

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) is overjoyed by the news that the Israeli hostages in Gaza will finally, after more than 738 days, be released from the clutches of their terrorist captors.

Since the dark events of October 7, 2023, our community has mobilized, demonstrated, and prayed for the day when these tortured children, women, and men will be freed from the hell of Hamas tunnels, and when the murdered hostages, whose bodies have also been held captive, will be laid to rest.

We are deeply grateful to President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for their leadership in bringing us to this point.

We salute President Trump and his extraordinary team, especially Vice President J.D. Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, and Presidential Advisor Jared Kushner, for their tireless diplomatic efforts and unequivocal love and support for the Jewish People and the State of Israel.

And we applaud the heroes of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and the Israeli security and intelligence communities, whose bravery and sacrifices have restored Israel's strength and confounded the genocidal designs of her enemies.

As we celebrate Sukkot, the holiday of happiness, we thank God for this great moment and for the resilience of the hostages, the unity of the Jewish People, and the great leadership that helped make this possible.