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Dear TBI Members and Friends

The unprovoked and unprecedented attack on Israel over the weekend has, at the time of this writing, left more than 700 Israelis dead and missing and many others held captive. The government of Israel has mobilised its reserves and declared a state of war.

Many in our community have described their sense of loss, worry, shock and grief. In Melbourne, the Jewish community and our congregation are working to create meaningful responses to these events, demonstrate our support for our Israeli cousins, and to feel a sense of hope and comfort at this most difficult and tragic time.

To that end, TBI hosted a solidarity gathering at the shul last night. We wish to thank the hundreds of people who attended both in person and online and those who assisted in its planning and delivery. You will be hearing about more shul initiatives soon.

For now, however, allow me to draw to your attention a couple of ways you may wish to stand with Israel.

Tonight at 7:30, the Melbourne Jewish community will host a solidarity event. Rabbi Robuck will be present and has been asked to deliver the Prayer for Israel. The Rally for Israel is being sponsored by several prominent organisations including, but not limited to, Zionism Victoria, and the JCCV.

Click here to watch this evening's event:

[Rally for Israel Event](#)

During the observance of Yizkor on Yom Kippur, some may recall that we spoke about the rabbinic view, Tzedakah tatzil mimavet – how, acts of justice and generosity can perpetuate the memory of those who have died. With that in mind and to honour the memory of Israel's fallen, we draw your attention to just a couple of hard-working, charitable organisations that have already established their appeals in support of the state and citizens of Israel. Please give as generously as you can.

Magen David Adom

UIA Israel at War Emergency Appeal

(in conjunction with the UPJ, PJV and

Arza Australia)

Though there will be more information forthcoming – and be assured that your team at TBI are here and available to support you however possible, we wish to extend to you an invitation to [click here](#) and to join Rabbi Robuck on Zoom tomorrow, (Tuesday) from 12:00-1:00 for an informal gathering; a chance for us to breathe, share our feelings and to be together. At that time too, we will discuss how you think TBI can play a meaningful role going forward and help all our members and friends, to stand with Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Rabbi Gary Robuck, Cantor Michel Laloum, and TBI President Michael Lawrence.



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