

## **#2 - ISRAEL UPDATE 11.8.23**

Na'aseh v'Nishma – To Do and To Know

### **To Do**

#### **-CONTACT CONGRESS IMMEDIATELY:**

The pro cease fire, pro hamas, movement is reaching out to Congress at a 6:1 ratio more than those who demand that RELEASE OF HOSTAGES MUST BE PART OF ANY CEASEFIRE. We are being out-organized. Too many are standing idly by.

Use this [link](#) to outreach to Congress - YES it is from AIPAC. Congress pays attention to these communications even though you will receive a standardized response. We must not ignore the plight of 240+ human beings, 36 of whom are CHILDREN - this takes almost no time - reach out today.

-The 240 hostages, including 36 children are people – look at their faces

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-Agriculture volunteers NEEDED in Israel –

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-Operation Hug – Help parents of lone soldiers go to Israel –

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-See the picture of the flowers a Catholic woman from Quincy brought to the synagogue this week, saying, “I want you to know that many people are standing with you.”



-Read this poem by Tamary Lia Baz – rough translation from Hebrew by Daniel Gordis

Seventh month, my little boy  
This is not how I thought it would look

I imagined us in nature and streams  
That your coming birth would fill our lives  
We were wrapped in excitement and comfort anticipating your arrival  
arranging, dreaming, nesting

I didn't imagine that that pastoral imagine, little boy, would be  
replaced by  
sirens, missiles and shelters  
by sorrow that has spread like a blanket over the days and nights  
Endless concern for family and loved ones  
And an earth that trembles from its encounter with a brutal evil  
that we didn't want to believe existed

My womb hurts from the horrors, my little boy  
Do you feel it, too?  
I'm trying to take a deep breath for you  
"You must rest, let go"  
But how do you let go of grief, explain to me  
When children are dying every day  
And children of another mother are in the hands of animals?

This week I asked you, my little boy  
if you are sure  
This is where you want to come.  
To this world, to this earth  
I told you that you have time to change your mind  
And I will completely understand you, and I will have no complaints

And then I felt you—you smiled at me  
And you explained it to me well  
that you do know where you have chosen to come  
that you have no misgivings, and that there is no mistake in the  
address  
You're coming to this land.

I understood at that moment, my brave soul  
whatever you need from me  
It's not inventing a perfect world for you  
nor a womb that does not shrink in the face of horrors

Or a body and heart that are not overwhelmed by sorrow, anger, and pain

You need me to trust you  
and me  
that you know to where you are coming  
And that it won't always be easy here  
That you have insight, a plan and intent  
that my role in your life  
is to be by your side, but to let you experience  
And not to push humanity into a corner  
which includes sorrow, pain, disappointment and oversight

So I promise you today and always, my child  
Not that when you grow up there won't be more wars...  
Only that I will always be here for you  
To embrace, contain, soften and nurse  
and to pour love and light into every crack and fracture  
When you're in pain, when the tears come  
When reality tempts you to get tough  
And your senses will seek to submit and become numb

Mom is here with you  
all the way  
And in whatever path you choose to walk.  
This world isn't perfect, child  
And neither are we  
And I can't really guarantee you that we will succeed  
in creating a different, better reality here

But I promise you with all my heart,  
That we will never stop trying.

## **To Know**

-Not just Jewish Israelis were kidnapped

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-Golda Meir once said, "If we have to have a choice between being dead and pitied and being alive with a bad image, we'd rather be alive and have the bad image."

-Goodnight Tunnel: A very sad children's book

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-Read what the New Israel Fund is doing in for Israel and for co-existence. Excellent articles: Scroll to bottom.

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-Dunkin Donuts New Am Yisrael Chai donut – Todah Arlene!

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-JCRC Ed resource page

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-We Will Defend Ourselves article by Gadi Taub

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