

# United Hebrew Congregation Disaster Response

**Earthquake in Haiti**

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## Prayer for Haiti

God of Mercy, extend Your hand upon the people and the nation of Haiti. As rescue teams search for casualties, give them foresight. May they be led by Your wisdom, and encouraged by Your strength and advised by Your discernment. There are yet people who are surviving and we pray that the rescue workers will find them in time and revive them.

For the lives that will be lost, we pray for immediate comfort for the family and friends of the deceased.

For those who are injured, both physically and emotionally, we pray for a complete and speedy recovery.

For those of us who are watching this unfold from the outside, we pray that you will give us hearts of compassion so that we may help to fill the deficit that is widening in Haiti.

May we all extend ourselves in any way possible to secure our brothers and sisters in Haiti. And may every prayer regarding this tragedy find their way to You and may they also bring comfort to the people of Haiti.

Amen

\*adapted from a prayer on beliefnet.com

Dear Friends,

The people of Haiti have suffered a devastating earthquake. The full extent of the loss of life and the economic impact on that small nation are not yet known. But, what is certain is that our help is needed to meet the challenges that such a disaster brings.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we bear the responsibility to help relieve the suffering of the people of Haiti. At this time, the best way to help is through donations of money that, in turn, will be used to meet the immediate needs of the people of Haiti for food, shelter, and medical supplies.

Below, you will find recommended websites listed of agencies to which we suggest you make donations during this humanitarian crisis. More information will be displayed on our United Hebrew website.

During our Shabbat service this Friday evening at 7:30, we will include a special "Prayer For Healing" for the victims and all those touched by this terrible disaster. Thank you for your participation in helping our congregation in performing what is a true Mitzvah.

Rabbi Howard Kaplansky  
Ed Becker, President  
Louise Zimerman, Chair, Community Action Committee

## Special Religious School Assembly

In response to the disaster and devastation in Haiti there will be a special assembly this Sunday at Religious School. We invite parents to join their children, in the Sanctuary, at the beginning of school for this special assembly and prayer service as we show our support of and offer our prayers for the people of Haiti.

Just a reminder that Early Session begins at 9am and Late Session begins at 11:15am.

## [Jewish In St. Louis](#)

Stay up to date on the goings on in Haiti with information and links on Jewish In St. Louis. Just click on "Jewish In St. Louis."



The Reform Jewish community has a long history of generosity when natural disasters devastate communities around the world. Your generosity at this critical time enables us to play a role in recovery efforts and bring healing and hope to those whose lives have been affected. Donations to the Union for Reform Judaism Haiti Relief Fund can be made online (click the image above) or by check (note: Haiti Relief in the memo section) to:  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Attention: Development  
633 Third Avenue 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10017

## Quick Links

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The Union for Reform Judaism retains no overhead expenses for disaster relief donations, other than direct costs of credit card fees. On-going

updates regarding the disaster relief efforts and the allocations from this fund will be posted at [www.urj.org/relief](http://www.urj.org/relief).



In response to Tuesday's massive earthquake in Haiti, AJWS has created the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund to support its network of grantees as they address the urgent needs of the affected population.

With a per capita income of \$3.60 per day, Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere. Thus, its population is especially vulnerable to natural disasters, such as Tuesday's earthquake.

To make a donation to the AJWS relief fund click on the image above.

### Joint Distribution Committee Haiti Earthquake Disaster Response

JDC is currently accepting donations to support its relief efforts following the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti yesterday evening, the worst in over 200 years. Now, and in the months to come, JDC will provide both immediate relief-as well as long-term assistance to help the Haitian people rebuild their lives. JDC is conducting a full and rapid assessment of the situation on the ground, while reaching out to its network of partners to determine critical next steps based on immediate needs. These efforts are part of JDC's International Development Program (IDP), which provides immediate relief and long-term assistance to victims of natural and manmade disasters. JDC, as Chair of the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, is coordinating the Haiti related efforts of its 45 member organizations.

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