



**ON THIS SOLIDARITY SHABBAT, WE ASK YOU TO
SAVE A SEAT FOR OMER NEUTRA**
By Rabbi Joel Levenson, Midway Jewish Center

Each hostage of Hamas has a name.

Omer Neutra is just 1 of the 220 hostages held by Hamas.

A big fan of the NY Knicks, Omer became Bar Mitzvah at Midway Jewish Center in Syosset, NY. When he was a kid, Omer was a camper at Young Judea Sprout Lake Camp and was on staff at Camp Ramah in Nyack.

He was captain of the soccer, volleyball and basketball teams at the Schechter School of Long Island and 2018-2019 METNY USY Regional President.

Omer had been accepted to Binghamton University. In the midst of a gap year after high school, he decided to enlist in the IDF as a Lone Soldier. He was taken captive on October 7 and turned 22 while in captivity.

He is a son to Orna and Ronen, and big brother to Daniel. We're saving a seat for Omer Neutra on the bimah, and we ask you do to the same. On the seat is a tallit, siddur, and a sign, which is included below. He should be free to spend Shabbat with family and friends.

May our prayers for his freedom be answered.



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Statement from Ronen and Orna Neutra

*About their son Omer, an Israeli-American citizen who is one of the hostages
being held by Hamas*



Our beloved son, Omer Neutra, was born in NYC and raised on Long Island.

As a son of dual citizens of Israel and the United States, Omer grew up loving both his homeland America and the land of Israel with passion. Omer is a fun-loving person, a huge sports enthusiast, especially of the Knicks, and always found himself in leadership roles - captain of school sports teams and regional president of his youth group.

He's a born leader and a great son, friend, and a passionate, giving person. After graduating high school, he decided to defer his college acceptance and spend a gap year in Israel connecting with our family's roots. This experience impacted his decision to stay in Israel and do what he believed in - serving and protecting the people of Israel. This is what he was doing on Saturday morning, October 7th, on the border with Gaza, when Hamas took him.

Our son has been missing since, and we ask the Hamas leaders to continue to treat Omer and all the hostages in a humanitarian way in accordance with international law.

Omer - we love you and look forward to bringing you and the others home.

Thank you everyone for your support. **#BringOmerHome**



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KIDNAPPED



**Omer Neutra
21-years-old
Israeli-American**

Kidnapped by **Hamas**

On October 7th, nearly **200 innocent civilians were abducted** from Israel into the Gaza Strip. Their whereabouts remain unknown.

More than 3,000 women, men, and children, ranging in age from 3 months to 85 years old, were **wounded, murdered, beaten, raped,** and brutally separated from loved ones **by Hamas**.

Take a photo of this poster and share it
Please help bring them home alive.