



July 29, 2025

To

Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu

Prime Minister

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We, the Steering Committee members of the Israel Young Academy, call to put an end to the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas and to the devastation it continues to cause.

Hamas bears direct responsibility for launching this war through a horrific attack on Israeli civilians. Yet, even in the face of such a brutal enemy that systematically violates all moral and international norms, Israeli society cannot forsake its foundational values and principles. The state and its people must act with humanity and responsibility.

As members of the global academic community, grounded in universal values of human dignity, freedom, moral responsibility, and human solidarity, we believe that upholding these principles is especially vital in times of war and crisis. We must do all we can to stop the destruction and suffering, prevent further loss of life, do everything we can to stop the deepening humanitarian crisis, and rebuild Israeli society on the foundations of compassion, morality, and a relentless pursuit of peace.

Accordingly, we call on the Government of Israel to act immediately and decisively:

- To bring the war to an end and secure the release of the 50 hostages
- To refrain entirely from harming civilians
- To ensure the uninterrupted provision of humanitarian aid to Gaza's civilian population
- To pursue an honest and lasting political agreement that promotes regional peace

The continued war severely threatens the moral resilience of Israeli society. As members of the academic and research community in Israel, committed to critical thinking and education, we bear the responsibility to speak out with moral clarity. We call on both the government and civil society to face reality with open eyes and act now to ensure that a just and humane future remains possible for Israel and the region as a whole.

Sincerely,

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