

Jewish and Palestinian perspectives on Gaza crisis

[In an October 18, 2023 webinar*](#) hosted by the Lever, journalist David Sirota, author and activist Naomi Klein and Palestinian-American political analyst Omar Baddar discuss the ongoing fighting between Israel and Hamas and the mounting humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip. They provide invaluable historical context which is missing from mainstream media coverage of this crisis and without which it is impossible to forge any kind of resolution to a conflict which has raged for decades.

As [Institute for Policy Studies Fellow Phyllis Bennis explains](#), Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, now in its fifty-seventh year, and its ensuing apartheid system is now victimizing Israelis as well as Palestinians. She said, "We can't understand how we got here — or how to end the crisis — until we grapple with the immensity of Palestinian suffering. And for us in the United States, it means confronting the role our government and tax dollars play in enabling that oppression to continue."

Phyllis Bennis, Naomi Klein and David Sirota are members of the Jewish community who understand that security for Israelis is intimately tied to justice for Palestinians. [The Lever](#) is an investigative news outlet that believes a functioning democracy requires independent media to counter the perspectives of corporate media outlets.

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