

# **Solidarity** **when it's needed most**

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A TOOLKIT

October 7, 2023:

# Israel and the Jewish world came under brutal attack by Hamas

## A PLOT TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING:

**1,200 Israelis murdered** (many children and babies).

**Over 100 hostages taken.**

**Israeli teens gang-raped, murdered and paraded in the streets.** (where are the outraged feminists? See [here](#) image of woman hostage's pants covered in blood between her legs).

**Babies beheaded, some found burned to death in their cribs.**

**Elderly women murdered while live-streamed across their social media accounts for their families to see.**



1 of the 100s of hostages taken



A child's bedroom

October 8-9, 2023:

# Meanwhile these acts were celebrated around the world



Toronto | October 9, 2023



New York City | October 8, 2023



Sydney



Paris

**“From the River to the Sea, Palestine Will Be Free”** is a common call-to-arms for pro-Palestinian activists. It calls for the establishment of a State of Palestine from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, erasing the State of Israel and its people.



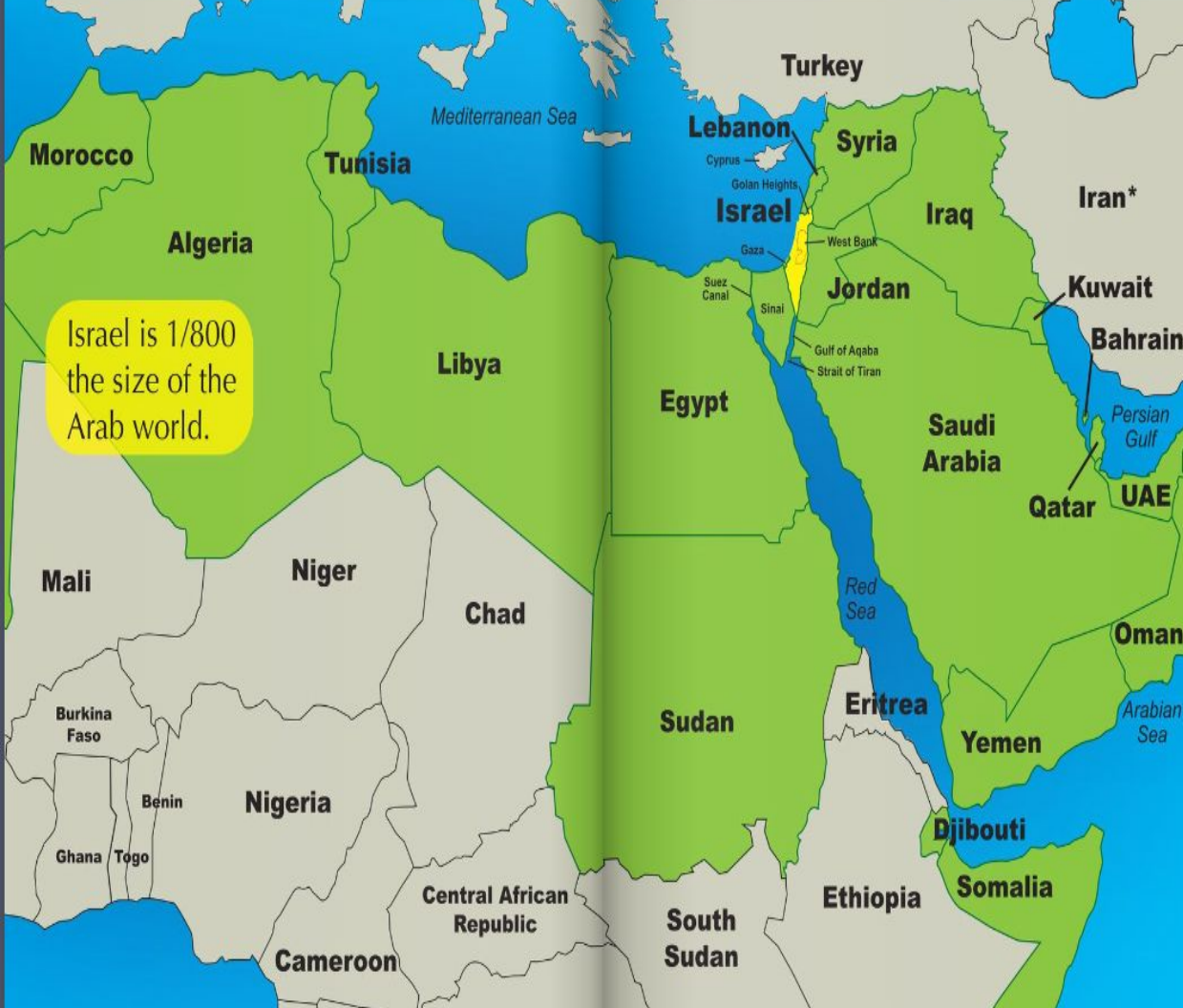
London

## Relate & Reflect:

Imagine the day following 9/11, you witness global rallies celebrating & promoting the violence.

# Background Crash Course

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Israel is 1/800  
the size of the  
Arab world.

**Number of countries  
by Religious Majority:**

- 67 Roman Catholic
- 49 Islamic
- 49 Protestant
- 14 Eastern Orthodox
- **1 Jewish**

**What Israel Means  
to the Jewish People:**

**Israel is the only Jewish  
country in the world**

**Israel is the only democracy in the  
Middle East**

Jews have archeological & Biblical  
reference of Jewish **presence in Israel**  
**dating back over 3000 years**

**Jerusalem is mentioned in the Torah**  
(Jewish Bible) **669 times** (Quran: 0)

Jewish synagogues are configured  
so that **prayer always faces Jerusalem**  
(in USA this means facing East)

# Timeline please?

**1916**

After WW1 Britain and France carved up the Middle East, Brits had control over what was named British Palestine ([Sykes-Picot Agreement](#))

**1947**

Britain exits Middle East, UN divided land into a Jewish state & Arab state (Jews agreed, Arabs rejected)

**1948**

A few hours before the Brits left, David Ben Gurion declared "The State of Israel is born," considered founding of nation

**1948**

## [The War of Independence](#)

The day after the founding, every neighboring Arab country & local Palestinians launched an attack on Israel. During the uninitiated war, Israel gained more land than was originally partitioned in the UN division. **This is a hot topic as Israel gained land through this war that the enemies initiated. Other Arab countries took Palestinian land for themselves as well, Egypt took Gaza Strip & Jordan took the West Bank.**

## Many other Arab initiated wars from 1956 - Present

- Sinai War
- Six Day War
- Yom Kippur War
- War of Attrition
- First Lebanon War
- Simchat Torah War (Oct 7, 2023)

## As well as many rejected peace offers where Israel came to the table with a two-state solution

- PLO Charter (1964)
- Khartoum Resolution (1967)
- Camp David (2000)
- Olmert Offer (2008)
- 2014 Negotiations

# Why are the Palestinians treated like prisoners & oppressed in Israel?



## Not all Palestinians have the same experience in Israel:

### Group A: Arab Israelis 1.9 MM

Live in Israel.

Full equal rights, some even serve in the Israeli government.

When surveyed, 77.4% of this group said they *do not wish* to join a Palestinian state should it be formed.\*

### Group B: Palestinians in Gaza 2 MM

Zero Israeli involvement since 2005.

In 2005, Israeli government disengaged from the land completely. Any Jew living there was asked to leave to allow for a full self governing Palestinian state.

Peace did not ensue: 2007 Hamas took over as government/terror regime and started to send rockets and suicide bombers into Israel. The security fence between Gaza and Israel was built as a result.

### Group C: Palestinians in the West Bank live across 3 zones

**Zone A** fully self governed

**Zone B** self governed with Israeli security oversight

**Zone C** (closest to Israel border line) under full Israeli oversight. The belief for this setup is the closer to the border line, the more Israel needs to have security presence to avoid terror and violence coming across the border as is what has been seen with Gaza and no Israeli presence (aside from the security wall dividing Gaza from Israel proper)

\*Research by Professor Sammy Smooha, University of Haifa

# Who is Hamas?

## (Designated by U.S. as Terror Organization)

Once Israel removed all Israelis from Gaza to allow full self-governance, Palestinians elected Hamas as their government in 2007.

Hamas has no desire for a peaceful solution with Israel; **charter directly calls for death to all Jews** (see right, full charter [here](#))

**Palestinians in Gaza suffer under their rule as well**, as they divert funds that would go to education & progressive infrastructure to weapons and [tunnels](#). Did you also see that Hamas is telling Gazan civilians not to heed IDF warnings and [stay put as human shields](#)?



### Critical Questions:

- How would you suggest Israel attempt peace terms with a militia that states peace is not an option; only solution is eradication/death of all Jews? Why no charter to 'free their people'? Only commitment to kill?
- What makes you uncomfortable to denounce actions by a terror group who in plain sight makes their genocidal cause known?



### Hamas Charter

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it." (Preamble)

"The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them." (Article 7)

"Hamas regards itself the spearhead and the vanguard of the circle of struggle against World Zionism... Islamic groups all over the Arab world should also do the same, since they are best equipped for their future role in the fight against the warmongering Jews." (Article 32)



# But what about the Palestinians? How can one truly help the Palestinian civilians?

Addressing the Palestinian issue begins with identifying the the root cause of their plight. Spoiler: It's not all Israel. See below how you can speak about various groups and countries improving Palestinian progress.

**Palestinian Authority:** Pressure the PA (West Bank government) to provide civilians civil liberties, freedom of speech, women's/LGBT rights - the only group who can provide these rights to these citizens is the PA, Israel has no jurisdiction in West Bank. Push for PA to actually come to the table for a two-state peace offering. Israel has proposed multiple peace offerings, pressure the PA to enter into a serious negotiation for their people.

**Hammas:** Push for governance of aid coming into Gaza actually going to a progressive infrastructure. Water pipes coming into Gaza for irrigation were all used for rockets vs to fortify irrigation and infrastructure. Push for liberal and democratic values, all of which don't exist in Gaza: no freedom of speech, no women's' rights, LGBT are brutalized.

**Other Arab Governments:** If truly following the Palestinian plight, track and advocate for Palestinian rights and equal treatment throughout the Middle East.

- **Lebanon:** Lebanon is a true apartheid state with brutally enforced apartheid laws against Palestinians. Illegal to hold certain professions, not allowed to own land, no access to public health. To truly address the Palestinian plight, rally for equality for the 300K Palestinians in Lebanon.
- **Syria:** ~160K Palestinians living in Syria in Yarmouk camps were forced to flee refugee camps, left homeless.
- **Kuwait:** When Arafat sided with Saddam Hussein, leaders of Kuwait took over Palestinian businesses, drove them out of the country (population of 400K now been displaced and dwindled to ~20K).

**Egypt:** Why does Egypt get a free pass for pure civilian rejection? Israel has notified Palestinian civilians to flee Gaza, while Egypt tightens their borders and rejects fleeing civilians to a safe haven.

**Israel:** When speaking about Israel and Palestinians, identify true issues that allow for progress vs just villainizing Israel as the 'colonizers' (as again they left their position in Gaza to no progress or peace improvement). Currently in West Bank Zone C, 100K Palestinians live there and grandfathered under archaic Jordanian law. Israel could consider bringing these civilians citizens under Israeli vs archaic and limiting Jordanian law. Identify ways for Israel to streamline export process coming out of West Bank.

# What are these hot button topics I hear about?

Open air prison

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Settlements

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Apartheid

# Open Air Prison

Gaza is often referred to as an 'Open Air Prison.' This is two-fold:

- **The Israel security fence limits pass-through to Israel proper.**  
After Israel removed all presence from Gaza, the response led to a smattering of suicide bombers bombing pizzerias, cafes, bus stops.  
**As a protective measure Israel built a security fence to manage traffic in and out of Israel.**
- **Israel manages the Gaza port monitoring what enters into Gaza.**  
Israel enacted a blockade of the Gaza port in 2007 after the Navy seized several ships loaded with weapons sent via Iran into Gaza. The last ship being the [Karine A](#), carrying 50 tons of rockets & bombs. It was after the many weapon carrying shipments that Israel enacted the sea blockade, which was supported by the West. **If not monitored, Hamas' access to more weapons would further compromise Israeli security. There is no metering of non-weapon goods shipped to Gaza through their port.**



# Settlements

This is a contentious topic. As mentioned on prior slide, **Palestinians live across all three zones of Israel:** Israel proper, West Bank and Gaza.

**Settlements relate to West Bank where Israel still has security access in 2 zones.** There are Jewish 'settlers' who insist on living in the outermost zone of West Bank. This is due to some Israelis seeing what happened when Israel completely exited Gaza and it was taken over by a deadly terrorist group. Belief is this could happen again with unilateral disengagement.

Many Israelis and American liberals feel these settlers should leave to improve relations.



## Critical Question:

Based on the Gaza outcome, would a full Israeli exit from the West Bank have a chance at peace?

# Apartheid

## Definition of Apartheid:

Policy of segregating & economically/politically oppressing a group of people.  
South Africa is the country with most prominent apartheid past.

By definition, Israel is not an apartheid state:

- No physical separation in public spaces
- No requirement of race on IDs
- Arabs serve in the Israeli army
- Arabs hold government positions in the [Kneset](#) (Israeli government)

## SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID

		
Interracial Sex & Marriage Banned	✓	✗
Race Listed on IDs	✓	✗
Institutionalized Segregation	✓	✗
Physical Separation in Public Spaces	✓	✗
Separate Legislatures	✓	✗
ID Requirements	✓	✗



**Critical Thinking:** Do you know where apartheid DOES exist for Palestinians?

In Lebanon, Palestinians are unable to own land, hold certain professions.

# Jewish Experience

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This was only 78 years ago, we said #NeverAgain



# Yet this is the current Jewish experience



Dallas | Nazis demonstrating outside a church



Fort Worth | A man with a swastika armband at Torchy's Tacos

Three decades of data show that conflicts in Israel lead to big jumps in Jewish hate crimes across the US

## Children's school increasing drills and security for 1st graders

Dear Family,

Thank you to all those who have provided feedback and input over the last two days. We recognize that this is a very challenging time with so many unknowns.

I have been in touch with the Federation Security Team on an ongoing basis - for security protocols, updates, credible threats and other related information. We are aware of a threat circulating through Chat groups, and I have been in touch with the head of the Federation's Security team. They are actively investigating and of course we will share any credible concerns. As of now there are no threats in Dallas and they are monitoring the situation very closely.

Beginning Tuesday, we have had three marked and unmarked cars continually patrolling the neighborhood and passing through the campus. On FRIDAY there will be a police car on campus during carpool times, beginning at 7.45 am. Our security service provider is working with us to add an additional security officer for the west side of the campus, someone that will be stationed near the west entrance for all cars entering the premises. This additional person will work together with Migale to ensure the safety of all our children.

Within the building, we will be doing a security drill tomorrow. Teachers know to use extra vigilance in supervision.

In tandem with our efforts, we must always turn to the HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the Almighty, in sincere prayer, that He should provide Divine Protection and grant us the wisdom and wherewithal to make the correct decisions.

## Oct 13 | Hamas calls for Global Day of Violence

**Former Hamas leader Khalid Mashal calls for global 'Jihad applied on the ground' on Friday**

By Jen Hodgson 4 hrs ago





**We can't be silent,  
we need your solidarity**

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**We believe many feel strong opposition to terror  
and cultural genocide, but public expression  
has been limited.**

**Many from the global Jewish community have voiced  
how isolating and scary this silence is.**

**In the end, we will remember  
not the words of our  
enemies, but the silence  
of our friends.**


- Martin Luther King Jr.

**The opposite of love  
is not hate,  
it's indifference.**

- Elie Wiesel

# We're grateful to those who've raised their voices in support.

## We need to amplify this chorus with even more voices.




**Paramount Global condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas.**

We stand with the people of Israel and the global Jewish community.  
We stand with all the innocent lives impacted.  
We stand with the children who deserve to be children.  
We stand united against all acts of terror and hate.

To help, join us in supporting the following organizations:



<b>Magen David Adom</b> <a href="https://www.mdaais.org/en">https://www.mdaais.org/en</a>	<b>UJA-Federation of New York</b> <a href="https://www.ujafedny.org/">https://www.ujafedny.org/</a>
<b>NATAL</b> <a href="https://www.natal.org.il/en">https://www.natal.org.il/en</a>	<b>Save the Children</b> <a href="https://www.savethechildren.org/">https://www.savethechildren.org/</a>



The devastation in Israel is tragic and unacceptable. The murder and violence against innocent people by Hamas is terrorism. The SpringHill Company family sends our deepest condolences to Israel and the Jewish community. We pray for peace in the region and reiterate our continued commitment to fight hate in all its forms. We all must work to ensure this tragedy does not spread even more hate, racism, and antisemitism.

**MAVERICK CARTER & LEBRON JAMES**

**THE NBA AND NBPA MOURN THE HORRIFIC LOSS OF LIFE IN ISRAEL AND CONDEMN THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM. WE STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND PRAY FOR PEACE FOR THE ENTIRE REGION.**



Dear

We recognize that many members of our community are affected by the violence against innocent people in Israel and Gaza. We also recognize that many people here in the US and Canada are experiencing ongoing fear for their personal safety as a result.

Lyft unequivocally condemns anti-semitism and all other forms of discrimination on the basis of religion or country of origin. Our [community guidelines](#) and [terms of service](#) prohibit harassment or discrimination on the basis of religion, national origin, race, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age or sexual orientation. Riders or drivers who violate these terms of service can be banned from the Lyft platform.

We have a strong community, and consistently work to ensure that our riders and drivers feel safe. If you experience harassment or discrimination we urge you to report it in the Lyft app. We haven't seen an increase in incidents, but we are monitoring the situation very closely. We remain committed to fostering a Lyft community that is safe, inclusive and welcoming.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Lyft community.

Corporations may fear touching a hot button issue, but this is not an 'issue' anymore - **this is genocide**

**'Safe' Solidarity for internal or public communications can look like:**

#### 1- Mirroring what our President has already said

The U.S. stands with Israel after Hamas' brutal massacre in Israel, condemning the attack as "pure, unadulterated evil"

**"There's no justification for terrorism. There's no excuse."**

#### 2- Condemning Hamas's Multiple War Crimes

Hamas broke every single international law basic principle:

- ✘ **Military necessity:** Entered civilian homes
- ✘ **Distinction:** Targeted unarmed civilians
- ✘ **Proportionality:** Infants taken hostage
- ✘ **Humanity:** Civilian ambulance bombed
- ✘ **Honor:** Victims raped, evidence posted to own Facebook timelines

# Through the 'safe solidarity' lens, public communications might look like:

- 1) **We condemn the attack** of Hamas as terrorism, which we strongly condemn
- 2) **We send a showing of support** to the Jewish community who has experienced crimes against humanity
- 3) **We cannot stay silent** when terrorism raises its head, we stand in solidarity with all victims and those fighting it
- 4) The **devastation in Israel is tragic & unacceptable**



## Critical Question:

**Does public support of Israel mean that one doesn't empathize with the Palestinian civilian plight?**

Much like Black Lives Matter didn't mean 'white lives don't matter' - the overt support for Black lives was based on circumstance that made it clear Black lives were the ones who needed the voice and support.

# How to speak out about 10/7 in a sensitive and impactful way with friends/colleagues:

## step 1

Acknowledge that you are not an expert on the **Israeli-Palestinian conflict**, that you do not know the whole history but that you are aware that it is a **long, complicated and painful** one for all involved.

## step 2

Separate the Palestinian quest for freedom from the actions of Hamas. You can feel compassion for the Palestinian people AND think that Hamas' actions were unacceptable. **They are not mutually exclusive.**

## step 3

Denounce the horrible, barbaric and evil **acts of terrorism** that occurred on 10/7, the **victim-blaming** that continues to ensue and the **damaging silence** from the majority of the global population.

## step 4

End with a clear message of support, like:

- **I stand with Israel**
- **I support Israel**
- **End anti-semitism**
- **I stand with the Jewish Community**

or whatever feels right for you.

**If you wish to donate**

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# Vetted charities providing emergency support



<https://afmda.org/>



<https://israelrescue.org/>