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HELPING THE FAMILIES OF THE HAR NOF VICTIMS

Comfort those who mourn in Zion

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Young Orthodox boys at funeral for the four slain rabbis in Har Nof, Jerusalem

The nation of Israel was shocked this week by the horrific assault on Jewish men offering up their morning prayers in a synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood of Jerusalem. The killing spree claimed the lives of four respected Torah teachers, while another 18 people were wounded in the bloody frenzy of violence. An Israeli Druze policeman was also shot dead as he rushed to the scene.

Totally depraved in its nature, this terror attack was the latest in a series of riots, stabbings, vehicular assaults and other terror attacks carried out by Palestinians in and around Jerusalem. The wave of violence and incitement has left 11 Israelis dead over the past month, more than all those killed in terror incidents during the past two years. Many more have been injured and even maimed for life.

This means that there are Israeli families right now in deep grieving over lost loved ones, or clinging to hope for injured relatives to recover. Wives have lost husbands, mothers have lost infants, and dozens of children are now orphaned.

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is determined to be a source of comfort and healing for the families traumatized by this senseless terror. In this regard, a unique opportunity has opened to the Christian Embassy to directly assist the ultra-Orthodox families hardest hit by the deadly assault in the Har Nof synagogue.

This very weekend, the ICEJ is sponsoring a 'Shabbat retreat' for the 24 children who lost their fathers in that attack. They will stay in guest houses in the Galilee and receive special counselling from experts trained to deal with terror victims. They will also be offered therapeutic activities as well as Bible lessons before re-joining their families early next week.

There are many more children whose fathers remain hospitalized due to severe wounds inflicted during the synagogue attack, and the door is also open for us to help them as well in coming weeks. In addition, through our long-time connections to the Druze community, we will be reaching out to help the families of the two Druze police officers recently killed while defending their fellow Israeli citizens.

So this is your chance to help us bring comfort and healing to those who mourn in Zion. The needs of these families are many and their future is uncertain. Yet the news that Christians are helping them is already spreading, giving a powerful and timely testimony that Christians truly care.

Please consider supporting supporting this important initiative by making a donation to our [Israel in Crisis fund](http://int.icej.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=22) (/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=22).

We will be meeting with the families in the upcoming days and want to extend our supporters worldwide the opportunity to send a message of condolence that we will personally deliver. This is a chance for you to [send Israelis a message of love and support](http://int.icej.org/content/send-message-condolence) (/content/send-message-condolence).

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