

**NEVER AGAIN...** Pull-out supplement with news and personal updates from Israel that you won't hear on mainstream media

# FROM BABI-YAR 1941 TO BE'ERI 2023 POGROMS THEN AND NOW



Credit: IDF YouTube  
Credit: Babi-Yar, Wikipedia



**Holocaust survivor Dr Arie Itamar survived Nazi massacres in Ukraine, but is now witnessing something he thought he would never see again, the slaughter of his own people. He brings a message of defiance and hope**

**O**n that black Saturday, 7 October, we were woken by the alarm at 6.30am. I entered the security room, but it was only in the evening that we started to understand what had happened.

After I heard about the horrific events, I took three knives and put one in the security room, one at the main door and one in my car. I do not have any firearms, but though I am 85, I decided that any terrorist who tried to take my life would pay a high price. Our settlement is not on the front line. We are 50 km away from Gaza, but according to the home-front command instructions, our lives would no longer be 'as normal'; children's playgrounds and schools have been closed and a special team is organising activities for children.

An armed security team is patrolling the village. We are a small village, therefore not "attractive" for the terrorists. They "save" their bombs for more populated settlements.



Devastation in Kibbutz Be'eri

From time to time I do some voluntary work either for soldiers or other people, but I am very worried because I have four family members who are mobilised: my elder grandson is an officer in the north; his wife, also an officer, is near Jerusalem; in the heart of the fighting is the boyfriend of my second granddaughter; and my youngest grandson is in Gaza. This is my life now.

### The difference between the Nazis and Hamas

More than 80 years have passed since the terrible massacre in the Babi-Yar valley near Kiev in September 1941, and a similar massacre near Odessa, the city where I was born one month later.

I survived because my grand-mother managed to save me – she pushed us both



Dr Arie Itamar leading a tour in 2022 in Old Tel Aviv, where his family settled when they finally reached Israel

into a train which escaped from Odessa, under fire from which I was wounded. My father, Lieutenant Michael, died on the battlefield near Moscow on 18 January 1942.

Now the question is: 'What is the difference between Babi-Yar 1941 and Be'eri and other settlements on the borders of Gaza on 7 October 2023?' I have only heard and read about the horrific events there. I don't have the courage to look at the photos and videos.

On 7 October 2023, the murderers, including "innocent Gazan civilians" had



Many homes and lives were mercilessly destroyed in Kibbutz Be'eri on 7 October

"intimate relationships" with their victims, men, women, babies, children, old people in wheelchairs — cutting heads off with axes, raping, burning bodies, looting, kidnapping — accompanied by savage expressions of joy and satisfaction. By contrast, in Babi-Yar, the mur-

Russia, Iran, China, Turkey, Daesh, Al Qaida, Hamas, Cuba, Venezuela... the beautiful society.

Seeing all these gangs and their demonstrations, I admire all those individuals and organisations, in Britain and other countries, honest people who

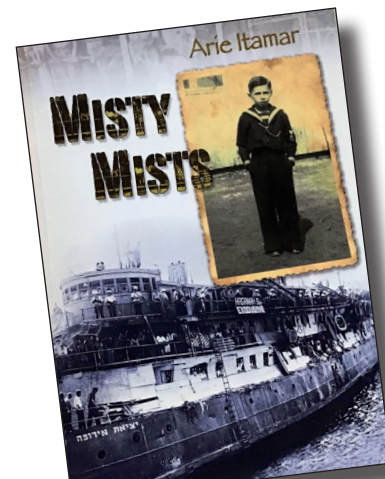
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derers did not want to see the brains of babies. It was too much for their stomachs. So they shot their victims with guns, from a certain distance. It is for you to decide for yourself which pogrom you find more terrible.

These heinous acts are the fault line between the ultimate cruelty and humanity, just as the events of the Nazi era were. There is no place for phrases such as: "I am against, but..."; no room for justification; no space for hypocritical, superficial expressions like "Free Palestine!" And who would control this Palestine? The same murderers?

We have an expression in Hebrew: "Tell me who your friend is and I will tell you who you are", which puts all the European organisations supporting Hamas, all Western hypocrites and antisemites in the same camp as North Korea,

are standing with us in our time of crisis. They are heroes, but are unfortunately in the minority. The antisemites are the majority. Organisations like March of Life in Germany, and Repairing the Breach (RTB) in England, have the courage and



The cover of Dr Itamar's book recounting his childhood escape from war torn Europe, his journey on the Exodus ship, and eventual arrival in the Promised Land

the honesty to expose and dispose of 2000 years of antisemitic education. But the hypocrites, the so called "lefties, greens, progressives" and so on, have no courage. They tell themselves that they "are not against Jews, just against Israel..."

What are we to do? I was a refugee who finally arrived here; participated in several wars, hoping that my children would have a normal life; but the terrible hate does not leave us alone, and my grandchildren have to fight.

But we have no other place in all the world. This is our place, and anybody who tries to uproot us will pay a heavy price.

Credit: IDF YouTube

Credit: Dr Arie Itamar

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## BROKEN-HEARTED BUT RESOLUTE, ELDERLY HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ARE HELPING HOWEVER THEY CAN

Gidon and Aliza Ramati fled persecution in Europe and Syria to reach Israel 80 years ago. Now Gidon has written an open letter about the challenge of seeing their grandchildren called up to fight for their country – and volunteering on the home front

**A**ll of us are going through difficult days and we are all volunteering as much as we can.

Our hearts are broken to see the babies, the elderly, Holocaust survivors, the boys and the girls who were murdered, those whose heads were torn off and those who were raped and kidnapped at the hands of the terrorists. We must bring all the captives back home, whatever situation they are in.

Our hearts are anxious regarding the fate of our warriors at the front, those who are endangering their lives in order to protect our little nation and be victorious.

**“Our hearts are anxious regarding the fate of our warriors at the front”**

I came to the Atlit Detention camp [set up in northern Israel after World War 2 by the British to house would-be Jewish immigrants who had survived the Holocaust in Europe] after severe shakings on the ship ‘Atlantic’ and I am also a survivor of the Patria ship, which was bombed on 25 November 1940, when I was just three months old.

Aliza, my wife, came to Israel with the ‘Aliyat HaElef’ (Aliyah of the Thousand) from Damascus, Syria, in 1945, via difficult and dangerous paths, when she, her brothers and her parents escaped from the pogroms there.

When our parents fought in the War of Independence, we children were evacuated to safer locations due to heavy



Gidon and Aliza Ramati at the Ships Memorial on Tel Aviv Beach

battles taking place at Kibbutz Gvar’am. We raised our three children here and together we participated in battles and wars in our small country.

Today our grandchildren are fighting both in Gaza and in the north. We are saying prayers for their safe return home.

We are helping with the olive harvest at our son Yoav’s place, who lives close to the border with the Gaza Strip. Aliza is also volunteering in the dining room at the Ben Shemen Youth Village where they have taken in a lot of evacuees from Ashkelon and from Kiryat Shmona, who suffered a lot of shelling and were left traumatised.

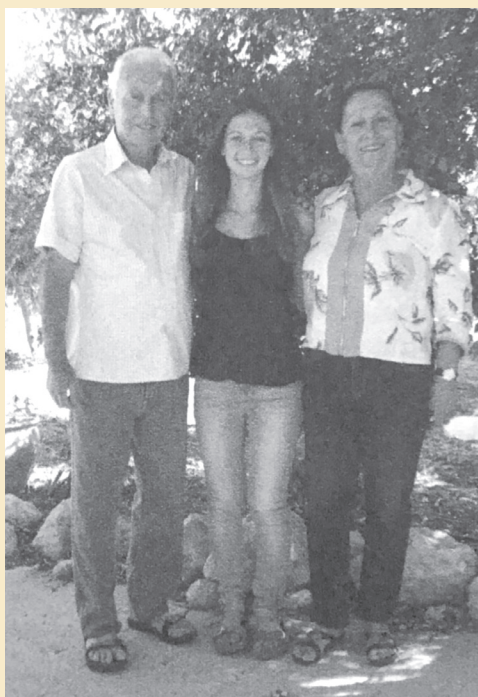
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Aliza is also volunteering at a school and a kindergarten. Those of our grandchildren who have not been called up to the army are volunteering, giving water to calves in the barn and going to collection points for dogs who escaped from the south to re-home them with adoptive families.

As survivors, we are turning now to the whole world, pray for us. Your prayers strengthen the soldiers and the home front. Your actions and your donations assist us in building everything anew.

It is certain that we will succeed, and eventually Israel will once again be the nation that is a light to the gentiles.

*This letter was written on 30 October 2023. Aliza has written a book, ‘Where Are You My Child’, about her husband Gidon’s escape from Europe and entry to Israel from one of the ships that ran the British blockade. It is available for a donation from nachamuami@btinternet.com*



Gidon and Aliza Ramati with one of their granddaughters, Roni, whose father is fighting in the IDF, along with two of their grandsons. The photo comes from Aliza Ramati’s book

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# THE SHOCKING HAMAS’ SLAUGHTER

by Andrew Hallaway

**T**he horrors of what actually took place when Hamas invaded Israel on 7 October are still emerging.

It was widely reported that over 4,600 Israelis were injured and more than 1,400 were killed, but some of the most gruesome details of the massacre of civilians have not been shown on mainstream media.

Mike Evans of the Jerusalem Prayer Team reports that in one village alone 180 people were killed and 80 per cent of them were tortured before they died. In one house, terrorists ate the Shabbat meal before killing the children in front of the parents.

According to the Christian Post, when first responder Eli Beer initially told others what he had witnessed as he arrived on the scene, he was met with mockery and jokes on social media – such was the disbelief.

Beer is a paramedic and founder of the medical volunteer group United Hatzalah, which has been helping victims of the Israel-Hamas war. During a speech in the US on 30 October, Beer said he wept at the barbarity, even though his job has made him well used to injuries and death.

Beer recalls seeing a dead baby that had been burned in an oven by Hamas. He also found a pregnant woman whose stomach had been cut open to tear her baby out. The baby was stabbed and then the woman was slaughtered in front of her family.

He also saw beheaded children: “We didn’t know which head belongs to which kid.”

It was only after Israel released footage from the videos taken by Hamas terrorists themselves that the world’s journalists began to believe the atrocities. According to AP News, that footage



Seen in happier times, Doron’s husband Yoni was at home in central Israel while his wife took their daughters to visit their grandmother

Credit: Bring Them Home Now Project



Yoni Asher, whose wife Doron and two young daughters (left) were kidnapped by Hamas, speaks at the European Union. His wife’s mother, Efrat Katz, has been found dead. Her partner, Gadi Mozes, also abducted, is missing.

Dear world, It’s not fake, it’s real. This is Israel and we will win.

Credit: Living Loham YouTube



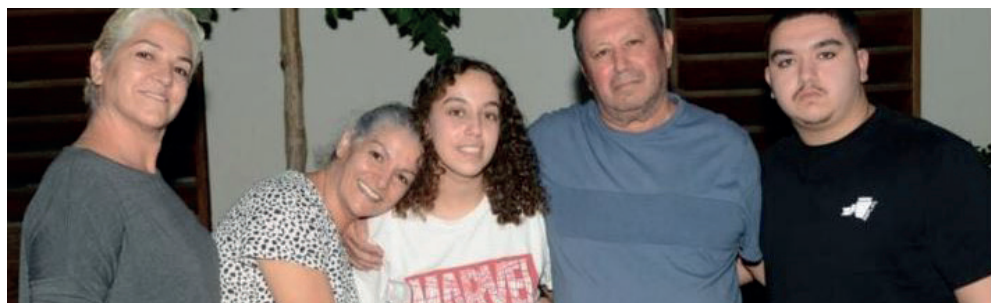
Raz, five and Aviv, three, in their grandmother’s safe room moments before they, along with their mother Doron, were snatched by terrorists

Credit: Bring Them Home Now Project



Lior Peri, whose 79-year-old father Chaim was kidnapped by Hamas

Credit: Bring Them Home Now Project



Rescued soldier Ori Megidish is back with her family, after a daring commando raid by an elite unit dressed as Arabs stormed the apartment where she was held. Her mother, Margalit, who had led fervent prayer, said: “Thank you, creator of the world. There is nothing besides you. Thank you, Shin Bet [Israel Security Agency]. Thank you, IDF and security forces.”



# TRUTH ABOUT KILLER OF CIVILIANS



KfarAza-Kibbutz where Hamas murdered over 80% of residents

## THE 'JIHAD' DRUG THAT TURNS MEN INTO COLD-BLOODED KILLERS

A powerful drug was found in the pockets of Hamas terrorists who participated in the attack against Israel



Hamas hiding drugs in fruit

A drug that makes fighters hyperactive and more merciless was reportedly found in the pockets of dead or captured Hamas terrorists who attacked Israel's communities.

Bible teacher Amir Tsarfati reported that the drug, Captagon, called the "Jihad drug" was also used by Isis terrorists.

Captagon is an amphetamine (a stimulant drug that acts on the neurotransmitters) originally created in the 1960s in Germany to combat ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and narcolepsy (sleeping disorder), while stimulating the central nervous system.

Most countries stopped using Captagon in 1986 due to its addictive properties and negative effects. But its popularity remains strong in the Middle East despite the drug being banned by Middle Eastern governments.

It is said to 'break' users mentally, making them more obedient and more addicted. It is given in particular before operations because it makes men more hyperactive, more cruel and merciless.

Irina Zuckerman, a geopolitical analyst, says that terrorist organisations use the drug to control the fighters.

"The main function of the drug is to increase the willingness to fight. And you can even see it from watching some of these terrorists, from their videos that they took with their body cameras, they seemed much more alert, and much more hyperactive."

Terrorist organisations such as Hezbollah produce Captagon cheaply and easily and smuggle it through different ports. Experts believe most production takes place in Syria, where Captagon exports were estimated to be worth \$3.5 billion in 2020.

## "IF IT WASN'T FOR ISRAEL, I'D HAVE BEEN HERDING SHEEP"



An Arab Bedouin Israeli, Sophia Shramko, has slammed the apartheid slur directed against Israeli society.

Speaking to the media, she emphasised the transformative impact of Israel on her life.

"If not for Israel I would probably be illiterate, penniless, herding sheep. But I have an electrical engineering degree, I have a masters from Stanford University, and I have my rights to live my life the way I wanted to live it."

## HAMAS WANTS ENDLESS CONFLICT

Politburo member admits they use ambulances to transport fighters and food



Children training to fight for Hamas



Hundreds of miles of tunnels found



Rocket launcher near playground



Ammunition and suicide vests found



Rocket launcher in scout troop room



Two of the captured terrorists confess

includes a burnt baby, the beheading of a body and burnt bodies being thrown in a truck.

And it is clear that this barbarity was not the work of a few 'rogue' Hamas individuals. It was the clear intention of Hamas to kill as many as possible. A captured Hamas attacker has admitted that not only was he ordered to kill everyone, including women and children, he was also given permission to rape a dead girl.

Terrorists also told investigators that they were told to kill babies and young children - and were further given special dispensation within Islamic law - because they would grow up to become IDF soldiers. The terrorists were split up into groups and given specific tasks. They would not be told what other groups were doing to avoid the possibility of betraying Hamas' master plan if captured.

When US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was given access to film of the civilians killed by Hamas, he described

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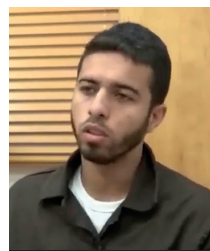
the scenes as "depravity in the worst imaginable way...It's beyond what anyone would ever want to imagine, much less actually see and, God forbid, experience. A baby, an infant, riddled with bullets. Soldiers beheaded. Young people burned alive in their cars or in their hideaway rooms."

According to CNN, Hamas denies beheading children or murdering women. A senior spokesman for the group, Izzat al-Risheq, described the accusations as "fabricated and baseless allegations".



I'm Mirit Regev

The Regev await news of their son Itay, 18, and daughter Maya, 21



Hamas terrorist giving evidence

Credit: i24News IDF

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Credit: CBN News YouTube screengrab

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# Q&A ON ISRAEL'S TREATMENT OF GAZA



International law webinar speakers and host Andrew Tucker (centre)

**Andrew Tucker of thinc (The Hague Initiative for International Co-operation), has hosted several webinars with international experts to explain the application of international humanitarian law (IHL) to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza**

### Q. Is Israel's bombardment of Gaza allowed by international law?

**A.** Article 51 of the UN charter says that a state has the right to self-defence when it suffers an armed attack. The right to defend itself is not limited to the state's own territory and so the IDF can pursue Hamas within the Gaza Strip. Israel is allowed to attack military infrastructure that Hamas has deliberately installed under schools and hospitals.

### Q. Why are so many civilians being killed?

**A.** Evacuating civilians is the defending power's responsibility. Israel has been telling civilians to evacuate to the south of Gaza; this is 'effective advance warning' – defined by international law. Both preventing evacuations and using human bodies as shields are war crimes.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 'OCCUPATION'

#### Q. Is Gaza occupied territory?

**A.** The Gaza Strip is not occupied territory. Israel withdrew its civilians and military from Gaza in 2005. The blockade that has been in place since Hamas was democratically elected as government in 2007 does not constitute occupation. This means that Israel is not subject to the humanitarian obligations applicable to occupying powers under IHL (international humanitarian law).

#### Q. Why are supplies being blocked?

**A.** Israel is entitled to prevent supplies coming in via Rafah Gate if it reasonably believes they will be misused by Hamas.

### SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER

#### Q. Why are there shortages of electricity and water?

**A.** Hamas sees providing utilities and essentials as the responsibility of Israel and the UN.

Israel was/is not obliged to provide water or electricity to Gaza. Israel was providing 50% of Gaza's electricity, which the Palestinian National Authority refuses to pay for because they don't want to acknowledge Hamas, so Israel has been writing off the bill. The ten big pipes used for electricity often get damaged by rocket fire which Israel then repairs. After 7 October, Israel declined to repair the pipes.

Hamas have also filmed themselves digging up water pipes to turn into rockets as quoted by Foreign Office Minister Andrew Mitchell.

#### Q. Surely it's wrong to put a whole population under siege?

**A.** The 'siege' imposed by Israel after the horrendous 7 October attack was entirely legitimate. Sieges are a legitimate form of warfare, provided they are not intended to starve the civilian population. Israel's siege was intended to prevent Hamas from carrying out unlawful aggression.

#### Q. Where does Gaza get its water and fuel from and why are hospitals short of fuel?

**A.** Israel provides just 10% of the water in Gaza which it stopped after the massacres but has since reconnected. Hamas has 1.5m litres of diesel which it's refusing to give to the hospitals because Hamas say they need it for themselves – for rockets and lighting tunnels. Diesel is needed for water purification plants as the majority of water drilled from local aquifers is contaminated with sewage, because Gazans drill into the aquifers and sell water to their neighbours.

Before the 7 October attack, Israel's government had approved measures which would enable Gaza to be less dependent on their help. This was to help Gaza reach its potential.

#### Q. Do Gazans support Hamas?

**A.** Maybe as a military but not as a government. Hamas kills LGBT people, women who don't dress right and other Muslims who aren't the right type of Muslim.

### PROPORTIONALITY AND TARGETING IN THE HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

#### Q. Surely Israel is inflicting collective punishment?

**A.** According to the Statute of the International Criminal Court, collective punishment is when operations are intended to inflict punishment on civilians for something they're not responsible for. When you're fighting an enemy that embeds itself among civilians, it is inevitable that combat is going to result in collective suffering. But that is not collective punishment.

### HOSPITALS AND THE DEBATE OVER EVACUATION

#### Q. Why does the IDF want patients to leave Gaza hospitals?

**A.** Under IHL or the law of armed conflict, a hospital or medical facility, fixed or mobile, is the most protected thing on the battlefield. It is protected unless it's being used in a manner that is harmful by the enemy, contrary to its exclusively humanitarian function. Then there's an obligation to warn the enemy to stop that misuse and give them a reasonable time to comply.

It takes maybe a day to stop using a hospital as a storage facility for weapons. Afterwards, under the law, the hospital loses its protection from an attack. But it still remains a civilian object, and the individuals inside are still considered civilians. This necessitates taking all feasible precautions to minimise the risk to civilians during the operation.

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### Hamas Headquarters and Depot underneath the Shifa Hospital

IDF press briefing on Day 21 showing how Hamas used Al Shifa Hospital as a Headquarters

Credit: IDF



Israeli soldiers giving water to Gazan civilians as they enter north Gaza



This photo released on 16 November shows weapons found in Shifa Hospital by the IDF



**WHO'S A PALESTINIAN?**  
Prime Minister Golda Meir said, "From 1921 to 1948 (when the modern state of Israel was voted for by the UN), I was a Palestinian."

## WHERE ARE ALL THE BODIES?

### The numbers of Gaza deaths don't add up

Deaths in Gaza, as reported by mainstream media, are exclusively attributed to IDF strikes, because Hamas controls the Palestinian Ministry of Health (PMH) in Gaza. And according to an Israeli expert, there are no reports of Hamas' casualties because these numbers are disguised as civilian casualties. Prof Kobi Michael, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University, explains that with Hamas controlling the numbers given out, half of the reported numbers of Palestinian casualties are in fact Hamas members. The PMH reported more than 13,000 Palestinians are dead and 30,000 wounded, despite there being no more than 3,000 hospital beds in the whole of Gaza. Prof Michael queries where the wounded have been placed and the dead buried. Prof Michael also claims that Israel's strict adherence to the international laws of war means the actual civilian casualty numbers are low.