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YEAR: Writing in the Jewish journal *Tikkun* (May-June), editor Michael Lerner says that he "wants Israel to be secure. But I know that Israel's policies are self-destructive, irrational, and make Israel less secure." He calls for his fellow Jews "to transcend the pain of the past—we must not act out in this generation what was done to us in past generations." His remedy for the unending cycle of violence in the Middle East is for Israel to "end the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, bring the 200,000 settlers back to the pre-1967

borders of Israel, and lead a worldwide campaign to provide reparations for Palestinian refugees." Likewise, he calls on the Palestinian people to immediately reject the "tactics of terror," suggesting that "this whole situation will only be solved if both sides can feel that the other side recognizes them as human with the same human needs as they—and that can never happen if the violence continues. As a Jew, I want that process to start with us." He calls on Israel to draw on "the highest ideals of Judaism. These ideals start with the categorical imperative in Torah: Thou shalt love the stranger, Thou shalt love the Other."

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