

Response to US-Israel War on Iran

Purim 5786/2026

We mourn the lives lost already throughout the region. Hundreds of children who were at school in Minab. Elders who were at home in Beit Shemesh. We pray for protection of all people caught in the path of murderous regimes.

We renew our calls for a ceasefire NOW: from Tehran to Gaza.

We cry out for a cessation of violent attacks begun by the U.S. and Israel.

We implore Congress to pass War Powers Resolutions to block war on Iran immediately.

Like many times in the past, it is likely that this escalation will be used as a distraction for the media and Israel will enact more violence in the West Bank and Gaza where Palestinians will suffer greatly with no bomb shelters or military technology to protect them. The Israeli human rights group [B'tselem](#) warns that Israel will use events to further ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. Already Israel has closed Rafah crossing into Gaza, including for humanitarian aid.

We enter Purim with heavy hearts, holding out a vision of joy.

Our own Rabbi for Ceasefire, R' Arthur Waskow z"l, taught that the Divine hid Their name from the Scroll of Esther that we read on Purim because the Divine refused to be present alongside the fantasy murder of civilians, and refused to provide a paradigm to justify mass murder in our time. **The Divine will return to the scroll when we refuse violence, instead upholding the dignity and preciousness of every life.**

“On that day all the nations
will laugh and will dance,
will turn robes of power
into masquerade mirth;
will turn every gun
to a clackety grogger.

“On that day will My Name
Take Its Place in the Scroll
In letters of Light.”

-Rabbi Arthur Waskow z"l

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TAKE ACTION

Call Congress TODAY and demand that they pass the War Powers Resolution to block war on Iran
202-224-3121

“I am calling as your constituent to urge you to do everything in your power to oppose and halt the US-Israel war on Iran, including supporting and voting YES on the War Powers Resolution by Reps. Khanna and Massie (H.Con.Res. 38).”