



Daniel Seidemann

Ir Amim

“I hope that [my children] will want to live in this city. And I'm not at *all* sure that that's going to be the case. If you don't love Jerusalem, you won't like it. It's not a likeable city. It may be loveable, but it's not likeable.”



Salwa Abu Libdeh

Dialogue on the Road

“There could be hope, if there were give and take. There will have to be compromises from the Israeli side, for example, evacuating the settlements... If you want to live with the Palestinian people, you have to compromise, evacuate the settlements and give them the lands of 1967. After that you can blame us if we come your way.”



Yoa'ad Shbita

Sedaka-Reut, Building Bridges for Peace

“Last week I went to a demonstration in Rafah. I didn't know there were really people who cared so much; there were hundreds of Arabs too. If that's hope, and I don't know how big a hope it is, then that's my only one. Also, soldiers' refusals [to serve in the Territories or in the army at all] and officers' too. I hope that this is a kind of awakening for some people, and that it will continue. It looks like it's the only hope, my only hope to feel better.”



Melisse Lewine-Boskovich
Peace Child Israel

“Maybe it's a fantasy and a hope, but something in me believes that because of the experience of having been the minority, Jews will say yes, we can't continue behaving like this because we know what it was like. The hope is that that conscience will be able to be reached, but right now it's so blocked, it's impossible.”



The Late Professor Dan Bar-On

PRIME (Peace Research Institute of the Middle East)

“Someone in Northern Ireland once told me, ‘We almost had an agreement in '75. That was for the fast learners. But we have many slow learners so we needed 25 more years.’ So, he gave me some perspective. I'm afraid we may have very slow learners here who may need another 25 years. Today we are much wiser, and I hope that in the future these mistakes [made in previous peace processes] will be taken into account.”



George Sa'adeh

Bereaved Families Forum

“As a result of the ongoing situation and what happened, without hope life loses all meaning. There's always light at the end of the tunnel and that's hope, the hope that we aim for, we keep on walking towards it and the light gets stronger and the hope gets bigger. And by God's will, there will be peace, we hope and pray for it, for just peace for all.”