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What they're saying about The General's Son

There are few books on the Israel/Palestine issue that seem as hopeful to me as this one.

-From the Foreword by ALICE WALKER

Matti Peled, the general of the title, was a remarkable personality, a militaristic hawk before becoming an outstanding peace activist... In this candid account, Miko Peled tells us how he followed in the footsteps of the general, from parachutist to fighter for peace, although his beloved 13-year-old niece was killed by suicide bombers. A fascinating story that provides much food for thought.

—URI AVNERY

Veteran Israeli peace activist and former Member of Knesset

Miko did not automatically follow in the footsteps of his remarkable father—a hawkish general turned Arabist and early proponent of a two-state solution in dialogue with the PLO. Instead, we are privileged to accompany the author on his own fascinating journey of self-education and cumulative critique of Zionist premises and Israeli practices culminating in poignant advocacy of a unitary binational state anchored in common humanity.

-WALID KHALIDI

General Secretary, Institute for Palestine Studies

Miko Peled is a peace activist who dares to say in public what many choose to deny. Miko was born in Jerusalem in 1961 into a well-known Zionist family. His grandfather, Dr. Avraham Katsnelson, was a Zionist leader and a signer of Israel's Declaration of Independence. His father, Matti Peled, was a young officer in the 1948 war and a general in the war of 1967 when Israel conquered the West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights, and Sinai.

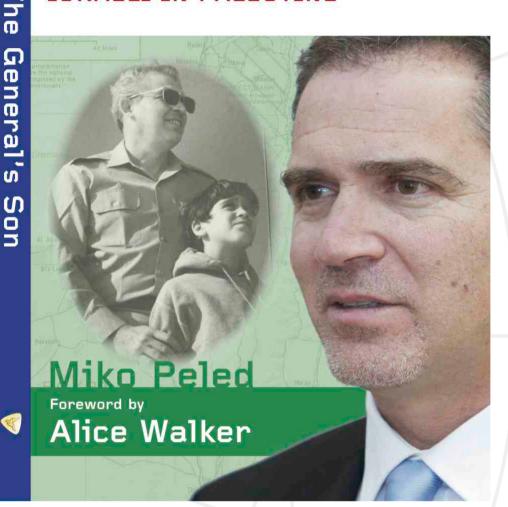
The political became personal for Miko Peled when on September 4, 1997 his niece Smadar, 13, was killed in a suicide attack in Jerusalem. He was driven by this tragedy to explore Palestine, its people, and their stories: This book illustrates his journey. Educated in Israel, Japan, and the United States, Miko is an accomplished, professional martial artist. He holds a sixth-degree black belt in karate, and teaches at his dojo in Southern California. This is his first book.

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JOURNEY OF AN ISRAELI IN PALESTINE



The General's Son

Journey of an Israeli in Palestine
A book talk with Mike Peled

Wed, March 13, 2013

4:30p - 6:00p MIT Bldg E15-070 | Bartos Theater 20 Ames St, Cambridge



MIKO PELED is an Israeli peace activist. His father Mattityahu Peled was was a well-known Israeli public figure who was at various periods of his life a professional military man who reached the rank of Aluf (Major General) in the IDF and was a member of the General Staff during the Six-Day War of 1967; a notable scholar who headed the Arabic Language and Literature Department of Tel Aviv University; a radical peace activist and a leading proponent of Israeli dialogue with the PLO and of complete withdrawal from the Occupied Territories in whose conquest he personally had a major role; and a member of the Knesset who often expressed controversial views considered "extreme left" in Israeli terms, yet was treated with considerable respect by staunch political people.

{Books will be signed and sold at the event}