

## End the Genocide in Gaza: A Public Letter from Jewish Health Professionals

As Jewish professionals in medicine, public health, and related fields, we cannot remain silent in the face of a [genocide being carried out against the Palestinians in Gaza](#) by the state of Israel. Our tradition and training bind us to the defense of life and dignity. Too many of our colleagues and institutions have yet to dissent while an entire population, half of them children, has been starved, bombed, denied care, and displaced. **To be silent is to be complicit.**

- Since the horrific Hamas-led attack on October 7, 2023, the Israeli government has unleashed a deliberate campaign to destroy Gaza. The consequences are staggering:
- 64,656 Palestinians killed and 163,503 injured as of [September 10, 2025](#), with women, children, and the elderly comprising the majority. Independent humanitarian analyses suggest these numbers are substantial undercounts.
- A shocking 83% civilian death proportion has been [documented](#).
- Over 700 attacks on health facilities have left more than 94% of Gaza's hospitals [destroyed or damaged](#). Gaza now has the highest per [capita number of child amputees](#) in the world.
- Healthcare and aid workers have been [killed, detained without charge, tortured, and even murdered in captivity](#). Hundreds of journalists and humanitarian workers have also been targeted.
- The blockade and deliberate destruction of life sustaining infrastructure inflicted critical food insecurity on all Gazans, with a third now suffering [catastrophic famine](#).
- Life expectancy in Gaza has been [reduced to nearly half](#) of what it was before October 2023.

These are not “war mishaps”. These are the foreseeable and intentional outcomes of a military strategy targeting civilians and life sustaining infrastructure, and the consequences of a brutal, long-lasting dispossession and occupation lasting decades. Human rights organizations, genocide scholars, and Israeli intellectuals have stated what Palestinians have experienced and reported - but too many ignored - that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

As health professionals we are bound by ethical principles that transcend politics and borders, including the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm, the obligation to safeguard life and dignity without discrimination, and to resist and denounce genocide

The Jewish High Holidays call upon us to set out on the four Maimonidean levels of penance: **Desisting from destructive deeds** - immediate ceasefire and unimpeded humanitarian access; **Regret** - over the destruction we have been complicit with; **Confession** - listing the wanton destruction wrought in our name; and **Resolution for the future** - that we no longer will participate in the suffering we cause to another people. Therefore, we call on all our colleagues to join us and:

- Validate and uplift Palestinian narratives of their own destruction.
- Denounce the genocidal actions of the Israeli government
- Reject the weaponization of accusations of antisemitism to suppress criticism of Israel and expressions of solidarity with Palestinians.
- Call on medical associations, schools, and journals to break their silence: acknowledge the destruction of Gaza, publicly condemn the genocide, solicit and publish articles on Gaza, hold symposia, protect dissenting voices, and advocate for accountability of those complicit.
- Urge medical centers and institutions to contribute to the restoration of Gaza by providing medical supplies, training, volunteer options, and access to remote or onsite high level care to Gazans in-need.

**Stand with us. Break the silence. [Sign this letter.](#)**

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