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Sara Netanyahu's brother, Dr. Chaggai Ben-Artzi, paints Bibi as a figure of biblical proportions, urging him to seize a historic opportunity.

Dr. Hagai Ben-Artzi, prominent Bible scholar and brother-in-law of Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**, issued an urgent and theologically charged appeal in a new interview, asserting that only “the Messiah, son of David” is fit to succeed Bibi — and warning that a political campaign to force his ouster is masking itself behind humanitarian slogans.

Speaking to Israel's *Arutz 7*, Ben-Artzi framed the current war in Gaza as a prophetic and strategic crossroads for Israel, and accused critics of manipulating the issue of hostages to undermine the government.

“A historic opportunity” — and a hostage distraction

Ben-Artzi began by praising US President Donald Trump's proposal to facilitate the emigration of Gaza civilians following the destruction of large portions of the Strip. “For the first time,” he said, “a US president has proposed solving the refugee issue that has haunted us for 70 years. That is a historic opportunity.” He added that only the late **Rabbi Meir Kahane** had previously dared to publicly raise such a solution.

He was sharply critical of efforts to center the national agenda on the hostage crisis. “Twenty hostages is not a strategic issue,” he said. “It's not popular to say it, but it must be said. I have the moral authority to say it.”

While expressing his hope and prayers for their safe return, Ben-Artzi emphasized that “we already have nearly 2,000 dead. If tragically we lose 2,020, that does not change Israel's strategic mission: total victory over Hamas, conquest of all of Gaza, and implementation of the migration plan.”

He acknowledged that such a position entails risk, but said bluntly: “We must say it. It is not a strategic issue.”

“This is a political campaign to topple Bibi”

Ben-Artzi charged that the hostage-focused protest movement is being used as a political weapon. “The entire hostage campaign is a political campaign aimed at toppling Bibi and the government,” he said, using the prime minister's nickname. “They know that if Netanyahu gives in to a deal, [Finance

Minister **Bezalel**] **Smotrich** and [Police Minister **Itamar**] **Ben-Gvir** will resign, and we'll go to elections. This is a political campaign. It has nothing to do with moral, spiritual, or religious values."

In a direct rebuke to critics on the left, including protest leader **Prof. Shikma Bressler**, he said: "They shout, 'The right has forgotten what it means to be Jewish.' That enrages me—as a Bible teacher of fifty years. I've forgotten how to be a Jew? When was the last time you opened a Tanakh, a Gemara, the Rambam, the Shulchan Aruch?"

"Only the Messiah can replace Netanyahu"

Asked whether he sees any right-wing figure capable of succeeding Netanyahu, Ben-Artzi was unequivocal: "Absolutely not. The other Likud leaders are in a different league compared to the prime minister. There's no question about the gap. The only one who can replace Benjamin Netanyahu is the King Messiah."

Anticipating accusations of religious extremism, he answered: "I know they'll say I'm [messianic](#). But the Bible is messianic. Judaism is messianic. Only someone who doesn't study the Bible could use 'messianic' as an insult."

He invoked **David Ben-Gurion** as an example: "He proudly said this state is messianic, and that the Jewish people have a messianic message. He wasn't afraid to say it—because he studied the Bible."

A personal plea to Bibi

Ben-Artzi closed the interview with a direct message to his brother-in-law: "Bibi, divine providence has given you a historic opportunity—perhaps the first in Israel's history—not only to defeat an enemy, but to solve the refugee issue. I pray, I plead, don't miss this opportunity."

He also expressed disappointment at Netanyahu's past concessions: "Despite everything he's written about refusing to capitulate to terror, he has carried out deals."

'Dystopian nightmare': AFT boss Randi Weingarten announces curriculum partnership with World Economic Forum | Blaze Media

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'Great Reset' globalists are partnering with the American Federation of Teachers to shape the minds of young Americans.

The World Economic Forum seized on the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to realize its founder's [proposed](#) "great reset" of capitalism — a progressive liberal plot initially hatched [in opposition](#) to the "shareholder capitalism" championed by Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman.

The technocratic globalist organization's initiative was, however, exposed and torpedoed in recent years, [thanks in part](#) to President Donald Trump and so-called [conspiracy theorists](#).

Weeks before he [stepped down on bad terms](#) as chairman of the WEF, Klaus Schwab [noted](#) in an April 1 letter to BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, failed U.S. presidential candidate Al Gore, and the forum's other deep-pocketed trustee board members, "I am deeply convinced that in today's special context the forum is more important and relevant than ever before."

In the wake of Schwab's departure and the failure of his "great reset," it appears that the WEF is now playing the long game — working to shape the minds of today's youth in order to reshape the world of tomorrow.

Fellow travelers stateside appear more than keen to join forces.

Randi Weingarten [announced](#) on Friday that the American Federation of Teachers — which [claims](#) to have 1.7 million members — is partnering with the WEF "to create a curriculum that will lead to good jobs and solid careers in U.S. manufacturing."

'Americans aren't going to stand for it.'

"The goal of education should be to cultivate the skills necessary to succeed in our rapidly changing world, not to create good test-takers," said Weingarten. "That will require our education system to move beyond stifling accountability models that narrow what teachers can teach; condemn kids to low-quality, high-stakes standardized tests and excessive test prep; and do nothing to improve learning."

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Weingarten made the announcement at the 2025 AFT convention, where the union also adopted a number of radical resolutions, including resolutions in [support](#) of statehood for the District of Columbia; in [opposition](#) to the Trump administration's detention and deportation of foreign radicals on student visas; in [support](#) of the advancement of gender ideology in schools, for "gender-affirming medical care," and for boys in girls' sports; and in [support](#) of working with Black Lives Matter and other radical groups to fight efforts by conservatives and parental advocacy groups to rid schools of woke propaganda.

The AFT has not yet disclosed the details of the planned curriculum; however, critics suspect the objective will be more of the same from both the union and the forum — [ideological uniformity](#), [institutional capture](#), and the advancement of a progressive liberal agenda.

"This partnership is straight from a dystopian nightmare," [Corey DeAngelis](#), a senior fellow at the American Culture Project and a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research, told Blaze News. "It's just what we need: the globalists running the education system for the entire United States."

"Americans aren't going to stand for it," continued DeAngelis, who is convinced this will push more Americans out of the public school system. "We don't want Randi Weingarten raising our kids. We don't want the globalists raising our kids."

'The great reset is still ongoing.'

While it is presently unclear precisely what role the WEF will play in the development of the curriculum, it appears that the AFT will at the very least lean on the forum's imagined authority to advance its climate agenda.

In a [resolution](#) adopted at the convention titled "Climate-smart and sustainable schools," the union cites the claim by the World Economic Forum "that 'urgency is our only savior' when talking about the climate crisis."

With this imagined urgency in mind, the union resolved to integrate a climate-focused curriculum to "facilitate comprehensive energy reduction, [decarbonization](#), sustainability and indoor air quality projects," and noted that education on the supposed risks of climate change can be a "powerful driver for more sustainable development, including a transition to greener societies."

"They basically want to destroy industry," said DeAngelis. "They're pushing this crazy climate-change hysteria agenda, and they're trying to use the school system to achieve the World Economic Forum's goals."

Alvin Lui, president of the parental rights advocacy group Courage Is a Habit, told Blaze News, "The sustainable development goals that the WEF pushes [are] all about gender and identity; it's all about income redistribution. ... It's about climate change-ism. It's everything that we're trying to get out of school, get out of our culture."

"The great reset is still ongoing; tearing down America is still ongoing. And how do you do that? You get into their organizations," said Lui.

"Parents are not going to know that their children are consuming WEF curriculum because it's going to be hidden," continued Lui. "They're not going to say, 'Hi, this curriculum is from the World Economic Forum.' It's going to say, 'This is going to prepare your child for the global workforce. It's career readiness.'"

Reflecting on the track records of the WEF and AFT, Lui suggested that the likely goal of their curriculum will not be to produce effective graduates but rather useful idiots.

"When they go into the workforce, they're not going and saying, 'Hey, I want to work at Jaguar so that I can climb the corporate ladder,' or 'I can make this position and get this promotion,'" Lui said, singling out Jaguar as an example of a robust brand recently [blown up by woke hires](#). "They're going and saying, 'Jaguar is not inclusive enough. Jaguar doesn't focus on human rights. They're don't have inclusive enough bathrooms.'"

DeAngelis suggested that the WEF will ultimately serve as another aid for Weingarten to "brainwash our kids into her socialist ideology."

UK, Germany, Italy and Australia reject Macron's Palestinian state plan - JNS.org

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U.S. President Donald Trump also dismissed French President Emmanuel Macron's plan, telling reporters in Washington on Friday that "what he says doesn't matter."

The governments of the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Australia announced over the weekend that they are not planning on backing France's initiative to recognize a Palestinian state at the United Nations in September.

While London backs the move in principle, it "must be part of a wider plan, which ultimately results in a two-state solution and lasting security for Palestinians and Israelis," U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer said in a video statement he posted to social media on Friday evening.

According to the British leader, this will "ensure that recognition is a tool of maximum impact, to improve the lives of those who are suffering, and that must always be our ultimate goal."

The statement came after Starmer's senior Cabinet ministers and more than a third of all MPs urged him to move faster on the recognition following Paris's announcement on Thursday, *The Guardian* reported.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the German government told *Reuters* on Friday that Berlin was not planning to recognize a Palestinian state "in the short term," and that the priority was to make "long-overdue progress" toward its preferred two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians.

The safety and security of the Jewish state is "of paramount importance" to Germany, the spokesperson emphasized.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni told local media that while she was "very much in favor of the State of Palestine," French President Emmanuel Macron's declaration would fail to solve the conflict.

"I am not in favor of recognizing it prior to establishing it," she told the *La Repubblica* daily. "If something that doesn't exist is recognized on paper, the problem could appear to be solved when it isn't."

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Canberra would not recognize Palestinian statehood “as a gesture,” but rather “as a way forward if the circumstances are met.”

“You need to recognize a Palestinian state as part of moving forward. How do you exclude Hamas from any involvement there? How do you ensure that a Palestinian state operates in an appropriate way which does not threaten the existence of Israel?” he told Australia’s *ABC*.

“Is the time right now? Are we about to imminently do that? No, we are not... but we will engage constructively,” the Australian leader stated.

[Macron](#) announced on Thursday that “consistent with its historic commitment to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East,” Paris intends to recognize a Palestinian state at the United Nations.

“I will make this solemn announcement before the U.N. General Assembly this coming September,” he stated. “The urgent priority today is to end the war in Gaza and to bring relief to the civilian population.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a statement “strongly” condemned Macron’s decision “to recognize a Palestinian state next to Tel Aviv in the wake of the Oct. 7 [2023] massacre” by Hamas terrorists.

“Such a move rewards terror and risks creating another Iranian proxy, just as Gaza became,” Netanyahu stated. “A Palestinian state in these conditions would be a launch pad to annihilate Israel—not to live in peace beside it. Let’s be clear: the Palestinians do not seek a state alongside Israel. They seek a state instead of Israel.”

U.S. President Donald Trump also dismissed Macron’s plan, telling reporters in Washington on Friday that “what he says doesn’t matter.”

“He’s a very good guy. I like him, but that statement doesn’t carry weight,” Trump said of the French president. “Look, he’s a different kind of a guy. He’s okay. He’s a team player, pretty much. But here’s the good news: What he says doesn’t matter. It’s not going to change anything.”

Dozens of countries attend UN confab on two-states boycotted by US and Israel | The Times of Israel

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Conference held after delay due to Israel-Iran war; Luxembourg could join France in recognizing Palestine; US avoids criticizing Riyadh while blasting Paris for organizing event

Dozens of ministers gathered at a United Nations conference on Monday to urge the international community to work toward a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians, with Israel and the United States boycotting the event.

The 193-member UN General Assembly decided in September last year that such a conference would be held in 2025. Hosted by France and Saudi Arabia, the conference was postponed in June due to the Israel-Iran war.

“We must ensure that it does not become another exercise in well-meaning rhetoric,” UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in opening remarks.

Days before the conference, French President Emmanuel Macron announced he would formally recognize Palestinian statehood in September, provoking strong opposition from Israel and the United States.

Luxembourg hinted Monday that it could follow France and recognize a Palestinian state in September, with the possibility that other countries could announce similar plans when the conference resumes Tuesday.

France is hoping Britain will follow its lead. More than 200 British members of parliament on Friday voiced support for the idea, but Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that recognition of a Palestinian state “must be part of a wider plan.”

For decades, most UN members have supported a two-state solution with Israel and a Palestinian state existing side-by-side.

However, the establishment of a Palestinian state and its would-be borders appear to be increasingly shrinking after more than 21 months of devastating war in Gaza sparked by Hamas’s October 2023 terror onslaught, the ongoing expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and Israeli officials declaring designs to annex the territory along with the Gaza Strip.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot said it would be an “illusion to think that you can get to a lasting ceasefire without having an outline of what’s going to happen in Gaza after the end of the war and having a political horizon.”

Beyond advocating for encouraging the mass migration of Palestinians from Gaza, Israel has offered little detail of what it envisions for a post-war Strip and has pushed back against international calls for the Palestinian Authority to gain a foothold in the enclave.

Barrot told reporters at the UN that while there was international consensus that the time for a political solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict is now, words need to be followed up with action.

“The European Commission, on behalf of the EU, has to express its expectations and show the means that we can incentivize the Israeli government to hear this appeal,” he said.

The aim of the conference, Barrot said, was “to reverse the trend of what is happening in the region — mainly the erasure of the two-state solution, which has been for a long time the only solution that can bring peace and security in the region.”

He urged the European Commission to call on Israel to lift a financial blockade on 2 billion euros he says the Israeli government owes the Palestinian Authority; stop settlement building in the West Bank, which threatens the territorial integrity of a future Palestinian state; and end the “militarized” food delivery system in Gaza by the US and Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.. Critics of the GHF have denounced its distribution sites as “death traps,” with hundreds of Palestinians reportedly killed while trying to gather aid .

Israel’s UN Ambassador Danny Danon said on Monday: “This conference does not promote a solution, but rather deepens the illusion. Instead of demanding the release of the hostages and working to dismantle Hamas’s reign of terror, the conference organizers are engaging in discussions and plenaries that are disconnected from reality.”

The Trump administration tore into the “unproductive and ill-timed” UN conference, calling it a “publicity stunt that comes in the middle of delicate diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.”

“Far from promoting peace, the conference will prolong the war, embolden Hamas and reward its obstruction and undermine real-world efforts to achieve peace,” the State Department said in a statement.

The US again called out Macron for saying he will recognize a Palestinian state in September, noting that the French announcement was welcomed by Hamas. Paris’s decision was also welcomed by the more moderate PA, which backs a two-state solution with Israel.

The US statement avoided criticizing Saudi Arabia, which helped engineer Macron’s announcement and is co-hosting this week’s UN conference. Trump has a close

relationship with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has pledged to invest billions in the US economy.

The US statement did not express a broader position on the two-state solution. Trump officials have avoided weighing in on the matter, but have not criticized the Israeli government as it has taken steps in the West Bank aimed at foreclosing such a framework.

Beyond facilitating conditions for recognizing Palestine, French officials said the conference is focused on three other issues: Reforming the Palestinian Authority, disarming Hamas and excluding it from Palestinian public life, and normalizing relations between Israel and Arab states.

Saudi Arabia reiterated its stance that normalization with Israel “can only come through the establishment of a Palestinian state.”

Speaking at a press conference on the sidelines of the UN event, Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan said that stance was in keeping with the position outlined a year ago by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

“It is based on a strong conviction that only through the establishment of a Palestinian state, and only through addressing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, can we have sustainable peace and real integration in the region,” Prince Faisal said.

Israeli officials have long insisted that Riyadh would be willing to settle for less, perhaps even mere lip service to a two-state solution in exchange for normalizing ties with Israel.

Saudi officials have pushed back against that notion, demanding that Israel establish an irreversible, time-bound pathway to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Israel, under the current government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has long rejected such a framework and has taken steps toward formally annexing West Bank lands that Palestinians hope would be part of their future state.

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Muhammad Mustafa used the conference to reiterate Ramallah’s call for the release of all hostages and for Hamas to end its control of Gaza and transfer its weapons to the PA, during an address aimed at promoting a two-state solution.

“All countries bear the responsibility to act now to end the war against our people in Gaza and throughout Palestine, to ensure the release of all hostages and prisoners, and to ensure the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces,” he said.

Mustafa added that the PA is prepared to welcome and coordinate with an international Arab force that will help stabilize Gaza after the war.

While Israel has expressed openness to assistance from Arab countries like the United Arab Emirates, those countries have conditioned such support on the PA's involvement, which Israel has long rejected, likening the Ramallah-based entity to Hamas.

“We must all work to reunify the Gaza Strip with the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, without occupation, siege, settlements, forced displacement or annexation,” Mustafa said. “We must rebuild Gaza with and for our people, end the occupation, achieve Palestinian independence, and implement the two-state solution, where Palestine and Israel live side by side, in peace and security, towards achieving regional peace, security, and prosperity.”

Athens: Israeli tourist's ear bitten off in antisemitic attack | Israel National News

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Israeli couple accosted and attacked by Syrian national shouting pro-Hamas slogans in latest act of antisemitic violence in Greece. Attacker bites off part of husband's ear.

A Syrian man attacked an Israeli tourist near Athens, Greece, over the weekend and bit off part of the victim's ear, *Ynet* reported.

The victim, who was identified as Stav Ben Shushan, stated that the attack occurred while he and his wife were engaged in conversation with another Israeli couple. The assailant approached the two couples and began shouting anti-Israel slogans, including "Free Palestine," "Damn Israel" and "I am Hamas," expressing solidarity with the genocidal terrorist organization that massacred 1,200 people and kidnapped 250 more during the October 7 massacre.

The attacker threw sand at the couples, after which Ben Shushan pushed him away. Security guards at the beach noticed the incident and separated the attacker from the two Israeli couples.

According to Ben Shushan, the attacker returned after an hour and attempt to assault his wife. Ben Shushan attempted to defend her and during the altercation, the attacker bit off part of his ear.

Ben Shushan required hospitalization. While the attacker was arrested, Ben Shushan was also arrested after the attacker claimed that the victim had made racist remarks in a counterclaim.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry stated that it was aware of the incident and that a group of migrants had harassed the Israeli tourists. "One of the individuals later attacked the Israeli man while he was in the water, biting his ear and causing a serious injury," a ministry spokesperson told *Ynet*. "The attacker is under arrest, and we are in contact with the victim and Greek authorities."

The incident is the latest in a series of antisemitic incidents in Athens and Greece.

Last week, about 1,500 Israeli passengers on a cruise ship were [prevented from disembarking](#) at the Greek island of Syros by a group of 200 Palestinian Arabs who gathered to protest the presence of the Israeli civilians.

In an interview with Israel National News, Bentsi Kaplan, owner of the Bituach Winery company and a passenger on the ship, described the incident.

"The ship was supposed to stop at the island of Syros, which has ten thousand residents, and here there are fewer than two hundred Palestinian Arab demonstrators," he said, suggesting that the Israeli passengers should demonstrate in return: "What could happen..."

However, he added, "The ship management is not taking any risks. They brought everyone back on board. There's a lot of pressure and chaos here, but they're not willing to take chances," said Kaplan, who is on the ship with more than twenty of his grandchildren. "We boarded on Sunday, and now they're bringing everyone back on board. It's crazy here."

Regarding the passengers' reactions, he noted that some suggested going out to protest in front of the demonstrators, but the cruise company is unwilling to take that risk. He also mentioned that some of the passengers are elderly. He believes that it's unreasonable that, because of fewer than two hundred Palestinian Arabs, 2,000 Israelis are being stopped and prevented from going ashore.

Earlier this month, a newly opened Israeli-owned kosher restaurant in central Athens was subjected to a [violent act of vandalism](#). The incident, which occurred at the King David Burger restaurant, involved masked individuals defacing the property with anti-Israel slogans and causing damage.

The attack unfolded shortly after the conclusion of Shabbat, as employees were preparing the restaurant for its evening opening. Owner Tzvika Levinson recounted that a group identified as pro-Palestinian Arab activists and anarchists arrived around 9:30 p.m. and proceeded to spray-paint a series of hostile messages, including "F*** Israel," "You kill babies," "No Zionist is safe here," and "Death army to Israel, rapists and murderers."

Levinson also reported that an employee was threatened, being warned that leaving the premises would result in them being "finished."

Footage from the restaurant depicted the assailants scattering papers, applying stencils to the counter, and spray-painting the graffiti. Despite the incident taking place in a central square where police were reportedly present, Levinson stated that no intervention occurred.

Last month, four Greek citizens [were charged](#) with "racially motivated violence" following an incident in Athens involving a group of Israeli tourists.

The individuals, described as pro-Palestinian Arab activists, allegedly shouted slogans including "Free Palestine" and confronted the tourists while waving Palestine Liberation Organization flags.

Hundreds of rabbis demand Israel stop 'using starvation as a weapon of war' | The Times of Israel

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Letter signed by rabbis worldwide and across denominations warns of 'grave moral crisis,' calls on government to work urgently 'to bring home all the hostages and end the fighting'

Hundreds of rabbis worldwide [have signed a letter](#) calling for Israel to stop using starvation as a "weapon of war," bring home the hostages and end the fighting in Gaza.

The letter, posted Friday and featuring the names of several leading rabbis across denominations, said the "Jewish People face a grave moral crisis."

Its signatories, the text read, "are deeply committed to the wellbeing of Israel and the Jewish People," but "cannot keep silent" in the face of Gaza's growing death toll and rising malnutrition.

The letter was published as global concern intensified over mounting reports of starvation and lack of food in the war-torn enclave. It is one of the most prominent examples of Jewish and pro-Israel leaders publicly endorsing those concerns and demanding that Israel address them.

"We recognize, and many of us endure, the huge challenges the State of Israel relentlessly confronts, surrounded for so long by enemies and facing existential threats from many quarters," the letter said.

The signatories also said they "unequivocally support" Israel's battle against Hamas and Hezbollah and understand the IDF's policy of protecting its soldiers' lives.

"But we cannot condone the mass killings of civilians, including a great many women, children and elderly, or the use of starvation as a weapon of war," the letter continued. "The severe limitation placed on humanitarian relief in Gaza, and the policy of withholding of food, water, and medical supplies from a needy civilian population contradict essential values of Judaism as we understand it."

The Hamas-run health ministry has said deaths from hunger are rising sharply in Gaza. Hundreds of aid groups have called the situation a humanitarian catastrophe and called on Israel to let in more supplies, and dozens of world leaders have called on Israel to end the war.

Israeli authorities have [pushed back on those claims](#), denying that the IDF is causing starvation in the Strip and blaming the United Nations and Hamas for the obstacles in providing aid to civilians there.

But in response to the international outcry, the government [took several steps to increase the flow of supplies on Sunday](#), including airdrops, the opening of new corridors for aid and 10-hour pauses in fighting in certain locations to ensure the aid is delivered.

The letter, published before Israel announced those policies, was written by Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg, the senior rabbi of Masorti Judaism in the United Kingdom; Rabbi Arthur Green, a prominent scholar of Jewish mysticism and a former leader of Hebrew College in Boston; and Rabbi Ariel Pollak of Kehilat Sinai, a Masorti synagogue in Tel Aviv.

The bulk of the rabbis' letter focused on Israeli policy in Gaza, and called on Israel to "stop at once the use and threat of starvation as a weapon of war," and to let in "extensive humanitarian aid" while working to prevent Hamas from stealing it.

It also demanded that Israel "work urgently by all routes possible to bring home all the hostages and end the fighting."

Most rabbis who signed the letter reside in the US, with only a few dozen signatories from Israel.

Among the letter's prominent signatories were Rabbi Sharon Brous, who runs the IKAR nondenominational synagogue in Los Angeles; rabbi and writer Irwin Kula; Chaim Seidler-Feller, a longtime Hillel rabbi who now teaches at the Shalom Hartman Institute; Rachel Timoner, a Reform rabbi from New York; and Marc D. Angel, a liberal Orthodox rabbi.

Repeated surveys have shown that most Israelis support an agreement that would free the remaining 50 hostages held by Hamas at the price of ending the war, but negotiations in Qatar between the two sides broke down last week.

The letter was published as at least two major American Jewish groups have publicly rejected extremist rhetoric about Gaza.

On Tuesday, the American Jewish Committee criticized Rep. Randy Fine, a Jewish Florida Republican who posted to X: "Release the hostages. Until then, starve away." The organization responded that "implying that starvation is a legitimate tactic is unacceptable."

The serious humanitarian situation in Gaza must not be taken lightly, especially by those at the highest levels of government.

Implying that starvation is a legitimate tactic is unacceptable.

All those in need of humanitarian aid should receive it promptly and safely.

Our... <https://t.co/GRjD33AEMu>

— American Jewish Committee (@AJCGlobal) [July 23, 2025](#)

The Anti-Defamation League [said Friday last week](#) that Heritage Minister Amichay Eliyahu's statement that the government is "racing ahead for Gaza to be wiped out" is "morally repugnant and strategically reckless."

The rabbis' letter criticized Israeli policy in the West Bank as well, urging the government to "use the forces of law and order to end settler violence on the West Bank and vigorously investigate and prosecute settlers who harass and assault Palestinians."

It said Israeli officials and groups shared part of the blame for the present situation, and called for dialogue toward "security for Israel, dignity and hope for Palestinians, and a viable peaceful future for all the region."

"Repeated statements of intention and actions by ministers in the Israeli government, by some officers in the Israeli army, and the behavior of criminally violent settler groups in the West Bank, often with police and military support, have been major factors in bringing us to this crisis," it said.

"The killing of huge numbers of Palestinians in Gaza, including those desperately seeking food, has been widely reported across respectable media and cannot reasonably be denied," said the rabbis.

Report: Mainstream media deliberately uses images of Palestinian children with genetic diseases to push Gaza famine stories | All Israel News

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Israeli Foreign Ministry accuses one news agency of spreading 'a modern blood libel'

A new [report](#) by independent investigative journalist David Collier alleges that mainstream media willingly used the image of a child with cerebral palsy as the lead image for stories about a supposed deliberate famine in Gaza.

According to the mainstream media outlets, such as the BBC, Sky News, The Guardian, CNN, The New York Times, and Daily Mail, the condition of Mohammed, the boy in the striking images, was due to the desperate conditions in Gaza. His pictures were used to depict the severity of the famine situation in Gaza, however, Collier says those stories did not mention Mohammed's preexisting condition of cerebral palsy, which often leads to severe malnutrition, as children with the condition have difficulty eating.

None of the major news sources mentioned Mohammed's cerebral palsy, with most indicating within the body of the article, or in the photo description, that Mohammed's condition was due to "severe malnutrition."

CNN did address the issue of Mohammed's genetic illness in a video aired separately from the photo story about the Gaza food shortage. In that video, CNN notes, "Mohammed suffers from a muscle disorder." However, the photo used in the story about a famine in Gaza states in the description that Mohammed "faces life-threatening malnutrition as the humanitarian situation worsens due to ongoing Israeli attacks and the blockade."

Collier posted additional photos from the same photoshoot where Mohammed was documented by Ahmed Jihad Ibrahim Al-arini of Anadolu, in which Mohammed's mother and brother are both seen to be healthy, with no evidence of starvation. Collier cited a medical report, dated May 2025 by the Basma Association for Relief in Gaza, which lists a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and hypoxemia (low oxygen in the blood), "possibly linked to a suspected genetic disorder inherited in an 'autosomal recessive pattern.'"

The stories highlighted by Collier are not the only occurrence of the phenomenon. The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) published a picture of a child with cystic fibrosis, printed in the Italian *il Fatto Quotidiano*, which was used to illustrate how the Israeli “blockade” of Gaza is causing starvation.

“A photo of 5-year-old Osama al-Rakab has gone viral, used to falsely depict Israel as responsible for his condition, claiming Israel is starving children,” COGAT posted to X. “Osama suffers from a serious genetic illness unrelated to the war. On June 12, we actively coordinated Osama's exit from Gaza with his mother and brother through the Ramon airport. He is now receiving treatment in Italy.”

The Foreign Ministry accused the news agency of spreading “a modern blood libel.”

This is what a modern blood libel looks like:

A sick child. A hijacked photo. A lie that spreads faster than truth.

His name is Osama al-Raqab. He has cystic fibrosis, a serious genetic illness.

He's been in Italy receiving treatment since June 12. Israel enabled his medical... pic.twitter.com/Sh8UBK3HVh

— Israel Foreign Ministry (@IsraelMFA) [July 28, 2025](#)

Collier has published similar reports before. In 2024, he [documented](#) that the BBC knowingly published an article claiming that a child, Younis Jumaa, who has quadriplegic spastic cerebral palsy, was suffering from malnutrition as a result of Israeli policies.

Several similar cases occurred in 2024, often involving mainstream British news agencies, such as the Telegraph and the BBC.

When [@Telegraph](#) published this photo, it failed to mention that Yazan al-Kafarneh had cerebral palsy--a disease that can cause malnutrition--& had difficulty eating even before the war.

*This is *not* a representative image of Gaza's children or evidence of starvation. pic.twitter.com/aLBwoJZkJT*

— HonestReporting (@HonestReporting) [December 5, 2024](#)

Such cases often involved children born with genetic conditions, like cystic fibrosis, which lead to malnutrition and other complications.

 **!! A new HOAX is going around.**

Pro-Palestine accounts share photos of this child and claim that this child is about to

die because Israel is systematically starving children to death.

This child is Fadi Al-Zant and is suffering from malnutrition due to cystic fibrosis. Cystic... pic.twitter.com/SVojH2wXro

— Ridvan Aydemir | Apostate Prophet  (@ApostateProphet) [March 14, 2024](#)

Israel has faced consistent charges of forced starvation, despite several studies demonstrating that it has allowed an unprecedented level of humanitarian aid to enter Gaza since the start of the war. While acknowledging food scarcity exists in some parts of Gaza, Israeli officials continue to insist that most of the scarcity is due to the seizure and hoarding of food by Hamas. However, due to international [pressure](#), Israel recently changed its humanitarian aid [strategy](#) to bring more aid in, while reimplementing operational pauses in certain parts of Gaza to allow for aid to be distributed safely.

[Israel faces unprecedented drought crisis as water shortages loom | Ynetnews.com](#)

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Country faces its worst drought in a century, with northern rivers drying up and water officials warning of a looming crisis as rainfall declines and demand rises

Israel is grappling with record-breaking temperatures and dwindling water sources, with northern streams drying up and the Water Authority sounding alarms over a severe drought. Yehezkel (Hezi) Lifshitz, the authority's director, warns that the situation is nearing catastrophic levels.

The Water Authority has [already declared a drought](#), the worst in a century, according to Lifshitz. He bases his assessment on precise data, noting that northern water sources are critically low, with the [Banias](#) stream nearly dry. While the authority tracks the crisis, the [Finance Ministry](#) holds the power to declare an economic and agricultural drought, a step yet to be taken.

Israel's agriculture consumes about 1.2 billion cubic meters (317 billion gallons) of water annually, including fresh, recycled and saline water. Lifshitz highlights a growing challenge: the population and water demand are rising, but rainfall is not keeping pace and is even declining. Agriculture, the largest water consumer, faces tough choices.

To address the shortfall, the Water Authority is pushing for more desalination plants while exploring cuts to agricultural water allocations. Lifshitz noted a shift toward using recycled wastewater for farming, with some Golan Heights farmers, unconnected to the national water system, already facing reductions this year.

Next year, nationwide agricultural cuts may follow. In the north, including Upper Galilee and northern Golan, fields are drying up. Farmers have stopped growing field crops, prioritizing water for orchards to keep them alive.

Lifshitz warned that unlike Spain, where a drought two years ago drove up olive oil prices, Israel's olive crops simply vanish when water runs out. The Agriculture Ministry must step in to support affected farmers.

Mekorot, Israel's national water company, warned years ago that the Upper Galilee and northern Golan needed integration into the national water grid. Yet a planned desalination plant in Hadera Valley has stalled. Israel currently operates desalination facilities in Hadera, Ashkelon, Ashdod, two in Sorek and one in Palmachim on private land.

Each plant consumes about 0.5% of the nation's available electricity, a significant burden, according to Lifshitz. A new desalination facility in Western Galilee, delayed by local opposition, is now slated for operation by 2027. Residents pushed to relocate it from the polluted Acre Bay but alternative sites were rejected. Ironically, the facility primarily serves the very communities that opposed it.

The Water Authority is increasing purchases from desalination plants to offset shortages. For instance, the Ashdod facility produces 100 million cubic meters (26.4 billion gallons) annually, but the authority is buying more due to this year's low rainfall. These additional supplies come at a higher cost due to elevated electricity tariffs.

Lifshitz said the authority can request plants to boost production, though at a premium. Looking ahead, the water sector plans for the long term, with an eighth desalination plant in the works for 2032. Between 2013 and 2018, the Sea of Galilee nearly hit its critical "black line."

Despite challenges, water continues to flow from taps. The authority anticipates a 12% drop in precipitation by 2050, with sharper declines by 2100, necessitating more desalination and increased use of recycled water for agriculture. By 2050, Israel aims to produce 1.7 billion cubic meters (449 billion gallons) of water annually, up from today's 800 million cubic meters (211 billion gallons).

This winter broke all records, with the Sea of Galilee's water levels unchanged—an unprecedented event, Lifshitz said. His [gravest concern is not war with Iran or ongoing fighting but an earthquake](#).

Water infrastructure faced multiple cyberattacks during the recent conflict with Iran, with attempted breaches rising sharply. Fortunately, close collaboration with the National Cyber Directorate has kept the system secure and Lifshitz reports no significant disruptions.

Tsunami warnings fading after one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded. Here's what to know - Breitbart

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One of this century's most powerful earthquakes struck off the coast of Russia and generated tsunami warnings and advisories for a broad section of the Pacific as far south as New Zealand

Tsunami warnings fading after one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded. Here's what to knowBy DANICA KIRKA and AUDREY McAVOYAssociated PressThe Associated PressHONOLULU

HONOLULU (AP) — [One of this century's most powerful earthquakes](#) struck off the coast of Russia and generated [tsunami warnings](#) and advisories for a broad section of the Pacific, including Alaska, Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast and as far south as New Zealand. Now warnings are being downgraded in most areas, though advisories remain in place as more aftershocks are possible.

The quake registered a magnitude of 8.8 and was centered off the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's Far East, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It struck early Wednesday local time, which was still Tuesday in the U.S.

Here's what to know:

What a tsunami is

Tsunamis are waves triggered by earthquakes, underwater volcanic eruptions and submarine landslides. After an underwater earthquake, the seafloor rises and drops, which lifts water up and down. The energy from this transfers to waves.

Many people think of tsunamis as one wave. But they are typically multiple waves that rush ashore like a fast-rising tide.

"Tsunamis cross the ocean at hundreds of miles an hour — as fast as a jet airplane — in deep water," said Dave Snider, tsunami warning coordinator with the National Tsunami Warning Center in Alaska. "But when they get close to the shore, they slow down and start to pile up."

It could take minutes for waves to hit land next to the site of a major quake. It could take hours for tsunamis to cross the Pacific Ocean. The speed of tsunami waves also

depends on ocean depth. They travel faster over deep water and slow down in shallow water.

People were urged to stay away from coastlines until any wave surges passed in places as far away as Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Federated States of Micronesia and Solomon Islands.

Some tsunamis are small and don't cause damage. Others can cause massive destruction. In 2004, a 9.1 magnitude earthquake off Indonesia [caused waves that leveled remote villages, ports and tourist resorts](#) along the Indian Ocean across Southeast and South Asia. Some 230,000 people died. A 9.0 magnitude [quake and tsunami](#) ravaged parts of Japan's northeastern coast on March 11, 2011, killing about 20,000 people and triggering a [nuclear meltdown](#).

The power of this quake and its effects

The 8.8-magnitude quake was among the four strongest earthquakes this century, according to the USGS.

It was also the sixth-biggest quake ever recorded, said Simon Boxall, a principal teaching fellow at the University of Southampton's Physical Oceanography Research Center.

The regional branch of Russia's Emergency Ministry on Kamchatka warned that scientists expect aftershocks at magnitudes of up to 7.5.

The earthquake occurred along the Pacific Ring of Fire, the ring of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where more than 80% of the world's largest quakes occur. Several tectonic plates meet there. The ring gets its name from the volcanoes that surround it.

While not all earthquakes lead to tsunamis, this one generated a series of them spreading outward from the epicenter off the coast of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula.

"It's a bit like throwing a very, very large rock into the sea and then watching the waves propagate away from that rock, that splash," Boxall said. "And so that's what's happened in this case. And that's why this particular one has generated a tsunami. It's not huge. It's not one that's going to cause mass devastation. But it will cause coastal flooding and it will cause damage, and it does put lives at risk if people don't move to high ground."

The effects of this earthquake so far

A tsunami height of 3 to 4 meters (10 to 13 feet) was recorded in Kamchatka, while tsunami waves about 2 to 5 feet high reached San Francisco early Wednesday, officials said. Other areas have seen smaller waves.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said initial reports showed there had been no safety impact on nuclear power plants along Japan's Pacific coast. Damage and

evacuations were reported in the Russian regions nearest the quake's epicenter, and officials declared a state of emergency in several areas. Several people were injured, but none gravely, and no major damage has been reported.

Additional aftershocks are possible, putting the entire Pacific Rim on tsunami watch. A tsunami warning remained in effect for parts of the northern California coast.

Much of the Pacific coast of North America, spanning from British Columbia in Canada to down the U.S. West Coast and into Mexico was under a tsunami advisory.

How tsunami warnings are issued

In Hawaii, emergency authorities blast alerts to people's cellphones, on TV and radio and sound a network of sirens. In Alaska, some communities have sirens, and information is available on weather radio or [public radio broadcasts](#).

In the U.S., the National Weather Service has [different levels of alerts](#):

- A warning means a tsunami that may cause widespread flooding is expected or occurring. Evacuation is recommended and people should move to high ground or inland.
- An advisory means a tsunami with potential for strong currents or dangerous waves is expected or occurring and people should stay out of the water and away from beaches and waterways.
- A watch means that a tsunami is possible and to be prepared.

[6,500 Accept Christ in Packed Stadium as Greg Laurie Declares 'There's a Spiritual Hunger in America' - | Crosswalk.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #salvation, #gospel, #greg laurie, #evangelism

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Some 6,500 made a profession of faith Saturday night during a large-scale evangelistic event that packed Angel Stadium and saw many turned away at the gate. The stadium typically sees baseball fans standing and cheering their hometown team, the Anaheim Angels. But during the Harvest Crusade on Saturday, thousands streamed down the aisles to accept Christ as the featured speaker -- pastor [Greg Laurie](#) -- urged the crowd to respond to the call of the gospel.

A capacity crowd of 45,500 filled the stadium. Meanwhile, more than 500 radio stations broadcast the event, and 200,000 watched online. It also included performances by Christian artists Chris Tomlin, We The Kingdom, Brooke Ligertwood and the husband and wife team of Cody Carnes and Kari Jobe Carnes.

"We all think we'll just live forever," Laurie told the crowd while recounting the story of his son, Christopher, who died in an automobile accident at age 33.

"The Bible says, 'Prepare to meet your God.' Are you prepared to meet God tonight?"

As Laurie gave the invitation, a steady stream of people flowed onto the field to hear more about the gospel -- so many, in fact, that the fire marshal was eventually forced to close access due to overcrowding. Harvest Crusade said it was "one of the best responses we have seen in our 35+ years" of the event.

When the field was closed, Laurie said, organizers displayed a QR code on the stadium screens, allowing those unable to come forward to receive the same information -- including a Bible -- as those on the field.

"There's a spiritual hunger in our nation, and there's a spiritual hunger in California," said Laurie, who serves as pastor of Harvest Church, which is based in the state.

"I haven't given up on California, and I believe that God wants to do another great work in this state that we call the Golden State. The last great spiritual awakening happened here in this state, California. And I pray it will happen again. God has worked, and we know many others have made a commitment to follow Christ, watching online or listening in other outlets, and so we just say to God be the glory."

On social media, Laurie called the response a "taste of heaven."

"What an unforgettable night at Angel Stadium! God showed up in a spectacular way, as He always does, pouring out His Spirit in a tangible, powerful manner," Laurie wrote. "Please pray for all those who invited Christ into their lives tonight. May they be 'seed planted on good ground' and grow strong in their faith."