



הסוכנות היהודית
THE JEWISH AGENCY
לארץ ישראל
FOR ISRAEL

Dear Friends and Partners,

I apologize in advance for writing to you on Shabbat, but we are facing a real emergency in Israel and a time of "pikuach nefesh".

Early this morning, terror organizations in Gaza launched a brutal attack on Israel on multiple fronts. Thousands of rockets have been fired into cities in the center, the South, and Jerusalem – while it is reported that dozens of terrorists from Gaza infiltrated towns in the South of Israel and shot indiscriminately at innocent civilians.

During these hours, it is still unclear how long the fighting will last or how many casualties we will endure. Hundreds of people have been brought to hospitals and hundreds of homes and institutions have been hit - and the numbers continue to rise.

The magnitude of this attack is unlike anything we've known, and a special state of emergency was declared from the South of the country to its center. An extensive mobilization of IDF reserves was called up, and the IDF and security forces are now constantly engaged in protecting the citizens of Israel and maintaining our security. They have officially launched Operation "Iron Swords" and we wish to strengthen and support them.

The Jewish Agency is part of the government's emergency roundtable and is taking part in its efforts. Our organizational emergency roundtable met earlier today. We are first and foremost ensuring the safety of thousands of Olim in dozens of our Absorption Centers, caring for the thousands of residents in Amigour's senior housing, in touch with the thousands of Masa participants, and participants in our Mechinot and youth villages.

While we are in the early stages of assessing the situation and the implications it will have in the coming days, all shelters in our facilities have been opened, and non-essential activity has been canceled in addition to an increase in security. Our Fund for Victims of Terror is following up with the recognized authorities to provide as much assistance that is needed already, and that will be needed going forward. It is clear that our Fund will need to provide more assistance than ever before in its history .

The Jewish Agency's teams are at the center of our response and will continue to provide the necessary information to our beneficiaries, employees and all those in our care .

We continue to pray for the peace of the victims and all citizens of Israel. We will continue to update as the situations develops and will update formally after we have assessed the various needs.

With wishes for a quick recovery for the wounded and a swift turnaround of the situation, together we will endure.

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