



“A struggle between two components that must live side by side, each with their own desires and aspirations. Only if they co-exist will they survive.”



“The Israelis do strange things for us”
 On average about 50 Palestinian patients are treated at Israel’s Sheba Hospital every day.
 According to the Israeli Government, in 2012 more than 100,000 Palestinians were treated in Israel.
 According to the IDF, 180,000 Palestinians were treated in Israeli hospitals in 2010, while the World Health Organisation puts the number at 4000. (It is terribly difficult to find the exact numbers due to all sorts of bureaucratic and political obstacles!)

How does one differentiate between the enemy and the human being?

Operation Cast Lead

In mid December 2008, the ceasefire agreement between Israel and the militant organizations in the Strip, which was brokered by Egypt in June of 2008, came to its end. Almost immediately, Hamas and Islamic Jihad’s military wings resumed their fire on southern Israel, subjecting the area to incessant Qassam, Grad rockets and mortar shell fire.

The Israeli cabinet approved a ground incursion into the Strip. On January 3rd, after a day of aerial shelling and artillery fire on terror strongholds in Gaza, IDF infantry and gunnery forces, backed by the IAF fighter jets, entered the Strip’s north, with the declared mission of destroying terror infrastructure. The Government approved an additional draft of thousands of reserve soldiers.

By the end of the fighting on January 18th, over 1000 Gazans and 13 Israelis had died. Of the 13 Israeli casualties, 3 were civilians. The IDF calculated that there were 1166 Gazan deaths, 457 of whom were civilians. Betzelem calculated that there were 1385 casualties, of whom between 1010 and 1055 were civilians. The Palestinian Center for Human Rights calculated 1417 casualties, 1181 of whom were civilians.



“I lived with Jews for six or seven months. I don’t believe they would hurt me.”