



Program in Jewish Studies

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

Statement on the Terrorist Attacks and War in Israel and Gaza

CU's Program in Jewish Studies and its members are deeply shocked by the mass death and suffering in Israel and Gaza after Hamas' terrorist attacks last Saturday. There are no words adequate to grasp the horror and trauma.

Many members of the CU community – be they Jewish, Israeli or Palestinian – have family, friends, and acquaintances in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank who are directly affected and are hurting. Some of them have been murdered, many more wounded and others kidnapped. Our heart goes out to all members of our community and beyond. We very much hope for everyone's well-being and healing.

The Program has always provided a safe space and we will continue to do so. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Program's faculty and staff and take advantage of the [campus resources](#) and health and academic support. Our main priority, as always, is to keep this community safe.

The Program and its members have constantly sought to promote peace and understanding at home and abroad. As demonstrated during the Program-led panel discussion on the crisis on Wednesday evening, we remain fully committed to education and research in support of these goals and promote respectful and open dialogue. We will continue to do so and will cooperate and work with on- and off-campus partners who share these goals for better days to come. We express our fervent hope that all members of the CU community will interact with each other with caring and compassion during this exceedingly challenging time.