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Zipporah Porath came to the Hebrew University in 1947 as an American student, on a one-year program. Caught up in Israel's War of Independence, she joined the underground Haganah, served as a medic during the siege of Jerusalem and in the nascent Israel Air Force.

The letters she wrote to her family describe vividly her feelings and impressions and capture the historic events as they were happening. Based on this eyewitness account, her talks bring these events alive with a freshness and immediacy that put the audience of today at the scene.

Zipporah Porath has been living in Israel since the establishment of the State. She is a freelance writer and a popular lecturer for groups of all ages, in Israel and abroad.

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