

Shalom Chaverim,

Please see the letter below regarding the terror assault on Israel. I have sent it to our Senators, Congresswoman and will be sending this to the News Journal and Jewish Voice.

Please consider signing your own name to this letter and sending it to our Senators and Congresswoman.

Senator Chris Coons <https://www.coons.senate.gov/contact/share-your-opinion>

Senator Tom Carper <https://www.carper.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-senator-carper>

Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester <https://bluntrochester.house.gov/contact/>

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President Biden is to be commended for affirming his “unwavering support” for Israel and Israel’s “legitimate right to defend itself and its people while protecting civilians.”

However, dispatching Hady Amr, the now Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for “Israel-Palestine,” to “de-escalate the fighting” between Israel and Hamas undercuts his “unwavering support.” Amr has said he was “inspired by the Palestinian intifada,” and accused Israel of ethnic cleansing and apartheid.

Furthermore, by restoring to the Palestinian Authority the funding that had been suspended because it was used to fund terrorism, Washington has sent the message that the Palestinians will again not be held accountable.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan stated he has “serious concerns” about the potential eviction of Palestinian families from their homes and Israel’s behavior on the Temple Mount. But the rent dispute in the Sheikh Jarrah district of Jerusalem, in which Palestinian tenants are refusing to pay their Israeli landlords, was just a pretext, not a justification, for launching deadly missile attacks upon Israeli civilians. And Israeli police only went into Al-Aqsa mosque *after* it had turned it into a theater of war, a place to stockpile rocks and petrol bombs that were hurled at Jews and police.

To his credit, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has emphasized that “there is a very clear and absolute distinction between the terrorist organization Hamas that is indiscriminately raining down rockets targeting civilians, and Israel’s response defending itself, targeting the terrorists raining down rockets on Israel.”

Israel should not be criticized for the higher number of Palestinian casualties. Israel makes every effort to protect its own population and to limit collateral damage among Palestinian civilians. Hamas launches missiles from civilian areas using civilians as human shields in hopes that Israeli

retaliatory strikes will kill these civilians. Blaming Israel for harming these human shields hands Hamas a propaganda victory and only encourages them to sacrifice more civilians.

The Biden administration should be urged by members of Congress:

- Not to appointment people who have a track record of making antisemitic statements.
- Not to provide funding to the Palestinian Authority until it forsakes terrorism.
- Not to make or tolerate false moral equivalences.