

Dear Am HaYam family,

I wanted to connect with you in advance of our Solidarity for Israel Shabbat this very Shabbat. We hope to see you on Shabbat.

For this Shabbat, we will have special prayers, readings, songs, refreshments, and other features to show that we stand with Israel. Please plan to come this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and, especially, on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, I wanted to share a number of things with you. Here you will again find lots of items I have curated for you about the war, antisemitism, and other related items, whether blogs, news reports, maps, videos and audios.

I hope you find them useful. As always, you are welcome to share any of these with family and friends.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you this weekend at our Israel Solidarity Shabbat services, so that we can stand together with Israel as we celebrate Shabbat.

Shalom al Yisrael—Peace to Israel!

Kol tuv,
Rabbi J.B. Sacks

The Hamas Attacks and War

- [From the Consulate General of Israel—Current War info](#)
- [Israel at War: An Overview](#) from the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS, a think tank from Tel Aviv University)
- [Death Toll: Associated Press](#)
- [Israelis Weren't the Only Victims of the Hamas Attacks](#) (American Jewish Committee)
- [Testimony of a First-Responder](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [From Survivors of the Tribe of Nova Music Festival](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Bedouin Credited with Saving 30 from the Music Festival Massacre](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Obituaries/Portraits of the Fallen](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- Video (05:26) [Holocaust Survivor Survives Hamas](#). Jake Tapper (CNN)
- Video (04:43) [Nova Music Festival Survivor Describes Hiding](#). Jake Tapper (CNN)

- Podcast (30:21): [“ Hamas Is the Curse: Interview with Egyptian Researcher.”](#) From the INSS at Tel Aviv University.
- Video (07:14) [Son of Hamas Founder: “Israel Is Helping Palestinians”](#)

Life in Israel

- [Israeli Teens Step Up as Young Adults Called Up for Military Service](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Thousands of Ultra-Orthodox Israelis Volunteer, even to Serve in the Army](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Hostages

- [Partial List of Hostages](#)
- [Shabbat Tables Set with Empty Seats to Represent the Hostages](#) (New York Jewish Week)
- Video (00:21): [The Faces of Hamas War Crimes: Bring the Hostages Home Now](#)

United States–National News

- [U.S. Senate Confirms Jack Lew As Ambassador to Israel](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Protestors Disrupt Secretary of State Anthony Blinken As He Asks for Emergency Wartime Funds for Israel](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

United States–Antisemitism

- Map: [Antisemitic Incidents and Anti-Israel Rallies in the U.S. since October 7.](#) First item on the Anti-Defamation League’s Stand with Israel page.
- [Students for Justice in Palestine Endorse Terrorism.](#) On the ADL website, from its [Center on Extremism.](#)
- [Seven Ways Anti-Israel Protests Have Spread Antisemitism](#) (American Jewish Committee)
- Video (07:28) [Rise of antisemitic incidents in the wake of October 7](#) (CNN)
- [Dartmouth got its response right](#)
- [Universities united against terrorism](#)
- Video (01:15) [Bill Maher: Message for Israel-haters.](#)

United States–Human Interest

- [Eighth Graders Travel Four Hours to Pay a Shivah Visit to Family Who Lost Two in the Hamas War](#) (New York Jewish Week)
- [How U.S. Teens Are Feeling Amidst the Hamas War](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [New York Restaurants Raise Money for Israel, Gaining Some Customers and Losing Others](#) (New York Jewish Week)

Global Developments

- [Bolivia Severs Ties with Israel over the Hamas War](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Israel's UN Envoy Will Wear Yellow Star Until World Condemns Hamas](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [London Sees Rise in Antisemitism of 1,350% Since the Start of the Hamas War](#)
- [Flight from Israel Faces Mob Upon Landing in Russia](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [Historic Synagogue in Tunisia Heavily Damaged in Riots Related to the Hamas Attacks](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [The Abandonment of Israel by Many LGBTQ+ Groups](#) (by David Kilmnick, Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Background to the War

- [What You Need to Know about Hamas](#) (American Jewish Committee)
- [Timeline: Key Events in the Israel-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#) (American Jewish Committee)
- [Tough Questions about Gaza Answered](#) (American Jewish Committee)
- [Israel's Enduring Quest for Peace](#) (American Jewish Committee)

Misinformation

- [Israel Shows Journalists Raw Footage to Fight Against Disinformation](#) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- [On Media Misinformation](#) from A More Perfect Union: The Jewish Partnership for Democracy.

Ideas/Opinions

- [Let's Understand the Hamas Attacks through the Prism of Jewish Trauma, but Not through the Lens of the Holocaust](#) (by Yehuda Kurtzer, Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
- Blog: ["Three Jewish Reminders When the World Seems Overwhelming"](#) by C.E. Harrison
- Blog: ["To support Israel right now, tap into deep relationships"](#) by Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch

Conservative Movement

- [Posts from Mercaz USA](#). **Mercaz USA** is the United States branch of [Mercaz Olami](#), the Zionist organization of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement.
- [Israel Resources](#) from the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)

Petitions and Initiatives

- [Petition: Urge aid to and the release of the hostages](#). Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women
- Petition: [Make College Campuses Safer from Antisemitism. Sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League](#)
- Petition: [To Elected Leaders: Stand with Israel. Sponsored by the American Jewish Committee](#)
- Petition: [Send Governor Newsom a thank you note for his unqualified support of the State of Israel](#)
- Initiative: [Calling on Those with Furnished Apartments/Homes for Displaced Israelis](#)

Music–Performance

- Song: [Cantor Azi Schwartz: “Yam shel D’ma’ot”](#) (“A Sea of Tears”)--for the hostages
- Music: [Cantor Azi Schwartz visits soldiers of Israel Defense Forces at Hadassah Hospital](#) (singing Uzi Hitman’s setting of *Adon Olam*)
- Music: [18-Year Old Pianist Opens Carnegie Hall Concert with Hatikvah](#) (NY Jewish Week)
- Music: [Chopin Étude Op. 25 No. 7](#), performed by Yael Weiss, a concert pianist from Israel, expressing her grief and anguish
- Music: [Alma Deutscher, piano concerto in E-flat major. ii: Adagio \(in memoriam\)](#), for those murdered on October 7
- Song [“Chai.”](#) a Kooloolam performance

Music–Song Compilations/Playlists

- Music: [Shir Chadash: Songs for Israel](#), sponsored by the Cantors Assembly of the Conservative Movement
- Music: [Song Swap: Israel Solidarity](#)
- Music: [Tears Are Medicine: Songs of Comfort and Healing](#), from Rising Song Records (part of Hadar)

Sports: How teams and athletes have reacted to Israel’s war with Hamas *(from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency)*

As Israel’s war with Hamas nears its one-week mark, no part of society has been unaffected, including sports. In the immediate aftermath of Hamas’ surprise attack last Saturday, games were postponed in Israel’s professional soccer and basketball leagues, along with Israel’s upcoming international qualifying matches for the 2024 European Football Championship.

Teams and athletes—Jewish and not—from around the United States and the world quickly began [sharing messages of support for Israel](#). In more recent days, global stars like [LeBron James](#) and [Floyd Mayweather](#) have also spoken out. On Wednesday night, the [Philadelphia Phillies held a moment of silence](#) during their National League Division Series game against the Atlanta Braves.

On Tuesday, Baltimore Orioles pitcher [Dean Kremer became the first Israeli player to start an MLB postseason game](#) when he took the mound against the Texas Rangers. Kremer, who holds dual citizenship and whose parents and extended family are Israeli, said the country would be “in the back of my head” as he pitched.

That same night in the other American League Division Series, Houston Astros star [Alex Bregman drew a Star of David on his hat](#) for the Astros’ matchup against the Minnesota Twins. Bregman homered in the game, which Houston won.

Finally, as the devastating details continued to emerge from the violence in Israel and Gaza, we learned that [a number of current and former Israeli athletes were among the more than 1,300 victims](#). We remember swimmer **Eden Nimri**, former soccer star **Lior Asulin**, lacrosse player **Mor Cohen** and **Mai Naim**, the granddaughter of one of Israel’s most successful soccer coaches.