

From Deir Yassin to The Wall

DEIR YASSIN REMEMBERED

*EARTH TURN BLOOD BEARING,
PALESTINE LANDSCAPE BECOMING
DISPLACED DESTINY*

BARCELONA, SPAIN

PENETRATED BY TERRORISTS OF THE BULGH AND STEIN GANG, THE MASSACRE OF PALESTINIAN MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN AT DEIR YASSIN ON APRIL 9, 1948, IS ARGUABLY THE MOST HORRIFIC EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF PALESTINIAN HISTORY.

THE MASSACRE REMINDS US THE TERRIBLE COST TO BUILD A NEW STATE ON LAND INHABITED FOR CENTURIES BY MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AND JEWS. IT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF VILLAGES AND PALESTINIAN VILLAGES AND THE EXILE OF MORE THAN 700,000 PALESTINIANS.

OVER HALF THE POPULATION IN THE EAST-CENTRAL PART OF ISRAEL IS NOW DEWAL, MOST OF THEM NON-JEWISH PALESTINIANS. BUT THERE ARE FEW MONUMENTS TO MARK THIS HISTORY AND NONE TO MARK THE MASSACRE AT DEIR YASSIN, WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF THE MASSACRES OF JERUSALEM AND ONLY LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WALL, THE MOST HORRIFIC OF ALL THE MASSACRES IN ISRAEL. THE NAME IS BRISTLING.

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*EARTH TORN ROOTS YEARNING,
PALESTINE LANDSCAPE MOURNING
DISPLACED DESCENDANTS*

RANDA HAMWI DUWAJI

PERPETRATED BY TERRORISTS OF THE IRGUN AND STERN GANG, THE MASSACRE OF PALESTINIAN MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN AT DEIR YASSIN ON APRIL 9, 1948 IS ARGUABLY THE MOST PIVOTAL EVENT IN 20TH CENTURY PALESTINIAN HISTORY.

THE MASSACRE SYMBOLIZES THE ZIONIST QUEST TO BUILD A JEWISH STATE ON LAND INHABITED FOR CENTURIES BY MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AND JEWS. IT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF OVER 400 PALESTINIAN VILLAGES AND THE EXILE OF MORE THAN 700,000 PALESTINIANS.

OVER HALF THE POPULATION IN THE LAND CONTROLLED BY ISRAEL IS NOT JEWISH. MOST OF THESE NON-JEWS ARE PALESTINIANS. YET THERE ARE FEW MEMORIALS TO MARK THEIR HISTORY AND NONE TO MARK THE MASSACRE AT DEIR YASSIN, WHICH LIES 3 KM WEST OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM AND ONLY 1,400 M TO THE NORTH OF YAD VASHEM, THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS. THE IRONY IS BREATHTAKING.

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