



Israel Under Attack – October 22-26 Update

Dear Partners and friends,

The Jewish people has known many catastrophes throughout our history. Unlike other great ancient nations – who vanished from the world, we have always known how to rise from the ruins and fulfill our destiny, set by God to Abraham in our weekly portion: "Lech Lecha", "Go Forth".

It is our holy mission to go forth and choose life – life of hope, meaning, creation and Tikkun.

At Leo Baeck Education Center we embrace the calling to Go Forth, and thanks to your support and friendship, were and are able to act upon it on many different fronts:



We continue our children center activities.

Many worried parents and kids enjoyed our programs and activities, and found some relief from being at home and away from school for nearly a month.



On Tuesday, we returned to a part time learning schedule at school - under emergency restrictions. We opened all of our bomb shelters, and moved all students to learning areas that are within reach of one minute in case of missile attacks. Since the school operates under emergency restrictions, we increased the number of our security people, as well as the therapeutic support of psychologists.



Due to the continued war, many families from the South and the North of Israel were evacuated from their homes, of which many were placed in hotels in Haifa.

We formed groups of students who go into the different hotels to play with kids and create joyful activities for the families.



Today, Friday, Rabbi Oshrat Morag and Rabbi Ariela Gertz-Bartov, together with our Kabbalat Shabbat youth team, will lead Kabbalat Shabbat with those families, to enable a spiritual and hopefully uplifting relief.



Beginning next week, our Center will launch special programs for Haifa residents, as well as the evacuated families in the hotels. We created a variety of activities for all ages, including theatre shows for kids, Zoom Lectures led

by our alumni, Hug & Comfort circles for adults, Mom & Baby space, movie night for youth, and more.

Our Shared Society programs continue and are probably important now more than ever. While we are at war with Hamas - a terror organization, it is extremely important to strengthen the connections with our Israeli Arab friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, there are voices who try to break this long lasting friendship, and that leads to anxiety in both sides. Thus, next week we will hold a gathering of all of our Shared Society activists, Jews and Arabs, pray together, hurt together and bring hope together.

We strive and hope that our efforts are the fulfillment of the calling and the blessing given to Abraham in our portion:

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

(Genesis 12,2)

וְאֶעֱשֶׂה לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל וְאֶבְרַכְכָּה וְאֶגְדַּלְךָ וְשִׁמְךָ יִהְיֶה בְרָכָה

We are all part of this great nation. These days, our Nation all around the globe is affected by anti-Semitism and anti- Zionism. We are sending our love and strength to you, and pray that you keep safe.

We would like to offer you an opportunity to speak with Israeli youth and hear a first hand, authentic testimony of the situation in Israel.

Our students will be happy to join a zoom meeting with your congregation, community, school, and share their thoughts and experiences of what is it like to live in Israel right now.

Please contact Rabbi Oshrat for more details: oshratm@leobaeck.org.il

Our hearts are with the families of all those who lost their lives. We pray for the fast return of our hostages and the recovery of the injured, in body and soul.

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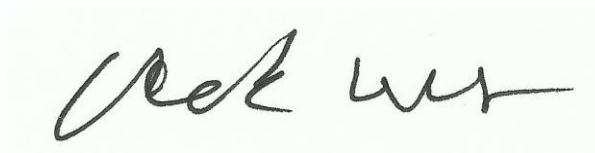
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