

HELP WAR VICTIMS

Please join me! It is very important for you to show up and say *Hineni. Here I am.*

During this harrowing time, many members of our communities want to help, including by making donations to organizations on the ground providing emergency services to those most in need.

Here is a list of worthy Israeli and Palestinian organizations working in Israel.

Magen David Adom

Magen David Adom is Israel's Red Cross. It has activated all 1,400 of its ambulances and is treating the wounded, often while under rocket attack and gunfire themselves.

Donate at this link: <https://afmda.org/>

World Union for Progressive Judaism Emergency Appeal

The WUPJ's emergency appeal focuses on providing funds for immediate needs, informal educational programs and childcare, elderly assistance, mental health counseling, and more. Reconstructing Judaism belongs to the WUPJ.

Donate at this link: <https://wupj.org/>

New Israel Fund

NIF's network of NGOs in Israel have an emergency response plan they've activated, and they are asking for donations at this time to implement it. The plan focuses on:
Basic care for the most vulnerable groups: While the country reels from this attack, we must make sure that no communities are left behind. Families in the kibbutzim near the Gaza Border are still not reunited and may not have the access to care that they need. A number of Bedouin citizens from unrecognized villages in the South have been killed and many more injured. With very little infrastructure – including very few bomb shelters—and decades of neglect by consecutive governments, this community needs urgent support to ensure that basic care is available for those injured, left homeless and for those needing arrangements for the dead. These are examples of just two vulnerable groups that need our help right now.

Preventing inter-communal violence in mixed cities: Through focused efforts with municipalities, the media and local grassroots leaders, we have to work to prevent the spread of violence into mixed Arab and Jewish cities.

Mental health and trauma counseling: People,

especially the families of the hostages and those who have lost family members in the massacre of October 7 are shocked and reeling. We know that when that shock begins to fade, there will be a massive need for trauma counseling and mental health support for many, including civil society leaders, who will need to show up for their communities and lead long-term efforts, even as they deal with their own trauma.

Donate at this link: <https://www.nif.org>

Sulha Peace Project

Sulha was established during the Second Intifada with the goal of creating eye-to-eye, heart-to-heart encounters between Palestinians and Israelis. Over the last twenty years, they have continued in-person dialogue throughout the most difficult situations. Today, after October 7, they are still meeting weekly to share their grief, and envision a better future. *"There are no winners in war. Only peace will bring security."* Sulhapeaceproject.com

Dror Israel Emergency Response

"Our educators in Sderot, Ashkelon, Beer Sheva, Rehovot, Tel Aviv, Rishon Letzion and other affected communities are assessing all the critical needs and addressing them. Educators are in touch with students, program participants, neighborhood leaders and groups, making sure they are safe and accounted for."

Emergency initiatives include:

Supporting evacuees: Day care and programs for traumatized children and youth are desperately needed for families who have been evacuated from Gaza border communities under attack to Dead Sea Hotels, our boarding school in Mitzpe Ramon, and more.

Youth counselors in bomb shelters: In underprivileged communities where people don't have safe rooms in their homes, experienced youth educators are running therapeutic and educational programs for children and families in Rehovot and Ashkelon, with more locations opening as soon as deemed safe.

Day care for children of hospital workers and other essential staff: Dror Israel Emergency Response is currently fielding requests from hospitals throughout Israel to set up day care centers for children of doctors, nurses, and staff so they can treat the injured while schools are closed.

Support for children and families sheltering in place: “We are providing in-person and online programming, distributing activity kits and other educational materials in Sderot, Ashkelon, Rehovot, and more.” <https://www.drorisrael.org/donate>

IsraAID

Founded in 2001 as a coalition of organizations working in disaster relief and international development, IsraAID has grown into an independent NGO and the largest humanitarian aid organization in Israel. After years of responding to disasters worldwide, they are now bringing that expertise home to help the more than 250,000 Israelis displaced by the current crisis. [Israaid.org/donate/](https://israaid.org/donate/)

Combatants for Peace

Combatants for Peace is an Israeli-Palestinian NGO committed to non-violent action against the “Israeli occupation” and all forms of violence in Israel and the Palestinian territories. [Cfpeace.org](https://cfpeace.org)

Parents Circle

Founded by Israeli and Palestinian parents who have lost children to the conflict, and have come together to comfort each other and to work together for peace. [Parentscirclefriends.org](https://parentscirclefriends.org)

Thank Israeli Soldiers

Help to provide thousands of emergency kits featuring daily critical essentials that our soldiers and reservists need during times of war. Donate at this link: <https://thankisraelisoldiers.org/>

Sheba Medical Center

Israel’s largest medical facility, Sheba Medical Center, is on the front lines of the country’s response to this war.

Caring for over 200 Israelis critically wounded in the attacks, tripling ICU beds and performing countless life-saving surgeries, treating dozens of soldiers, including many in intensive care.

Organizing a pop-up blood bank enabling thousands

of Israelis to donate blood to victims.

Moving Pediatric and Cardiac ICU into a hardened underground parking garage.

Creating a trauma center for the 2200 survivors of the music festival.

As Israel’s largest hospital, the responsibility Sheba bears is immense. There is an urgent need for blood donation equipment, ventilators, ICU monitors and more.

Donate at this link: <https://give.afsmc.org/give/525518/#!/donation/checkout>

United Hatazalah

1700 on-the-ground volunteers providing care for the injured (some have lost their lives. Need supplies!)

Donate at this link: <https://israelrescue.org/donate/>

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Donate at this link: <https://www.standwithus.com/israel-emergency-fund>

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