

OMER NEUTRA

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Omer Neutra was 21 years old on October 7, 2023.

An American-Israeli from Long Island, New York, Omer chose to volunteer for service in the Israel Defense Forces after graduating high school. On the morning of October 7, 2023, while serving as a tank commander near the Gaza border, Hamas launched its brutal terrorist attack. Omer was killed during the attack, and his body was taken into Gaza.

For months, his family lived with hope, believing he was being held hostage. They spoke tirelessly on his behalf, traveling throughout the United States and around the world to advocate for his return and to keep the plight of all the hostages in the public eye. **In December 2024, Israeli authorities confirmed that Omer had been killed on October 7th and that his remains were in Gaza.**

Though his family received heartbreaking answers, their advocacy did not end. They continued calling for the return of every hostage and every fallen victim, believing that every family deserves the chance to bring their loved one home.

Omer's remains were returned to Israel on November 2, 2025, after being held in Gaza for over two years following the October 7, 2023 attacks. **His story is one of courage, leadership, and selfless service.** His life reminds us that behind every headline is a son, a brother, a friend, and a young man who chose to protect others.

*"Until his last breath, **Omer thought about others.**"*
- ORNA NEUTRA, MOTHER OF OMER



AGE ON OCTOBER 7, 2023: 21



FROM: LONG ISLAND, NY



**AMERICAN-ISRAELI CITIZEN
IDF TANK COMMANDER**



TAKEN HOSTAGE: OCTOBER 7, 2023



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