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Partners' Update from Regavim

Dear Friends and Partners,

We awoke on Simchat Torah, one of the most joyous days on the Jewish calendar, to an unfathomable reality, the fruition of our greatest nightmares. From that moment, every member of the Regavim Team was drafted, some directly to the front and others on the home front, covering the entire gamut of national service. Together with all of the Nation of Israel we pray for swift and decisive victory.

We send our heartfelt condolences and prayers for comfort and strength to the families of those who were murdered, prayers for a full and speedy recovery in body and spirit to those who were wounded, and prayers for a safe and immediate return of the captives.

May we know no further sorrow or pain, and be comforted in the rebuilding of our homeland.

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A video player interface showing a blue and white background with a large, stylized Star of David. The text "Am Yisrael Chai" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the text is a circular logo featuring a tree and the Hebrew word "קִיּוּם" (Kiyum). The video player includes standard controls like a play button, volume, and a share icon in the bottom right corner.

Am Yisrael Chai

Uplifting and strengthening national morale

Thousands of initiatives have been launched by private citizens, Zionist organizations and charities throughout the country.

Aside from the vital services and support they continue to provide, the spirit behind them is a source of national pride and unity, and serves as a reminder of the greatness of our nation.

Am Yisrael Chai! The Nation of Israel lives! **See our inspiring video clip capturing Israel at its best in the worst of times >>>**

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International wake-up call?

Support for Israel continues to pour in from around the world, and the international community's call for uncompromising war against terrorism is loud and clear. There is a newly-forged resoluteness, and an understanding among world leaders that this war is not only Israel's war but a war of the entire world against terrorism. While we would have preferred to receive this unequivocal support without the cost of thousands of dead, injured and captive Israelis, we can only hope that the nations extending this support remain steadfast.

NYC Mayor Eric Adams spoke out for Israel. [Watch >>](#)

Naomi Kahn, Director of our International Division, sent out a call to the international media for introspection and reassessment. [Read it here>>](#)



The Terrorism Equation

As images of the horrific massacre carried out at the Nova Festival, in the Jewish communities of the 'Gaza Envelope' and along southern Israeli highways began to circulate on digital and world media outlets, the Palestinian Authority's silence gradually gave way to outright support for Hamas. Although politicians and media commentators in Israel and around the world have begun to internalize and express the equation "Hamas is ISIS," we must tear the mask off the 'Hamas are the bad guys and the PA are the good guys' narrative, and demand that the world acknowledge the full equation of terrorism:

The Palestinian Authority = Hamas = ISIS

Support for the PA is support for Hamas. Economic incentives feed the beast of terrorism, and Israel's territorial concessions and political incentives have proven to be nothing less than suicidal. That's what happened in Gaza – and we must not allow a repeat performance in Judea and Samaria. [**Read more in Naomi Kahn's opinion column >>>**](#)

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Israel's Bedouin community mourns 19 victims in Hamas attack

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Families of Bedouin victims of Hamas' rampage and rocket fire share their stories and raise concerns about lack of rocket alarms and shelters in their communities

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It's not just our agenda...

Regavim's core issues are just as relevant in times of war; in fact, some of our core issues are at the very top of the news stream in these difficult days, and have taken on a new urgency. The vulnerability of the Israeli Bedouin population of the Negev's squatters camps is just one example.

The headlines are now full of excruciating descriptions of the inevitable, tragic consequences of living in makeshift shacks and illegal encampments that have no infrastructure and no protected spaces, as rockets have claimed the lives of Bedouin Israeli men, women and children who had nowhere to hide from Hamas' murderous onslaught. Our years-long campaign advocacy for resettlement of Bedouin squatters in legal, organized, modern towns is more urgent now than ever. Israeli citizens need and deserve appropriate housing, regardless of religion, race or ethnicity; they deserve equal access to water, electricity and sewage infrastructure. They deserve to have safe rooms and bomb shelters, advance warning systems for rocket attacks, and social services provided by functioning municipalities.

Recent calls by members of Knesset to connect illegal squatters to infrastructure is just more of the "same old same old". Every additional day the government allows this vulnerable population to live in illegal squatters camps, the danger grows. The time has come to abandon the failed models of the past and to stop whitewashing substandard illegal construction. The time has come for Bedouin resettlement in planned legal communities.



Regavim: Protecting Israel's Resources,
Preserving Israeli Sovereignty

Join us for Part 2 of our webinar series:

Behind the Headlines from Israel:

Israel is at War - But With Whom?

How We Got to this Point and Where We Need to Go

featuring



Naomi Linder Kahn,

Director, Regavim's International Division

Thursday, October 19, 12:30 PM EDT

(7:30 PM Israel Time)

Behind the Headlines #2

In light of the critical situation in Israel, the second webinar in our new series, "Behind the Headlines with Regavim," has been pushed up to **Thursday, October 19 at 12:30 EST.**

The topic will be: ***Israel is at War - But with Whom? How We Got to this Point and Where We Need to Go.***

Even if you're keeping abreast of the news, this webinar will focus on context and insight rather than breaking news developments, and attempt to delve into the underlying connections between what's happening along Israel's borders with Gaza, Lebanon and Syria, and Judea, Samaria, the Galilee and the Negev.

[Click here to register for the webinar >>>](https://bit.ly/45tf6mx)

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Put your support where the need is...

In these difficult times, our family and friends from around the world have been asking for our help in targeting donations to worthy causes through legitimate, trustworthy channels. Here are our top recommendations:

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Support for displaced families, bereaved families and captives' families >>>

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