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Yeshiva University
Office of the President

My Dear Friends,

Our hearts and minds are with Israel. There is nothing more terrifying than sending one's son or daughter to war, and today we have current YU students, hundreds of children of alumni, and thousands of our sons and daughters in the midst of battle in Gaza. I urge you to increase your *tefillah*, *tzedakah*, and *maasim tovim*. Whatever you were doing before, please add to it.



The crisis in Israel has also put a spotlight on the crisis on college campuses for students from our community. As you know, I am working to support all of the young men and women from our community on campuses throughout the country. While I am making headway (see below for full-page WSJ ad), there is no doubt that the news on college campuses has highlighted the singular importance of having one top-tier university which nourishes the Jewish *neshamot* of our children and prepares them with a world-class academic education and a world-

class Yeshiva education. The recognition of how essential Yeshiva University is to our people and our society has perhaps never been more clear.

I have to share that I am so proud of our students, who are at the forefront of the pro-Israel movement, directing their strengths and energies to support Israel during this time. Their leadership is reflected in the number of programs and initiatives they have launched, further strengthening our community's support for Israel. To read more, [visit our site](#).

In today's world, political activism is essential, and our students are utilizing the power of their voices. This week we hosted a solidarity event for Israel with over 500 people in attendance featuring Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and our Congressman Adriano Espaillat who is a leading and outstanding supporter of Israel in Congress. Our student leaders of YUPAC are also spearheading a trip to Washington D.C. at the end of this month to meet with and lobby elected officials to support Israel.

The facts on the ground for YU are that we are receiving urgent requests for transfer students who do not feel safe on their current college campuses. While we are already at full capacity, we are resolute in our commitment to the students of our community and have created a fast track for transfers. For those interested in beginning a transfer application, please visit apply.yu.edu. For questions or additional information, please email yuadmit@yu.edu.

In this profoundly difficult time, we must all do our part to bring the *yeshua*, understanding that the secret to our resilience is our *emunah*.

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Hope in the Lord, strengthen yourself, let your heart take courage, and hope in the Lord.

May we see the salvation come soon.



Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman
President, Yeshiva University

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We Stand Together With Israel Against Hamas

We are horrified and sickened by the brutality and inhumanity of Hamas. Murdering innocent civilians including babies and children, raping women and taking the elderly as hostages are not the actions of political disagreement but the actions of hate and terrorism. The basis of all universities is a pursuit of truth, and it is times like these that require moral clarity. Like the fight against ISIS, the fight against Hamas is a fight against evil. We, the presidents and chancellors of universities and colleges across the United States of America and the world, stand with Israel, with the Palestinians who suffer under Hamas' cruel rule in Gaza and with all people of moral conscience.

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- Reuters [published a story](#) on Yeshiva University's coalition to support Israel against Hamas
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