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“A petition was filed to the Israeli Supreme Court to let Palestinians harvest their grapes, and the High Court told the Army that they must let them harvest...People have rights to this land and there’s no law that takes these rights away.”

—Avital Sharon, Israeli lawyer, Rabbis for Human Rights

Atta wants to go harvest his grapes and he can’t go because what used to be his vineyard, the settlement took as their *shabam*, their security zone, and he can’t go because he doesn’t have a permit and he doesn’t have a permit because they won’t give him one and this is the problem, so I called the Army and they said he can’t get a permit because he has to prove this is his land and he has to get an expert to show that this is his land and I said that he did that, he came to your office and showed you the map, and he said I don’t have it, and I said, could you look again because he even remembers the date he was there and Palestinians don’t usually remember the date and he called me back and said, yes, I have his date, but I don’t have his map. But a map costs a lot of money, I said, could I send it to you on the computer and he said, no, I don’t like that and here’s what we could do, I could come to his land and you and I and him, we could walk and he could show me. So we agree on a date and Atta and I are there and this guy doesn’t

show for the meeting, and here we are,
this has been going on for three years.
Last year, they let him come in to harvest
his grapes, just for a day or two, and you
should've heard his voice on the phone,
calling from his vineyards, picking his grapes,
the joy. And now he wants to go in again, and
they're saying ever letting him in was a mistake

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