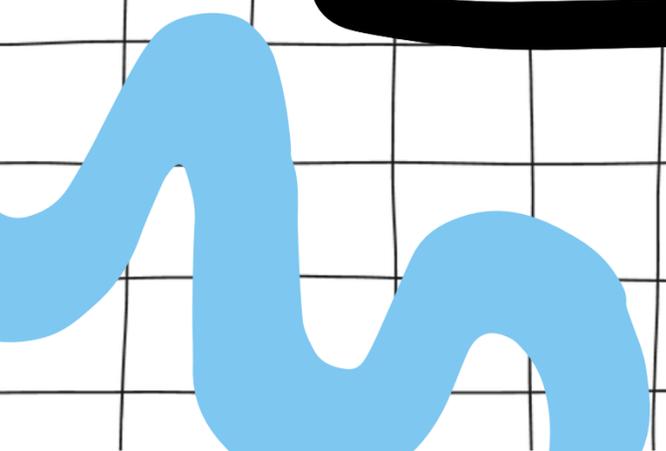


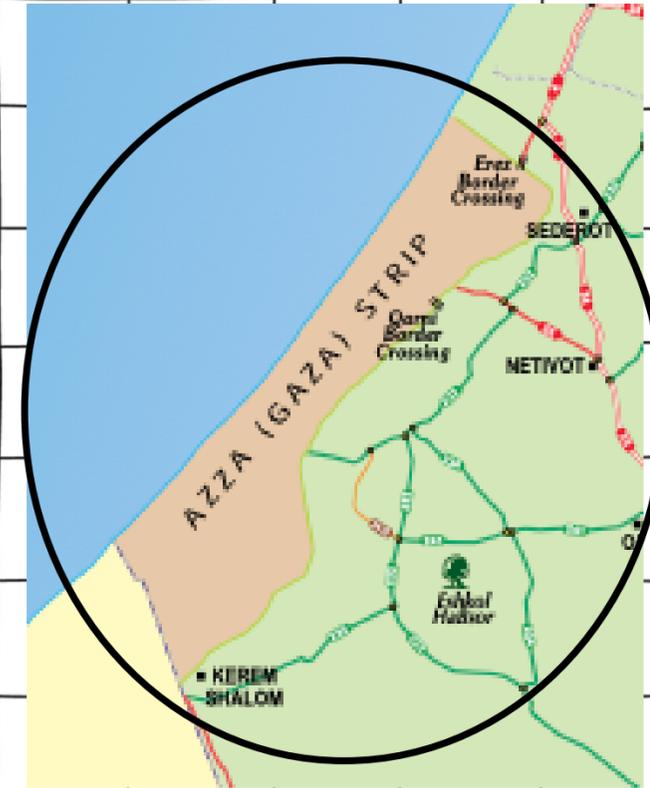
# Operation Swords of Iron: Keeping Israeli Hostages Front & Center

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# Facts as We Know Them

- Saturday, October 7, 2023
- Hamas, a terror organization, openly and violently attacked Israeli communities.
- Hamas terrorists attacked with rockets and munitions by land, air, and sea, facilitated by the usage of a complex network of tunnels underground.
- During the terrorist attack, Hamas targeted Jewish Israeli communities.
- Those killed, injured, and kidnaped include civilians and soldiers, Israelis and internationals, Jews and Arabs.
- An estimated 1,200 civilians and soldiers have been killed in Israel.
- 240+ hostages were taken into Gaza.
- Following a ceasefire that began on November 25th, 110 hostages have been returned.



Official Map of Israel  
Current Political Map  
From: Israel Ministry of Tourism

Keeping hostages front and center of our minds.

● United Nations



● Dizengoff Square, Israel



Keeping hostages front and center of our minds.

● Tel Aviv, Israel



● New York, NY



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**Keeping hostages front and center of our minds.**

● **Concord, Massachusetts** < >



● **Tel Aviv, Israel** < >



# First Hostages Released

10/20/2023



Judith Tai Raanan  
& Natalie Raanan (17 yo)

10/23/2023



Nurit Cooper, 79

10/23/2023



Yocheved Lifshitz, 85

# First Hostage Rescued in Gaza

Private Ori Megidish  
(IDF Soldier) Rescued 10/30/2023



**Due to a temporary ceasefire deal which began on November 24, 2023, 110 hostages have been released.**

## **Here are the faces of some of those now back with their families**



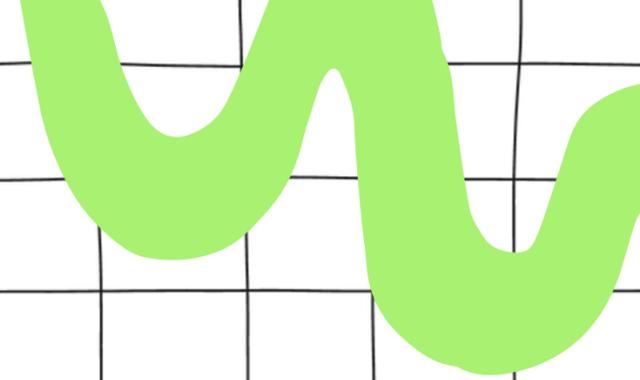
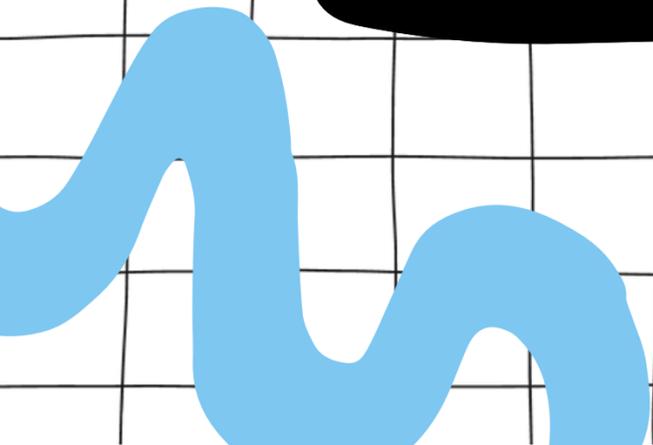
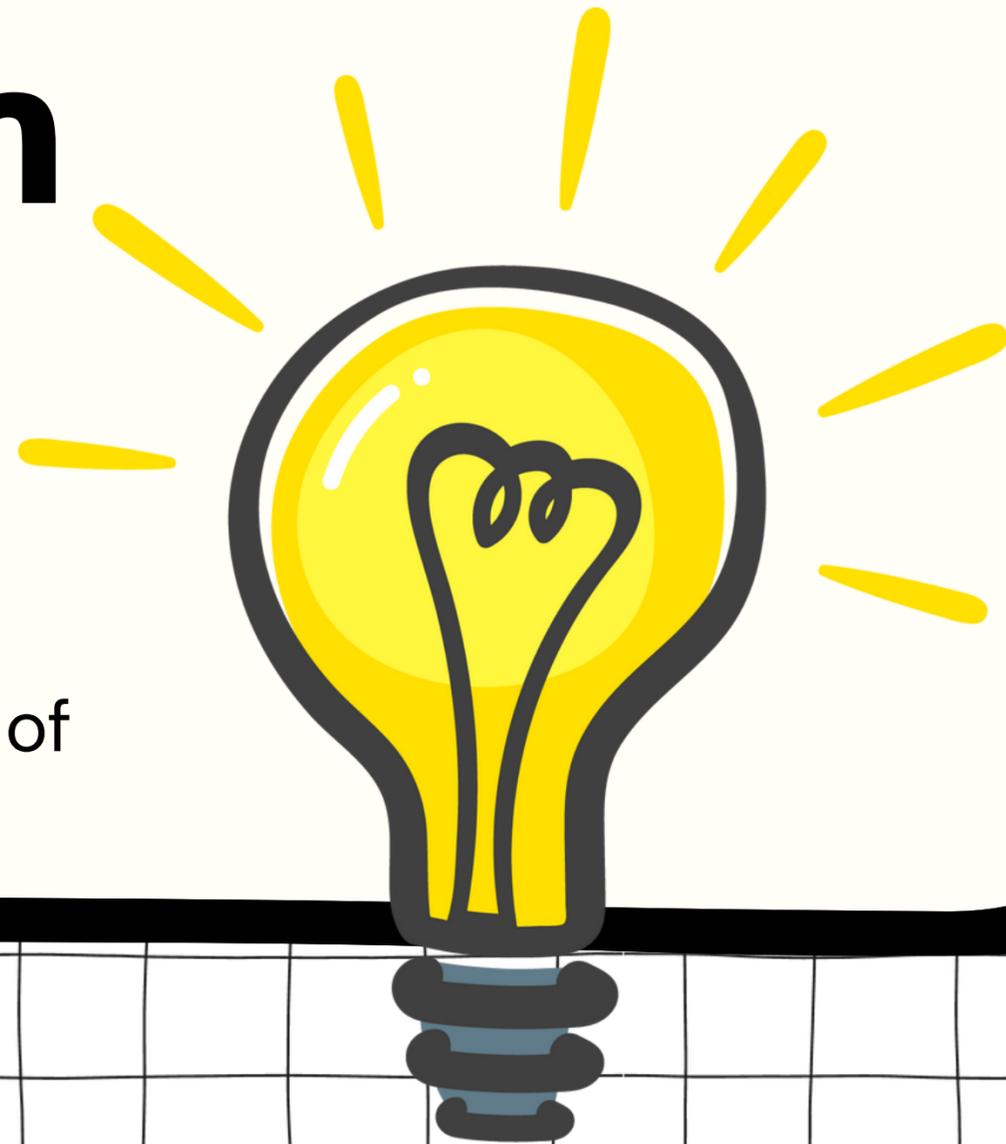
Family handouts

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67477240>



# Putting Judaism into Action

Let's now take action to help keep the spirit of the hostages alive.



**PLUR**



**Peace**  
**Love**  
**Unity**  
**Respect**



# ● Ways to Decorate Your Kandi: < >

## Personalized Information:

- Name
- Age
- City of residence

## Hebrew or English Sayings:

- B'Yachad - Together
- Tikvah - Hope
- Am Yisrael Chai - The People of Israel Live
- Chozek - Strength
- B'nai Yisrael - Children of Israel
- L'olam Lo Od - Never Forget

## Colors, Patterns, or Symbols:

- Blue & white
- Color meaning chart

|   |   |  |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Red</b><br>prompts action<br>passion<br>excitement<br>strength<br>love<br>energy       | <b>Orange</b><br>warmth<br>energy<br>youthful<br>confidence<br>success<br>bravery<br>socialbility | <b>Yellow</b><br>caution<br>youthful<br>creativity<br>happiness<br>warmth<br>cheer | <b>Green</b><br>natural<br>health<br>wellbeing<br>innovative<br>newness<br>freshness<br>quality | <b>Blue</b><br>intelligence<br>refreshing<br>luxury<br>classic<br>trust<br>peace<br>loyalty |
| <b>Pink</b><br>feminine<br>youthful<br>compassion<br>sincerity<br>sophistication<br>sweet | <b>Purple</b><br>elegant<br>royalty<br>luxury<br>spirituality<br>ambition                         | <b>Brown</b><br>dependable<br>rugged<br>trustworthy<br>simple                      | <b>Black</b><br>classic<br>conventional<br>formal<br>dramatic<br>sophistication<br>security     | <b>White</b><br>pure<br>calm<br>clean<br>simplicity<br>innocence<br>honest                  |

# Hostage Status

Updated regularly as/if status changes.

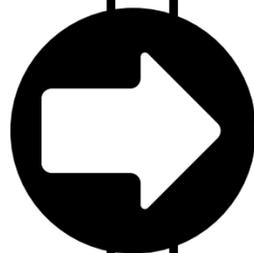
01 Name

02 Age

03 City of Residence

04 Circumstances of Kidnapping

05 Release Date  
(if applicable)



**Ronen Engel, 54**  
Nir Oz  
Kidnapped from his home with his family



**Yuval Engel, 11**  
Nir Oz  
Kidnapped from her home with her family



**Mika Engel, 18**  
Nir Oz  
Kidnapped from her home with her family



**Carina Engel-Bert, 51**  
Nir Oz  
Kidnapped from her home with her family



**Avigail Idan, 3**  
Kfar Azza  
Kidnapped from her home, both her parents were killed



**Tamar Gutman, 27**  
Beit Hashmonai  
Was at the outdoor rave near Re'im



**Channa Peri, 79**  
Nirim  
Kidnapped from her home



**Nadav Popplewell, 51**  
Nirim  
Kidnapped from his home



**Emilia Aloni, 5**  
Yavneh  
Kidnapped from Kibbutz Nir Oz with her mother

# Prayer for the Hostages

*Let's join together in a prayer, as a classroom community, for the safe return of those who were taken captive from Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
מִתִּיר הָאֲסוּרִים,  
מִשְׁגֵּב לְדָד,  
מִשְׁגֵּב לְעֵתוֹת בְּצָרָה (תהלים ט:)  
שְׁלַח, הַצֵּלָה שְׁלֵמָה וּפְדִיּוֹן גָּמוּר  
לְנִתּוּנֵים בְּשִׁבֵי אוֹיֵב:  
[...]

חֲזִקֵי רוּחָם, הַבִּיאֵי לָהֶם אֶת תְּפִלָּתֵנוּ  
לְשִׁמְרָם מֵרָע.

תְּנֵי בִינָה בְּלֵב אוֹיֵב  
לְהַשִּׁיבָם בְּשְׁלֵמוֹת גּוֹף וְנַפְשׁ.

תְּנֵי תְבוּנָה בְּלוֹחְמֵי צְה"ל  
לְחִלְצָם בְּלֹא אֶבֶד נַפְשׁוֹת.

תֵּן לְכָל בְּנֵי וּבָנוֹת אַבְרָהָם, שָׂרָה וְהָגָר  
אֶת עֹז הָרוּחַ וְאִמְץ הַלֵּב  
לְהַתִּיר כַּבְּלֵי שִׁבֵי  
וְלַחְיוֹת חַיֵּי חֵירוּת.

יְקַרְאֵנִי  
וְאֶעֱנֶהוּ עִמּוֹ  
אֲנִכִּי בְצָרָה  
אֲחַלְצֶהוּ וְאֶכְבְּדֶהוּ (תהלים צא:טו)  
וְנֹאמֵר, אָמֵן.

Our God,  
the One who raised Joseph up from the pit,  
be “a refuge for the oppressed,  
a refuge in times of trouble.” (Psalms 9:10)

Send complete rescue and full redemption  
to those held captive by the enemy:  
[when possible, add names here].

Strengthen their spirit and bring them our prayers  
that they be protected from all harm.

Implant understanding in the heart of the enemy  
that they may return the captives in wholeness of body and spirit.

Grant wisdom to the Israel Defense Forces  
that they may secure freedom for the captives without loss of life.

Grant strength of spirit and courage of heart  
to all the sons and daughters of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar  
to release bonds of captivity  
and allow us all to live in freedom.

“They shall call upon Me,  
and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in distress;  
I will rescue them, and honor them.” (after Psalms 91:15)  
And we say *Amen*.