

Ep. 35- Rabbi Doron Perez: Between Mourning & Independence - National Unity After the Loss of a Son

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In this deeply moving episode of *Mideast Horizons*, recorded on the eve of Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), hosts Asher Fredman and Lahav Harkov are joined by Rabbi Doron Perez. Rabbi Perez – President of the World Zionist Organization, Chair of World Mizrachi, and father of Captain Daniel Perez z"l, who fell on October 7 – offers profound insights on the “pain and privilege” of the Jewish experience. He shares his personal perspective on the unique Israeli transition from Memorial Day to Independence Day, and explains how Jewish tradition is defined by bringing our pain with us into moments of redemption.

Rabbi Perez reflects on Daniel's character and legacy, the extraordinary maturity and courage of young Israeli soldiers, and the urgent need to preserve unity within Israel and across the Jewish world even amid deep disagreements. He also addresses the public debate over Israel-Diaspora relations, arguing that no love of land or ideology should come at the expense of love for the Jewish People.

In the opening segment, Asher and Lahav analyze the fragile geopolitics of the ceasefires in Iran and Lebanon. They break down the security implications of Israel's buffer zone in southern Lebanon, and the dangers associated with potential sanctions relief for Iran. They also address a disturbing incident involving the desecration of a Christian statue in Lebanon, emphasizing the urgent need for education and a heavy hand against extremism.



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