

After two long and painful years, the day we have all prayed for has arrived. The return of Israeli hostages brings to a close an excruciating ordeal for the citizens of Israel and the Jewish world.

We are overjoyed for the families who are finally reunited with their loved ones, and we pray for a speedy recovery for those hostages in critical condition. Our hearts ache for the families who must now mourn those who were cruelly taken from them.

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel, whether in times of challenge or triumph.

We extend our deepest thanks to President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for their leadership in bringing us to this moment. We are profoundly grateful for President Trump and his administration's unwavering commitment to the Jewish People and the State of Israel. And we salute the brave militaries of both countries for their strength and sacrifices.