



## **Abraham's Table of Long Island**

*"Come together and listen." Genesis 49:2*

### **Statement by Abraham's Table of Long Island About the War in Israel and Gaza**

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Founded in 2015 to foster dialogue among Jews, Christians and Muslims around common values, Abraham's Table of Long Island has struggled with the war in Israel and Gaza. All members of its Steering Committee denounce the horrific October 7<sup>th</sup> attack on Israelis by Hamas terrorists. All grieve with Israel at the greatest single-day loss of Jewish lives since the Holocaust and with the loss of Palestinian lives in Gaza.

Ironically, just four days after the Hamas attacks, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Abraham's Table launched a long-planned, three-part training to help almost 70 Long Island volunteers form Beloved Community Action Networks to combat hate in their neighborhoods amid a rise in antisemitism, anti-Muslim and other acts of hate over the past several years.

Despite the fact that members of the Abraham's Table Steering Committee have had differences about the progress of the war, Abraham's Table is uniformly concerned about the rise in hatred that the war generated. The motto of Abraham's Table is from the Book of Genesis, "Come together and listen." For this reason, the anti-hate Action Networks and other Beloved Community programs continue to be planned by the Abraham's Table Steering Committee who remain committed to their mission of building understanding and peace among Jews, Christians and Muslims.