



Jewish Congregation of Venice

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To the JCV Family:

We all are experiencing a myriad of emotions as a result of the recent events in Israel. Many congregants have expressed an interest in sending funds to Israel but were at a loss as to where it would do the most good. With that in mind, I am going to share with you the thoughts of one of our members, Zvi Gellis. Zvi has been a member of the IDF and has made a suggestion as to how we can help Israel:

“Israel is in the midst of an existential threat now, and the IDF soldiers are the only line of protection for her. Israeli soldiers are the ones who need supplies (headlamps, helmets, bullet-proof vests, socks, neck warmers, hats, combat shirts, combat gloves, helmets, etc.) The IDF does not have sufficient supplies for all soldiers, so they have to be purchased for them. I have worked on bases and I have seen the inadequate supplies.

Yes, there are many other places to donate, but right now, the [YasharLaChayal](#) donation center is my strong recommendation.”

We are providing this information as a service to JCV members. You need to determine what is the best way for you to support Israel.

Additional organizations soliciting funds for Israel:

[Jewish Federations of North America](#)

[Friends of the IDF](#)

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