

MONITORING AND DOCUMENTATION: Each year, B'Tselem takes over 1,000 first person testimonies from victims and eyewitnesses of human rights violations. Testimonies are cross-checked and supplemented with photographic and video evidence and information gathered from medical records, press reports, other organizations, and extensive correspondence with governmental and military authorities.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS: B'Tselem publishes comprehensive reports on a wide spectrum of human rights issues. Many of these reports are recognized as the definitive work on the topic.

PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY: B'Tselem pursues domestic accountability in all cases where there is a suspicion of wrongdoing on the part of Israeli security forces. Hundreds of cases have been sent to Israeli law enforcement authorities to investigate. These authorities turn to B'Tselem for assistance in locating witnesses and collecting supplemental information.

RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER: B'Tselem provides statistics, information and analysis to the public, policymakers and the media. The organization's website offers a wealth of information in English, Hebrew and Arabic, and includes a growing video archive.

ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION: B'Tselem's outreach includes: video and multimedia presentations; tours of the West Bank; lectures and public events; and information campaigns. B'Tselem also advocates directly with Israeli military and governmental officials in order to change policy. The domestic advocacy is complemented by international outreach.

NEW MEDIA FRONTIER: B'Tselem has pioneered the use of multimedia materials as a tool for human rights advocacy. In a unique project, B'Tselem has distributed over 200 cameras to Palestinian families living in high conflict areas. The project has produced effective advocacy material, is used to promote accountability, and many times, serves as a deterrent to violence.

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OVER 20 YEARS OF DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA...

“B'Tselem not only protects the rights of Palestinians under Israel's control, it also protects Israel's democracy.”

Naomi Chazan, President,
New Israel Fund

WE, AT B'TSELEM, SEEK TO PROMOTE JUSTICE, equality and fairness, the values upon which Israel was founded. From day to day, civilians living in the West Bank and Gaza are faced with the real implications of ongoing military occupation. The resulting violations of human rights erode the dignity of the Palestinian people and the integrity of Israeli democracy. B'Tselem aims to protect the human rights of those living under occupation, and in doing so, ensure the future of Israelis and Palestinians to live in freedom and security.

“ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS.”

The term “b'tselem,” is derived from the biblical story of creation: “In the image of God (b'tselem elohim), he created them.” In Hebrew, “b'tselem” is used to mean human dignity, echoing Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Right: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

We have championed human rights for over two decades, earning an international reputation as the leading source of reliable information on human rights in the Occupied Territories. B'Tselem promotes Israeli accountability, the rule of law and universal respect for human rights principles. In doing so, we bolster Israel's democratic foundation and strengthen the culture of respect for human rights.



Jessica Montell
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“B’Tselem is an Israeli human rights organization that I’ve long admired.”

Nicholas Kristof, 30 June 2010, *New York Times*

1989

B’Tselem was founded by a group of leading Israeli public figures and quickly earned a reputation for accuracy and impartiality. It was awarded the Carter-Menil Human Rights Award, presented by President Jimmy Carter.



2000

B’Tselem compiles comprehensive lists of Palestinian and Israeli casualties of the conflict, serving as an authoritative source of information both in Israel and abroad. While B’Tselem focuses on Israeli violations of the principles of international humanitarian law, B’Tselem also monitors Palestinian violations, consistently denouncing suicide attacks and Qassam rockets against Israeli civilians as war crimes.

2003–2004

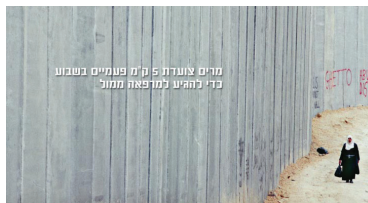


Photo by Miki Kartzman

B’Tselem was the first organization to identify the Separation Barrier as a human rights issue, a position that helped form the basis for the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and precedent-setting rulings of Israel’s High Court of Justice, which established changes in the route.

2006

B’Tselem initiated its Camera Distribution Project with the groundbreaking footage filmed by Fida’ Abu Ayesha, 14, of harassment by her settler neighbor in Hebron. These images revealed the grim reality of Palestinian daily lives, created by the Jewish settler community in Hebron. The videos generated extensive public discussion both inside Israel and around the world, and resulted in a cabinet sub-committee on settler violence.



Still from video filmed by Muna a-Nawaj’ah, 8 Oct 2008

2009

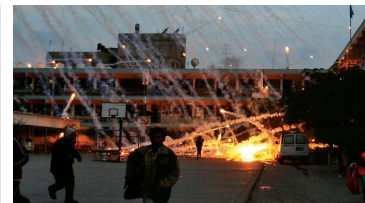
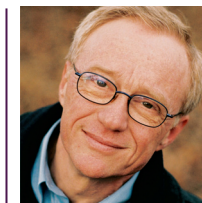


Photo by Muhammad al-Baba, 17 January 2009

B’Tselem compiled complete fatality figures from Operation Cast Lead in Gaza and demanded a comprehensive investigation into allegations of violation of international humanitarian law. The organization has provided assistance to the military’s criminal investigations into eleven specific incidents documented by B’Tselem.

2011



David Grossman, Photo by Peter-Andreas Hassiepen

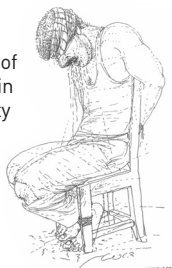
B’Tselem’s newly established Public Council includes leading Israeli figures, such as: Amos Oz, David Grossman, Gila Almagor, Makram Khoury, Professor Mordechai Kremnitzer, and Ruth Dayan.

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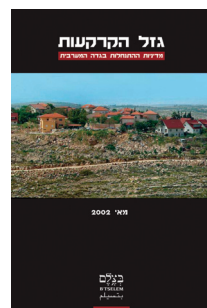
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1991–1999

B’Tselem’s pioneering documentation of routine torture in General Security Service interrogations was the foundation of petitions to Israel’s High Court of Justice, which resulted in an historic ban on all physical force in interrogations.



2002–2010



B’Tselem published *Land Grab*, the authoritative report and mapping project, which exposed the legal maneuvers and government incentives at the root of the settlement enterprise. In 2010, B’Tselem updated the report with the release of *By Hook and By Crook*, revealing that 42% of the West Bank is controlled by settlements.

2004–2005



Photo by Magnus Johansson, Reuters, 15 June 2004

B’Tselem’s research and campaign against punitive house demolitions, together with the legal advocacy of other organizations, helped bring about a special Knesset hearing and a military committee, which found the policy ineffective and counterproductive. Consequently, the Minister of Defense announced a ban on punitive house demolitions.

2008–2011



Still from video filmed by Salam Amirah, 7 July 2008

B’Tselem’s video evidence, extensive fieldwork and research lead to the sentencing of a soldier and officer in the shooting with a rubber coated bullet of a handcuffed and blindfolded Palestinian detainee, Ashraf Abu-Rahma, in the West Bank village of Ni’lin.

2010



Still from video filmed by Rif’at Hamdiya, June 2009

Films produced by B’Tselem’s video bloggers show a rare glimpse into daily life in the Gaza Strip. The films were featured by the *New York Times* and by *YNet*, Israel’s leading news website.

“For years, B’Tselem has been conducting thorough research regarding human rights violations in the West Bank. Israel needs B’Tselem as much as B’Tselem needs Israel. It is not hard to imagine what would have happened in the Territories without B’Tselem.”

Nachum Barnea, 21 May 2010, *Yedioth Achronoth*

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