

Buffalo Jewish Federation

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Dear Friends,

As events continue to unfold, we have been grateful for the many calls and emails we've received expressing support for Israel and a desire to help. Below are ways that you can help our Israeli family and stay informed.

Here is how you can help:

- The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has provided these **talking points** to help you discuss what is happening with those who might be less informed.
- JFNA has also set up a **fund** to specifically address the immediate needs for the people in Israel.
- Advocate! Tell your federal, state, and local elected officials and representatives to support Israel **here**.
- The Israel Ministry of Health is building a list of medical personnel from abroad to volunteer in Israel should the need arise. Fill out their **form** to indicate your interest.

Stay up to date on the current situation:

- The **Israel Defense Forces** is providing daily updates.
- View President Herzog's **statement** to the international community.
- AIPAC has provided a briefing **1-pager** on Hamas.
- President Biden delivered these **remarks** yesterday.

And More:

- Here is an informative article from Kveller on **How to Talk to Kids About What's Happening in Israel Right now** broken down by ages.
- Thank you to the JCC for hosting and filming the Community Solidarity event on Monday evening. You can watch it on **YouTube**.
- We are in the news – read the latest article from the **Buffalo News** and see coverage from **WIVB** from Monday's vigil.
- Do you need help or someone to talk to? Professionals at Jewish Family Services of WNY are here for you. **Email Matt Stewart** or call 716-883-1914 x314.

We know that the days ahead will continue to be painful as the war continues and our Israeli family mourns those lost, but as we always have and always will, today we stand with Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai - The People of Israel Live!

With gratitude,

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