

Historical Note

*“Those who cannot remember the past
are condemned to repeat it”—George Santayana*

1940s: Nazis wall off the Warsaw Ghetto
deny its residents access
to jobs, to food, to the world beyond;
begin a systematic genocide;
are surprised when, later, they're
confronted by armed resistance.

21st Century: Israelis wall off Gaza
deny its residents access
to jobs, to food, to the world beyond;
begin a systematic genocide;
aren't at all surprised (we know,
because they are so well prepared)
when, later, they're confronted
by armed resistance.

And thus we discover
that it is possible
for some people
to both remember the past
and repeat it too.

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