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## J'Accuse South Africa

#### By taking Israel to the ICJ, the ANC will be killing two birds with one stone

In 1958, Mao Zedong decreed that Chinese citizens should destroy the humble sparrow because the birds were eating much-needed grain in a country where hunger was a constant companion.

Dutifully, people took up the challenge, shooting the birds, breaking up nests, smashing eggs, and beating drums to scare the animals and prevent them from landing to rest. After two years, hundreds of millions of birds were dead as the sparrow approached extinction across China.

But destroying the sparrow resulted in one of the most devastating famines in recent history, killing 15-40 million Chinese citizens (the exact number remains subject to debate).

Why? Because it turned out that sparrows didn't just eat grain. They also ate insects, including locusts with an appetite for crops. With its major predator effectively side-lined, the locust roamed rampant across China.

This is the law of unintended consequences, something that the South African government is about to discover.

Israel is set to appear before the International Court of Justice and South Africa is thrilled with itself.

This seems to be the perfect opportunity for the African National Congress (ANC) to reclaim some of its lost luster. A chance to showcase their values and their deep-seated concern for citizens of the world. Well, aside from Zimbabweans, the people of Iran, Muslims in China, and those of Ukraine, Cuba, Sudan, and so on. And well, aside from their own people of South Africa who boast the highest youth unemployment rate in the world, horrendous crime, poor healthcare, and a crippling power crisis.

Finally, they can prove to South Africans, ahead of the 2024 national elections, that they are able to follow through on something. Israel, according to President Cyril Ramaphosa, is guilty of genocide. They are indiscriminately killing civilians in Gaza and they need to be urgently stopped.

The legal team that has been assembled by the ANC is a formidable one. Well versed, and well respected. Leaders in the field.

There are a few reasons, however, that make the case against Israel far from a "slam dunk."

Hamas, in its charter, in its actions, and in its words vows to kill every Jew in the region (literally the definition of genocide).

Hamas has affirmed its actions of October 7 and has publicly stated that it will do it "Again and again and again."

Hamas is still holding hostages, one of them baby Kfir who, if alive, will have celebrated his first birthday this week.

Hamas mass raped, tortured, and kidnapped women and killed children and civilians as they lay in their beds.

Hamas could end all killings by returning the hostages and surrendering.

They have used billions of dollars intended for aid to build a tunnel system purely for terror; amassed and manufactured weapons still being used against Israelis towns; and "educated" the children of Gaza to hate Jews.

They used hospitals and schools as military bases.

They prevented civilians from moving to safety.

They launched rockets towards Israel, 20% of which fall back into Gaza itself, killing civilians.

Add further, the fact that there was a ceasefire on October 6, which Hamas broke, and the fact that it continues to shoot rockets at Israel. Rockets that but for the Iron Dome would likely have killed thousands of Israelis.

Israel will unquestionably have the required proof of the above.



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The court will need to consider the actions of the parties; consider the facts and if there indeed is a case of genocide, who the victim might be?

#### What does this have to do with sparrows in China?

The answer is "unintended consequences." The reality is that Israel has long struggled to be heard. The overwhelming support of Western media for the Palestinian cause and of academics and so-called progressives who align with the "oppressed," has created a world of confusion. The repetition of "genocide," of "apartheid," of "ethnic cleansing" has worked to silence alternative voices, so indicated by the nebulous response to the rape of Israelis, to the taking of hostages, and to the relentless attack on Israeli cities.

By taking Israel to the ICJ, South Africa will finally provide Israel with a platform and an opportunity to be heard.

Algorithms that until recently would have ensured that haters of Israel are sheltered from a counter view, media who might have avoided presenting alternative facts, and academics who have been tripped up in an Orwellian world of their own making will hear it from Israel.

It will not all go Israel's way. There will be sound bites too, that will reflect poorly on some Israeli ministers. There will be incidents of war that are ugly. And there will be the exposure of terrible Palestinian suffering. And yet, by the conclusion and presentation of the facts, South Africa would have provided a platform that Israel has long sought. In doing so, the ANC will not only assist Israel but will expose itself as being the self-serving and hypocritical organization that many know it to be.

In essence, by taking Israel to the ICJ, the ANC will be killing two birds with one stone.

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Antisemitism at Harvard Started Long Before Claudine Gay Nancy Katz

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#### **Orwell's Intellectuals**

#### Offensive slurs, blindness to Jews' history of oppression and anti-Israel bias aren't new, but one thing is different today

Harvard's antisemitism problem started long before Claudine Gay. Now it's attracting public outcry, with alumni and donors severing ties. For me, though, it's an old story.

I joined the Kennedy School faculty in 1998. At that time, being Jewish was easy. Twenty-five percent of the faculty was Jewish. Every building on the K-School campus bore the name of a Jewish benefactor.

Jewish practice was normalized. No one expressed concern when I canceled class on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. During Passover, cafeteria staff placed a box of matzah on the lunch counter for Jews to help themselves. Okay, some years the box of matzah appeared a week before the holiday and some years a week after, but why quibble? It was a thoughtful gesture.

I savored this sense of belonging. Growing up, I heard my father's stories of antisemitism in academia. My dad was a professor at Boston University Medical School back when it was a Protestant institution. He said he was the first Jew to be appointed a full clinical professor of medicine, but "far from the first Jew to deserve it." He was responsible for selecting each year's crop of interns and residents. The dean used to call my father into his office and reprimand him for the number of Jews he selected, sputtering that B.U. risked becoming known as "a Jewish school."

The first hint of trouble arose in 2002 at a faculty cocktail party. The topic of discussion was whether the US should topple Saddam Hussein in Iraq. An esteemed colleague revealed he had penned an op-ed arguing against invasion. He said he'd like the piece to run in the Wall Street Journal, but that wouldn't happen because the newspaper was "controlled by the Jews."

I was stunned. A prominent Harvard faculty member was a conspiracy theorist? His comment was so bizarre that I didn't know what to do with it. I simply

made a mental note to give him a wide berth.

A couple of years later, another warning shot. More serious this time, because it involved an institutional mindset rather than individual prejudice. I wanted to bring Natan Sharansky to the K-School, to address the Institute of Politics (IOP). He had just published a highly acclaimed book, The Case For Democracy.

The IOP declined my request because "we already had one Israeli speaker in the past year." Nonplussed, I responded that two Israelis in one year was not disproportionate representation. The IOP hosted at least 30 speakers annually.

They countered: Sharansky could speak, but not alone. He had to be paired on stage with a Palestinian for "balance." I argued that Sharansky was an international hero worthy of stand-alone billing. Furthermore, his book wasn't about the Palestinian conflict.

Ultimately, the IOP relented and Sharansky appeared alone. The event was a success, but the process was sobering. I gained insight into the IOP's view of Israelis, and it felt like a caricature. They saw Israelis exclusively through the lens of the Palestinian conflict.

My unease escalated in 2006 when I was appointed faculty representative to the Diversity Committee. At our first meeting, the students listed target populations: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, women, gays, and lesbians, and the physically handicapped. I suggested they consider adding Jews. No, the students said. Religion was outside their scope.

I pointed out that Judaism is not just a religion but also a race. The students demurred. Even if Jews are a race, they said, Jews do not qualify as a historically marginalized one. I pushed further, but the students wouldn't have it. Jews, they insisted, are more than adequately represented among the elite, and belong to "the oppressor class."

The students' ignorance of history was appalling. Also, it was chilling to realize how they saw me. I thought of myself as an ally, but they felt my boot

on their neck. I realized the DEI framework could marginalize, even demonize, Jewish students.

My relationship with Harvard was shifting from identification to alienation. Then came the coup de grace. An essay entitled "The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy" appeared on the Faculty Research Working Papers website. In it, my old boss Stephen Walt and his co-author from the University of Chicago, John Mearsheimer, asserted that American Jews twist US foreign policy to serve Israel's interests. A Jewish colleague observed that the paper "read like the Protocols of the Elders of Zion." "The Israel Lobby" felt like a personal assault. It painted me, a supporter of Israel, as an enemy of the public good.

I asked my boss, the academic dean, to move the paper to Walt's personal page at the K-School. Featuring it on the shared page appeared to give Harvard's imprimatur to antisemitic conspiracy theories. The dean refused.

As a social psychologist, I didn't feel knowledgeable enough to dismantle Walt's argument. I reached out to pro-Israel political scientists at the K-School, hoping they would draft a rebuttal. They declined, explaining that the US-Israel relationship was not their specialty and they didn't want to "look stupid." Of course, the US-Israel relationship was not Walt's specialty either, as his focus was security studies, yet that hadn't stopped him from speaking as an authority. My Jewish colleagues were no braver than I was - we kept our heads down.

I longed to hear the dean condemn Walt's antisemitism publicly. Or at a faculty meeting. Or in a private meeting. I never heard it. Feeling utterly demoralized, I realized it was time to move on.

The paper was later published as a bestselling book. Did anyone suffer repercussions? Walt told me he was showered with approval from non-Jews, and even some Jews. He described the experience as deeply affirming.

The K-School took a fundraising hit of some \$30 million, according to insider estimates. But within a few years Jewish benefactors were back to making large gifts, including a new building. It seemed nothing was learned.

Which is why I see a bright spot in the current mess. At least this time Jews are exercising their rights with impact. It might backfire, it might wound innocent bystanders, it might serve outside interests. But finally Jews are drawing a red line in the sand regarding antisemitism, and insisting "no more."

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#### Israel Truths

One of the biggest mistakes of critics of Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza is attempting to compare the war to a past modern war (post-WWII) or a battle that is not what Israel is conducting in Gaza.



"The first, the supreme, the most far-reaching act of judgment that the statesman and commander have to make is to establish by that test the kind of war on which they are embarking; neither mistaking it for, nor trying to turn it into, something that is alien to its nature."

- Carl von Clausewitz, On War

The IDF is fighting a full-scale war against a terrorist military of over 30,000 fighters with a massive arsenal of rockets, who has spent decades and millions of dollars digging an underground world of hundreds of miles of tunnels woven into the civilian society and with the design to reverse engineer the current laws of war (lawfare) to achieve their strategic goals.

Unlike other battles, the Hamas strategic goals are not to hold terrain or defeat Israel's military but to sacrifice their civilians (so not human shields, but human sacrifices) to cause the international community to force Israel to stop their counterattack.

No modern military has faced 13,000 plus rockets being launched over their heads at their homes while conducting their war/battle/operation.

Nor since World War II has a military fought in a situation where hundreds (now 136) of their own citizens (to include babies, women, elderly) are being illegally held hostage inside the combat area and a strategic factor in their timeline of the war.

Israel is not fighting in one city. It is fighting in five major cities. It is fighting a real and definable existential threat to the survival of their citizens and nation.

IMO, the fact is that Israel has followed the laws of war, has implemented civilian harm mitigation steps that no military has implemented in modern urban battles and people still attempt a moral equivalence with out of context battles.

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## **Portions of Light**



Parashat Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16) Rabbanit Dr. Adina Sternberg, Faculty of Matan, Efrata, and Bar Ilan Midrasha

In their formal negotiation, Moses and Aharon in the name of God present two demands from Pharaoh. The first demand is: "Let My people go that they may celebrate a festival for Me in the wilderness". A bit later this demand is refined: "Let us go, we pray, a distance of three days into the wilderness to sacrifice to our God". The second demand, which can be understood as a repetition of the first one, or as an expansion of it, is: ""Let My people go that they may worship Me".

We notice that Moses never says they are planning to return. He does not request a leave for three days, but rather that the sacrifice be at a distance of a three-day walk. The request: "that they may worship Me" implies that the People of Israel will be substituting worshiping Pharaoh with worshiping God. The redemption from Egypt, like redemption of land, entails freeing – a people or a land – from the stronghold of one owner to the possession of another owner from one's family. The goal of becoming worshipers of God is the reason they could never promise to return.

And yet the first official demand does not refer to transferring loyalty of slavery or servitude, but rather to the festive celebration. The Torah uses the same word both for holiday celebrations and for other festivities which include eating and dancing. Does this mean one is supposed to have festive celebrations on the holidays? Our Sages raised that possibility but concluded that the direct meaning of the command is to sacrifice to God, as is implied from the parallel requests.

However, the Torah uses the word that implies festivities. We are led to believe this is the foremost purpose of leaving Egypt, to celebrate with God. So much so, that the rabbis of the school of Beit Hillel said there is a certain preference to the hagiga sacrifice, the sacrifice of the celebration, over other sacrifices brought on the holidays. According to them, this celebration preceded the giving of the Torah and therefore its importance is magnified.

We can see that receiving the Torah, through which we shall worship God, comes only after festive celebrations with God. Despite substituting one "commander" with another, God wants us to have the correct frame of reference, one where receiving the Torah is a festival, with two sides rejoicing in the event and coming together in holy covenant.

The Torah has many challenging and constricting aspects, but before encountering them, and as part of encountering them, we also celebrate the giving of the Torah. Just like an individual's Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the people of Israel will begin their new life, with fresh meaning and purpose with a festive celebration

## 100 Days



JLI |X | January 16, 2024 Wounded IDF Solidier Who Lost Leg Wishes Only for National Unity



Rachel Goldberg-Polin, mother of Hersh, who was taken injured to Gaza: "It will take a molecule of the weight that I am carrying off of me knowing that you are carrying it as well."



Aviva Klompas | X | January 14, 2024 Advocating for Hostages is Such Meaningful Support for Their Families



Israel in the UK | X | January 14, 2024 UK Jews Rally for Return of All Hostages



Aviva Klompas | X | January 14, 2024 Exiled Iranians Join Israel Supporters in UK Rally



Christian Wakeford MP | X | January 14, 2024 Christian Wakeford Shows Solidarity With UK Jews

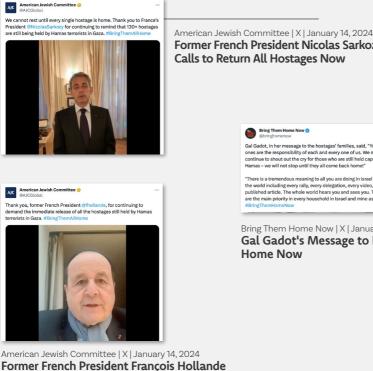
## 100 Days



Israel in the UK | X | January 14, 2024 London's St. Stephen's Walbrook Rings its Bell for Hostages



Martin Engelberg | X | January 14, 2024 Austrian Parliament Honors Israel's Hostages



Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy



Bring Them Home Now | X | January 05, 2024 Gal Gadot's Message to Bring Them

**Calls to Return All Hostages Now** 

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## 100 Days



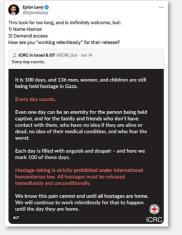
talesofisrael | Instagram | January 15, 2024 Tel Aviv Rally for Hostages 100 Days After 10/7



Kevin Vuong | X | January 14, 2024 Canadian MP Kevin Vuong Calls for Release of All Hostages



Rep. David Kustoff | X | January 16, 2024 David Kustoff Advocates for Hostages, Shares Story of Agam Berger



Eylon Levy | X | January 14, 2024 Red Cross Finally Calls for Return of Hostages But...

### Advocacy



Kevin Vuong | X | January 16, 2024 Call on Trudeau Gov't to Review Canada's UNRWA Funding

## Antisemitism/Antizionism



Eitan Fischberger | X | January 13, 2024 Mohammed el-Kurd Calls to "Normalize Massacres"; Supporters Try to Hide Language

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Dean Phillips | X | January 14, 2024 South Africa Removes Jewish Cricketer From Captaincy of Team

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Debbie Schafer | X | January 12, 2024 South Africa's Removal of Jewish Cricketer From Captaincy is Abhorrent



#### Ilan | X | January 14, 2024 Mohammed el-Kurd Also Mocked 9-Year-Old Hostage



Visegrád 24 | X | January 13, 2024 South Africa is "Nerve Center" for

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#### Antisemitism/Antizionism

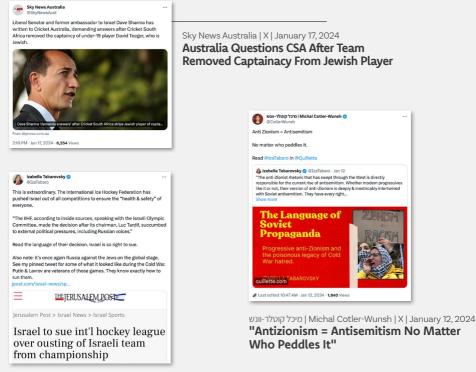




Adam Habib | X | January 13, 2024

SA's Hypocricy Removing Capitaincy From Jewish Cricketeer for "Security" (2/2)

BevL |X | January 13, 2024 SA's Hypocricy Removing Capitaincy From Jewish Cricketeer for "Security" (1/2)



Izabella Tabarovsky | X | January 11, 2024

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Expels Israel to Ensure "Health and Safety"

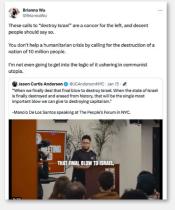
#### Antisemitism/Antizionism



The Mossad: Satirical, Yet Awesome | X | January 15, 2024 Israeli Soccer Player in Turkey Arrested for Showing Solidarity With Hostages



#### David Zweig | X | January 16, 2024 Pro-Palestinians Chant "Shame" at Child in NYC Cancer Center



Brianna Wu | X | January 15, 2024 Calls to "Destroy Israel" Are "Cancer of the Left"



#### Shany Mor الا الاترات المندي مور X | January 13, 2024 Megan Stack's Dishonest NYT Hit Piece Baselessly Accusing Israel of Genocide



#### Andrés Spokoiny | X | January 15, 2024 US Methodist Church Calls for Ceasefire. Really?



StopAntisemitism | X | January 17, 2024 IRS Complaint Filed Against Hamas-Supporting "The People's Forum"

## **Bring Them Home**



#BringThemHomeNow!

Today, the Israeli Embassy in Thailand launched a special campaign in #Bangkok, calling for the immediate release of all remaining hostages held in the Gaza Strip.

During the campaign, 100 TukTuk vehicles, bearing the faces of hostages, with writing in Thai and English, will be driving around major streets in Bangkok.

More than 130 hostages, including eight Thais, still remain hostage by Hamas-ISIS in the Gaza Strip. Among them are babies, young children and elderly men and women.

Sunday, January 14, will mark the 100th day since they were abducted, after an inhumane attack by Hamas terrorists against Israel on October 7.

The international community must do everything to bring them all home today.

@IsraelinTH @IsraelMFA



Orna Sagiv | X | January 12, 2024 Faces of Hostages, Writh Writing in Thai and English, on 100 TukTuks in Bangkok



Israel ישראל | X | January 18, 2024 Kfir Bibas Turns 1 as Hamas Captive



What a beautiful gesture at the Beth El Synagogue in Kolkata. Israel will not rest until all the 136 remaining hostages kidnapped by Hamas terrorists are back home. Thank you India for your continuing support in our fight again terrorism.  $g \gtrsim 0 Boing ThemHomeNow$ 



Tammy Ben-Haim | X | January 17, 2024 Synagogue in Kolkota, India Advocates to Return Hostages



European Jewish Congress | X | January 13, 2024 French President Emmanuel Macron Calls to Return All Hostages Now

## **Bring Them Home**



Geert Wilders | X | January 12, 2024 Netherland's Geert Wilders Calls to Return All Hostages Now



TV and Film Director @BanWinston wore a yellow ribbon, calling for the return of the hostages still in the hands of Hamas terrorists in Gaza, as he accepted his award at the Emmys.

#BringThemHomeNOW



Roz Rothstein | X | January 16, 2024 Ben Winston Advocates for Hostages at Emmys



Elizabeth Savetsky | Instagram | January 08, 2024 J. Smith-Cameron Advocates for Hostages at Golden Globes

## **Double Standards**



Caroline Glick | X | January 17, 2024 Why Has Michelle Obama Been Silent?



AG | X | January 14, 2024 Turkey Bombs Grain Storage to Cause Starvation. Where is the Outrage?



Hananya Naftali | X | January 14, 2024 Egypt's Massive Wall on Gaza Border. Where is the Outrage?



Tamar Schwarzbard | X | January 14, 2024 Syrian President Bashar al-Assad Murdered 200,000+ Syrians. Where is the Outrage?

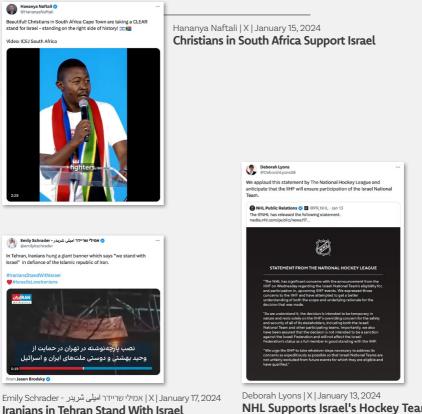
#### **Hall of Champions**



Jake Wallis Simons | X | January 16, 2024 Richtie Torres's Powerful Speech on Antisemitism and MLK Jr.'s Inspiring Legacy



Rabbi E. Poupko | X | January 14, 2024 Czech Cyclist Again Shows Impressive Support for Israel



NHL Supports Israel's Hockey Team in IIHF Events

## **Hall of Champions**



#### Uri Kurlianchik | X | January 17, 2024 Finland Donates Million Euros to Magen David Adom



#### Tim Scott | X | January 12, 2024 "Hamas Must Be Wiped Off the Face of the Earth"



יוסף חדאד Yoseph Haddad | X | January 13, 2024 Nasreen Yusuf, Druze-Israeli Who Lives on 10/7



#### Michael Levitt | X | January 13, 2024 Canada's Pierre Poilievre Expresses Unequivocal Support for Israel



Palantir | X | January 07, 2024 Palantir Stands With Israel



Shany Mor مور XI January 14, 2024 El Al Pilots Thank Israel's ICJ Legal Defense Team Onboard

## **Hall of Champions**





100 days later— the heroic Israeli farmer who rescued hundreds of young people from the Nova music festival still can't sleep at night-"memories of the girls who were tied to the trees, the girls who were naked, the girls who were huddled and shot, do not let go of me. It haunts me."

Rami Davidian is a hero who saved 764 people on October 7.

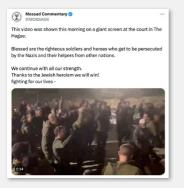
But seeing what he saw, living through what he lived through, comes at a price of the psyche.

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#### Marina Mevdin | X | January 14, 2024 Rami Davidian, Heroic Farmer Who Saved 764 Lives on 10/7



Mossad Commentary | X | January 16, 2024 IDF Soldiers Call to "Erase the Memory of Amalek"

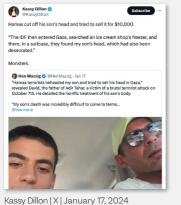


mybeautifullandofisrael | Instagram | January 16, 2024 Ethiopian-Israelis Help Farmers in Israel's South With Their Harvest



Documenting Israel | X | January 16, 2024 IDF Soldier Who Lost Leg and On Respirator for 3 Weeks, Released From Hospital

#### **Hamas Lies**



Kassy Dillon | X | January 17, 2024 Hamas Cuts of Head of Fallen IDF Soldier and Tries to Sell It for \$10,000



Rick Scott | X | January 15, 2024 "Pure Evil": Hamas Mocks and Threatens to Kill Hostages in Video



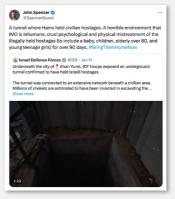
John Spencer | X | January 16, 2024 Each of 50 Rockets Hamas Launched Today at Israeli Civilians is War Crime



Azzat Alsalem | X | January 14, 2024 Video Footage of Gaza Civilians Participating in 10/7 Massacre



#### John Spencer | X | January 14, 2024 IDF Update on Terrorists Killed Should Be Factored Into Hamas's Numbers



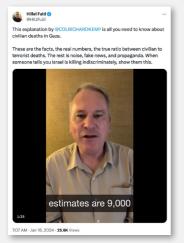
John Spencer | X | January 11, 2024 IDF Discovers Tunnel Where Hostages Were Kept



## **Israel Truths**



#### John Spencer | X | January 15, 2024 IDF Fighting War Unlike Any Faced By Modern Military



#### Hillel Fuld | X | January 18, 2024 Israel's Civilian: Terrorist Casuality Ratio is Extraordinarily Low

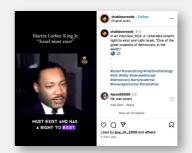


YeahThatsKosher | X | January 16, 2024 MLK Day: Israel is Only Middle Eastern Country Witth Street Honoring MLK



#### Kevin Youkilis | X | January 17, 2024

Message to Jews: Focus on Building Bonds With Those Who Love You Unconditionally



shabbosreads | Instagram | January 15, 2024 MLK Jr. Reiterates Israel's Right to Exist and Calls Israel "Great Outpost of Democracy"



Patricia Heaton |X| January 14, 2023 UK Pro-Palestinians Call for Violence, Pro-Israelis Call for Peace

#### **Israel Truths**



Tom Cotton | X | January 16, 2024 To Eliminate Hamas is Righteous, War Is Fight of Good vs Evil



Black and Jewish | Instagram | January 12, 2024 IDF is Muslim, Bedouins, Jews, and Christians - And We're Coming for Hamas

yuval\_david\_ and israeli\_spirit | Instagram | January 15, 2024 IDF Coordinator for Arab Victims and Hostages: Israeli People Are Strong and United





Jonathan Schanzer | X | January 15, 2024 Poll of Israeli Attitudes to War. One Figure Doesn't Make Sense



Hayder Alasadi 海得 | X | January 17, 2023 Iraq's Jewish Beauty Queen

# Jonathan Schanzer | X | January

## **Israel Truths**



shabbosreads | Instagram | January 15, 2024 Historian Explains Jews' Secret to Survival Through Millennia



Michael Dickson | X | January 16, 2024 Boys From School That Was Terrorized Return to Dance and Sing



David Wolpe | X | January 17, 2024

Magic Formula for Peace in the Middle East



The UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ) is illegitimate, and lacks the moral authority to adjudicate Israel's just war of self-defense.

Allegations of genocide against trarel are bizarre and without foundation in fact or lwa, and the ICJ proceedings are a dangerous farce. The UN General Assembly, who appoints ICJ judges, is dominated by dictatorships and riddled with antisemilistim. Therefore by definition, those judges lack the moral authority to stand in judgment over any democracy, especially lorad.

The UM and its institutions have increasingly been hijacked by undemocratic societies to advance objectives that threaten freedom, peace, and prosperity in the world. The majority of countries making up the General Assembly and UN Human Rights Council (HRC) are repressive, autoritarian regimes.

Consider that of the 193 members of the UN General Assembly only 84 are ranked as free societies, according to Freedom House. Of that of the 47 members of the UN Human Rights Council (whose very reason for existence is to protect and uphold human rights) only 13 can be defined as fully economically and politically free, according to the Social Research Foundation Global Freedom Scores.

That makes the ICJ case against Israel a theater of the absurd - where a majority of non-free societies are weaponsing a UN platform to undermine the self-defense rights of a liberal democracy. Allow that precedent to continue and the outlook for freedom in the world is dire.

Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein | X | January 11, 2024 ICJ is Illegitimate, Lacks Moral Authority to Adjudicate Israel's Just War of Self-Defense



European Jewish Congress | X | January 11, 2024 German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck Strongly Defends IsraelThan Pre-War





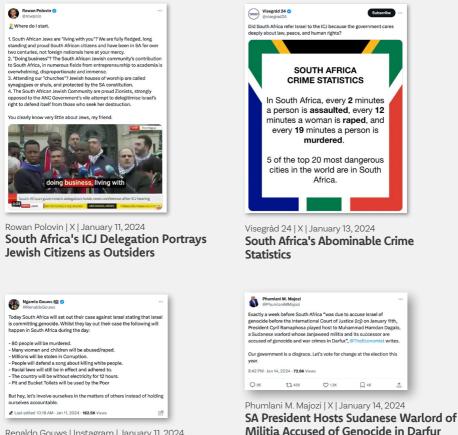
Lahav Harkov | X | January 11, 2023 "Hostages' Families and Supporters Marching in The Hague"

Howard Feldman | X | January 14, 2024 ANC's "Financial Woes" Coincidentally End After Accusing Israel



Sir Cabonena Alfred | X | January 14, 2024 Stats About South Africa's Dysfunctional and Corrupt Parliament





Renaldo Gouws | Instagram | January 11, 2024 What Will Happen in South Africa While Presenting at ICJ





#### South Africa Has Refused to Condemn Worst Regimes at UN for Two Decades



South African Friends of Israel | X | January 12, 2024 South African Gov't Hypocritically Silent About Global Atrocities, Ignores Hamas



Emily Schrader - אמילי שריידר اميلي شريدر |X | January 12, 2024 Hamas Maintains Office in South Africa



#### Dumisani Washington | X | January 14, 2024 South Africa Ignores Real Genocides in Africa



GB News | X | January 14, 2024 Eylon Levy: South Africa is Hamas Legal Arm and Aligns With World's Worst Racists



Lior Haiat | X | January 12, 2024 Examples of South Africa's Solidarity With Hamas



To understand mindset of some in South Africa & many supporters of Hamas (& terrorism), this is worth watching. Watch this South African politician say there's nothing wrong with what Hamas did & promising to arm Hamas. Maybe haul South Africa in front of @IntlCrimCourt

#### ---- MEMRI 📀 @MEMRIRer orte - Jan 14

South African Politician Julius Malema: Hamas Did Nothing Wrong: When Under Occupation, You Shoot to Kill, That's What Nelson Mandela Did; When We Tako Over, We Will Arm Hamas, Remove Israeli Embassy #SouthAfrica @Julius,S, Malema #hamas #ICJ #Israel



#### Jason D. Greenblatt | X | January 14, 2024 South Africa's EFF Politician Julius Malema Defends Hamas



#### Arsen Ostrovsky | X | January 13, 2024 Prof. Malcolm Shaw's Submission for Israel to ICJ in The Hague



Fania Oz-Salzberger פניה עוז-זלצברגר | X | January 12, 2024 Israel MFA Advisor Tal Becker's Submission Praise for Israel's Lawyers at ICJ to ICJ in The Hague



#### Open Source Intel | X | January 16, 2024 South Africa's EFF Politician Julius Malema Calls to Kill Boers



#### Arsen Ostrovsky | X | January 13, 2024 Israel MoJ Advocate Galit Raguan's Submission to ICJ in The Hague



AJ Venter | X | January 13, 2024

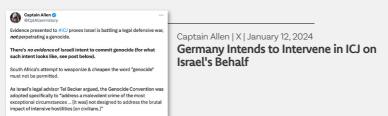
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Evan Dyer | X | January 15, 2024 Canada Will Abide By ICJ Rulings

Mario Nawfal | X | January 15, 2024 South Africa Intends to Sue US and UK for Complicity



Also, as #German government spokesman Stefan Hebestreit just stated, South Africa's allegation that Israel is committing genocide "has no basis in fact."

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#### L'Chaim!



لؤي الشريف Loay Alshareef | Instagram | January 12, 2024 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam Share Lights in Louvre, Abu Dhabi



Eitan Bernath | Instagram | January 07, 2024 Preparing Shabbat Dinner With Ginormous Challahs



thatjewishfamily | Instagram | January 07, 2024 What Moroccan Jews Make for Shabbat



Rebekah Marisha Dreidel | Instagram | January 14, 2024 Sunset Over Jerusalem Before Shabbat



Aish.com | Instagram | December 01, 2023 Ellie Zeiler's Tutorial on How to Light Shabbat Candles

#### L'Chaim!



Jason D. Greenblatt | X | January 15, 2024 Shopify's President Lays Tefillin



mybeautifullandofisrael | Instagram | January 12, 2024 PSA While Shopping in Shuk



Chagit Leviev Sofiev | Instagram | November 26, 2023 Jewish Wedding Ceremony in Argentina



Creative Community For Peace | Instagram | January 16, 2024 Partying With LeBron James at Jewish Wedding



Der Muzikant | המוזיקאנט | Instagram | November 15, 2023 Hasidic Vibe, Hasidic Dance



snackeatingsnackss | Instagram | December 20, 2023 Great Israeli Brunch in Denver, CO

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rostovrabbi | Instagram | January 09, 2024 No Shoes Allowed in Azerbaijan's Red Village Synagogue

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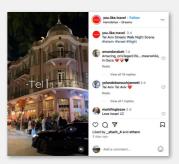
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David/Dovid Bashevkin | X | January 11, 2024 Where Did Aaron Rodgers Get His Library of Jewish Books From?

talesofisrael | Instagram | January 15, 2024 Breathtaking Places to Visit in Israel, Pt. 2

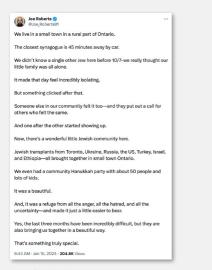


YouLike | Instagram | January 15, 2024 Tel Aviv Streets at Night



thejerusalemscribe | Instagram | December 26, 2023 Jerusalem Scribe of Jewish Texts at Work

#### Life at War



Joe Roberts |X|January 15, 2024 War and Antisemitism Brings Rural Ontario Jewish Community Together



Raylan Givens | X | January 14, 2024 IDF Soldier and Father Reunite



#### **Lunatic Fringe**



Frum TikTok | X | January 16, 2024 Eylon Levy Handles Victoria Derbyshire's Ignorant, Biased, and Hostile Interview



#### Simon Myerson KC | X | January 15, 2024 BBC Sports Announcer's Selective Criticism Ignores Antisemitism



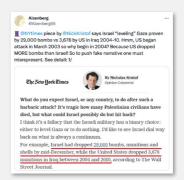
Dr. Einat Wilf | X | January 15, 2024 Questions to Help Fareed Zakaria Avoid Feeling Shame or Regret



miha schwartzenberg | X | January 15, 2024 Bari Weiss Asks Why Feminists Are Silent About Hamas Sexual Violence

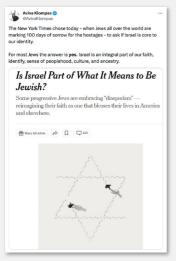


Jake Wallis Simons | X | January 15, 2024 BBC Sports Announcer's £1.6M Payoff by Qatar



Aizenberg | X | January 14, 2024 NYT's Nick Kristoff Cherry-Picks Bomb Data to Suit HIs False Narrative

#### **Lunatic Fringe**



Aviva Klompas | X | January 15, 2024 On 100th Day, NYT Questions Whether Israel is Core to Jewish Identity



Shai Davidai | X | January 15, 2024

#### SJP Fosters Antisemitism and Supports Terrorism Against US



Mark Dubowitz | X | January 16, 2024 Shouldn't Biden Be Frustrated By Iran's Khameni?



Glen Bolger | X | January 14, 2024 Washington Post Neglects to Report Pro-Palestinian Riot at White House



Anthony Koch | X | January 15, 2024 Pro-Palestinians in Toronto Also Support Houthi Terrorists



Dr. Einat Wilf | X | January 17, 2024

Western Aid Built Hamas Tunnels, Longer Than London and Paris Metros Combined



#### **Orwell's Intellectuals**



Lawrence Muscant | X | January 18, 2024 Montreal's Concordia U Refuses to Protect Jewish Students

#### **Palestinian Affairs**

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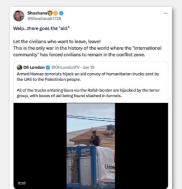
The Arab claim that the development of the levisith national home caused the displacement and uproving of the Arab is unfounded. Convincing widence for this conclusion may be found in a survey made of the Arab commuly when the Mandate was coming to an end, just prior to the crucial years 1947-1943. At this time the Jewish community had increased to 630,000 cosis. Just the neitavise size of the Jewish population to the Arab had remained almost unchanged since 1936, despite the stream of fegal and llegal jewish imingrams. The reason for this state of affairs was twofold: a) the natival increase of the Arabs was much higher than that of the Jewis J during the period of the Mandate the Mandatoy Palestine had absorbed 100,000 legal and illegal Arab immigrants and their offspring. The Arabe accommy developed far beyond that of the neighboring countries; the standard of living rose; the birth rate and life expectancy increased. Government health and educational institutions, which served the Arab population primarily, expanded. They were supported by tax money, 70% of which was palled by Jews."

- The Claim of Dispossession by Arieh L. Avneri a.co/2LKMIHs

#### Shoshana | X | January 15, 2024 Claim That Israel's Development Displaced and Uprooted Arabs is Unfounded



(Salam) اللام (X | January 13, 2024 Arabs Never Considered "Palestine" a Country



#### Shoshana | X | January 15, 2024 Hamas Steals UAE Aid to Gaza. Why Force Gazans to Remain?





Jonathan Elkhoury | X | January 15, 2024 Mob Attacks Nablus Church But Palestinian Authority Doesn't Care

#### Satire



Eylon Levy | X | January 17, 2024 Relief That Many Violent Antisemites Are Only Just Stupid



Jacob Samuel | Instagram | January 02, 2024 The Right Amount of Jewish in a Name

## **Sounds of Music**



Pick of the Week Israel Hour Radio

#### Echad Mi Yodea (Who Knows One)

It's not every day that we can find Israeli songs that tie neatly into the weekly Torah portion. But this time of year, as synagogues worldwide read about the Exodus story, we have the opportunity to start thinking about the holiday of Passover in – believe it or not – just about two short months.

And so, this week we take you back to Pesach 2020...in those very dark early days of Coronavirus. It was a Pesach like no other, observed in strict quarantine. For the first time ever, most families couldn't celebrate together. We were sad, we were lonely, and we were scared. How long would this last? Will we ever come out of this? What do I need to do to keep myself and my family safe? And, wow...how can I even consider holding a Passover seder alone?

Well, for those inclined to watch, Israeli TV came to the rescue. On seder night in Israel - Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - Israel's Channel 12 aired "The Big Israeli Seder," a nationally-televised seder to which all Israelis were invited. The folks at Channel 12 covered the entire ceremony from start to finish, with some of Israel's biggest musical stars performing the various songs of the Haggadah.

The grand finale? A star-studded, socially distant rendition of "Echad Mi Yodea" (Who Knows One) – with 31 prominent Israeli singers taking part. With appearances by Noa Kirel, Eyal Golan, Sarit Hadad, Shlomi Shabbat, Eden Ben Zaken, and many more, the beloved seder song was more fun than ever. And with most Israelis forced apart from their families on the most family-oriented night of the year, this heartwarming display of Israeli unity made this unimaginable night, for many, a tiny bit more bearable.

As we begin to think about Passover 2024 and another seder night that, sadly, may look different for many families, we pray that our nation knows only b'sorot tovot - good news and joyous occasions.



ו הפיוט - הערוץ הרישמי | YouTube | April 12, 2020 Various Artists – Echad Mi Yodea (Who Knows One)

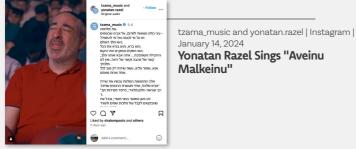
#### **Sounds of Music**



Jewish Life Now | Instagram | January 13, 2024 Or Sella, Who Had Nine Family Members as Hostages, Sings



Frisch School | Instagram | November 16, 2023 Ishay Ribo Sings "Only You" at Frisch School



Yonatan Razel Sings "Aveinu



omer\_adam\_my\_life\_ | Instagram | December 04, 2023 Omer Adam Sings "Ve'ech Shelo/ Whichever Way"



Black and Jewish | Instagram | January 15, 2024 Israeli Black Citizens: "We Stand For Israel"

#### **ΒΑCK ΤΟ ΤΟΡ**

## Sounds of Music



The Persian Jewess | X | January 17, 2023

# Matisyahu Sings "One Day" With IDF Soldiers



Hillel Fuld | X | January 14, 2024 Netanel Hershtik Sings Prayer for Israel Defense Forces



Jason D. Greenblatt | X | January 12, 2024 Next Generation of Jews Sing "Acheinu/Our Brothers"

#### **The Situation**



Visegrád 24 | X | January 15, 2024 Texans Don't Have Patience for Disruptive Pro-Palestinian



Caroline Glick | X | January 12, 2024 Biden's Pro-Iran, Pro-Qatar, Pro-Palestinian Policies Empowered Malign Entities



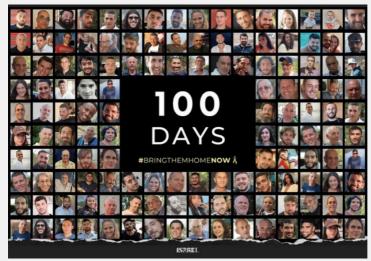
Hussain Abdul-Hussain | X | January 11, 2024

Violation of 1949 Armistice Treaty b/w Israel and Lebanon is Cause of Lebanon's Misery

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We are waiting for you, praying for you & thinking of you. We will never stop until you're home.

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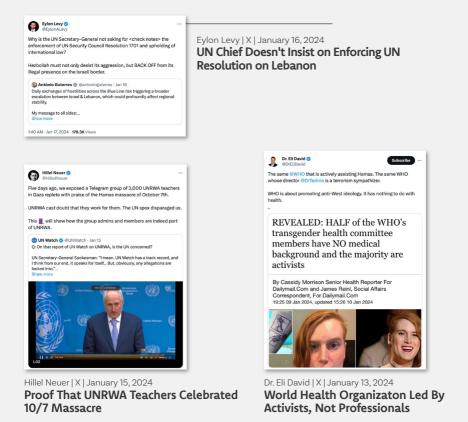
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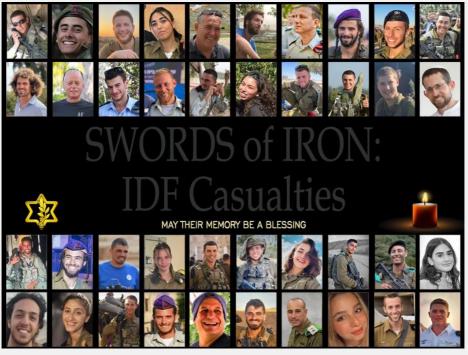
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Swords of Iron: The names of 520 IDF casualties have been released for publication. 186 soldiers have fallen since the start of the ground offensive against Hamas.



Source: Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

מִי שֶׁבַּרַרְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם יִצְּחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יְבָרֵךְ אֶת חַיָּלֵי צְבָא הֵגָנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְאַנְשִׁי כּּחוֹת הַבִּשָּׁחוֹן, הָעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמַר אַרְצַנוּ וְעָרֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִגְבוּל הַלְבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְבַּר מִצְרַיִם וּמִן הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הָעֲרָבָה וּבְכָל מָקוֹם שֶׁהֵם, בַּיַּבָּשָׁה בָּאַוִיר וּבַיָּם. יִתֵן ה' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָּמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגָּפִים לִפְנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִיל אֶת חַיָלִינוּ ה' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָּמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגָּפִים לִפְנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִיל אֶת חַיָלִינוּ מְכָּל צְרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל נְגַע וּמַחְלָה, וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׁה יְדֵיהֶם. יַדְבָּר שוֹנְאֵינוּ תַחְתֵּיהָם וּיעַטְרֵם בְּכָתֶר יְשׁוּאָה וּבְעֵטֶרֶת נִצְחוֹן ויקָיַם בָּהֶם הַכָּתוּב: "כִּי ה' שוֹנְאֵינוּ תַחְתֵּיהָם וּיעַטְרֵם בְּכָתָר יְשׁוּאָה וּבְעַטֶרָת נְצָחוֹן ויקָיַם בָהֶם הַכָּתוּב: ״כִי ה'

May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless the members of Israel's Defense Forces and its security services, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the Lebanese border to the Egyptian desert, and from the Mediterranean Sea to the approach of the Arava, and wherever else they are, on land, in air, and at sea. May the Lord make the enemies who rise against us be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed be He, protect and deliver them from all trouble and distress, affliction and illness; and send blessing and success to all the work of their hands. May He subdue our enemies under them and crown them with deliverance and victory. And may there be fulfilled in them the verse, "It is the Lord your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to deliver you" (Deuteronomy 20:4).

And let us say: Amen.

Psalms are a significant source of Jewish liturgy and are frequently recited during times of distress. Some Psalms traditionally recited for peace in the land of Israel include Psalms <u>20, 120, 121</u>, and <u>125</u>. (Source: Sefaria) מִי שֶׁבְּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, יוֹםֵף מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן, דָּוִד וּשְׁלֹמֹה, הוּא יְבָרֵה וְיִשְׁמֹר וְיִנְצֹר אֶת נֶעְדְרֵי צְבָא הֲגַנָּה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וּשְׁבוּיָו, וְאֶת כָּל אֲחֵינוּ הַנְתוּנִים בְּצָרָה וּבְ שִׁבְיָה, בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁכָּל הַקָּקוֹ הַקָּדוֹשׁ מִתְפַּלֵּל בַּעֲבוּרָם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִמָּלֵא רַחֲמִים עַלֵיהֶם, וְיוֹצִיאֵם מַחשֶׁךְ וְצַלְמֶוֶת, וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יְנַתֵּק, וּמִמְצוּקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיתֵם, ווּשִׁיב מְהֵרָה לְחֵיק מִשְׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם. "יוֹדוּ לַה' חַסְדּוֹ וְנִפְלָאוֹתָיו לִבְנֵי אָדָם". וִישָּיב מֶהֵרָה לְחֵיק מִשְׁפְחוֹתֵיהֶם. "יוֹדוּ לַה' חַסְדּוֹ וְנִפְלָאוֹתָיו לִבְנֵי אָדָם". וִיקָיַם בָּהֶם מִקְרָא שֶׁכָּתוּב: "וּפְדוּיֵי ה' יְשׁוּּבוּן וּבָאוֹ אַנָּחָה:

וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May He who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, David and Solomon, bless, protect and guard the members of Israel's Defense Forces missing in action or held captive, and other captives among our brethren, the whole house of Israel, who are in distress or captivity, as we, the members of this holy congregation, pray on their behalf. May the Holy One, blessed be He, have compassion on them and bring them out from darkness and the shadow of death; may He break their bonds, deliver them from their distress, and bring them swiftly back to their families' embrace. "Give thanks to the Lord for His loving-kindness and for the wonders He does for the children of men" (Psalms 107:8); and may there be fulfilled in them the verse: "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). And let us say: Amen.





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