



STOP THE SIRENS

Israelis have endured weeks of rocket fire and, in the south, years of prolonged terrorism. They are in need. Federations are ready to help. We've allocated \$18 million. First, to help the most vulnerable Israelis; and now to stimulate economic recovery and strengthen resilience. But with a sustained ceasefire still beyond reach, needs are changing every day. Israel needs us.



Why Federation? Why now?

The numbers are telling: More than seven weeks of conflict. More than five million Israelis within terrorists' reach. Thirteen years of siren blasts. And yet the toll it has taken on Israelis, especially those in the south, is immeasurable.

As Hamas' rockets rained down, a new threat emerged. A sophisticated network of terrorist tunnels made families feel unsafe and further undermined normal life in the south.

In towns like Sderot, 28 percent of adults—and an incomprehensible 94 percent of children—are showing symptoms of post-traumatic stress. The long-term effects—depression,

physical health declines, bereavement and disability—are bound to surface in many of these young Israelis in the weeks, months and years to come.

The economy in the south isn't faring well either, as effects of the conflict place small and mid-size businesses under threat.

In an area of Israel already struggling to meet its full economic potential, the south remains at a disadvantage that grows each time sirens sound.

"On what is accomplished in the [south]," said Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, "Israel will stand or fall."

We cannot let Israel fall. Now, more than ever, Israel needs us.

HERE'S HOW WE HELP.



Trauma Support and Spiritual Counseling

For Israel's most vulnerable citizens—the elderly, people with disabilities, at-risk youth and so many others—transitioning in and out of the crisis is a daunting challenge.

Our partner agencies provide these populations with psychological first aid, hotline support and therapeutic counseling, while our partners in the Israeli Reform and Conservative movements offer them emotional and spiritual counseling.

Total Allocation to Date
\$5,025,396

Partners: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, The Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel Trauma Coalition, Masorti Movement and Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism



Assistance to 22 Communities Hit Hardest by the Conflict

The sense of personal safety for thousands of Israelis in the south has been undermined by rocket barrages and the discovery of a labyrinth of terrorist tunnels, some found directly under their towns. Many have relocated and some are reluctant or unable to return to their homes.

These funds support partner agencies and nonprofits that help Israeli citizens reestablish normal routines and strengthen relationships, as well as assist local municipalities in enhancing their resilience.

Total Allocation to Date
\$3,414,878

Partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel Trauma Coalition, World ORT, Ethiopian National Project, Masorti Movement, Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism and JFNA, along with local organizations



Relief and Support for Israel's Bravest

From hospital workers to lone soldiers in the IDF, those on the front lines have been working around the clock to protect Israel and her people. These funds support resiliency workshops, counseling and guidance for our heroes, and provide for staff reinforcements at health facilities.

Total Allocation to Date
\$617,100

Partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Israel Trauma Coalition



Economic Recovery for Small and Mid-Sized Businesses

With consumers in southern Israel keeping close to home or relocating, small businesses have had a difficult time making ends meet. Expansion of business loans to entrepreneurs and an infusion of consumer spending in 17 Gaza border communities will help stimulate a weakened economy.

Total Allocation to Date
\$767,500

Partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel and Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism



A Helping Hand to Meet Israelis' Basic Needs

Throughout the conflict, constant sirens trapped the elderly, people with disabilities and others at home. Our partners deployed caseworkers to deliver food, medicine, company and comfort.

Total Allocation to Date
\$3,037,727

Partners: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, The Jewish Agency for Israel and Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism



A Fear-free Day for More Than 81,000 Children From the Line of Fire

During weeks of rocket fire, our partner agencies transported tens of thousands of children from Israel's south to safer areas for fun activities and a much-needed day away from bleak shelters.

Total Allocation to Date
\$5,404,344

Partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, World ORT, Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, Masorti Movement and Ethiopian National Project