

## A Message from Jewish Voice for Peace: Ceasefire!



The events of the past several weeks have made clear what we have always known: The lives of Palestinians and Israelis are intertwined, and safety can only come from justice, equality, and freedom for all. We feel visceral relief at the reunions of four Israeli hostages with their families. It reminds us what we are fighting for: That every single civilian — Palestinian and Israeli — should be able to live safely in their homes, with their families by their sides, without fear. May this be a model for the preservation, through diplomacy, of each and every precious life right now.

**The only way forward is a ceasefire.** We are calling for our elected officials, including President Biden, to demand the following:

1. **Demand that the Israeli government immediately cease its bombing of Gaza.**
2. **Allow all life-saving humanitarian needs to enter Gaza,** including water, fuel, food, and medicine.
3. **Begin direct negotiations for Israeli hostages.**

The Israeli bombardment and siege of Gaza have wiped out entire families or have left only one or two survivors to carry the memory of generations. Thousands more are trapped under the rubble. Across Gaza, there is no more fuel to operate rescue equipment, and

hospitals have run out of electricity. Millions of Palestinians in Gaza are facing a genocidal military onslaught with nowhere to turn. Thousands of Palestinians have been arrested by Israel since October 7, doubling the number of Palestinian political prisoners in Israel in two weeks. The lives of the more than 200 remaining Israeli hostages in Gaza are also in imminent risk from Israel's indiscriminate air strikes, and families are anxiously awaiting the return of their loved ones.

Israeli government officials have made it painfully clear: They are more intent on carrying out genocidal violence against the 2.2 million Palestinians living in Gaza than on negotiating for the lives of Israeli hostages... And on Wednesday [10/25/23], the [U.S.] House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to adopt a hawkish, one-sided resolution that pledges unwavering U.S. support for Israel, and says nothing of the over 7,000 Palestinians who have been killed since the Israeli military began raining bombs on Gaza...

It's clear that the Israeli government is more interested in continuing its genocidal war on Gaza than saving a single life. **And it's clear that in the U.S., our tax dollars are funding every day of this unspeakable violence. This is an emergency of historic proportions: call Congress now, later, tomorrow, every day, and demand a ceasefire.**

*[Jewishvoiceforpeace.org/2023/10/27/no-more-grieving-families/](https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/2023/10/27/no-more-grieving-families/)*

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