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To the Mekor Community:

As we write this, our brothers and sisters in Israel are being subjected to escalating attacks by Hamas rocket fire, as well as rioting, fires, and other incitement against Jews. We'd like to pass on ideas from the Greater Philadelphia ZOA about what each of us in the Diaspora can do to help:

- Pray for the well-being of Israel and the success and safety of the IDF. Please see below for information about our Zoom tehillim tonight.
- Contact friends and family in Israel, to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for their well-being.
- Donate to organizations that advocate for Israel, including those which are active in rebutting inaccurate and misleading news about what is happening in Israel.
- Engage in advocacy, by contacting the White House and your Congressional representatives, to ask them to issue statements in support of Israel and her right to defend herself.

We mourn for those who have died during these horrific events, and we pray for the safety of our loved ones and for the entire nation of Israel. It is our hope that no more casualties will be suffered, and that the violence will end soon.

Tonight at 8:30pm, our community will hold a tehillim for Israel via Zoom. The access info may be found below.

-Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch