

October 8, 2023

Dear Adath Emanu-El community,

Yesterday, as we were celebrating Simchat Torah, the rejoicing of the Torah, it was not a joyful day for our family in Israel. This attack on Israel is unlike those in recent times.

For the families and loved ones of those who have been killed, we grieve with them and offer comfort. For those who have been wounded, we pray for their healing. For those who have been taken hostage, we pray for their safe return. For all Israel's citizens we send our sentiments of support. May Israel's leaders and those who are defending Israel have strength and fortitude to protect and preserve the lives of all who are being threatened.

On Tuesday, October 10 at 7 pm there will be a community Gathering in Solidarity with Israel at Congregation Beth El 8000 Main Street, Voorhees, NJ. My heart is in the East.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler

O HEAVENLY ONE, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all who seek peace.

Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it the canopy of Your peace; send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise, guiding them with Your good counsel.

Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell there. Amen.

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