

## **Support Israel**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT ISRAEL IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS**

#### **Offer your Prayers for the Hostages and Civilians**

#### **Stay informed about recent events in Israel and the changing situation**

The following are excellent sources for news and information.

- **Arza.org** (connecting reform Jews and Israel)
- **Jstreet.org** (The new address of Middle East peace and security)
- AIPAC.org (The American Israel Public Affairs Committee)
- **Ynetnews.com**
- **Jta.org** (JTA, Global News Service of the Jewish People)
- **Haaretz.com**
- **Jpost.com** (Jerusalem Post)
- <http://english.thekotel.org/cameras.asp>

#### **Counter media bias**

When you discover a piece of bias in local or national media (newspapers, television, radio) immediately contact the media outlet or news agency and voice your opposition. Keep your remarks respectful and stick to the facts. No Jewish organization or Israeli consulate can sufficiently fight the propagandist war on every front; they need your help. Build a list of e-mail addresses of friends and colleagues so that when you discover bias, you can alert others to also file a complaint. There is power in the number of responses, even if your specific letter is not printed or quoted.

#### **Contact your elected officials**

Contact your congressmen and senators, thanking those who have already expressed their support for Israel and urging those who have not, to publicly support Israel's defensive actions, to support toughening of sanctions on Syria and legislation denying Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist organizations American aid.

#### **Provide Financial Support**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and its national partner organization, United Jewish Communities (UJC), have established mailboxes to accept donations in support of Israel. If you would like to make a donation by fax or mail, log on to: <https://secure.ujcfederations.org/ft2/form.html?id=9125> or mail donations to: Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City,

5801 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201, Overland Park, KS, 66211. Checks should be made out to Jewish Federation-Crisis in Israel. For more information or to make your donation on the phone, please contact the Campaign Department at (913) 327-8123.

## Israel Crisis Talking Points

As you write letters to your elected officials and editors, and in your conversations with friends and colleagues, you may want to consider the following talking points.

- The Hamas-led lobbing of missiles from the northern Gaza into Israel and then the killing of some Israeli soldiers and the kidnapping of another required Israel to respond.
- At the same time, the unprovoked, and unprecedented attacks by Hezbollah on Northern Israel, including Haifa, Israel's third largest city, leaves the State of Israel no choice but to respond to attacks on her soldiers and her civilian centers and to respond on a second front.
- Israel has clearly demonstrated its willingness to compromise and make peace. Seven years ago, Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon and a year ago unilaterally withdrew from the Gaza strip, including relocating almost 8,000 Israeli citizens living in Gaza. It is now from these two areas that Israel is being attacked, with the Palestinian Authority and the Lebanese government doing nothing to control this terror and to stop the indiscriminate firing of rockets into Israel.
- These conflicts are the direct result of ongoing attacks into sovereign Israel from Hamas and Hezbollah and, as a consequence of the intrusion and capture of Israel military personnel. This fact is clearly recognized by the Bush Administration, has been acknowledged by the Europeans and others, and has even been referred to by members of the Arab press.
- Hamas is the duly elected governing force in the Palestinian lands; Hezbollah is a formal part of the Lebanese government. Israel is under simultaneous attack on two of its borders by forces that are a part of their governing body and not just by scattered bands of terrorists. And there appears to be nothing that Israel can offer Hamas or Hezbollah other than the dissolution of the Jewish state that seems capable of curbing these terrorist groups' lust for wanton destruction and death.
- Hezbollah's ties to the totalitarian regimes in Syria and Iran add an additional chilling dimension to this escalating conflict. It is reported that Iran transfers between \$100 million and \$200 million to Hezbollah each year, while Syria often acts as an intermediary between Iranian suppliers and Hezbollah forces.

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