

## Ideas for Ways to Help, Israel Response for Educators

**Suggested actions, programs, prayers, and activities to do in Religious, Hebrew, and Congregational Schools and Independent learning programs with students**

### Actionable ways for students to show support

- [Write Letters of Support to Israeli Teachers and Students](#): a letter writing campaign for NY religious schools to connect and show support to Israelis, on behalf of The Jewish Agency for Israel, in partnership with The Jewish Education Project, Foundation for Jewish Camp, Prizmah, and Jewish Federations of North America.
- [Little Hands, Big Hearts](#): PJ Library project to send messages of hope from kids in New York to Israeli children.
- Write a letter of support to a Lone Soldier with the [Lone Soldier Project](#) (What is a [Lone Soldier?](#))
- Run an emergency donation drive for Israeli soldiers (Perhaps a specific soldier related to your community)
- Participate in a local rally for Israel

### Tefillah-related ideas to do with your students

- Sharing Names during *Tefillah* - Mention the names of members of your extended community who are being impacted at this moment in Israel. Set up a spreadsheet or form and have families email with the Hebrew and/or English names who your community can pray for, as well as their status (e.g., IDF soldier, injured, missing, etc.).
- Sing *Hatikvah* together
- Sing the [Acheinu](#) song (text from the end of the traditional weekday Torah service)

אחינו כל בית ישראל, הנתונים בצרה ובשביה, העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה, המקום ירחם עליהם, ויוציאם מצרה לרחוקה, ומאפלה לאורה, ומשעבוד לגאולה, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב

*As for our siblings, the whole house of Israel, who are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they abide on the sea or on the dry land: May the All-present have mercy upon them, and bring them forth from trouble to enlargement, from darkness to light, and from subjection to redemption, now speedily and at a near time.*

- Add a prayer for the State of Israel to your tefillah/prayer or assembly. You can use [traditional language](#), use the [Reform movement version](#), or [Reconstructing Judaism version](#).
- Include the traditional prayer for the [safety of Israeli soldiers](#) or an alternative version found [here](#).
- Add the prayer for the release of captives (see Hebrew/Eng text above).

**Tzedakah: Suggested organizations your community can support during this crisis**

- The [\*Jewish Funders Network\*](#) has curated and vetted a long [\*list of groups\*](#) supporting the wide range of services and needs in Israel during this crisis.