

עם ישראל חי



MY HEART IS IN THE EAST



Dear Congregants,

Saturday, October 7th, 2023, was the deadliest day for World Jewry since the end of the Holocaust. That fact alone sends shivers down our spines as we try to grasp the magnitude of what has just occurred and the ensuing implications both for the State of Israel and for all of us as Am Yisrael, the People of Israel.

Every member of the House of Israel - all 20 million of us - has been impacted in some way by the current reality. In difficult times like these, it is important that we are present for and supportive of each other, and that includes building unity. It also includes showing tolerance for the respective ways we are each mourning, reflecting, and processing what's happening. There is no one right way to mourn and reflect. There is no one right way to respond and to act. We must make space for all responses. Let's show each other kindness and offer generous hugs.

The next few weeks and months will be difficult for Israel. We'll be here to navigate the evolving reality with all of you. This landing page on our website will be updated regularly with opportunities for engagement, resources, planned events, and more. For all things Israel, check this page regularly.

Friday, October 13th, 2023

Lawn Signs: The community is producing lawn signs for your homes. Uniform signs throughout Greater MetroWest will have tremendous impact. These signs are being made available free of charge, with the hope that everyone will donate to Federation's Israel Emergency Fund in lieu of paying for the signs.

Want a lawn sign? Please fill out the google form linked below. If you need help picking up your sign, contact the CBI office.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdq73Eph.../viewform...>

Federation's Emergency Fund Page:

<https://www.jfedgmw.org/.../emergency-funding-for-israel/...>

Video Message to IDF Soldiers: Thanks to modern technology, it's easier than ever to send a video message directly to a member of the IDF. The organization [Thank Israel Soldiers](#) does amazing work in this regard. All you have to do is record a short video greeting and send the recording to the following phone # via WhatsApp: +1-201-620-8540

This is a great way to engage your children and entire families in reaching out directly to a member of the IDF.

Rabbi's Recordings on Social Media: Don't miss Rabbi Isenberg's posts & videos on social media. Add him to Facebook (Ari Isenberg) and Instagram (@isenbergari)

CBI Israel Trip August 2024: We are praying that the war will have ended long before our scheduled trip. By next summer, Israel will need to rebuild its economy. Tourism plays an important role in its economy. There is no better time than now to register for next summer's trip. Let's amass an inspiring synagogue delegation and travel to Israel, to inject much needed funds into the tourism industry, to show our support to the great citizens of Israel, to volunteer and give of our time and efforts while we're there. Don't delay. [Register today](#).

For a message from Rabbi Julie on how to speak to children about the war, click [HERE](#).

For information and including ways to help Israel from Ari Dybner, head of Israeli Affairs, click [HERE](#).

For the message Rabbi Isenburg sent on 10/10, click [HERE](#).