



Dear Constituent,

There are no words to describe the devastation and anguish wrought by Hamas's attack on the Jewish State of Israel this past weekend. I strongly condemn their actions. Nothing justifies violence against civilians, and all people deserve to live without fear of unprovoked violence. My heart breaks for the hostages, for those who have died, for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been displaced and are living in fear as this conflict continues.

Many of those who share my Jewish heritage, or are themselves Holocaust survivors or children of survivors, as I am, are experiencing collective trauma. These attacks evoke strong memories of our recent history. As a people who have been persecuted for thousands of years, I know we can be strong in the face of this trauma.

Below, my office has pulled together some resources to help constituents through this difficult time.

If you are among those personally impacted by the October 7 attack, please read on for information from our federal representatives regarding locating loved ones and helping New Yorkers in Israel get back to the United States. The State Department has a 24/7 coordinating group to assist American citizens in Israel. You can call **1-833-890-9595** or **1-606-641-0131** or complete the form at <https://cacms.state.gov/s/crisis-intake> to start the process.

If you need further assistance or guidance, please feel free to reach out to the offices of our federal representatives. To avoid duplication of effort, it is best to choose one to work with. You can contact Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's satellite office in Peekskill at (914) 734-1532. Senator Gillibrand's office has advised constituents to use their contact form if they need assistance; [click here to access it](#). Congressman Mike Lawler's main district office can be reached at (845) 201-2060.

Governor Hochul also held a briefing for Jewish community leaders this morning. The governor and her staff assured us that state and federal law enforcement are coordinating to stay ahead of potential threats to places of worship in New York State. They have not detected any credible threats but are continuing to monitor the situation. Local law enforcement agencies indicate that they have stepped up patrols around sensitive locations, and I could not be more grateful for their work.

I will continue to share more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, I hope that all of you are able to find a measure of peace in your own lives despite what is happening in the world around us.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg