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Can Israel be a democracy in light of the crisis of 2023 that preceded the war, and a pessimistic outlook for political resolution of the Israeli Palestinian conflict? Answering this question requires asking how democratic Israel was prior to the recent controversies - when was democracy strong or weak in Israeli history, on which aspects, and what kind of impact does the conflict and the current war have on Israeli politics and democracy?

Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin is a political scientist, a public opinion expert and a political consultant from Tel Aviv. She has advised nine national election campaigns in Israel since 1999, and has worked in fifteen other countries as well. In Israel, her research focuses on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, foreign policy, democracy, human rights and civil rights, political analysis, and comparative conflict analysis. Dr. Scheindlin has regional expertise in the Balkans and Eastern Europe, post-conflict societies and transitional democracies. She holds a PhD from Tel Aviv University; she is a policy fellow at *The Century Foundation*, a regular columnist at *Haaretz* (English), and a foreign affairs analyst on the BBC television program, *Context*; she is among the founders of *+972 Magazine* and has co-hosted several podcasts including the *Tel Aviv Review of Books* and *Election Overdose*. Her new book, *The Crooked Timber of Democracy in Israel: Promise Unfulfilled*, was published in September, 2023.

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