**ENCOURAGED READING:**

* Raja Shehadeh*, Language of War, Language of Peace: Palestine, Israel and the Search for Justice* (Profile Books, 2015).  One of the finest Palestinian writers.  A Christian, and attorney, a memoirist.  A short, human, introduction to the challenges.
* Colin Chapman, *Whose Promised Land: The Continuing Conflict over Israel and Palestine*(Lion Books, 5th edition, 2015, revised and updated)
Revised and updated since its first publication in the 1980s, this is a ‘go to’ book on Bible, Israel, Palestine, and the arguments.
* Elias Chacour and David Hazard*, Blood Brothers* (Baker Books, updated 2013 edition, with new material).  The personal story of a Palestinian priest, educator, peace worker.  Opens the conflict in ways most Christians have never heard.  This book has influenced many.
* Sandy Tolan, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew and the Heart of the Middle East* - *Another introduction to the human side of the conflict through story.*  "[Tolan] sensitively describes the tough friendship between Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, the daughter of Romanian Jewish immigrants who settled in Ramla, and Palestinian Bashir Khairi, who in 1967 knocked on her door to look at the house his family lost when it was forced to flee in 1948 . . . Tolan uses the beloved backyard lemon tree to drive home the shared humanity of the successive inhabitants of one home." - Los Angeles Review of Books