



When we first started gathering material for the issue currently in your hands, I started thinking about what a day in my life looks like: perhaps an ungodly amount of coffee, and a collection of mundane moments that lead me to stories of all kinds. We kept thinking, what is better than a collection of people's moments in all different areas and walks of life?

What we received was beyond our expectations. People have a hunger to tell their stories in a way that brings readers home with them. In this issue we have a peek into the day-to-day lives of prisoners, acousticians, students, working mothers, fishers, refugees and Bedouins, and even the recent day in the West Bank on seen on Snapchat. Each contribution to this issue enhances our understanding of the world around us, and draws us closer to each other.

I hope that upon reading this issue you will be humbled, fascinated, grateful, and hungry for more. I hope that if you hate your job, or an aspect of your life, you rise up and change it, because people who have taken risks wrote those stories. People that might have been pushed into their circumstance by choice or by force, and they wove themselves anew to meet the world and live in it fully.

Our personality of the month for this issue is the Mayor of the City of Bethlehem, Vera Baboun, who graces our pages with stories about her life before and since her election. We also have reviews of two gorgeous books, a singer with a voice of honey singing our old culture out of darkness, and many, many more ideas inside the pages of our humble magazine.

Maybe you love this issue, carry it with you to your office or home, and give it to a friend who might need a little bit of literary love.

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