



Dear Neighbor,

I was horrified by the violence that was committed by Hamas in Israel this weekend. The murder, rape, and kidnapping of innocent civilians are terrorist acts that must be condemned by all people. As New Yorkers, so many of our friends and neighbors have family that were affected by these heinous crimes. Yesterday, I attended a memorial for the victims with Mayor Adams and other elected officials at Golda Meir Square in midtown. My thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and who are afraid for the safety of those still missing and under threat.

I do not have any unique insight into how Israelis and Palestinians can live together in peace and while I fear for those living in Israel who are in danger, I also fear for the many innocent civilians in Gaza who are caught in the middle of this current violence.

If you have family in Israel and they are having trouble leaving, my colleagues in government, Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, and Congressman Dan Goldman, are providing assistance. [You can find out more here.](#)



At the memorial in Golda Meir Square for the victims of this weekend's attacks in Israel

-Bobby

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