

# Shalom TV **OPINION**

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## WELCOMING GILAD SHALIT HOME

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Everyone at Shalom TV joins with the rest of the Jewish world--and all men and women of conscience--in welcoming Gilad Shalit home to his family in Israel.

We congratulate Prime Minister Netanyahu, the Israeli government, and the Israeli people who have supported Gilad's return and who were willing to pay a heavy price for his release. We also praise all those around the world who kept Gilad's fate in the forefront of Jewish and world attention.

The Israeli decision stands in stark contrast to those who trivialize life and find it acceptable to imprison a soldier without permitting him or her any contact with the outside world. Organizations like the United Nations Human Rights Commission and the International Red Cross, and foreign governments which permitted Hamas to act without diplomatic consequence, will have to answer for the pain and anguish Gilad and his family were forced to endure for these past five years.

We wish Gilad and his loved ones a speedy return to normalcy that they might enjoy the gift of freedom and the blessings of family in a long, healthy, and fulfilling life.

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