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## Peace Proposal for Israel and the Palestinians<sup>1</sup>

*Respectfully Submitted by Rabbi Barry Silver*

### **For the Palestinians in the West Bank**

For the Palestinians in the West Bank, Israel will announce its support for the immediate creation of a free and independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and will stop all further settlements there, once the West Bank Palestinians acknowledge the right of the Jewish people to a homeland in Israel with its capital in Jerusalem. The boundaries of this capital shall include, but not be limited to the Western Wall and the area which currently comprises the Jewish section of Jerusalem.

The current Arab section of Jerusalem shall be part of the Palestinian state and if they so choose, shall become the capital of Arab Palestine. Israel shall continue to have physical control over the Western Wall, the Temple Mount and the al-Aqsa Mosque. Muslim authorities shall continue to have religious and spiritual autonomy over the al-Aqsa Mosque as they do today.

Both parties will seek to have Jerusalem acknowledged by the General Assembly of the United Nations as the physical capital of the nation of Israel and the eternal spiritual capital of the Jewish people and the capital of the Palestinian state on the West Bank.

### **For the Palestinians in Gaza**

Israel will agree to an immediate cease fire and a withdrawal of its forces from Gaza, once Hamas returns the hostages, destroys its weapons, and agrees to live in peace with Israel. If all of the above is accomplished, and Hamas disbands, and/or changes its Charter to remove all anti-Semitic references, all calls for violence against Jews and Israel and recognizes the right of Jews to live in a free and independent homeland with its current boundaries, then Israel will agree to the establishment of Gaza as part of a free and independent Palestinian state.

If Hamas is unwilling to do all of the above, then Israel will invite America and the free world to join its efforts to free the hostages and to liberate the Palestinian people from control by the terrorist regime of Hamas. At first, this will be attempted by complete and total isolation of Hamas from all military, financial and moral support from any outside power, including, but not limited to the United Nations and Iran. If the above measures cannot be implemented, or do not result in the return of the hostages forthwith, then Israel will continue to use whatever means it deems necessary to protect its people and the world from terrorism and violence.

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