



Our Reality

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I wear a necklace everyday that reads, “Bring Them Home Now.” And with all of my heart, I want the hostages who are being held by Hamas to come home, safely. But at what cost?

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said, from the beginning, that Israel will fight to end Hamas. That is the ultimate goal. The IDF, the Mossad, the other specialized groups of Israeli fighters continue to conduct small operations, rescuing hostages as they can. Because the hostages aren’t only kept in one area, the rescue missions need to be small, covert and often end with casualties.

So this brings me to my previous question. At what cost? Each week, there is a new group of people who are appalled that Netanyahu won’t just capitulate to whatever Hamas wants. And I have questions for these people:

Do you think that if Israel just rolls over and doesn’t look to end the terror group, Hamas, that the Simchat Torah attack won’t happen again?

Do you think that if Israel says, “OK; we’ll stop. Just send everyone home.” That the terror group, Hamas, will do just that?

If Israel doesn’t continue to defend herself, what of Hezbollah, of Iran, of the other terror organizations, will they stop and recognize Israel’s right to exist?

What about the newest threat from Iran’s president-elect? According to Home News Here (and many other sources) “Iran’s President-elect [Masoud Pezeshkian](#) on Monday reaffirmed Tehran’s dedication to destroying Israel.”



“The Islamic Republic has always supported the resistance of the people of the region against the illegitimate Zionist regime. The support of the resistance is rooted in the fundamental policies of the Islamic Republic,” Pezeshkian wrote in a missive to Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah.

Pezeshkian, a former heart surgeon and longtime lawmaker born in 1954 to an Iranian Azerbaijani father and Iranian Kurdish mother, told local media ahead of his election win that if he were elected, he would “try to have friendly relations with all countries except Israel.”

By proxies, he is of course referring to Hamas, Hezbollah, etc. This is our partner in negotiations?

Israel is supposed to just lay down their weapons?

Again, I quote Golda Meir, “If (they) put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Israelis put down their weapons, there would be no more Israel.”

This is our reality.

Shabbat Shalom.