

Remembering Yitzchak Rabin

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On November 4, 1995, Israel's Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin was shot to

death by a Jewish assassin. I was seven at the time and when my mother woke me up on the morning of November 5 telling me that our prime minister was dead, I

was not able to comprehend her shock and sadness. I did not know why anyone would want to murder a prime minister, especially when my mother told me he was murdered at a rally whose slogan was "Yes to Peace - No to Violence."

Despite being Minister of Defense and also serving as the chief of staff for the IDF during the Six-Day War, Rabin was a supporter of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians. He oversaw the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan in 1994, a lasting peace which has enabled great cooperation between the two states. Rabin's greatest aspiration was to see two peaceful people, the Israelis and the Palestinians, living side by side. He played a crucial role in the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1992; this treaty laid the foundation to the creation of Palestinian National Authority and also granted it partial control over parts of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

I learned much later in my life just how violent times were then. Not everyone agreed with Rabin's vision of peace and some were radical enough to actively promote violent rallies against Rabin. This political violence eventually led to Rabin's murder; mere minutes after he stood before the supporters of peace and sang the iconic line "sing a song for love and for wars."

Just this July my parents took me to Tel Aviv and we passed the place where Rabin was killed and we sat in the square which is now named after him and talked about him and his dreams of peace. "It's hard," my mother said, "to believe it could still happen. It's as if the chance for peace has died with



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ence ruthlessly ended his life and he passed before his time and before he could bring the peace he was dreaming of. Yet his heritage is and should continue to be a passionate, stubborn, unyielding hope for peace. Despite the difficult times we have seen and will continue to see, our message as Jewish people should be as clear today as it was in 1995: "Yes to Peace - No to Violence."

The people of Israel mark Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day with ceremonies at school, with articles and movies about this remarkable man and all that he still symbolizes for us as a people. Yet I feel that we as Jewish people, devoted to the Mitzvah of Tikkun Olam, must carry the memory of Rabin with us each day, keep the flame alive so that one day it could shine the way to a bright, peaceful future for Israelis, Palestinians, and the people of the world.

I wish you all a wonderful, peaceful month. ✨



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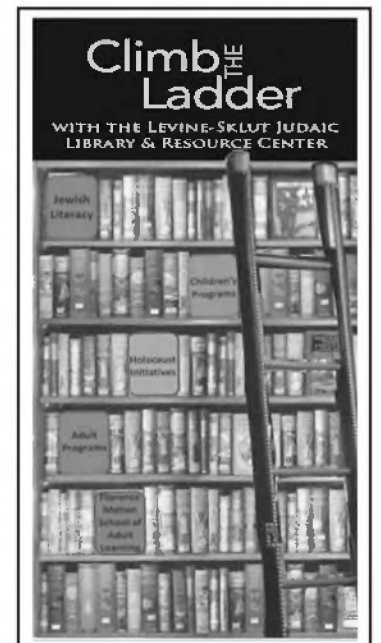
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