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הסוכנות היהודית
לארץ ישראל
THE JEWISH AGENCY
FOR ISRAEL



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Dear Educators,

As each of us navigate the sense of personal sorrow we are feeling, we come together in order to support educators and students in Israel. The Jewish Agency for Israel, in cooperation with their partners at the Ministry of Education, have invited North American Jewish Schools to show our support and solidarity by sending messages of deep caring.

On behalf of The Jewish Education Project, in partnership with Foundation for Jewish Camp, Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools, M²: The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education, and the Jewish Federations of North America, your students and teachers are invited to participate in a letter writing campaign to support Israelis.

Details

There are two sets of letters being requested.

1. Educator to educator
2. Student to student

Suggestions

- We suggest typing your letters so that they are easily read. If writing the letter in English by hand, please write in block letters, rather than in cursive script so they are more legible. Letters may also include drawings.
- Suggestions of wording:
 - We admire your strength.
 - We see your pain and feel for you.
 - We stand with you.
 - We know that you may be scared.
- Although you will not receive the specific details of your letter's recipient, please share some personal information including the grade you are in or what you teach, where you live, and

something about yourself or your family. These details will help the reader connect with you. Tell them about anything you may have done to support Israel, or any specific connection you have.

- **As you can imagine, Israeli educators are under tremendous pressure at this time. The Jewish Agency requests that we please prioritize writing to them first.**
- Your notes can be as short or long as you wish.

Upload

Please upload all the letters and drawings into these folders. They will be shared directly with educators and students in Israel.

Letters for students:

<https://educator.jewishedproject.org/form/letters-for-israeli-students>

Letters for teachers:

<https://educator.jewishedproject.org/form/letters-for-israeli-educators>

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Alaina Shuman](#).

Wishing you and your communities strength, and may all in Israel know peace soon.

With appreciation for all you do, today and every day,

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A Note From One of Our Colleagues at the Jewish Agency

Dear Friends,

Words fall short to express the horrific events of the past few days here in Israel and the ways in which our lives, so many lives, have been turned around and torn apart. Our people are in pain. Hurting in ways that remind us of the darkest chapters of our history. Yet, even in these moments of sorrow, a powerful force emerges—a promise as enduring and age-old as our people: Am Israel Chai. עם ישראל חי.

At the Jewish Agency we work with all segments of Israeli society and with schools across Israel in various programs and initiatives, building bridges of connections, commitment and understanding between Israelis and the global Jewish world.

In this challenging time, as school staff throughout Israel share their distress, they also express some comfort in knowing they're not alone. There is strength in knowing that our global family cares, stands by us, and keeps us in their thoughts and prayers. I want to personally thank you for your messages of solidarity and support. Your letters will be sent to schools across the country, reminding teachers and students alike of our collective bond - Am Israel Chai.

Israel is resilient; our spirit remains unbroken. Even in these painful times, the tenacity and unity of our society shine through, and there is no doubt in my mind we will prevail. The beauty of our collective community already shines through these dark days.

Sending my warmest wishes and love to each and every one of you, wherever you are, Osnat Fox, on behalf of the Jewish Agency For Israel