



WAR ON ISRAEL



Shalom.

This post is filled with information and resources that will help you talk to your children and grandchildren, help you talk about Israel to those who don't understand, help you talk to your congressman about supporting Israel in the long haul, and help financially support the War on Israel Fund.

In the days and weeks ahead, the Federation, along with our community partners, will continue to communicate on the ways in which you can help show support for our brothers and sisters in Israel, as well as our Israeli community here in Greater Fairfield County.

Here's what you can do now!

Carin Savel
CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Fairfield County

Watch last night's community gathering:



When collective action is needed, Jewish Federations are there. Now, more than ever, our friends and family in Israel need your support.

We have opened the Swords of Iron Fund to support Israel.

One hundred percent of the funds donated will directly address Israel's most urgent needs, providing emergency relief and trauma support to

victims of terror in the wake of unimaginable hardship.

We recognize the situation is fluid. We are in direct contact with our partners on the ground, including the Jewish Agency for Israel, World ORT, Joint Distribution Committee, Hillel, United Hatzalah, and more, to provide immediate relief where its needed most.

Am Yisrael Chai.

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RESOURCES



Schoke Jewish Family Service provides trained social workers to hold space for your thoughts, talk through your feelings, cope with emotional responses to trauma, express grief and fear, and find comfort in community. Individual appointments are available by request and sessions with Hebrew speakers are available by appointment.

For more information or to schedule an individual appointment, contact:

- Matt Greenberg, President & CEO (mgreenberg@ctjfs.org)
- Gus Nunez, Director of Clinical Services (gnunez@ctjfs.org)
- Schoke JFS Main Number: 203-921-4161

For immediate response, Schoke JFS will hold open office hours:

Thursday, October 12th from 4PM to 7PM
2452 Black Rock Turnpike #2
Fairfield, CT

EMAIL JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE



Interested in connecting with our Israeli Emissary, Ofek? Please email ofek@shalomct.org.

Are you an Israeli in our community looking to connect with other Israelis? Please email israelisinct@hotmail.com and they will connect you with other Israelis living in Fairfield County.



Fifty years since the Yom Kippur War, Israel again finds itself confronting a severe danger. Our work together is essential to ensuring the Jewish state has what it needs to protect itself, by itself, and that the United States stands shoulder-to-shoulder with our ally.

Backed by Iran, Palestinian terrorists have launched an unprovoked invasion and large-scale attack on Israel. Israel has a right and responsibility to respond to the devastating assault and protect its citizens from terrorism.

Please urge your elected officials at the federal, state, and local level to speak out and make a clear and unequivocal statement in support for our ally Israel and its right to defend itself.

CONNECT WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Processing the horrific attack on Israel is difficult. Explaining it to a child can feel borderline impossible. It's helpful to:

1. Take the cues from your child
2. Model calm
3. Be reassuring
4. Help children express their feelings
5. Be developmentally appropriate

If you are struggling, as many of us are, to navigate conversations about events in Israel with your children or grandchildren, links and resources are available on the PJ Library website, including:

- [Click here for general information about Israel](#)
- [Click here to understand the map of Israel](#)
- [Click here on how to talk to your children about scary situations](#)
- [Click here for tools to talk to your children about antisemitism](#)
- [Click here for resources for students grades 4 and up](#)



Lawn signs, bumper stickers, pins, and other materials are available for you to show your solidarity for Israel proudly. Materials showing your support for Israel are available for pick-up at our Federation offices at 4200 Park Avenue, Suite 300 in Bridgeport, CT 06604. Email info@shalomct.org to arrange a pick-up.

Social media is an important tool for sharing your support. To learn the latest updates on the war and share your support on social media, our Israeli Emissary, Ofek, suggests following:

1. [@standwithus](#)
2. [@idf](#)
3. [@stateofisrael](#)
4. [@bbyoinsider](#) (for teens)