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Dear Members and Friends,

As you know by now, this past Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, Hamas terrorists massacred more than 900 innocent Jews in Israel, including nine Americans. Hamas brutally slaughtered more than 260 young people celebrating the holiday's end at a music festival. Hamas defiled a joyous Jewish Holiday celebration making it into a national nightmare. Hamas inflicted even more pain on Israel with its unconscionable kidnapping of 150 innocent hostages, including women, children, and even an elderly, wheelchair bound Holocaust survivor. Today, as Israelis anxiously await news of the fate of their loved ones and neighbors, they also listen for alarm sirens warning of continued Hamas rocket attacks.

The Officers, Board of Directors and Past Presidents of the Jewish Lawyers Guild feel the pain, horror and outrage of seeing our Israeli siblings being executed in their homes. We strongly condemn Hamas' slaughter and kidnapping of innocent Jews. We stand firm in our support of Israel's right to exist and to self-defense.

On behalf of the Jewish Lawyers Guild we have contributed \$2,500 to Magen David Adom and \$2,500 to the Friends of the IDF. Descriptions of these charitable organizations' missions, which are so vital during Israel's crises, can be found by clicking their links below.

Many of you may want to personally contribute money to organizations to help Israeli during this crisis. Here are links to several organizations, which our leaders have suggested:

- [Magen David Adom](#) Israel's Ambulance Service which is much overstretched at the moment.
- [United Hatzalah of Israel](#) the preeminent volunteer ambulance service in the world
- <https://jewishmiami.org/gift/israel-emergency-fund/> to assist victims of terror and their families.
- [Friends of the IDF](#) which is a non-political, non-military organization that works closely with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) to provide for the well-being of its soldiers, veterans, and family members.
- [Barzilai Medical Center](#) in Ashkelon which is dealing with many of the wounded.
- [Soroka Medical Center](#) which is dealing with many of the wounded.
- The [One Israel Fund](#) to supply vests, helmets, search lights, night vision goggles and medical kits to exposed communities.

You may want to communicate your support of Israel to your U.S. Congressional Representative. In partnership with American Jewish Committee, [click here](#) to have your voice heard. You may also want to participate in rallies, demonstrations and vigils, which have been and will be scheduled by numerous Jewish organizations in the New York Metropolitan area.

The Jewish Lawyers Guild prays for the safety and success of the Israeli Defense forces who are fighting to defend the Jewish Homeland and for peace in Israel.

Sincerely,