

# Stand Up for Israel

Being an ally during Israel's time of crisis goes beyond words of support. Your Jewish friends and colleagues need to see your solidarity and hear you raising your voice. Below are ways you can stand up for Israel.

## Showing Your Support

- **Show your solidarity by wearing a blue ribbon.** This symbolizes support and solidarity for the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas. [Learn more](#) about the blue ribbon campaign, and pick up your blue ribbon at any local Jewish agency.
- **Show your solidarity by putting up a lawn sign to show you stand with Israel.** Lawn signs can be purchased for \$18 at the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis.
- **Host informal parlor meetings.** Invite colleagues and friends who are less knowledgeable about Israel. Contact [info@indyjcrc.org](mailto:info@indyjcrc.org) to help set up a meeting.
- **Read, listen, and engage with news** and resources by checking out JCRC's [Israel and Middle East Resource Guide](#).

## Voicing Your Support

- **Amplify messages of solidarity on social media.** Share factual information from credible sources and emotional stories that move you. Follow JCRC on social media.
- **Elevate awareness of hostages** in the hands of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. They're listed [here](#).
- **Advocate for Israel with your elected officials.** They pay more attention to personal communications than to mass, duplicated messages.

When engaging in conversations around Israel and the current conflict with Hamas, it is important to share accurate information and stick to facts. Below are some sample talking points and suggestions for how to have constructive conversations.

## Key Points

- Hamas' brutal massacre in Israel on October 7 has shaken the Jewish community and our world.
- Over 1,200 people were murdered and hundreds were kidnapped. Over 150 are still being held hostage by Hamas in Gaza. With each day that passes, we grow increasingly worried for the safety of these innocent people.
- Hamas must free all hostages held in Gaza.

## Do's and Don'ts

- DO condemn Hamas as a terrorist organization that is committed to killing Israelis and Jews.
- DO acknowledge Israel's right to defend itself following a brutal terror attack on its people.
- DO make a distinction between the Palestinian people and Hamas and explain that Israel has an obligation to minimize harm to all innocent civilians.
- DO highlight that the release of the hostages is an essential step toward peace.
- DO call out any form of Islamophobia and anti-Arab sentiment. Hate has no place in our society.
- DON'T conflate the Israeli government with the Israeli people or the global Jewish community, nor Hamas with the Palestinian people.