

# Visiting America's first Gaza Holocaust memorial

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal visits the Wall of Tears in Dearborn, Michigan. This heart-rending visual display memorializes the over 18,500 children killed by the Israeli military in the besieged Gaza Strip between October 7, 2023 and July 2025. Blumenthal reads off the names and ages of several of these children, and places their lives in the broader context of Gaza's occupation, siege and genocide at the hands of the state of Israel. ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonenews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonenews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

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Max Blumenthal, I'm standing in the middle of Dearborn, Michigan, at the Wall of Tears. This is a memorial to the over 18,500 children murdered in the Gaza Strip by the State of Israel between October 7th, 2023, and July 2024. It was designed by an artist named Phil Buehler, and it memorializes children like Omar Shamlach, who was killed, like so many children in the Gaza Strip, by the Israeli apartheid military with his family. When one-year-old Omar was killed, three generations of his entire family were wiped out — ten people in one strike.

So many of these children were killed in their homes while sleeping. Of ages 1 to 18: Leanne Abu-Ras, one year old; Ghanim Abu-Mailak, 14 years old; Hala Abu-Saga, 14 years old; Lujain Lana Mais Al-Sisi, 10 years old; eight years old; six years old. Omar Zuhair Qadri, five years old, killed at Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in a strike which was falsely blamed on Palestinian resistance factions. It was actually the result of an Israeli artillery strike. Omar's father carried his body in a plastic bag afterwards. So many of them had hopes and lives to get out of the siege, like Abdullah Abu al-Ghan.

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Like Suzanne Massoud, who was four years old when she was killed. Leanne Sala was killed with her brothers, her siblings. She was only one. There are too many names to even absorb here, but here's one name that I think most of you will recognize. It's the name of Hind Rajab. This memorial was initially created to honor Hind Rajab, who's one of the most well-known victims of the Gaza genocide. Six years old, she was killed in her car by an Israeli tank crew as she sought to summon paramedics to rescue her family who were bleeding around her. An Israeli tank crew fired 335

bullets into her car, killing her family and then killing the paramedics as they attempted to rescue her, along with her cousins, Layan Hamada, who was 15 years old. As I said, the names stretch for four panels around this memorial. It's almost endless.

These are the great-great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the people who were driven off their land, from their homes in Palestine in 1947 and 48, by the Zionist militias in order to create what's known as the State of Israel. 750,000 people ethnically cleansed, turned into perpetual refugees, sent into Gaza. These are the children and grandchildren of the generation that grew up under siege in Gaza since 2005, who knew nothing but warfare, siege, and deprivation, living through not just three wars but a genocide. These are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the generation that grew up under occupation since 1967. And they come from a place called Palestine. They live in a place called Palestine. And to those who try to say that Palestine doesn't exist, do these children not exist?