



Taking Action

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With over 100 years of experience advocating for the Jewish People and our Jewish Homeland, the AJC has much to share with members of the community on how to respond in moments of crisis. The key is consistency. In a world where politicians and all people are bombarded by an onslaught of media and other messaging, the consistent, small actions of individuals can make a huge difference, even from the comfort of one's home, office or during one's commute. **So please take five minutes every day (and schedule that time on your calendar) to do the things listed here.**

Things you can do:

(Note: Links to various organizations were added by YCT)

- 1. Contact members of congress, state officials and local officials.** Thank them privately. Thank them publicly. Share their posts on social media in support of Israel. It is going to get harder for them to support Israel, so we need to continue to support their efforts. Our elected officials and others will need ongoing reminders of the heinous, intentional crimes committed by Hamas. Hamas and its members do not care whom they murdered, raped, tortured or captured.

You can start reaching out here: <https://www.ajc.org/take-action>.

- 2. Ensure that students in schools of all levels are acting.** First priority is making sure that colleges, high schools and elementary schools have policies protecting their students from antisemitism, and that they are making statements condemning Hamas' depravity, which has caused terrible harm to Jews and to Palestinians.

We must continue to protect our youngsters and make sure they are not in harm's way, even as they continue to battle for Israel's standing on their campuses and online.

Learn more here: <https://www.jcouncil.org/page/school-resources-parents>.



- 3. Make sure that your employers' DEI departments are not engaged in statements of moral relativism.**
- 4. Call out media outlets for inaccurate reporting, and praise and patronize those who fairly portray current events.** Many news organizations aim to show “balance” and do so at the expense of truth and morality. Your voice helps to bring truth back to the fore.

Learn more here: <https://www.camera.org/>.

- 5. Update your social media profile with Stand with Israel graphics.** Taking a stand encourages others to do the same, and creates an online community that is safe, and affirms the Jewish value of the sanctity of life.

Download samples here: <https://www.ajc.org/StandwithIsraelSigns>.

Looking for updates on the situation in Israel? Looking for new action items?

Visit AJC's page, Everything You Need to Know:

<https://www.ajc.org/attackonisrael>