

EMERGENCY SUPPORT NEEDED

STAND WITH OUR
MASORTI FAMILY
IN ISRAEL



Dear Friends,

Our Conservative/Masorti family in Israel is facing another painful and frightening chapter. As the current conflict unfolds, communities are once again navigating loss, fear, and deep uncertainty.

Congregation Eshel Avraham in Be'er Sheva, in the south of Israel, has sustained physical damage as a result of a nearby missile impact. A number of community members have been directly impacted and displaced from partial or total home loss. Others are facing significant destruction.

Rabbi Mijael Even David, community rabbi of Eshel Avraham, writes:

"At the moment of impact, I was inside the [synagogue] together with several children, including my own, rehearsing for our Purim spiel. We had only seconds to respond to the sirens and run to one of our shelters. The sound of the explosion, the shaking structure, and the cries of frightened kids are not easily set aside. Even in a city accustomed to alerts, there are moments that mark a community in a different way. This was one of them."

Beyond the visible damage, the emotional toll is profound. Teens who have already endured COVID, October 7, and now another war, are carrying an enormous weight. Clergy and lay leaders are asking for resources to provide pastoral care, resilience programming, and grief support for congregations in harm's way.

We are launching an emergency appeal to support our Masorti community in Israel. All funds will be collected by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and allocated through Masorti Israel.

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Your gift will be directed where it is most urgently needed — whether for repairing congregational damage, assisting families who have lost their homes, or strengthening pastoral and emotional support services for communities and teens under ongoing threat. Funds will be used at Masorti Israel's discretion to respond quickly and responsibly as needs evolve.

In moments like these, our global Conservative/Masorti community stands together.

We also invite you to join a special Kabbalat Shabbat, presented in Hebrew on Zoom this Friday at 4:15 p.m. Israel time (9:15 a.m. ET), as our community gathers in prayer, solidarity, and hope. [RSVP here](#).

Please give as generously as you are able today.

Together, we can ensure our brothers and sisters in Israel know they are not alone.

With prayers for safety and peace,

Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal

CEO of USCJ and the Rabbinical Assembly