



## **Sephardic Rabbis in Solidarity with Israel**

**As** Israeli civilians are once again under rocket attacks from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror groups, we the undersigned, Sephardic rabbis representing communities all over the world, stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel.

**We** support Israel's right to defend her cities and civilians, and to assert her sovereignty over Jerusalem, the historic and eternal capital of Israel.

**We** offer our love and prayers to the brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces, the Israeli Police, Israel's Home Front Command and Medical First Response units. May God strengthen and protect them as they protect Israel.

**We** condemn the violent ways of all terror groups attacking Israel, whose hypocrisy recalls the Biblical verse: ***"I am all peace, but when I speak, they are for war"*** (Psalms 120:7).

**In** the words of our great Sephardic Sage Rabbi Bension Meir Hai Uziel, ***"we desire peace, but we will not go as sheep to the slaughter, rather we will defend ourselves with strength and courage in our historic homeland."***

**Today** and every day, we are proud to stand with Israel.

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