

**Rabbis for Ceasefire Statement on News of Ceasefire Deal between Israel and Hamas**  
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We are delighted to see the celebrations in the streets of Gaza and Tel Aviv, as people are finding some hope, comfort, relief and gratitude in this moment, even as we grieve the many lives lost. We know that the trauma of the last 15 months will have endless impacts, and that the death toll in Gaza will continue to rise as bodies are found in the rubble and the lack of food and healthcare endures, even if the ceasefire does hold. The immense uncertainty about the future of life for Palestinians in Gaza looms before us.

We are so grateful that some people held hostage, Israeli and Palestinian, will get to return to their families and homes. We need everyone home. And we need a home that is livable for everyone. We are very much aware that even as some Gazans will be allowed to return home, they have no sustainable home to return to.

The work of making the land between the river and the sea a safe and thriving home to **ALL** who reside there can now begin again. Rabbis for Ceasefire is committed to working for the freedom and thriving of Palestinians, and a future of shared liberation for Palestinians and Israelis. We will continue our work to bring the transformation necessary within Jewish communities to build a common vision of our safety and liberation that is bound up with Palestinians.

We will continue to choose life.