

People's Stories

Case Studies

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<p>FOUAD</p> <p>My name is Fouad and I am a Palestinian. I was born on a hill overlooking Ein- Kerem near Jerusalem. In April 1948 many Palestinians in Deir Yassin were massacred by Jewish forces from the Irgun. Then Ein Kerem was attacked and we had to flee. People thought that they would be going back to their homes and land in a few weeks. With many other families we spent that first cold winter in a refugee camp outside Bethlehem. We were never able to return to our home in Ein-Karem.</p>		
<p>YUVI</p> <p>My name is Yuvi and I am an Ethiopian Jew. When I was 5 years old I escaped on a donkey from my home because many Jews had been killed or imprisoned. My grandmother told me not to be afraid. 'We are going to Jerusalem; we are going to our real home' she said. Jerusalem is a long way from my home and it was very dangerous. During the day we hid under trees and travelled in the night. We were attacked by robbers and had very little to eat. Finally, we arrived at a refugee camp where we were given food and fresh water and a tent to sleep in. The next week I was on a plane heading for Israel and my new home.</p>		
<p>SARAH</p> <p>My name is Sarah and I am Jewish. I was 12 when our home in Lida in Poland was occupied by the Germans. All Jews had to wear the yellow Star of David. Many of my family were shot by the Nazis. We lived in hiding in a forest for two years and then when the war ended we went to a camp for displaced people. We got the chance to move to Palestine, and were given an abandoned house in Lod.</p>		

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<p>MEIRAV</p> <p>My name is Meirav. I was born in Israel but grew up in the USA. 3 years ago I participated in a five-month volunteer program in Israel. I returned home, but during the following six months in the United States I missed Israel and felt as if a piece of me was missing. Physically I was in the United States, but my heart was still in Israel. As a result, I decided to live in Israel for a trial period to determine if I could make it on my own.</p>		
<p>MALAK</p> <p>My name is Malak and I am 12 years old Palestinian girl living in Gaza. My friends used to visit me at home before the war. The house was nice, we were playing, we were doing lots of things, we were happy. No one comes to my house anymore to visit me because our house was destroyed in an airstrike last summer. Our house has no windows, no doors, and no walls but we have nowhere else to live. I feel shy and have no privacy. Anyone can see me while I sleep. It's as if I were living on the street.</p>		
<p>MIKA</p> <p>My name is Mika and I am Jewish. In 1948 many Arab families fled West Jerusalem because of the war, and waited to return when the war was over. My father was an army officer fighting against the Palestinians, so my mother was offered a house, but she refused to live in the home of a family that was now displaced and homeless. Instead we stayed in our small house which was not very good.</p>		
<p>ELIAS</p> <p>My name is Elias. I am Palestinian and a Christian. I lived on my family's olive farm until I was seven. We heard that other villages had been attacked. Then soldiers came to our village and forced everyone to leave their homes and their farms. Some went to Lebanon but we went to a refugee camp in Galilee. We never got our farm back.</p>		

Human Rights

1. Right to life
2. Right to work
3. Right to freedom from persecution
4. Right to a home
5. Right to a nationality
6. Right to a nationality
7. Right to liberty/freedom
7. Right to asylum/safe place
8. Right not to have property taken from them without a good cause.
9. Right to freedom of conscience and religion
10. Right not to be discriminated against

Reason for Moving or Staying

- A. Suffered persecution
- B. Evicted from home by force
- C. Home destroyed by war
- D. Family killed in war
- E. Refused to take the home of a displaced Palestinian family
- F. Looking for a better life
- G. Attacked by soldiers
- H. Anti-semitism
- I. Nowhere else to live
- J. Fear of being killed

Interview Questions

Who are you?

Where did you live originally?

What happened to make you move?

Where did you go?



Why do you think this happened?

Would you do things differently if you could?

How do you feel about what happened?

