

Reading 28

I learned more about the cruelty of Jalazone life from the infectious diseases my brother brought home. Bloody patches appeared on their scalps and made their hair disappear. They cried in pain, wanting so much to scratch their heads.....

My father brought home a barrel of Dead Sea Water thinking it would cure everything. But water from the Dead Sea did not eliminate the tapeworms that filled my brother's intestines and mine.

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Reading 29

On this program (Letters of Longing), it aired the voices of Palestinian refugees who could not return home after the war of 1948 or the Six-Day War. ...On this program, people mentioned the names of their newborns, children who had finished high school, couples who had married, and relatives who had died recently. Sometimes they broke into tears as they asked questions and begged for replies and for visiting permits..... Radio letters were the only way the refugees outside could reach their relatives in the occupied cities..

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Reading 30

Looking out at the red fields of Nabi Samuel, Father seemed sad. Many people had been saying that much of the land in Palestinian cities, town and villages would soon be confiscated by the Israeli government. He picked up a handful of the dry, red soil, then held it and stayed at it for a long time.

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