

Mayor Adams Announces City Hall to Be Lit Blue and White Tonight in Honor of Israeli Independence Day

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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced that City Hall and other municipal buildings will be lit up blue and white tonight in honor of Israeli Independence Day, marking the 74th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

“Today, we join in celebrating *Yom Ha’atzmaut*, Israel’s Independence Day,” said **Mayor Adams**. “As home to the largest Jewish population in the world outside of Israel, New York City stands with State of Israel as they mark 74 years as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and join with our collective yearning for peace, security, and the spread of democratic values throughout the Middle East.”

In addition to City Hall, the following city buildings will be lit up blue and white starting tonight at sundown:

- The David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building: 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007
- Bronx Borough Hall: 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451
- Queens Borough Hall: 120-55 Queens Blvd, Queens, NY 11424
- Staten Island Borough Hall: 10 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301

“On behalf of the State of Israel, I want to thank Mayor Eric Adams for this heartwarming gesture,” said **Asaf Zamir, Israel’s Consul General in New York City**. “These lights demonstrate the eternal strength of the bond between New York City and the State of Israel that will continue to flourish under the mayor’s leadership.”

Yom Ha'atzmaut (Day of Independence) marks the day on the Hebrew calendar that corresponds to the day the new State of Israel formally declared its independence in 1948 after the cessation of the British Mandate. It is preceded annually by *Yom Hazikaron*, Israel's official memorial day honoring fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

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