



Since the brutal terror attacks on Israelis on October 7th, gratefully many New York Jews and Jews around the world have come together. Numerous gatherings over these past two weeks, witnessed Jews and non-Jews alike, across the political and theological spectrum, coming together, both to grieve and to condemn the attacks. It was a show of unity that would have been hard to imagine previously. For the most part, the Jewish community has come together in this time of war.

***New York's Jewish community is the largest outside of Israel.** Tens of thousands of New Yorkers have relatives in Israel, when Israel comes under attack, Jewish New Yorkers feel threatened. New York has long had uniquely close emotional bonds with Israel, which strengthen in times of crisis — a relationship forged through the atrocities in Europe that led to the country's founding and created much of New York's*

Jewish community. Jewish New Yorkers have looked at Israel as an emblem of home and survival in a hostile world.

As President of the Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, I too, represent the voices of our members who identify within many camps in the Jewish community.

We must not remain silent in the face of antisemitism,
whether it be in the workplace, the college campus, or the streets.
Cowering and hiding makes us weak.

Antisemitism/anti Zionism is one of the same.

Continue to protest, continue to meet, continue to voice your opinions in the press, continue to pray. Israel no doubt will prevail; it's the hatred that led to these attacks that cannot be condoned, rationalized, or marginalized by society.

With a strong voice, ***let's proclaim Dayenu/Enough!***

Jewish Lives, Israeli Lives Matter!

Am Yisroel Chai/The People of Israel Live.

In Brotherhood,
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