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AAJLJ Statement on the Murdered Israeli Hostages

We awoke on Sunday morning to the horrific news that, after 330 days of captivity in the hellish tunnels of Gaza, six of the Israeli hostages taken by Hamas on October 7th – one of them also an American citizen – had been brutally murdered even as their rescue was at hand.

AAJLJ joins with all *Clal Yisrael*, and with people of good faith everywhere, in mourning the terrible loss of these holy souls who had so much to offer. We share in the immense pain of the families and friends who will no longer see their loved ones in this world.

Say their names:

Ori Danino, age 25

Carmel Gat, age 40

Hersh Goldberg-Polin, age 23

Alex Lobanov, age 33

Almog Sarusi, age 27

Eden Yerushalmi, age 24

We call upon Israel and the international community to do everything in their power to bring all the remaining hostages home safe and sound. But let there be no doubt. Those efforts must include the international community maintaining pressure on the terrorist and genocidal entity Hamas, and its enablers, to free the hostages that it continues to hold in defiance of all decency and norms of international law.

The grievous harm done to Israelis and others on October 7th, and the pain that has been suffered subsequently, whether by Israelis or Gazans, ultimately lays at the feet of Hamas – which would carry out its eliminationist agenda against all Israelis, and all Jews worldwide, if only given the chance. It therefore also remains imperative, even as redemption of the captives must be a priority, that Hamas not be given the opportunity to rebuild.

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