

**We Recommit to Freedom for All
Rabbis for Ceasefire Statement
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The Talmud teaches: “One who sees their friend after twelve months says, Blessed are You... Who revives the dead.”

As Israeli and Palestinian captives are released, we witness reunions that feel like resurrection. Every life returned is a blessing. And we remember those who will not return.

We await the world that the Talmudic blessing refers to: The world to come, when all people will enjoy a world with no war, no starvation, no illness; when swords are beaten into ploughshares, and the nations of the world will study war no more. It is on us to work for and realize that world.

May this moment of relief be the inspiration to recommit to the holy work of ensuring justice and freedom for all who live between the river and the sea.



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