

Israel/Palestine comprised a range of performance moments, exploring different types of performance and interactivity. Our processes are documented on the OST blog; this is a catalogue of the different moments and the texts we used.

1. What Strong Fences Make

The play opens with a fragment from this play by Israel Horovitz, about an incident at an Israeli checkpoint on the Gaza Wall. The text is available for free at http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/theater-j/on-stage/middle-east-festival/What_Strong_Fences_Make-Final-Draft.pdf

2. History

The text for this segment, describing what we thought were the most important events leading up to the crisis, based on our research, was devised by the company. It is true that the first evidence of human warfare dates at 12,000 BCE. Of our two closest relatives, chimpanzees have things like wars, but bonobos don't.

The headline at the end comes from BBC News, and is from the day of performance.

3. Seven Children

The transition speeches are drawn from Caryl Churchill's *Seven Jewish Children*, originally produced at the Royal Court in Feb 2009, and Deb Margolin's *Seven Palestinian Children*, which was written in response. They are both: available for free www.royalcourttheatre.com/files/downloads/SevenJewishChildren.pdf
http://www.neshamah.net/reb_barrys_blog_neshamahn/seven-palestinian-children.html

4. Reading the News

Each of the news articles here comes from <http://news.bbc.co.uk> – they are representative of articles on Israel/Palestine from March 2010.

5. Do you trust us?

An interaction devised by the company.

6. What Strong Fences Make (continued)

7. Children Fighting

An improvised performance devised by the company

8. “I am live, therefore I take sides”

From an essay by Antonio Gramsci: widely quoted, rarely sourced. We'd be grateful if anyone could tell us where it comes from.

9. Taking Sides: A Discussion

The words are yours.

10. Al-Aqsa television

Devised from the news article “US imposes sanctions on Hamas bank and TV station” (BBC News, March 2010):
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/8574989.stm

11. Israeli Prime Minister

Devised from the news article “Israeli PM hopeful on peace talks” (BBC News, March 2010): http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/8586405.stm

12. Propaganda

Two texts are in conflict here: Benjamin Netanyahu's address to the AIPAC conference on 22 Mar 2010

(http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Government/Speeches+by+Israeli+leaders/2010/PM_Netanyahu_AIPAC_Conference_22-Mar-2010.htm?DisplayMode=print) and an Islamic Jihad Union video available at <http://www.nefafoundation.org/multimedia-prop.html>

13. Confused? Factual Summary

An insert devised by the cast to try and make sense of things for you

14. Seven Jewish Children (cont)

15. What Strong Fences Make (cont)

16. Archaeology

Devised from a BBC News article on Archaeology in Jerusalem (no longer available)

17. The Estate Agent

Devised by the company

18. Seven Palestinian Children (cont)

19. One Sentence

Words by you.

20. Rachel Corrie

From an e-mail by Rachel Corrie, an American activist who died in Palestine while protesting housing demolition. Her words were made into a play, "My Name is Rachel Corrie", by Alan Rickman and Katherine Viner

21. Torture

Devised by the company. Did you act?

22. Three Scenes of Obligation

Devised by the company, inspired by the BBC News article "Israel human shield suspension" (http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/6554487.stm)

23. What Strong Fences Make (conclusion)

24. Mourning Ritual

The prayers are the Jewish Kaddish and the Muslim Salat al-Jazah. They are mourning prayers.

The other readings are drawn from Wikipedia articles (the collective editing seemed apposite to our themes):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008%E2%80%932009_Israel

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_conflict

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Palestinian_suicide_attacks