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NEW YORK, May 24....David A. Harris, Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Committee, today issued the following statement:

"With the joyous news of the ongoing airlift of the remaining approximately 16,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel, one extraordinary chapter in the life of the Jewish people comes to an end in Ethiopia as another begins in Israel. We salute the people and government of Israel for fulfilling once again their historic mission of providing safe haven and family reunification for beleaguered Jews everywhere, as they have for so many other Jews in the 43 years since the establishment of the Jewish state. We are grateful for the vital assistance, with extraordinary discretion, of the United States and other friendly nations. Above all, we must pay tribute to the Ethiopian Jews themselves, valiant survivors of a people who for 2000 years have shown such remarkable faith in their own destiny and an unbending dream to return to Zion, to the land of Israel. Finally, we will always remember that world Jewry, both devoted individuals and organizations, has shown what cooperation and cohesion of purpose can accomplish."

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