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The Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism

The award will be presented by the President of the State of Israel to individuals who acted with exceptional heroism, mutual responsibility and self-sacrifice, to the end of saving human life.

The cruel terror attack of October 7th 2023, Simchat Torah 5784, was one of the most dramatic and disturbing events in the history of the State of Israel.

Alongside the unbearable toll that the attack exacted, unfathomable and exceptional acts of heroism became apparent from the very first moments. Many were acts of heroism by ordinary civilians, who took action in real time, at tangible risk to their own lives, out of a sense of shared destiny and mutual responsibility for other Israelis, and with the goal of saving human life.

Therefore, the President of the State of Israel, Isaac Herzog, has decided to establish a singular award, "The Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism," which will be conferred upon these Israeli civilians, and thus express respect toward and acknowledgement of its recipients and, no less important, will afford honor, pride and hope to Israeli society and the entire State of Israel.

"...So as to teach that losing one life is regarded as losing an entire world; and saving one life, is regarded as saving an entire world." (Mishna Sanhedrin)

Nominations for the award can be submitted freely by any individual, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Individuals, however, may not nominate themselves. The award can be conferred posthumously.

To view the Rules and Regulations governing the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism and to submit candidacy online, please visit the website of the Office of the President: www.president.gov.il

Deadline for submissions is monday, 7 Nissan, April 15, 2024