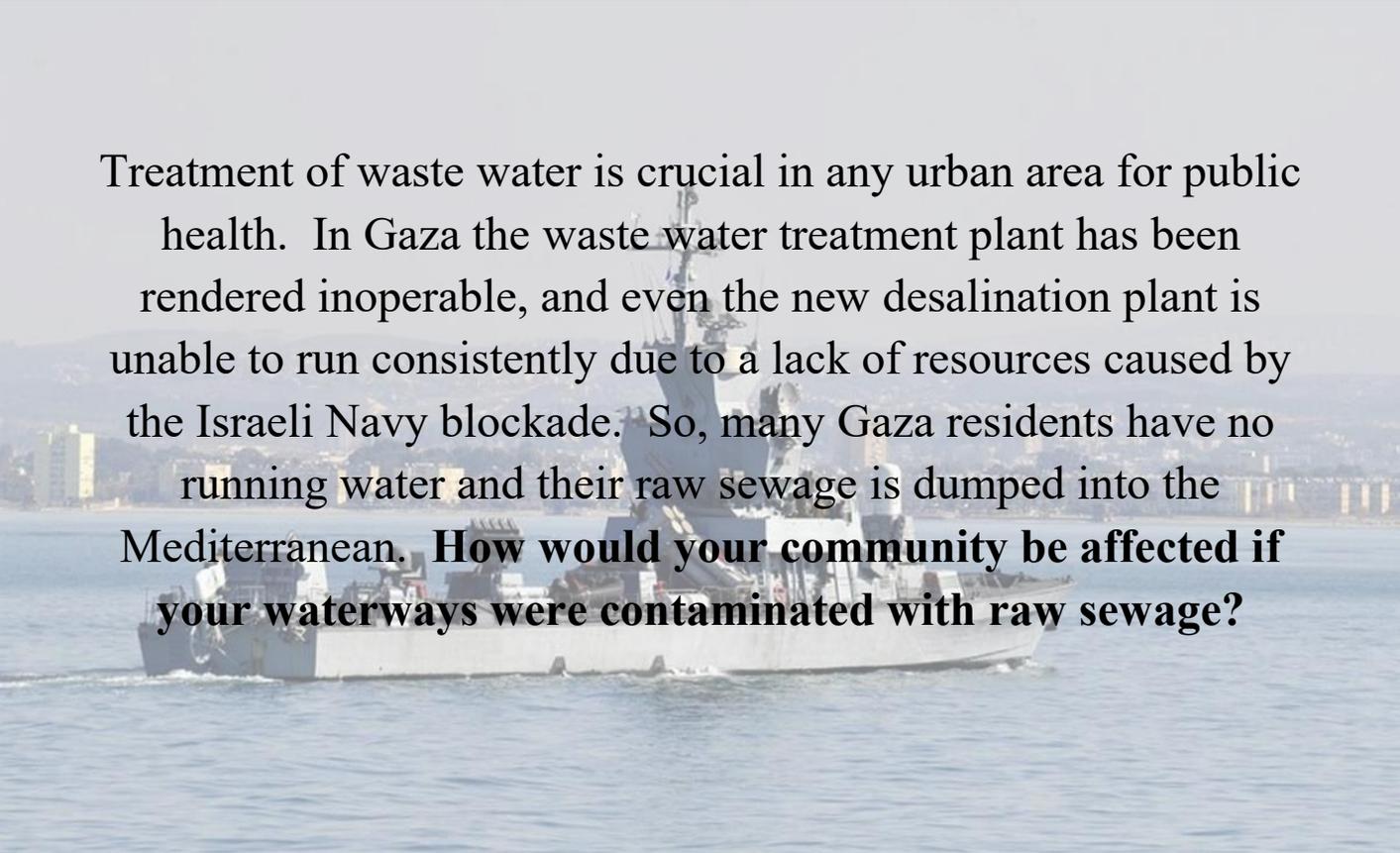
Not everyone is familiar with a labyrinth, so it's beneficial to have someone at the station to help guide people on where to start.



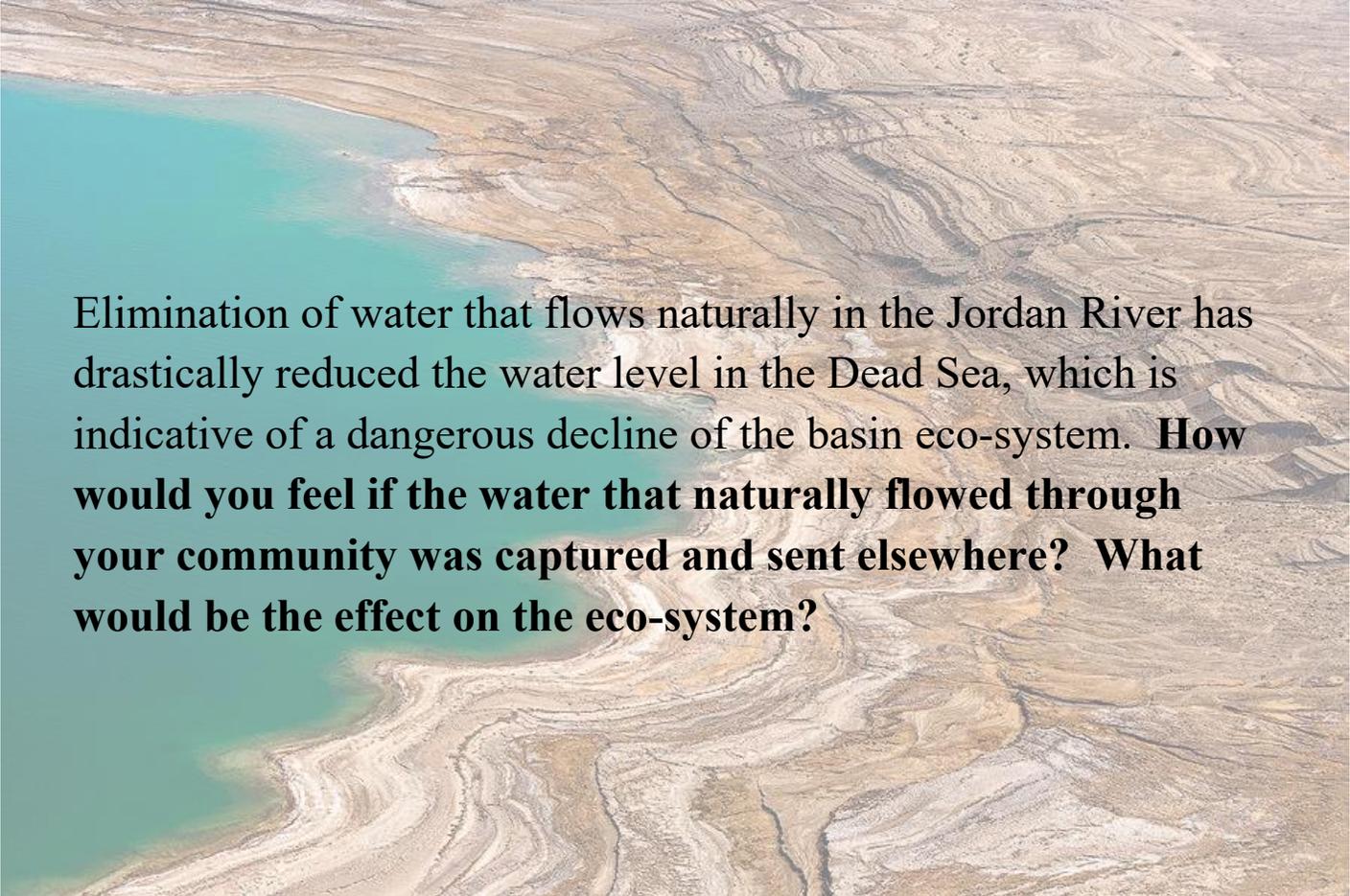
Water is being denied to non-Israeli citizens because of actions of the Israeli government and Israeli Zionists in the holy land every day. **Take a moment to contemplate all the ways you use water in your daily life.**



Access to natural water sources in the occupied territories is limited for Palestinians by the restriction of water storage. The Israeli army routinely destroys cisterns constructed by Palestinian residents to capture and conserve the minimal amounts of water that come from rain and natural springs. **How would your daily life change if you only had water when it rained?**



Treatment of waste water is crucial in any urban area for public health. In Gaza the waste water treatment plant has been rendered inoperable, and even the new desalination plant is unable to run consistently due to a lack of resources caused by the Israeli Navy blockade. So, many Gaza residents have no running water and their raw sewage is dumped into the Mediterranean. **How would your community be affected if your waterways were contaminated with raw sewage?**



Elimination of water that flows naturally in the Jordan River has drastically reduced the water level in the Dead Sea, which is indicative of a dangerous decline of the basin eco-system. **How would you feel if the water that naturally flowed through your community was captured and sent elsewhere? What would be the effect on the eco-system?**

Restriction of water supply happens even within the city of Jerusalem. When you look at the rooftops in Jerusalem it becomes evident that not all residents are equal. The Palestinian residents in East Jerusalem all have large, black rain barrels on their roofs because they are not given access to the water distribution system. **How would you feel if your city told you that you didn't deserve access to water?**

