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Dear Friends,

Civic Spirit stands in solidarity with Israel during this challenging time. The State of Israel suffered unimaginable losses and trauma since the weekend through brutal attacks and massacres of citizens, kidnappings, and missiles fired around the country by Hamas.

The American founders believed that a civic education would generate and sustain an enlightened and values-based society with a lucid moral compass. The pillars of this education include the cultivation of civic virtue, the rule of law, the pursuit of justice, and the sanctity of human life. What we witnessed over the last few days is a repudiation of our American values as much as the highest ideals of our faith traditions.

At this moment we are still processing the trauma of this unexpected attack and the reality that Israel is now at war. With so much happening at once, we must put our political differences aside and find ways to support each other, our families, our students, our communities, and our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel.

The war in Israel will unfortunately bring about difficult moments in the coming days. We are confident that our partnership with you and all stakeholders towards the noble cause of elevating civic and values-based education will chart a brighter future for our democracy and all people.

Our thoughts and prayers extend to every community, family, and individual impacted by these atrocities, and we wish you much solace and strength. We pray for peace, justice, healing, and security in Israel, on our shores, and around the globe speedily in our days.

With Prayers of Peace,
Rabbi Charlie Savenor and the Civic Spirit Team



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