

Hamas-Israel War: It will be a massive military operation

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No one better than the philosopher **Asa Kasher** to address the monstrous moral dilemmas in which Israelis are immersed. Consulted thirty years ago to write the code of ethics for the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), he was also a member of the Shamgar Commission a decade ago, alongside generals, to establish a conduct guide in case of hostage takings, following the case of Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped in 2006 and released in exchange for the liberation of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

Today, he acknowledges that nothing in the history of Israel or even the Jewish people compares to the nightmare of a massacre of 1,400 Israeli citizens followed by the taking of 200 hostages. But unlike other experts, he believes that Israel is capable of eliminating Hamas while saving those kidnapped by the terrorist group.

Interviewer: "The Point: Has Israel or the Jewish people ever faced a situation like this?"

Asa Kasher: "Since this began, comparisons have been made: the Yom Kippur War in 1973, the War of Independence in 1948, pogroms in Eastern Europe, the Holocaust... But all these comparisons are futile. We will learn nothing from them. Before the founding of the State of Israel, there was no one responsible for protecting the Jews.

Since the establishment of Israel, there have been wars between armies, such as against Egypt, but this time, it's a war against an organization that is not a true state. And it has targeted civilians on Israeli soil. It's a completely different situation. Some consider it necessary to ignore the hostage situation to avoid risking losing the war."

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