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Yitzhak Rabin's assassination is for me the assassination of the path of peace by the extremists who forced their political views on Israel's citizens through a violent act. This act was unprecedented, and has had an unprecedented impact on Israel's political and security reality.

Rabin's assassination symbolizes for me the despair, the frustration, the brutality and the sectarianism that have come to characterize Israeli society.

Rabin was not a Sixties flower-boy. He was a military man, a securitist, a hawk. Yet, he knew that without a political solution there will never be peace, security and calm for Israel. Years after the murder, Israel's security chiefs, in Dror Moreh's documentary "The Gatekeepers," voiced exactly the same call: A political solution is a must. The only-force attitude of Netanyahu's government toward the Palestinians serves to escalate the situation, as does the constant incitement coming from the right. This ongoing incitement, combined with the ongoing occupation, is corrupting Israeli society.

Rabin was murdered, but you cannot murder ideas and convictions. I believe that Rabin's way, his convictions, will prevail.