

ACTION ALERT from Greater Philadelphia ZOA:

While the Israel Defense Forces and other Israeli security agencies try to stop the Palestinian-Arab rocket attacks that are pounding Israeli cities and other communities, rioting, fires and other violence, and incitement against Jews -- and civil defense agencies makes sure that shelters are open and ready -- there are steps that we in the Diaspora can take to help. Below the advocacy items are links to analysis that will give you and others important background information about what is happening as well as the chronology.

At least three Israelis have been murdered in the rocket attacks and scores are hurt. Homes and schools and at least one passenger bus have taken direct hits.

As this email was compiled, Palestinian-Arabs had fired more than 700 rockets at Israeli communities during the past 24 hours – including some reaching Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

What Can Each of Us Do:

1. Advocacy (see details below).
2. Contact friends and family in Israel – let them know you are thinking about them and praying for their well-being. Try to reassure them.
3. Buy goods from Israel via Israeli websites (see examples below) and at local stores. A surge in economic support will boost morale as well as the economy. Due to the rockets and violence, businesses may need to close. Schools in the south are closed for now. Reservists may be called to duty which will take some Israelis out of the workforce.
4. Pray both for the well-being of Israel and for the success and safety of the IDF. Urge rabbis and other clergy to disseminate these prayers electronically – prayer helps! Also ask them to send out to the community ACCURATE news about what is happening since many people rely on anti-Israel media and thus are uninformed – and worse, believe that Israel is at fault.
5. Support ZOA. Your donations fuel our efforts to support and defend Israel. During these times we made need to send out special mailings or engage in other special activities. We may have a unity rally or other gathering and need you extra financial support now. See donation information below.
6. Fly an Israeli flag from your home and/or car. Wear an Israeli flag pin on your lapel, jacket, or shirt, blouse or cap. Show your solidarity and let others see it.
7. Share this ACTION ALERT with your email lists and post the Action items on social media.

Buy items from Israel on Israeli Web sites

Some examples:

<https://blessedbuyisrael.com/>

<https://www.israeliproducts.com/home>

<http://www.buyisraelgoods.org/>

<https://www.gitfood.com/>

<https://www.levhaolam.com/>

<https://market.marmelada.co.il/>

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<https://www.golfco.co.il/>

<https://www.makoletonline.com/>

<https://www.israelisupermarketonline.com/>

<https://israeldefensestore.com/>

<https://ahuva.com/pages/about-us-judaica-store>

Advocacy Suggestions:

- Press the White House to let Israel do whatever it deems necessary to stop the violence against her people and to dismantle the terrorist groups including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Fatah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Also: Iran supports most of those organizations. Tell the White House that this is NOT the time to relax or end sanctions against Iran. Call the White House at: 202-456-1414. The White House comment line (202-456-1111) has been disabled. Send an email message here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/> Also see the White House on Facebook and on Twitter.
- Contact your representatives in Washington (your House member and both senators) and ask them to issue statements in support of Israel and Israel's right to defend herself. Ask that they put a hold on any monies targeted for the Palestinian-Arabs that have not yet been disbursed. Ask them to condemn fellow lawmakers who have made anti-Israel statements or social media posts. Members of Congress from our region and contact information: <https://philly.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2021/01/congress-list-revised-011421.pdf>
- Monitor all local media, respond to false reporting that blame Israel for starting the violence, or that play up Arab casualties vs. Israeli casualties. It is important to remind people in the media that the Arabs deliberately target Jewish civilians with their rockets and incendiary devices – and that they use their own people as human shields to increase the number of their casualties for public relations purposes. Meanwhile, Israel takes steps that no other military in the world would to prevent or minimize civilian casualties. These last points could be the subject of a letter to the editor, web comment or blog comment. Thus: Be reactive and pro-active. Use social media liberally to inform others who may be misinformed by the mainstream media. See some examples of local anti-Israel media bias at the end of this email. See our local and national media directory: <https://philly.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2021/03/MEDIA-ACTION-GUIDE-February-2021.pdf>
Stay up-to-date on the news and developments – make sure your sources of information are accurate and reliable. <https://philly.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/09/web-internet-sites-updated-090120.pdf>

See screen shots of local anti-Israel media bias below.

We are told that even on the Salem Radio Network, which generally features pro-Israel programming, the news at the top and bottom of the hour is biased against Israel.

Contact info for Salem: <https://srnonline.com/contact-us>

Prayers:

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Prayer for the well-being of Israel:

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים, Our father in Shamayim (Heaven),
צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגֹאֲלוֹ, Fortress and redeemer of Yisra'el —
בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, bless the State of Israel,
רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתֵנוּ. the initial sprouting of our redemption.

הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חַסְדְּךָ, Shield her beneath the wings of your lovingkindness;
וּפָרֵשׁ עָלֶיהָ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, spread over her your Sukkah of peace;^[1]
וְשַׁלַּח אוֹרְךָ וְאֵמֶתְךָ לְרֹאשֵׁיהָ, שָׂרֶיהָ וְיוֹעֲצֶיהָ, send your light and your truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors,
וְתַקֵּן בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. and correct them with your good counsel.

חַזַּק אֶת יְדֵי מִגְנֵי אֶרֶץ קֹדְשֵׁנוּ, Strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land;
וְהַנְחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה, grant them, our elo'ah, salvation,
וְעֹטֶרֶת נִצְחֹן תַּעֲשֶׂם, and crown them with victory.
וְנִתְּתָה שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ Establish peace in the land,
וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ. and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

וְאֵת אֲחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל פְּקֹד־נָא Remember our brethren, the whole house of Yisra'el,
בְּכָל אֲרָצוֹת פְּזִירָהּ, in all the lands of their dispersion.
וְתוֹלִיכֵם מִהֶרָה קוֹמָמִיּוֹת לְצִיּוֹן עִירְךָ Speedily bring them to Tsiyon, your city,
וְלִירוּשָׁלַיִם מִשְׁכַּן שְׁמֶךָ, to Yerushalayim, dwelling of your [spoken] name,
כְּכָתוּב בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עַבְדְּךָ: as it is written in the Torah of your servant Moshe:
"אִם יְהִיָּה נִדְחָךְ בְּקֶצֶף הַשָּׁמַיִם, "Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world,
מִשָּׁם יִקְבֹּצְךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ וּמִשָּׁם יִקְחֶךָ. from there YHVH your elo'ah will gather and fetch you.
וְהִבִּיאֶךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְרָשׁוּ אֲבֹתֶיךָ YHVH your elo'ah will bring you into the land which your ancestors possessed,
וְיִרְשָׁתָהּ, and you shall possess it;
וְהִיטִבְךָ וְהִרְבֶּךָ מֵאֲבֹתֶיךָ. "וְהִיטִבְךָ וְהִרְבֶּךָ" (דברים ל:ד-ה) and Hashem will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your
ancestors."^[2]

וְיַחַד לִבֵּנוּ לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת שְׁמֶךָ, Unite our hearts to love and revere your name,
וּלְשֹׁמֵר אֶת כָּל דְּבָרֵי תוֹרָתְךָ. and to observe all the precepts of your Torah.
וְשַׁלַּח לָנוּ מִהֶרָה בֶּן דָּוִד מְשִׁיחַ צִדְקָךָ, Speedily send us your righteous Moshiah of the House of David,
לְפָדוֹת מַחְפִּי קִץ יְשׁוּעָתְךָ. to redeem those waiting for your salvation.
הוֹפֵעַ בְּהַדָּר גָּאוֹן עוֹד עַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵּבֶל אֲרָצְךָ, Shine forth in your glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of your world.
וַיֹּאמֶר כָּל אֲשֶׁר נְשָׁמָה בָּאֶפֶס: Let everything that breathes proclaim:
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֶלֶךְ, YHVH Elo'hei Yisra'el is King;
"וְיִמְלֹכוּתוֹ בְּכָל מְשָׁלָה." (תהלים קג:ס) "their majesty reigns over all."^{[3][4]}
אָמֵן סְלָה. Amen. Selah.

Prayer for the Israel Defense Forces:

"He Who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God, from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May the Almighty cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

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May He lead our enemies under our soldiers' sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is the Lord your God, Who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you.

Now let us respond: Amen.”

Analysis and Background:

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2021/05/11/understanding-the-sheikh-jarrah-property-dispute/>

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2021/05/11/hamas-is-undermining-israels-sovereignty-in-jerusalem/>

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2021/05/11/the-palestinian-leaders-al-aqsa-hoax-strikes-again/>

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2021/05/11/hamas-tacitly-admits-that-israel-is-only-hitting-military-targets/>

Examples of Media Bias:

https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/category/news/

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Escalates at Israeli holy site

Palestinians clashed with police at a Jerusalem compound sacred to both Muslims and Jews.

By Joseph Krauss
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Palestinian worshipers clashed with Israeli police late Friday at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, a major holy site sacred to Muslims and Jews, in an escalation of weeks of violence in Jerusalem that has reverberated across the region.

The Palestinian Red Crescent emergency service said 136 people were wounded in clashes with police there and elsewhere in Jerusalem, including 83 who were hospitalized. It said most were wounded in the face and eyes by rubber-coated bullets and shrapnel from stun grenades. Israel said six police officers were wounded.

Earlier Friday, Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinians and wounded a third after the

The Inquirer and AP claim that a mosque is "sacred to Muslims and Jews." They have erased the Temple Mount/Har Habayit and are attempting to de-Judaize the holiest site in all of Judaism.
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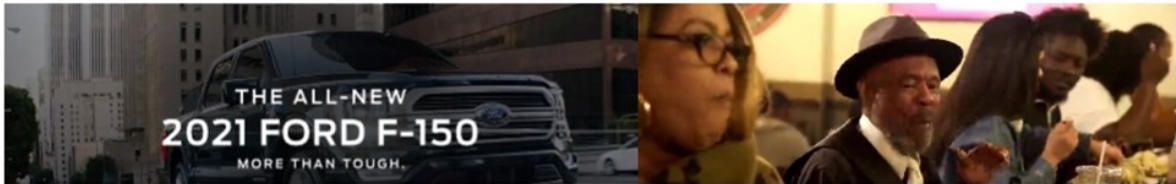
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**Inquirer and others are keeping score
as if it were a ball game. The omit the context
that the Arabs use civilians as human shields.**

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Israel's military said it is sending troop reinforcements to the Gaza border and the defense minister ordered the mobilization of 5,000 reserve soldiers.

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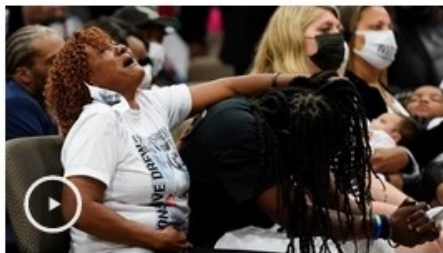
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