



Special Giving Edition for DAF Holders

Friends,

As violence escalates and Israelis face renewed threats, we know many in our community are eager to help.

Together, we can ensure a safer, stronger future for Israelis and Jewish communities everywhere.

Jewish tradition teaches that to save one life is to save an entire world. Please join us in helping those affected by the current crisis in Israel. Provided below are vetted organizations working to address the current and emerging needs on the ground in Israel.

Thank you for your generosity, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Warmly,

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Federation's Comprehensive Response

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's ongoing work in Israel includes trauma care, mental health support, emergency relief, and long-term recovery for communities under threat.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, EIN 53-0196597

With trusted partners already in place, Federation delivers a coordinated and adaptable response—building resilience, caring for those affected by conflict, and helping Israelis prepare for and recover from crisis. Learn more about Federation's focus areas [here](#). Gifts should be directed to Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, **memo: Israel Impact Area**.

Hospitals

All hospitals in Israel are on high alert, and as targets and impacts change, providing support to any hospital at this time will be beneficial. So far, these four hospitals have treated the most injuries:

Shamir Hospital/Assaf Harofeh, EIN 13-2861992: Located in Rishon LeZion, a city that has been the epicenter of numerous attacks. Shamir is also recognized for its innovative post-traumatic mental health and basic care services. Gifts should be sent to [Friends of Shamir Medical Center](#).

Sheba Hospital/Tel Hashomer, EIN 13-3733541: Located Tel Aviv is the primary hospital for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and has been providing physical and other rehabilitation services, as well as addressing critical care needs, since October 7. Gifts should be sent to [American Friends of Sheba Medical Center](#).

Ichilov Hospital/Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, EIN 13-3310053: This is the largest acute care hospital in the country, offering a comprehensive range of surgical and primary care services, as well as serving as a hub for medical tourism. Gifts should be sent to [Friends of the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center](#).

Rambam Hospital, EIN 23-7049727: Located in Haifa, is an academic medical center which is a hub for healthcare in the country's north including for the IDF Northern Command. Gifts should be sent to [American Friends of Rambam](#).

First Responders

The Angels Who Dare To Do What None Can Bear - Anytime, Anywhere.

United Hatzalah, EIN 11-3533002: Combines a network of over 8,000 volunteers with the latest technology and a fleet of emergency medical vehicles to respond to more than 2,000 emergencies daily, achieving an average response time of under two minutes. Hatzalah is at the forefront of every emergency in Israel, including all trauma and crisis responses to attacks from Iran.

Magen David Adom, EIN 13-1790719: Israel's national ambulance and emergency service, consisting of 33,000 EMTs, paramedics, and first aid providers. It also manages the country's blood bank network and serves as the backbone of Israel's emergency response infrastructure.

ZAKA, EIN:52-236197 Israel's dominant search, rescue and recovery nonprofit NGO, with 3,000 volunteers ready 24/7 to respond to any disaster. Operating globally, ZAKA provides swift, professional humanitarian aid, honoring all lives with dignity.

IsraAID, EIN 46-2118225: For the past year, IsraAID has been a constant companion to displaced and grieving communities in Israel on the long road to recovery, utilizing a global experience to respond to ongoing emergency 'at home.

Trauma & Mental Health

Trauma and mental health support is ongoing and critical for victims, their families, and all people managing the current crisis.

Fund for Victims of Terror, a program of The Jewish Agency for Israel, EIN 131624240: Supporting families whose loved ones have been injured or killed, as well as those whose homes and property were damaged or destroyed, by providing immediate financial aid, counseling, housing, and more. A Jewish Agency representative personally visits victims to provide emergency aid within 48 hours as a statement that the Jewish people around the world are with them. **Please direct to Jewish Agency for Israel North America memo: VOT Fund.**

Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC), EIN 25-1017602: Providing immediate trauma response across Israel, including in Ramle, where ITC has opened a center to identify victims. Our funds will provide treatment at ITC's 12 resilience centers in Sderot and surrounding communities—centers Federation has funded for years—and to train and support first responders, teachers, and community leaders managing this crisis.

Counseling Center for Women: A therapy center run by women for women provides clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, and psychiatrists that treats more than 300 women each week according to women's unique emotional and psychological needs. CCW is currently training other agencies in feminist therapy, contributing to Israel's ability to cope with nationwide trauma. Please direct to **PEF Israel Endowment Funds Inc. & enclose a note with The Counseling Center for Women, I.D. number 58-0130789.**

Merchav Marpeh ('Healing Space'): Funding provides training to professionalize the operations of Healing Space, an emergency mental health facility established during the current war to care for thousands of traumatized young people who attended the Nova Festival. Their unique model offers a holistic, integrative, and community-based approach using yoga, music, art, and nature in conjunction with trained mental health professionals. Please direct to **America Gives EIN: 26-3383926 memo: Merchav Marpe.**

Questions? Please contact Sara.Brenner@shalomdc.org.

Helping the Hostages

As Israel navigates this new phase of trauma, impact, and war, we must **keep in mind the hostages still held in Gaza for 618 excruciating days**. The [Hostages and Missing Families Forum](#) has worked since day one after October 7th to bring them home now.

