



JewishMiami.org

July 31, 2024

The Honorable Dulahn Abu Salah
Majdal Shams 1
Majdal Shams, Israel

Dear Mayor Abu Salah:

On behalf of the entire Jewish community of Miami, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your neighbors over the terrible tragedy that befell the Druze community and all of Israel last weekend. We are horrified and saddened by the terrorist rockets that needlessly murdered 12 beautiful, innocent teens and children while they were simply in the midst of a soccer game.

Hezbollah's intent was, and is always, to harm anyone living in the State of Israel. They do not distinguish between Jewish or Druze, secular or religious, Arab or Israeli. Those rockets were intended for all of us. Tragically, on July 27, they struck Majdal Shams and accomplished the unthinkable.

As you may know, the Druze community and Miami's Jewish community have enjoyed a long-standing, warm and substantial connection. For many years, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation has partnered with The Jewish Agency for Israel to support the Youth Futures program and Mechinah program for young adults, the American Joint Distribution Committee and its programs for vulnerable populations, as well as other NGOs, including the Ma'ase Center's Ne'urim program for young Druze women. We care deeply about the well-being of Israel and we consider it part of our Mission to support all Israelis. We sincerely hope that the financial and emotional support provided by The Jewish Agency's Fund for Victims of Terror and other Federation partners will bring some measure of comfort and trauma care to the families who now must struggle to pick up the pieces of their lives.

We mourn alongside the Town of Majdal Shams, the entire Druze community and all of Israel. We are keeping you in our hearts. May the victims' memories forever be a blessing.

With comforting wishes and unwavering support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lily Serviansky".

Lily Serviansky
Chair of the Board
Greater Miami Jewish Federation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Kaufman".

Scott Kaufman
President & CEO – Interim
Greater Miami Jewish Federation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheree Savar".

Sheree Savar
Chair
Israel & Overseas
Greater Miami Jewish Federation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dahlia Bendavid".

Dahlia Bendavid
Director
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Greater Miami Jewish Federation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Scheck".

Steven Scheck
Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council
Greater Miami Jewish Federation

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Josh Sayles
Director
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