

EDAN ALEXANDER

A STORY OF HOPE

Edan was just 19 years old when his life changed forever.

An American from Tenafly, New Jersey, Edan chose to leave home and volunteer for service in the Israel Defense Forces. On the morning of October 7, 2023, while serving near the Gaza border, Hamas launched its brutal terrorist attack. Edan was taken hostage and held captive in Gaza.

For 584 days, his family endured unimaginable uncertainty. His parents spoke tirelessly on his behalf, traveling across the United States and around the world to ensure his name—and the names of all the hostages—would not be forgotten.

In May 2025, Edan was finally released and reunited with his loved ones. His return was a moment of profound joy, but it also served as a reminder of the immense suffering endured by those held hostage and the families who waited for them.

Edan's story is one of courage, endurance, and the unbreakable bond between family and home. His experience reminds us that behind every headline is a son, a friend, and a life forever changed.

*"I wanted [Hamas] to see **I'll never break.**"*

—EDAN ALEXANDER



AGE ON OCTOBER 7, 2023: 19



FROM: TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY



IDF SOLDIER



TAKEN HOSTAGE: OCTOBER 7, 2023



RELEASED: MAY 12, 2025
AFTER 584 DAYS IN CAPTIVITY