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Statement on Israel and World Events

On October 7 we learned that Hamas mounted an attack on Israel, killing and brutalizing civilians and taking hostages. For those of us who follow events in the region, where conflicts have arisen many times over the decades, we understood that this attack was different. The manner of the attack was gruesome, and it emboldened threats and acts of further antisemitism across the world and within our nation.

Here in Sudbury, many residents have been deeply concerned about the war, with synagogues and places of gathering reaching out for additional safety support over the past couple of weeks. As the war continues, the rising casualties, humanitarian crisis in Gaza and fallout of military operations will traumatize the Middle East and gravely impact our interconnected world.

It is hard to find the right words in this incredibly difficult situation. But here is what we know: This affects all of us in Sudbury, regardless of whether we have family and friends in the region or prefer not to follow the news. Antisemitism and other forms of otherness are here, and they are just as destructive now as they were before the attacks. It is up to each and every one of us to name hatred and condemn it when we see it.

Sudbury is fortunate to have residents employed as doctors, lawyers, and so many other professions which required tremendous amounts of education to achieve. Many of us came to Sudbury because of the high value we place on education. We are all passionate learners. So, as you play with your kids, spend time with your friends and say hello to your neighbors - share your experiences and your history, and ask to learn about theirs. Sharing understanding and offering respect are the most immediate actions we can all take to help make Sudbury and beyond a great place to live.

The Town will always stand against hatred. We are here to protect your safety and help to make Sudbury a great place to live. With respect, patience and understanding towards each other, we will succeed.