



JPPI Dialogue Seminars Questionnaire:

Jewish Values and the Use of Force in Armed Conflict

Please take 3-5 minutes to answer the following 10 questions. For each question, please circle the **one answer** that is **closest** to your own view.

- 1. What level of moral conduct in armed conflict should Israel strive to maintain?**
 - A. Israel should attempt to exercise its highest moral values regardless of the enemy it is facing.
 - B. Israel should be like every other country.
 - C. Israel should hold to standards similar to other "Western" countries.
 - D. Israel should balance between morality and the fact that it is facing ruthless enemies who wish to destroy it.

- 2. Which one of the following frameworks should Israel consider most in guiding its military's code for the use of force?**
 - A. International law
 - B. Accepted "Western" norms
 - C. Middle East realities
 - D. Jewish moral values
 - E. Jewish Halakhah

- 3. In your view:**
 - A. Jewish values demand a higher level of moral conduct in armed conflict than stipulated in international law.
 - B. Jewish values offer a different interpretation of morality in armed conflict situations compared to international law.
 - C. Jewish values demand a lower level of moral conduct in armed conflict than stipulated in international law.
 - D. There is no such thing as accepted "Jewish values" when thinking about the prosecution of armed conflict.



4. Do Israel's enemies today pose an existential threat?

- A. Yes
- B. No, Israel is strong and can defend itself

5. To what extent do you agree\disagree with the following statements:

Statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
In general, Israel uses military force only as a last resort.				
Israel's military did as much as possible to avoid civilian casualties in last summer's armed conflict in Gaza.				
Israel's military shows more restraint than militaries of other countries.				
Israel's occupation of the West Bank makes all its armed conflicts against Palestinian groups immoral.				
Israel is not making sufficient diplomatic effort to avoid another armed conflict in Gaza.				

6. When Israel was criticized in international forums for supposed immoral acts in recent armed conflicts, did you think that:

- A. Israel was unjustly singled out for criticism.
- B. Israel was judged like all other countries.
- C. Israel was not criticized harshly enough.

7. Thinking about Israel-Diaspora relations, do you generally believe that:

- A. Israel should conduct its armed conflicts without regard to the views of Jews living outside of Israel.
- B. Israel should consider the views of other Jews because its armed conflicts could have impact on their lives.
- C. Israel should consider the views of other Jews, because all Jews define the framework of conducting an armed conflict in accord with Jewish values.
- D. Israel should consider the views of other Jews if it wants to keep other Jews' support for its armed conflicts.

8. Israel's prosecution of its recent armed conflicts has made you feel more:

- A. Proud of Israel.
- B. Worried about Israel's character.
- C. Detached from Israel.
- D. Embarrassed by Israel.



9. Thinking about other Jews in your community, do you think that Israel's prosecution of its recent armed conflicts has made them feel more:
- A. Proud of Israel
 - B. Worried for Israel's character
 - C. Detached from Israel
 - D. Embarrassed by Israel.
10. Do you think the current Israeli government is making a sincere effort to bring about a peace settlement with the Palestinians?
- A. Yes, Israel is making a sincere effort.
 - B. No, Israel is not making a sincere effort.

Please answer the following background questions:

Name: _____

Country: _____

City: _____

Age: _____

Male/ Female

Religious Affiliation (None, Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Other): _____

Are you a member of a Jewish organization (If yes, please specify the organization(s))?

How many times have you visited Israel?
