

Dear TBE Members,

At this moment, while we are watching the latest developments in Ukraine, we share with you some information about how we can provide aid to the Jewish community. Some of us trace our roots back to this area and there are an estimated 100,000 Jews living in Ukraine; including their President and they need our help. Below, you will find a link to a recording of a webinar about the situation on the ground, and how to donate to the Ukraine Crisis Fund from the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The WUPJ is asking people from all over the world to make donations towards the support of the Jewish community in Ukraine.

Money will be spent on individuals and communities to ensure their safety and well-being.

If the conflict escalates further, your money will become crucial and necessary help for many people. If the tension eases, the fund will be spent on the development of the progressive Jewish community in Ukraine.

<https://wupj.org/news/2022/02/51971/world-union-launches-ukraine-crisis-fund/>

Here is a video made by Rabbi Dukhovney in Ukraine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQXyV-BtzzY>

Lastly, here is a prayer for Ukraine that was written by Joanne Fink.

PRAYER for UKRAINE

Holy One, Source of Strength,

War has begun, and innocent people are dying.
We ask Your protection for Ukraine and its citizens.
We pray for their safety and the security of the country,
and for the neighboring countries—
Hungary, Poland, and Rumania, among others—
that have opened their borders
to provide humanitarian corridors
and safe passage for all those who wish to evacuate.

We seek the comfort of believing that everything will be all right,
even in the face of insurmountable odds.

Quiet the fears that threaten to deafen us;
grant us Shleimut—the inner peace we so desperately seek.
Help us remain calm and reach out to those in need.
May this horrific situation be diffused swiftly
with minimal casualties.

Bless our world leaders with the ability
to work together for the greater good,
and the wisdom to make wise decisions
during this turbulent time.
Bless the people of all nations with the
desire, strength and courage
to create a world based on justice and filled with peace.

May the words of Isaiah 2:4:
"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war anymore"
become true in our day-- in this very hour.

Source of Goodness, shine Your healing light on us
and all those in the Ukraine we hold in our hearts.
Shelter us, shield us, show us the path to peace.

And let us say: Amen.

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