

On behalf of the American Heart Association (AHA), we are deeply saddened by the violence and devastation that Israel is experiencing due to the terrorist attacks by Hamas. With a shared mission to save lives and protect well-being, we stand in solidarity with the Israel Heart Society as you confront this humanitarian crisis and respond to the needs of all those affected.

As we all know too well, war has a catastrophic effect on health and well-being — exacerbating stress, hypertension and heart disease and raising the risk of stroke. Your work to advance the science of heart disease prevention and treatment takes on new meaning amid this unspeakable tragedy.

We are here for you and profoundly grateful for the relationship we've built over many years of knowledge sharing and mutual goodwill — most recently during AHA Past President Dr. Michelle Albert's June visit to Tel Aviv for the Israel Heart Society conference.

You and your families are in our hearts and prayers during this extremely difficult time. We honor the memories of the lost, and we pray for the safe return of the captive and the missing.

Our ultimate hope is for peace and the elimination of hatred in your region and across the globe.

With heart,



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