

# ARIZONA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



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## An Open Letter: Support for JINSA

On a daily basis since October 7, we sit horrified in front of our screens, assaulted by the senseless violence of the terrorist organization Hamas on the citizens of Israel – Jews and non-Jews alike.

Unfortunately, the war in Israel and Gaza has given rise to crimes targeting Jews across the United States. Antisemitic attacks won't be tolerated here in Arizona.

As the leaders of the sheriffs offices around the state of Arizona, we stand against the recent spate of antisemitic criminal acts. We also commit to defend the places of worship Jews frequent and investigate any threats against members of the Jewish community. We understand Jews remain targets of religious hatred and all law enforcement must stand up to protect these vital community members.

Israel's right to defend itself isn't up for debate. And while all innocent civilian deaths leave a mark on humanity, Hamas and its ghoulish cohorts created a battlefield that deploys civilians as human shields – intended to be put in harms way for publicity. The war will end and hopefully we see a safer Middle East where Israel and its neighbors live in peace and prosperity.

We support the members of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America and hope all law enforcement across the country rises to the moment to support Jewish communities targeted by people looking to commit evil acts based on religious hatred.

Respectfully,

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