



Rabbi's Roundup

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CJV News & Opinion:

- [CJV Statement on Return of Murdered Hostages](#)
- [New Documentary Ties Amalgamated Bank to Middle East Terrorism](#)
- [WATCH: Terror Bank: Amalgamated Bank and its Ties to Terror](#)
- [RFRA's Balancing Test Provides Protection—We Need to Defend It](#)
- [Holding Terror-Related Charities Responsible, a Petition to the Department of Treasury](#)

CJV Working & Tracking:

- SAVE THE DATE: CJV will be returning to Capitol Hill for a one-day Summit on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The last summit was widely acclaimed by attendees as well as the Members of Congress and senior staff that we were privileged to meet.
- Rabbi Menken met this week with former Vice President Mike Pence, Founder of [Advancing American Freedom](#), along with AAF Executive Director Paul Teller and Senior Fellow Joel Griffith. Recalling Mr. Pence's strong friendship with the Jewish community throughout his career, they discussed ways in which the organizations can work more deeply together in the months ahead.
- After the grotesque spectacle that accompanied the return of the bodies of the Bibas children, and the failure to return their mother's body, Trump administration Envoy for Hostages, Adam Boehler, told CNN that Hamas must release all the hostages now or "face total annihilation." Unconfirmed reports indicate that President Trump was personally infuriated, and said he wants Gaza "wiped out" with no buildings left standing.

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Photo: Bibas Family

The articles below are collected from news and opinion sources, and relate to our community and our values. These do not necessarily reflect our opinion, but inform us regarding what is being said. Even when offered without comment, some of the views expressed will be contrary to our own.

News from Other Organizations:

- [Agudath Israel of America Statement on Antisemitic Protests in Boro Park](#)
- [Agudath Israel Statement on the Return of Hostages](#)
- [OU Statement on the Release of Murdered Hostages](#)

War Against the Jews:

- [A Coloring Book for Future Terrorists](#)
- [The exceptional Trump-Israel partnership will bring economic benefits](#)
- [Netanyahu Responds To Return Of Murdered Hostages: 'We Will Eliminate Hamas'](#)
- [The Western Media Are Complicit in Hamas's Propagandistic Displays](#)
- [Matti Friedman: The Family that Never Came Home](#)
- [500 days after Oct. 7, over a dozen southern towns still evacuated](#)
- [Bill to Fight Antisemitism in K-20 Public Schools Brought Before Kansas House Committee on Education](#)

Torah + Jewish News & Opinion:

- [Cursers and the Accursed](#)
- [Fidelity to the Truth](#)
- [Giving & Taking](#)
- [A Jewish Moment Without Parallel](#)
- [The Hamas baby killers and a broken global moral compass](#)
- [Jewish organizations must answer for this moment](#)
- [Jews in the Age of Lincoln](#)
- [Deborah Lipstadt had concerns of a 'double standard' for Israel during the Biden administration](#)
- [Violent Clashes in Borough Park bet. Jews and Hamas Supporters](#)
- ['I Won't Treat Them. I'll Kill Them.'](#)
- [Marvel Studios and Disney have paved the way for making Jews invisible.](#)

Niftarim - In Memoriam:

- [Rav Shimon Hirsch zt"l](#)

Values-Related News:

- [Justin Baldoni and the Death of Man-Bun Feminism](#)
- [AAPalling](#)
- [Trump's HHS Just Officially Answered The Question: 'What Is A Woman?'](#)

International News:

- [Fearing U.S. Military Action Against Cartels, Mexico Moves To Reinforce Sovereignty Laws](#)
- [The U.S. Sent Over \\$3 Billion to Hezbollah's 'Army'](#)
- [As Other Nations Condemn Israel, Greece Is Improving Its Ties](#)
- [70 Christians Beheaded In Congo Church](#)
- [How USAID Shipped Bags of Hundred Dollar Bills to the Taliban](#)
- [How China Is Helping the Houthis](#)
- [Bernard-Henri Lévy: Europe Must Unite or Die](#)

Articles of Interest:

- [Ritchie Torres Calls for Hamas to Be 'Eradicated' Following Group's Announcement of Bibas Children Deaths](#)
- [Can We Still Learn from Disasters?](#)
- [A Supreme Court Case Could Make State-Funded Jewish Schools Possible](#)
- [The Nazis Did Not 'Weaponize' Free Speech. They Crushed It.](#)

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